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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 NWVRS has been dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Antique Radio & Wireless apparatus.

The CALL LETTER was founded in 1974 by Harley Perkins (our first President). Editors have served as follows: 1975/77 Bob Bilbie, 1977/78 Bob Hay, 1978/79 Tom James, 1980 Bill DeVey, 1981/83 Jim Mason, 1983/87 Richard Karman & 1987/91 Edwin Buhite.

*August 10 swap meet at Speed's
7455 O'Neil Rd Keizer OR
Sept 14 Auction at Northwest
Vintage Radio Museum*

Meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month except for summer vacation in July and August. The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and advice.

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Renewals are due on January First

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Our thanks to Frank Gray of Evergreen Radio in Baker City, Oregon for providing Simplex Radio information.





ATMOSPHERICA

By TJ

Six Senses Worth

What's the worst "stench" old radio cat ?

Well, let me be your informer —
It's the smell of that classic set
With it's smoking hot transformer !

What's the worst "taste" that comes to mind,
One leaving your tongue in welts ?

It's the taste when a friend of yours
Sells his "Grimes" to someone else !

What's the worst "feel" you can perceive ?

It's a shock that almost smarts ;
It's the gritty grind of the cogs
As pot-metal falls apart !

What's the worst "sight" that meets the eyes,
At the big sale down at Lents ?

It's when that foreign scalawag
Acquires those Atwater Kents !

What's the worst you've ever "heard " ?

It was when that gaffer Zeke
Said that his old "Deresnadyne"
Became Mister "TJ" last week !

How about the "sixth" sense, old timer,

Does it direct you where to snoop,
To beat those early, early birds
To get a whoppin' "ole" scoop ?
If it does 'nt do this Bub,
You don't fit in our club.

Don't feel bad tho, I havn't got it
either (tj)



O L E !

(acquisitions)

Edwin Buhite

- 1927 Bremer Tully magnetic reproducer
- 1955 Heathkit W-5M
- 1967 Empire 9000 (original design) pair

Sonny Clutter

- 1932 Lyric S-6 cathedral
- 1933 Gilfillan Mirror glass table radio
- 1958 Guild Town Crier lantern

Art Corbus

- 1931 E.H.Scott allwave 12 arcturus tubes, mint

Richard Dielschneider

- Atwater Kent 55
- Zenith 8A02
- Zenith 1005 console
- Zenith 5C02 table radio/phono
- Admiral 6C71-10A1 radio/phono/console
- Philco 41-235 table radio
- Philco 41-296 console
- Philco 41-300 console
- Philco 46-1226 radio/phono/console
- RCA 6-RF-9 table set
- RCA 65U table radio/phono

Tony Hauser

- 1960 giant wrist watch novelty radio

Walt Kiefner

- 1925 Operadio portable
- Midwest 18-37 Imperial console
- 1935 Silvertone 4425 tombstone
- JVC R/TV video capsule

Jim Mason

- Long early 30s 5 tube table radio made in Cornelius Oregon
- 1948 Philco 48-1256 Radio/phono
- Phillips (Holland) multi-band radio

Ray Nelson

- 1936 Zenith 6S-27 tombstone

Gordon Phillips

- Brandes 1032T
- Gilfilan 56B-CB Chrome front
- Admiral 5DL
- Majestic 7YR753 combination radio/78 phono/wire recorder

Jerry Talbott

- 1928 Stewart Warner 801 metal
- Early AC mantel style speaker mounted on Robert Findlay wrought iron stand
- 1948 Coronado 10" console TV

Leroy Walters

- General Electric E105 Colorama tuning



**"PHOENIX" SUPER-
HETERODYNE**



SWAP SHOP

WANTED

Power transformer, 2 volt for Atwater Kent model 40 Randy M. Gray (206) 271/9638

Older tube-type amplifiers: 1950s vintage preferred. 6V fillament transformer, filter chokes. Grunow 801A console radio, or cabinet only. Osc. coil for Philco 80 radio. 1949 & 1951 Auto lic. plates (WN-ST) Darrell Forsberg (206)363/0754.

Blue OIAs, Sky chief radios, catalin radios, unusual sets, Early TV sets. Ken Korhonen (206)932/9363

Four volume and tone knobs, one dial tuning knob and Schematic for Remler 21 Minute 5 tube. One knob for Crosley 11-104U, prefer black (shown Collins 97). Radiola 17 dial hood. One knob for Brandes 1032T. Gordon Phillips 610 NE Royal CT. Portland OR 97232 (503) 234/3517

Audio Engineering magazine, Oct '48 & Aug '49. Audio Control Handbook by Robert Oringel 1956 original edition. Handbook of Broadcasting 1937 original edition by Abbot, Waldo & Rider. Magnetic Recording 1972 By Charles Lowman. General Magnetic Recording Theory 1963 by Lowman & Angerbauer. Magnetic Recording 1949 by S.J. Begun. David Dintenfass 7549 27th Ave NW Seattle WA 98117 (206) 784/4803

SWAP ONLY

Atwater Kent 90 Round top for the right 1937 or 1938 Zenith. Don Knotts 3158 NE Azalea Hillsboro OR 97124 (503) 648/1738

FOR SALE

Victor Animaphone 16mm projector W/external speaker. Works, but could use some new capacitors. free if you pick up. Boonton 160A Q-meter \$90-- Mint cond., with photocopy of original manual. Dave Dintenfass (206) 784/4803

Radio & TV Tubes, parts, test equipment. Bob Lee at R5-D3 Electronic Surplus. 6111 SE 82nd St Portland OR 97266 (503) 774/6560

Loudspeakers, Horns, HiFi, Speaker Re-Coning: Ja Mac 8600 NE Sandy Blvd Portland OR 97220 (503) 252/2929

Vintage Radios, Stereo gear, parts and tubes. Steve Von Talge at THE OLDE TECHNOLOGY SHOP 7712 Aurora Ave. N. Seattle WA 98103 (206) 527/2829 or (206) 783/2543.



FOR SALE

Watch with 1938 Zenith logo. beautifully reproduced on a black dial Goldtone Quartz Watch with over 1" face (mens) 3/4" face (womens), a leather band & 1 year warranty. To reserve your watch State logo "A" or "B" & Men's or Women's, send \$49.50 check or money order (includes tax and shipping) To: Northwest Vintage Radio Museum (Frank Rasada) 9453 E. Arkansas ST. Bellflower CA 90706

Logo
A



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B



DONT LET ME HOLD YOU
BACK JUST BECAUSE I
PREFER TUBE RADIOS
OVER TRANSISTORS



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The *Simplex*
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SIX-TUBE PRECISION INSTRUMENT

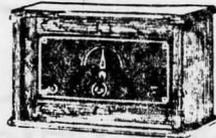
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Dial*

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An Outstanding Development in the Radio Art.



A glance at the interior mechanism reveals a Master Craftsmanship.

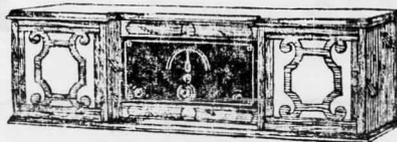


The Standard \$135.00

The conventional cabinet — handsome, practical, unobtrusive.



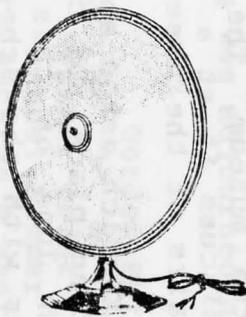
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The Console

\$195.00

Same as the Consolette but with legs of substantial and decorative design.

Manufactured by THE SIMPLEX RADIO COMPANY, Sandusky, Ohio



N W V R S

Meeting Minutes

Oregon City, Oregon Saturday June 8, 1991

Our vice president, Ray Nelson opened the N.W.V.R.S. Meeting at 10:18 AM. Ray asked if there was any question about the May minutes in the Call Letter. Because of the swap meet, there wasn't any meeting or minutes. Ray then asked for the treasurer's report. Part of the report was given and later concluded.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Buhite asked about using the color process once or twice a year on special occasions on one page of the Call Letter at an approximate cost of \$100-- per issue. Ray Nelson called for discussion. After discussion Rudy Zvarich made a motion that we use the color process at times. Motion seconded by Kem Sypher. Motion passed.

Speed Feldschau mentioned the August 10th Swap Meet at his House in Kieser. A \$5-- per table seller's fee will be charged. A map is provided in this newsletter with directions to Speed's. The Sale will begin at 7:00 AM!

Frank Rasada announced that he bought the house next door to the museum. It will be used as a parking lot. It is a 50 X 100 ft. lot. Ray Nelson asked about swap meets at the new museum location. Frank said it could be in the new parking lot of the museum. Ray Nelson asked Frank about insurance at the museum. The N.W.V.R.S. board will meet and discuss it at a later date. Frank thinks the upstairs of the museum could be used in September.

OLD BUSINESS: Rudy Zvarich asked about keeping this Oregon City meeting place. Ed Charman said we were paid through June of this year. The renewal date coincides with the school year. It is planned to renew the rent for the next year.

Ed Buhite asked if future events could be decided upon so he can publish them in the Call Letter. It was decided to have an auction in September. A swap meet in November and probably a contest in October. Ray Nelson asked for ideas on contest. One suggestion was to bring in sets that

were ugly and needed repair. Jim Mason suggested bringing home brew sets, {those not made by commercial radio companys}. Rudy Zvarich suggested farm radio sets. Another suggestion was any Philco transitone radios. The December meeting to be a party and election of 1992 officers. Mrs Rasada suggested that each person bring an ornament with the persons name on it, for a decoration on the Christmas tree. This will take place of gift exchange.

Ed Buhite reminded members that items for publication in the Call Letter should be in his possession by the 25th of each month. Late items usually go in the next months issue.

Ray asked about good & welfare. There was no response.

LEADS & NEEDS: Speed Feldschau announced he had acquired a Philco 620 set. He would like to buy back a like farm radio 6V set he sold at a previous meeting. Jim Mason announed sale at Greg Morse's house today. A Philco 16B is available at Multnomah Merchantile. Frank Rasada has obtained a 15 tube Zenith Stratosphere. Chuck Kibler needs 2 knobs for a Fada radio. Earl Hoppman said there was a sale of old radio cabinets in Vancouver WA. (206)573/1307. Frank Rasada said he had extra copies of A.R.C.

Ray Nelson announced his presentation on safety precautions for old radios and that Sonny Clutter would present restoration of tuning capacitors following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Gordon Phillips, NWVRS Secretary

1991 N W V R S SCHEDULE

July	Summer Break
August	Annual Summer Swap at Speed's
September 14	Auction & Meet at the Northwest Radio Museum.



P S A R A Meeting Minutes

Seattle, Washington
Sunday June 16, 1991

Jim Gianacos called the meeting to order at 12:55 P.M. Attending were 26 members and one guest.

OLD BUSINESS: Ken Korhonen indicated that 30 responses had been received from the recently mailed questionnaire. Of those, seven people have volunteered to draft a grant proposal and five have opted to do volunteer work for the museum. The idea of paying more (increased dues) appears to be failing.

Bob Phelps has drafted a memorandum for Max Kaplan (P.S.A.R.A. President) to sign and send to the museum. Seven items were contained in the memo and each was reviewed and discussed. The ammended memo was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Radiola III in the museum display is in need of tubes. Two volunteers were found to provide them.

Ed Buhite displayed a sample newsletter with color photos. The cost to use color photos would be about one additional dollar per member. It was unanimously passed that color would be used in our newsletter perhaps twice per year and one of these bearing our annual contest winners.

Mike Sprague of Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound has invited members of the P.S.A.R.A. to attend their August 3rd meeting in the Queen Anne Library at 2:00 P.M. Mike can be reached at 488-9518.

Randy M. Gray
(substituting for Lee Ray)

P S A R A COMING EVENTS :

- July 21: Grant Montague; "A Working TV Color Wheel".
- August 18: Annual invitational public Swap Meet.
- Sept. 15: PSARA Officer Election.



FROM THE PSARA PRESIDENT'S DESK

By PSARA president Max Kaplan

Apologies to all who noticed my absence at the last meeting but the frailties of old age are catching up with me.... I'll try real hard to be there for July.

This brings to mind that the September P S A R A elections are moving closer. In the past we have found that with a little advance footwork we were able to hold elections in a reasonable amount of time. So, to all of you out there: it is not too early to think about running for one of the elective positions or nominating a worthy member for same. If you feel like assuming a little bit of responsibility to be instrumental in association doings, or know of a member so oriented, now is the time to come forward and let your intentions be known.

FLASH! At their board meeting on June 19, 1991 The Board of Trustees of the Shoreline Historical Society, accepted the P S A R A proposal as drawn up and presented by P S A R A member Bob Phelps. This means we now have at least another year for our radio museum, which will be fruther enhanced and improved. More details at the July business meeting.

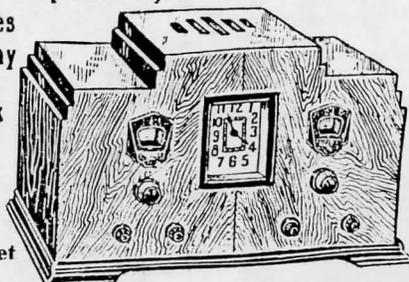


Max

P S A R A NOTICE

The following members need to pick up name tags.

Marshall Oliphant	Dale Verries
Warren Dopps	Bob Hathaway
Steve Schneider	Bob Dye
Chuck Thorell	George Pack

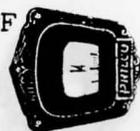


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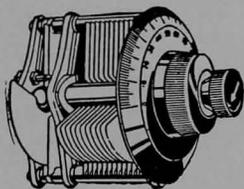
JULY 1991 Membership Roster Update

John Bryant	Rt 5, Box 14	Stillwater	OK 74074	405-624-8884	A
Gene Bunnell	10567 S Mulino Rd	Canby	OR 97013	503-266-4696	R
Ken Burton	399 S. San Antonio Rd	Los Altos	CA 94022	-----	F
Don Copeland	W7DPV 1413 SE Salmon St	Portland	OR 97214	503-236-8535	R
John Aikin Cushing	3605 Overhulse Rd	NW Olympia	WA 98502	206-866-8407	F
Lee Egnew	-----	-----	-----	-----	F
Bob Ewing	2471 SW 214th Pl.	Aloha	OR 97006	-----	R
Darrell Forsberg	-----	-----	-----	206-363-0754	F
Al Gledhill	-----	-----	-----	206-244-7832	F
Howard Page	-----	-----	-----	206-452-2407	F
Bob Phelps	-----	-----	-----	206-546-5495	F
Charles Thorell	11714 NE 134th	Kirkland	WA 98034	206-820-1720	F
George Wright	3516 S. 262nd	Kent	WA 98032	206-859-3592	F



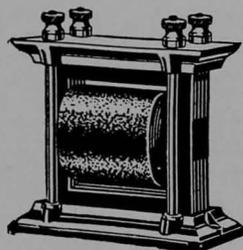
CHELSEA

Don't envy your neighbor who gets such good reception with Chelsea parts—Buy some and enjoy the same good results with your own set.

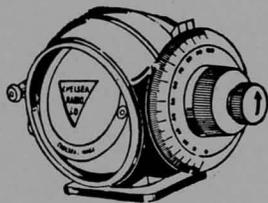


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Chelsea offers a complete line of sets and parts at your dealers or write to us for catalog No. 11.

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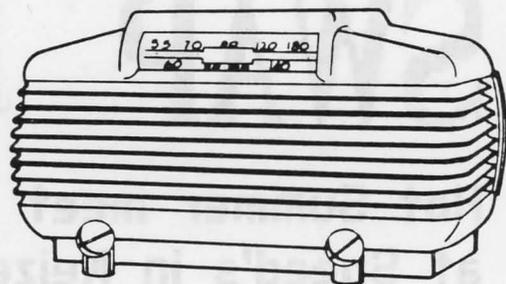
179 SPRUCE STREET

CHELSEA, MASS.

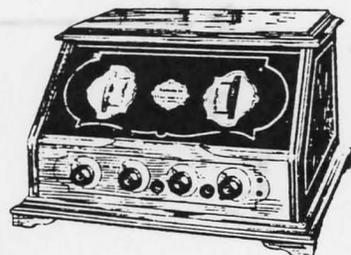
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SWAP



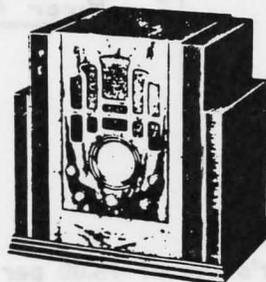
MEET



Shoreline Museum
N. 175th & Linden Ave.
Seattle, Washington

(ONE BLOCK WEST OF AURORA AVE. OR ONE
MILE WEST OF INTERSTATE 5. EXIT #176)

Sunday, August 18, 1991
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



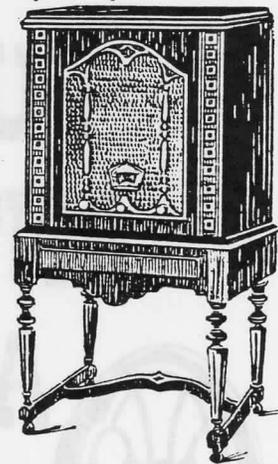
MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC ALIKE ARE
WELCOME TO BUY, SELL AND SWAP OLD
RADIOS AND RELATED GEAR.

FREE ADMISSION

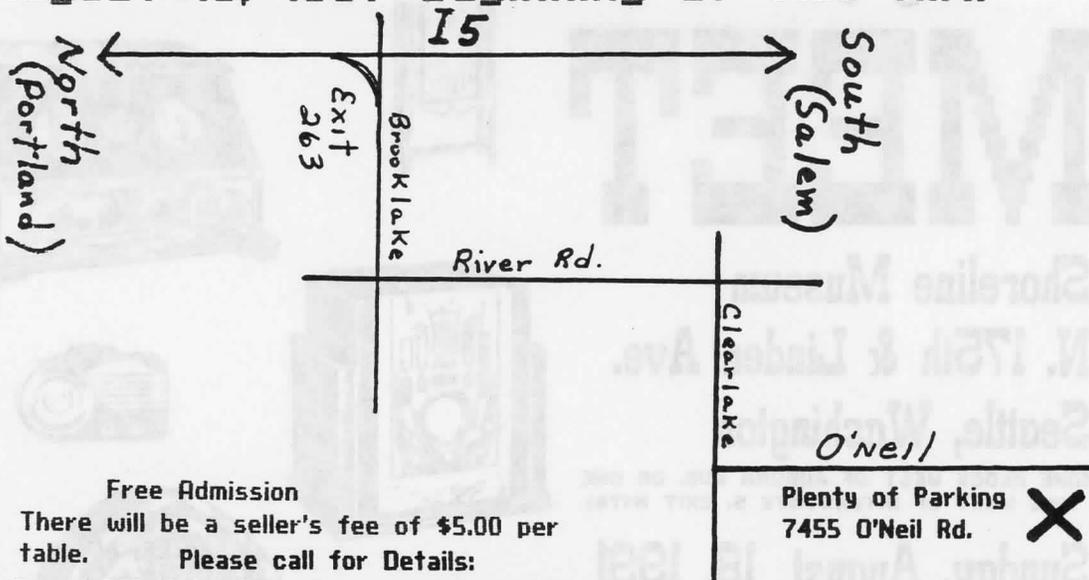


PLEASE PARK IN THE SELLING AREA ONLY IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO SELL

VINTAGE RADIO SWAP



Hot Summer meet under the cool big trees
at Speed's in Keizer, Oregon.
August 10, 1991 beginning at 7:00 A.M.



Free Admission
There will be a seller's fee of \$5.00 per
table. Please call for Details:
Speed 503/390/3928 Sonny 503/254/9296

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