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# The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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 \$25.00 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 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).

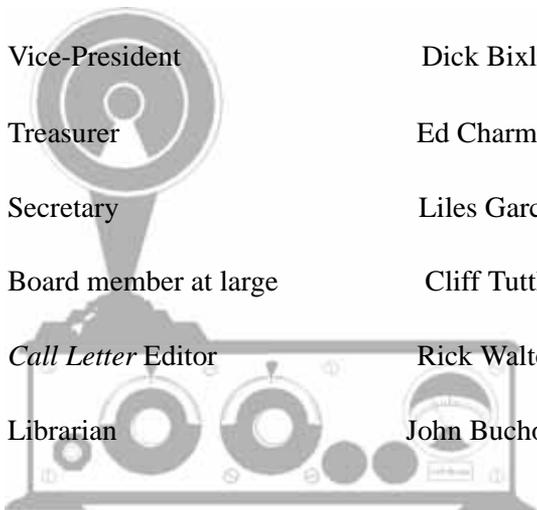
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the *Call Letter*, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the *Call Letter*.



## Society Officers for 2007:

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**On the cover:** With a little Photoshop magic, this cover of *What's on the Air* from January, 1931 becomes January, 2007 for *The Call Letter*.

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**The next meeting is on January 13, 2007.**

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**Don't forget to pay your annual dues, due now!**

**January Feature: Your favorite radio purchased from  
Jerry Talbott**

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

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**Next Call Letter Deadline: January 25, 2007.**

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## From the Editor

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by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

Happy New Year! Here we go again, kicking off another year full of high hopes and expectations. Some of us even bother to make resolutions, although I'm not usually one of that group. I have promised myself to try to empty that storage unit full of radios and radio-related junk. Maybe that is a resolution

Congratulations are in order for Dick Bixler on his election to the post of Vice President at the December meeting. And we offer our thanks to Dave Brown for his years of service in that office.

Because it is a new year, the Calendar of Events is once again full, taking up several pages (very useful when the editor is short on material!). Once again I've consulted the PNW Hamfair web page for ham activity related to our interests throughout the Northwest, including several in British Columbia. If you are aware of an event scheduled for 2007 that is not listed here, please let me know so that I can add it to our list.

*In the Shack* is back on track in this issue following the order of publication. This one is from May 1997, and Mike is gathering up all the radio names ending in OLA that he can find. His list is pretty impressive. *Voilà* has only three reports. Perhaps now that the holidays are over for a while, folks will be back out there finding those additions to their collections. The Swap Shop is rather sparse, too. Maybe that's OK, though. One of the ads disappeared not because of expiring, but because the advertiser was successful. Glen Bricker called me to let me know that he got one of the Crosley console cabinets he'd been advertising for. The *Photo Display* this month features snapshots of our annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed themselves and no one left hungry.

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## NWVRS Meeting Minutes

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Tony Hauser for Liles Garcia, 11/11/06

President George Kirkwood called the December 9, 2006 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as provided by Ed. There were approximately 50 people at our meeting today. Welcome to everybody that attended our meeting/Christmas Party today!

## Election of Officers

The following members were nominated for officers at the November meeting:

President — George Kirkwood

Vice-President — Dave Brown

Secretary — Liles Garcia

Treasurer — Ed Charman

Dick Bixler was nominated for Vice-President from the meeting floor.

Members unanimously elected the unopposed officers to their respective offices by acclamation. Next, members elected Dick Bixler to be Vice-President.

The program topic for our January meeting will be “Your Favorite Radio Acquired From Jerry Talbott.”

George adjourned the meeting, and everyone enjoyed our Society’s Annual Christmas Party.

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## NWVRS 2007 Calendar of Events

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Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from: PNW Hamfair web page at [www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm](http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm)

**January 13** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**February 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**February 12** (Tentative) Sounds of Nostalgia, Salem, Oregon.

**February 17** Salem Hamfair, Salem Repeater Association, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR  
[www.w7sra.com/](http://www.w7sra.com/)

**February 26** Hamfest, Naval Postgraduate School ARC, Seaside (Monterey), CA [www.radiofest.org](http://www.radiofest.org)

**March 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**March 10** Mike & Key Swap Meet., Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. Link to flyer: [Flyer in PDF](#)  
[mwdink@eskimo.com](mailto:mwdink@eskimo.com)

**April 7** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

- April 8?** Inland Northwest Hamfest & Computer Show, Lilac City ARC & Lilac City Chapter of 10-10 International, St. Ann's Parish Hall, East 2120 First Avenue, Spokane, Wa.
- April 14** Yakima Amateur Radio Club W7AQ Hamfest 2006 Selah Civic Center, Selah, WA. Info, contact Lindsay Kooser, N7RHW 141 Stark Road #7 Yakima, WA 98908 Phone: 509-965-6612 Email: [n7rhw@arrrl.net](mailto:n7rhw@arrrl.net) [w7aq.org/](http://w7aq.org/)
- May 6** Kelowna Flea Market. Orchard City Amateur Radio Club. Kelowna, BC. [www.ocarc.ca/2006%20Flea%20market.htm](http://www.ocarc.ca/2006%20Flea%20market.htm) For info, contact Carl, [ve7clc@rac.ca](mailto:ve7clc@rac.ca) or Keith, [ve7kng@hotmail.com](mailto:ve7kng@hotmail.com).
- May 12** Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact Vic, N7KRE (360-387-7705). [huppert@whidbey.net](mailto:huppert@whidbey.net).
- May 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- May 12** NWVRS Spring Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- May 13** Maple Ridge, ARC Swap Meet. 12460 Harris Road Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge B.C. Canada. [www.qsl.net/ve7rnr/](http://www.qsl.net/ve7rnr/)
- May 2007** NARA's Spring Swap and Shop. Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association. Departure Bay Activity centre, 1415 Wingrove St. Departure Bay, Nanaimo BC. Info: call Dick 250-390-0181 or email [ve7rlh@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7rlh@shaw.ca). [www.nara.nisa.com](http://www.nara.nisa.com).
- June 1-3** Sea-Pac Hamfest. (Note that the dates for this event have changed from early announcements.) ARRL Northwest Division Convention, Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. [www.seapac.org](http://www.seapac.org).
- June 8-10** Wenatchee Hamfest, Apple City ARC. Dryden Gun Club. Dryden, WA. ARRL sanctioned event. [www.qsl.net/w7td/](http://www.qsl.net/w7td/)
- June 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

- June 10** Hamfest 2007. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Lions Club, Hiway 53, Rathdrum, ID. Info: contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)667-4915 or email [n7esu@arrl.net](mailto:n7esu@arrl.net)
- July 14** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- June 16-17** Northeast Montana Father's Day Hamfest. Down Stream Campground at Fort Peck Lake. Info or details: contact Bob Parker, K7TNJ, at [k7tnj@yahoo.com](mailto:k7tnj@yahoo.com)
- July 20-22** Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest. Glacier Meadows Campground, 13 miles west of East Glacier on MT Hwy 2. [www.gwhamfest.org](http://www.gwhamfest.org)
- July 21** Bandon Hamfest. Bandon, Oregon. ARRL sanctioned event. Follow the signs to “The Barn”, aka “Bandon Community Building.” Contact Ron W7VU at (541) 572-5546, [w7vu@arrl.net](mailto:w7vu@arrl.net)
- July 28** Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. Contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, [k7osk@boatanchor.com](mailto:k7osk@boatanchor.com)
- August 11** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- August 12** The 10th Annual Greater Portland Insulator Swap — Location TBA. Always the second Sunday in August. Contact Dan Howard (503)659-3520 e-mail: [strains@msn.com](mailto:strains@msn.com).
- August 11** Hamfest and Electronics Flea Market, Radio Club of Tacoma; Bethel Junior High School  
22001 38th Avenue East, Spanaway, WA [www.w7dk.org](http://www.w7dk.org)
- August 19** Antique Radio Swap Meet — Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle. [www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html](http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html)
- September 9** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- September 22** Spokane Hamfest. (ARRL Washington State Convention). University High School, Spokane, WA 99206. Contact Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, [n7wrq@aol.com](mailto:n7wrq@aol.com). (509)448-5821. [www.kbara.org](http://www.kbara.org).

- October 13** NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- October 14** North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club Hamfair. Bremerton, WA. ARRL sanctioned event. Kitsap Fairgrounds. Info: contact Ron Sefton, N7EM, (360)779-5418, [ron-sefton@hotmail.com](mailto:ron-sefton@hotmail.com) or Horace Ory, (360)779-2215, [ory001@comcast.net](mailto:ory001@comcast.net). [www.nkarc.org/hamfest/index.html](http://www.nkarc.org/hamfest/index.html)
- October 21** Swap-Toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. (Ten miles west of Salem). Info: contact Fred Rodley at [n7lqd@aol.com](mailto:n7lqd@aol.com). [www.swaptoberfest.net/](http://www.swaptoberfest.net/)
- October 27** Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club Flea Market, Lynden, WA. ARRL sanctioned event. Always last Saturday in October. Info: contact [k7iey@netscape.net](mailto:k7iey@netscape.net). [www.qsl.net/k7skw/](http://www.qsl.net/k7skw/).
- November 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. Nomination of officers for 2007.
- November ?** Maple Ridge, ARC Swap Meet. 12460 Harris Road Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge B.C. Canada. [www.qsl.net/ve7rnr/](http://www.qsl.net/ve7rnr/)
- December 8** NWVRS monthly meeting and annual Holiday Party 10 am. Election of officers for 2007.



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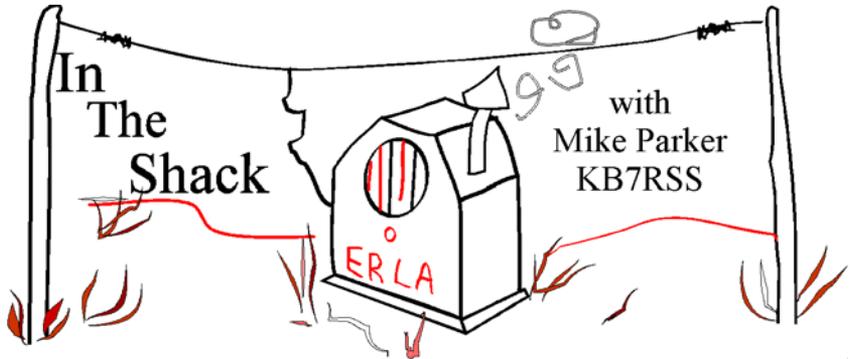
# Photo Display

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Photos by Rick Walton

Snapshots from the December Christmas meeting and party.





*Editor's note: This "In The Shack" article is from the May, 1997 Call Letter!*

**OLA!**

Ola is Spanish for "Hello", so what does that have to do with radio?.....Why nothing, of course!

In my previous article entitled "Whatsadyne", (CALL LETTER, July '96), I promised to report on early radio names ending in "ola". But before that, I have encountered a few more "dynes" missed in the previous article. So, here goes;



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|--------------|------------|-------------|
| ALADYNE      | CAROL-DYNE | RELY-O-DYNE |
| CRYSTAL DYNE | MAZDADYNE  | TRI-O-DYNE  |

I suppose there are more lurking out there. I will update you in the future. I know this is of the utmost importance!

I am not sure of the origin of the term “ola” used in a trade name, but about 1906, the Victor Talking Machine Co. introduced a new phonograph, the “Victrola”. This term was used only to describe a phonograph with an internal self-contained horn. The name Victrola, was never used by Victor to describe any other type of phonograph, although the name is generically used by many to describe any old phonograph. Soon, Columbia Graphophone Co., not to be outdone by Victor, used the name Grafonola to describe their internal horn machines. This madness soon spread to other manufacturers and was attached to some manufacturer’s last names such as the “Claxtonola” phonograph. A similar situation occurred in radio such as the “Seeryola”, a product of the Seery Bartell Co.

I’d bet the farm that not one Seeryola radio exists in Oregon and no one I know has ever seen one! On the other hand, we all know of the Radiola by RCA and even more common is the name Motorola, still used today.

And so, with the help of McMahon’s “Radio Collectors Guide 1921-1932” and the “Radio Trade Directory” Aug. 1925, here are some radio “ola” names. I really must be nuts! This is very important stuff, lest you are thinking that I am hurting for material to write about!

|              |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| ACCOUSTICOLA | ADROLA     | AERIOL     |
| AIR-OLA      | ARIONOLA   | AUDIOLA    |
| BRANDOLA     | CARDINOLA  | CLAXTONOLA |
| CONCERTOLA   | CORIOLA    | DETROLA    |
| DUNSONOLA    | ECH-O-NOLA | ELECTROLA  |
| MARTINOLA    | MASTEROLA  | MOTOROLA   |
| NEUTROLA     | ORIOLA     | PENETROLA  |
| POWEROLA     | RADIOLA    | RADOLA     |
| REMOLA       | SEERYOLA   | STAROLA    |
| THOROLA      | TRESCOLA   | ULTROLA    |
| UNITROLA     | VISIONOLA  | VITANOLA   |

QSO you next time....IN THE SHACK OLA!

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# Voilà

*...new and recent finds by NVRS members*

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Compiled by Jay Johnston

**Blake Dietze:** 1927 Mohawk Six, 6-tube single dial battery set  
Zenith 5S127 in good, unmolested condition

**Jay Johnston:** Metal NWVRS plate, a generous gift from Bob Campbell;  
2 Radio Craft “Library” booklets; Several hundred *Radio Craft* and  
*Radio News* magazines acquired from the Talbott estate

**Rick Walton:** 1960’s Monacor 5-tube plastic set, Japanese-made. Like  
one I had as a teenager. 1931 *What’s on the Air* and 1930 *Citizens  
Radio Call Book* magazines with nice covers. All eBay finds.

Send word of your latest find to Jay Johnston, [wihat@msn.com](mailto:wihat@msn.com), or by post at  
1451 SW Market St., Portland, OR 97201-2555.



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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, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

**FOR SALE:** \$50 - Sprague TCA-1 Transfarad Capacitor Analyzer. Works fine. Similar (predecessor?) to Tel-Ohmike, leakage measurement is more sensitive but 150V max, schematic and Quick Reference available on BAMA.

\$50 - Weston TV-4/USM-3 tube tester. Works fine. Emission-tests pre-octal, octal, loktal, 7/9 mini, acorn, maybe straight or circle submini, can't remember. Very compact, with chart in an Excel file or printout. Contact Dave Wise,

**FOR SALE:** Complete set of Riders Perpetual Troubleshooter manuals, Vol. #1 thru and including Vol. #23, plus Vol. #1 thru 5 Abridged. Also includes Sam Photo Facts #1 thru #j90 in Sam's holders. Several indexes for both Riders and Sam's. All in Very Good condition. Have been on shelf in heated shop for past 22 years. \$650.00 Bob Schafer WA7IHN in Aumsville. 503-749-1149.

## Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, [wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com)

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or [ranft@saw.net](mailto:ranft@saw.net) – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 293-7835, [david\\_wise@phoenix.com](mailto:david_wise@phoenix.com)

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

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## Leads and Needs

Club member Jim Kinyon in La Pine needs the entire L-C circuit for the BFO on an early Hammarlund model SP600JX. 541-536-5262

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo's, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy  
Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

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# The Back Page

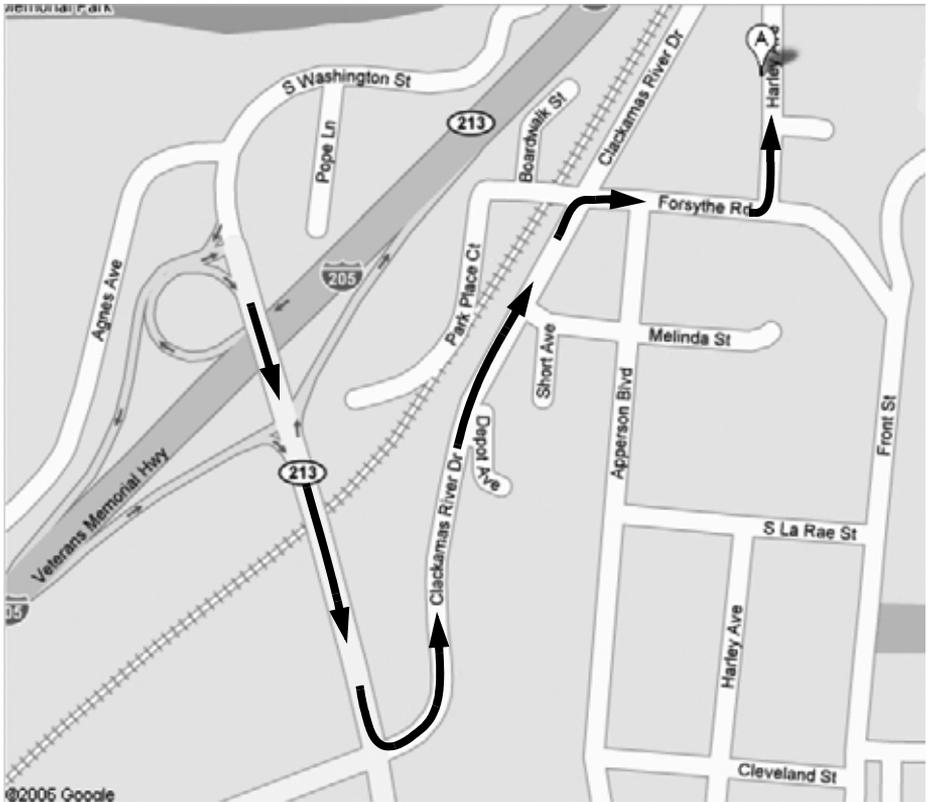
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In last month's *Call Letter* we re-printed an *In the Shack* column in which Mike Parker described the building of a "hybrid" Long F-5. Mike decided to bring that radio to the Christmas party and your editor couldn't resist taking a few snapshots. They didn't get into the photo display of the party, so we'll put them on display here on the back page.



# Meeting Location

Here is a map (thanks to Google Maps) to the Abernethy Grange Hall (the pointer marked “A”), where the Northwest Vintage Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Just follow the arrows on the map.



To get to the Abernethy Grange Hall:

1. Exit I-205 at SR-213 (Exit 10 to Molalla) and head south on 213.
2. At the first intersection (the traffic light), turn left onto Clackamas River Dr.
3. Turn right at Forsythe Rd.
4. Turn left onto Harley Ave. The Grange Hall is on the left about a block and a half.