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## Radio Swap Meet

National Guard Armory,  
Washington County  
Fairgrounds

Hillsboro, Oregon

Admission \$2.00



**May 20, 2000**

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# The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of “Vintage radio” and wireless equipment.

Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$15.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

The *Call Letter* has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the *Call Letter* has continued to be a publication that informs members of the society’s business and that supports the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

## Society Officers for 2000:

President	Charles Kent	(503) 281-9335
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The Society’s address is:

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**Call Letter Deadline: 10 days prior  
to meeting day.**

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**The next meeting is on May 13. The monthly feature is  
tubes!  
Tailgate swap meet starts at 8:30!**

**Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.**

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# From the Editor

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by *Call Letter* Editor, Rick Walton

First, big apologies to Charlie Kent and George Kirkwood for that big OOPS! in this column last month. George Kent, indeed!

The anniversary celebration was a great success. The cake was just one of the special items there. It was a treat to visit with Don Hunker, one of the club’s charter members. It was also a special treat to see so many folks in attendance, especially the spouses who aren’t often directly involved with club activities. And it was really great to see all those vintage sets on display. They’re all pictured in this issue, although I’m afraid I missed a couple of the set’s owners. Don Iverson’s spark-gap transmitter was a favorite.

And speaking of Don, those of you who subscribe to *Antique Radio Classified* probably noticed that he is credited with sending in the photo that appears on the cover, and which inspired the lead story. Congratulations, Don.

A final word about the anniversary celebration — recognition must be given to Jan Kirkwood and Ruth Talbott who worked so hard in the kitchen to prepare our lunch. Thanks, ladies. I’m sure your efforts invoked memories of the “Power Supply” of years past.

Several months ago, Jerry Talbott gave me an item for use in the *Call Letter* that is very useful. It is an “Index of Source Numbers” and appears to be from some Sears, Roebuck servicing information. For the Sears service person, the list provided an address for the parts source. For we collectors, this list gives us a way to determine who manufactured a radio for Sears.

Regretfully, I won’t be able to attend the May meeting. I’ll be in Bend visiting my daughter who has been there since January taking part in the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program. While I hate missing the meeting, I would hate even more missing the opportunity to spend time with my daughter.

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## NWVRS 2000 Calendar of Events

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- May 13**            Regular monthly meeting. Monthly feature: unique and unusual tubes.
- May 20**            Spring Swap Meet, NG Armory at Wash. Co. fairgrounds in Hillsboro.

- July 16** Forest Grove Concours D'Elegance. Tentative NWVRS display. Contact Jerry Talbott at (503) 649-6717.
- August 12** Summer Swap at Abernethy Grange (normal meeting place).
- September 9** Regular monthly meetings resume after Summer break.
- October 7** Fall Swap Meet, NG Armory at Wash. Co. fairgrounds.
- October 14** Regular monthly meeting.

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## Meeting Minutes

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by Liles Garcia, NWVRS Secretary

President Charles Kent called the April 8, 2000 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:15 AM. Club members celebrated our club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this meeting. Charlie welcomed all spouses and charter members to this special meeting. The following Charter Members attended this meeting: Dick Howard, Art Redman, and Alan Shaddock. There were 76 people present. Gary Douglas brought his father-in-law Harold Peterson with him as a guest. Members welcomed Blake Deitze and Roger Rose as new members. The minutes printed in the Call Letter were approved as written. Thanks to Wendy Johnson-Kent for taking the minutes of the last meeting.

Charlie mentioned that our April Call Letter was great. Members gave Rick Walton a round of applause for his work.

### Old Business

May Swap Meet — Wendy Johnson-Kent has only 8 tables left for our May Swap Meet.

Name Tags — If anyone wants a name tag, see Gordon. The price for a name tag is \$6.00.

Dues Increase — Dick Howard mentioned that the interest from our lump sum of money could offset any need for a dues increase. Charlie said that we will be moving on with using this money soon.

### Leads and Needs

Charlie Kent would like to get a Zenith Universal.

Galen Feight needs a manual for a General Radio 650.

Pat Kagi needs manuals for a Dynaco Kit, Blaupunkt Derby, and Revox Quarter Track Tape Deck.

Brian Franklin needs a Crosley 58 chassis.

### Program

Today’s program was radio items from 1915 to 1925. Members showed and discussed the radios and equipment that they brought. The following members won ribbons for their radios:

First place — Don Iverson — 1908 Rotary Spark Gap Transmitter

Second place — Sonny Clutter — Wilcox radio

Third place — George Kirkwood — Federal 110 radio

The program topic for the May meeting will be unique and unusual tubes.

Charlie thanked the following people for arranging and contributing to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: Rudy Zvarich, Gordon Phillips, Dick Bixler, Charlie Kent, Wendy Johnson-Kent, Jerry and Ruth Talbott, George and Jan Kirkwood.

The meeting was adjourned and members had a lasagna, salad, and bread lunch. Our club’s Anniversary cake was served for dessert. Everybody that attended had a great time!!!

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## Index of Source Numbers

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### Contributed by Jerry Talbott

The SOURCE NUMBER in this index corresponds to the first three digits of the chassis number on a Silvertone radio.

“When referring to a Parts List in this book, the SOURCE NUMBER shown at the heading of the list indicates the name of the company to whom parts orders should be sent.”

“The various assigned SOURCE NUMBERS appearing in the Service Notes are shown below, followed by the NAME and ADDRESS of the COMPANY authorized to supply parts:”

SOURCE NO. 100 Stewart-Warner Corp. 1828 W. Diversey Pkwy. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 107 Howard Radio Co. 1731 Belmont Ave. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 119 Automatic Radio Mfg. Co. 1201 E. Lake St. Minneapolis, Minn.
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SOURCE NO. 101 Colonial Radio Corp. 254 Rano St. Buffalo, N.Y.	SOURCE NO. 108 Automatic Radio Mfg. Co. 112 Canal St. Boston, Mass.	SOURCE NO. 120 Sterling Sales & Mfg. Co. 2845 Prospect Ave. Cleveland, Ohio
SOURCE NO. 102 Majestic Radio & Telev. Co. (Formerly Case Elec. Co.) Marion, Ind.	SOURCE NO. 109 Detrola Radio Corp. 3630 W. Fort St. Detroit, Mich.	SOURCE NO. 121 Zenith Radio Corp. 3620 Iron St. Chicago, Ill.
SOURCE NO. 104 Corona Radio & Telev. Co. 420 No. Sacramento Blvd. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 110 Air-King Products Co. 40th Ave. & 21st St. Long Island City, N.Y.	SOURCE NO. 122 Warwick Radio Mfg. Co. 1700 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, Ill.
SOURCE NO. 105 Continental Radio & Telev. 325 Huron St. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 117 G. & G. Radio Corp. 5801 Dickens Ave. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 123 Crosley Distributing Corp. 160 E. Illinois St. Chicago, Ill.
SOURCE NO. 106 Sentinel Radio Corp. 2222 Diversey Blvd. Chicago, Ill.	SOURCE NO. 118 Wholesale Radio Service Co. 100 - 6th Ave. New York City	SOURCE NO. 124 Operadio Mfg. Co. St. Charles Illinois
SOURCE NO. 478 Tele-Tone	SOURCE NO. 528 Warwick	SOURCE NO. 132 Arvin

**Manufacturers' Guarantee**

“All radios are subject to the standard 90-day (from date of sale to customer) Radio Manufacturers’ Association guarantee against defects in material and workmanship.” (This will require that a careful check be kept on the radio service repair shop to see that all sets that become defective are promptly handled, and that defective parts subject to credit are returned to the source within the 90-day guarantee and replacement period.)

**Customers' Guarantee**

“Component parts in all radios are guaranteed against defects in material or workmanship for a period of 90 days from the date the radio is sold by Sears, Roebuck and Co.”

*Editor’s note: The last three numbers that give names without addresses were penciled in on the copy of the list that Jerry submitted.*

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# Photo Display

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Photos by Rick Walton

A few photos of the celebration and many photos of all those radios!



The celebration cake.

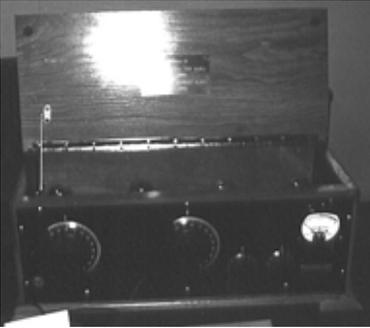


Jan Kirkwood and Ruth Talbott — still smiling after all their hard work in the kitchen!



Special guest Don Hunker, for whom the club mascot is named.

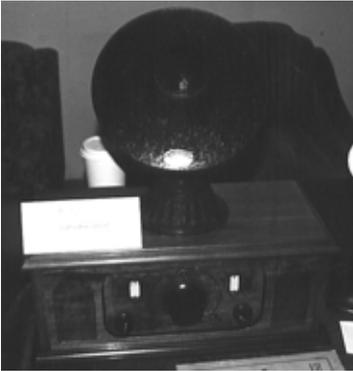
## All those radios!



The "Hunkerdyne"



Aeriola, Sr.



Cathedral, Jr.



Apex Super Five



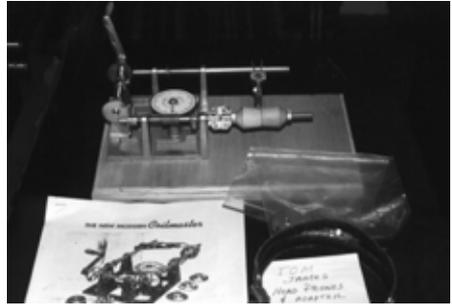
Crosley 50



DeForest Crosley Trirdyn



DeForest "A"



Coil Winder.



Freshman Masterpiece



Federal 110



Kennedy



Kismet



Homebrew  
built by Pete Young



Homebrew



Philmore Crystal Set



Philco



Radiola 20



Radiola IIIA with Music Master horn



Western Electric Mic



Commercial Receiving Set Type D



Early Signal Generator



Western Electric Mic



Mozart Grand and Music Master horns

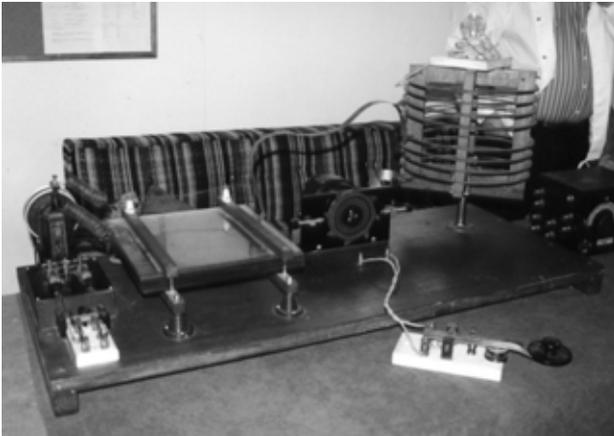


Westinghouse Type RC



Foreground:  
Radiola 60 (bottom-right)  
Tapestry speaker  
(bottom-left)  
Horn Speaker (center)  
Home brew set (upper-left)

Background:  
Western Electric Mic



Spark gap transmitter

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## Spring Swap Meet

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Wendy Johnson-Kent informs the *Call Letter* that as of May 3 there are only 3 tables left for the Swap Meet on May 20 at the National Guard Armory in Hillsboro. Wendy also informs us that there will be NO tables sold the day of the meet.

Fire-safety rules prohibit blocking some entrances the way we've tended to do in the past to squeeze in that extra table or two and the Armory management and the Fire Marshall are being more diligent in enforcing those rules. So when all the tables are gone, they are gone!

Parking lot sales are still permitted, though, so if you have items to sell but don't have a table, you might find your buyer in the parking lot!

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## Swap Shop

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**FOR SALE:** Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 6111 SE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR, (503) 774-6560.

**BUY, SELL, & TRADE:** Vintage Radio, Early Television and Hi-Fi.

Wanted: Tubes, Parts and whatever you might have related to early radio & TV. Visit my web-site at: < <http://www.radiolaguy.com> > or e-mail me at: < [sonny@radiolaguy.com](mailto:sonny@radiolaguy.com) >

Thanks, Sonny Clutter, phone (360) 834-5741

**WANTED:** The Crystal Radio Guy wants crystal sets and toy germanium diode radios. Buy outright, or trade for other radios. Galen (503) 231-9708.

**WANTED:** \*I'm looking for the following items:

- 1) Speaker for a Philco Model 41-220
  - 2) Dial handle (with gold accent center) for a Emerson 706B
  - 3) Isolation Transformer
- Scott Hoke (503) 646-9392

## Leads and Needs

See the meeting minutes.

# Meeting Location!

Our monthly meetings are held in the Abernathy Grange Hall, located at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City. Here are instructions for getting there and a map.

1. Take the OR-213 exit, exit number 10, towards PARK PLACE/MOLALLA.
2. From the South, turn **RIGHT** onto SR-213, or from the North, keep **RIGHT** at the fork in the ramp and merge onto SR-213.
3. Turn **LEFT** at the first traffic light onto **CLACKAMAS RIVER DR.**
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto **S FORSYTHE RD.**
5. Turn **LEFT** onto **S HARLEY AVE.** The Abernathy Grange Hall is a little past S. Taylor Lane.

The written instructions came from “Map Quest” on the Internet; the map is scanned from a AAA map with much detail removed for the sake of clarity.

