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2016 Trash Bash

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.

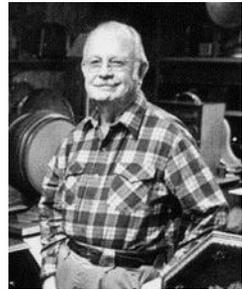
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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 9:30 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 shows, 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.



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On the Cover

2016 Trash Bash

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Announcements

Our July 9 meeting will be the "Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic"

July Meeting

The Picnic will be on July 9 and starts at 9:30 AM

Editor’s Note - Please have Call Letter Contributions in by **July 29**.

Correction – Last issue’s pics were erroneously credited to Chris Butler. They were actually taken by Blake Dietze. Thanks Blake – nice work!!

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A Letter from the President

NWVRS Auction Policy

9/13/2014 Updated 6/11/2016

1. All consigned items will be for 50% of the purchase price going to NWVRS.
2. If the consignor wants to donate at a higher rate (i.e. 70%) the society will accept the higher rate.
3. All outright donations to NWVRS after evaluation can be accepted.
4. All anonymous donations to NWVRS after evaluation can be accepted.
5. If there is a reserve on a consigned item, and the reserve is not met, the item goes back to the consignor.
6. All collection leads shall be evaluated by the Board appointed Auctioneer and one Board member, or two Board members.
7. The NWVRS members listed above who evaluate a collection are not allowed to purchase any item before the auction begins.
8. There is no credit at NWVRS auctions. Cash or check only.
9. There will be no consigned auctions at NWVRS swap meets.
10. Swap meet tables may be purchased by members, or non-members.
11. NWVRS donation auction may be held at a designated time near or at the end of our swap meets.
12. All NWVRS auctions will be open for participation to the general public.
13. The Vice President shall schedule all NWVRS auctions.
14. All items either consigned or donated shall be removed by the consignor, or donor if they do not sell by the end of the auction.
15. Any item abandoned becomes the property of NWVRS, and may be donated to a non-profit (i.e. Good Will) or disposed of at the discretion of NWVRS.

This policy created by the NWVRS Board of Directors is fluid and open to input from its members for consideration.

Meeting Minutes

NorthWest Vintage Radio Society Meeting -- June 11, 2016

President Mike McCrow called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There were 44 people at our meeting today. Craig Swanson, Mark Lacy, and Jerry Green attended today as guests. Welcome to our guests!!

The group discussed having auctions at our Swap Meets. Members voted to continue consignment auctions and to charge a 50% fee for consignment auctions. Members also voted to not have consignment auctions at our Swap Meets. Members also voted to have our auctions open to the general public.

Today was our "Annual Trash Bash"; members brought items that they no longer need and would like to dispose of. The group gave Vice-President Brian Toon a round of applause for bringing a trailer for all of the "Trash Bash" items.

Damon mentioned that members should return outstanding library items. Call Letter Editor Dan Hanson thanked the people that contributed articles to the Call Letter.

The meeting minutes for our May meeting were approved as published in the June Call Letter. Charlie Kent announced that our July meeting will be our "Annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic". He also told the group about the history of our July event.

Our August Program Topic will be "Clock Radios". The Program Topic today is "Two Tube Radios". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought. The meeting was adjourned and we had an auction after our meeting.

Recorded by Liles Garcia, Secretary
June 11, 2016

Calendar of Events

July 8-10. 7th Annual KUH Pigroast. Springdale, WA. Contact Ray, (509)258-7078 cdknray@wildblue.net [Flyer in PDF](#). (226K)

July 9. Our July NWVRS meeting will be the "Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic"

July 9-10. Salmoncon. Pacific Northwest QRP Group annual weekend outing. North Bend, WA at Valley

Camp. <http://valleycamp.org/> Contact Wayne McFee nb6m@att.net

July 15, 16 & 17. Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest. (Always the third weekend in July) Glacier Meadows Campground, 13 miles west of East Glacier on MT Hwy 2. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.gwhamfest.org/> [2015 Photo Gallery](#)

July 16. Coos County Radio Club annual Hamfest and Swapmeet. North Bend, OR. <http://www.coosradioclub.net/> (Always the third Saturday in July) [Flyer in PDF](#).

July 23. Chehalis Valley ARC 18th Annual Pacific Northwest Ham Radio Tailgate Swapmeet. Lewis County Fairgrounds. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* Contact John Ellingson, K7OSK. k7osk@boatanchor.com . <http://www.cvars.org/> http://cvars.org/swapmeet_2016/Swapmeet%202016.pdf

July 29-31. 38th Annual KBARA HamOut and Meeting. Oldtown, ID. Contact Scott, KA7FVV at ka7fvv@yahoo.com . <http://www.kbara.org/>

August. Highline Amateur Radio Club SwapFest. DesMoines, WA. **CANCELED!**

August 27. Seattle Fox Hunt, 2016. <http://n1qq.com/foxhunt/>

August 5-7. 61st Annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention. Portland, OR. Sponsored by the Willamette Valley DX Club. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://pacificnwdxconvention.com/>

Monthly Feature

Two Tube Radios Photography by Chris Butler



Sonny Clutter – Westinghouse / RCA Radiola RS+ (Radiola Senior) with Aeriola Senior audio amplifier. WD-11 tubes included.



Dick Howard – RCA Radiola II



Charlie Kent – Crosley 51



Brian Toon – '31 Kolster Brandeis Pup – from Mike Parker



Alan Shadduck – '24 RCA Radiola III and Crosley 51

Heacock Radio in SE Portland: 1928 to 1932

By Art Redman



Heacock LaGrande Radio (C/O Brian W.)

Doctor Orland Morris Heacock moved to Portland during January 1928 to sell and repair radios. He sold Apex and Spartan radios at his store located at 6013 SE 92nd Avenue. He made no battery sets or ac sets in Portland. During April 1928, the Heacock Radio Shop advertised ac radio tubes for \$1.00 each, and guaranteed them for one year. He may have assembled Remler and Langhorne superhet kits and custom shortwave sets for patrons during this time.

During September 1928, Heacock added Philco radios to its Spartan line beginning a four-year relationship. This was a good business move. Philco became the best-selling radio nationwide overtaking Atwater-Kent and Majestic and paid for local advertising.

Heacock moved during September 1930 to a new location at 5240 SE Foster Blvd. He also changed the name to the Heacock's Philco Agency. Philco ran ads listing its dealership relation with Heacock from November 3, 1930 until January 14, 1932, which was the last radio ad in the Oregonian mentioning the Heacock Philco Agency. The ad was for a Philco Model 112X 11 tube Superhetrodyne set at assorted dealers including Heacock selling for \$155.00.

Prior to this time Doctor Heacock, who was an optometrist, had the first radio station in La Grande, Oregon in 1915, 250- watt 7OH and later 7ZH in 1916. In the mid-1920s, he made five tube battery radio sets at his then residence of La Grande.

Heacock sets are collectable because Heacock used a pantograph machine to engrave his own name and La Grande, Oregon on the front panel. One battery set and front panel to survive was restored by the late Mike Parker, and sold at his estate auction to another NWVRS member, Brian Wegener. The set is pictured in the March 2016 Call Letter on page 8 mislabeled as a "Peacock" radio. The radio has two peepholes to view tube illumination and three main tuning dials, an antenna selector switch in the left hand corner, and another control on the right side. There is no lid to the cabinet.

Eventually the Doctor gave up selling and repairing Philco radios in 1933 and continued working as an eye doctor in SE Portland until his retirement in 1961. Doctor Heacock practiced optometry for 55 years, a member of the Radio Pioneers, and lived to be ninety-eight years old, becoming a silent key during April 1981.

Sources:

"Orland Heacock, Obituary, The Oregonian, April 18, 1981, page C-7.

"Heacock Radio Shop Ad selling Philco", The Oregonian, January 20, 1929, Section 2, page 9.

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Our First President, Harley Perkins

by Dick Karman & Harley Perkins

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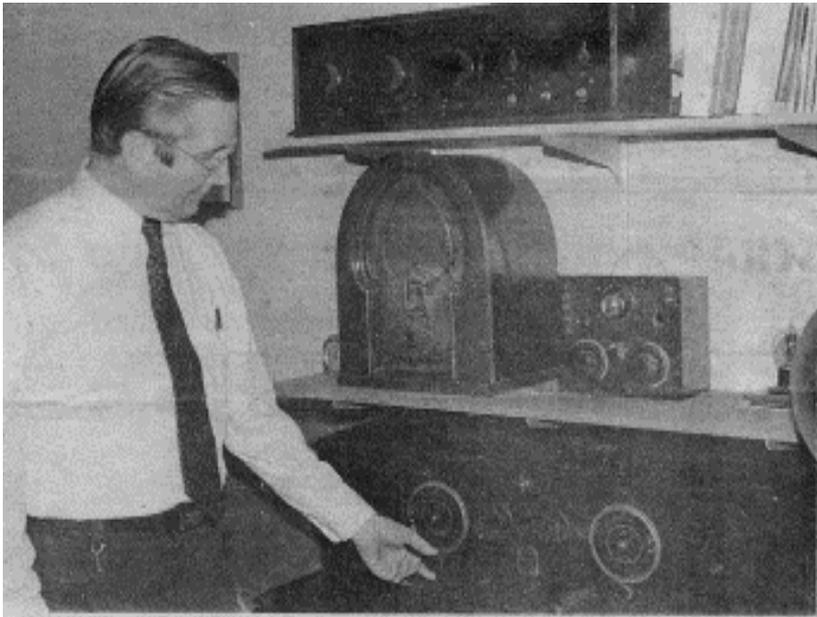


Our first president was Harley Perkins. Harley was interested in radio since the age of 11. He had his First Class Radio Telephone FCC License at the age of 17. He says that he couldn't get into the college of his choice because of all the WWII veterans using their GI-bill. He settled for second choice, University of Pittsburgh.

When he was done with College he owed the ROTC people a hitch and went into the Air Force. Instead of ending up in Korea, Harley found himself in New Mexico where he became an instructor.

From the Air Force he went on to work for Westinghouse. Through one turn or another he found himself at OSU in 1966, and by 1973 had become the Electrical Engineering Department Assistant department Head. In 1973 he moved to the Tektronix “campus.” In 1982 his wife Harriet got a job in Boston, and Harley resigned from Tektronix and got a job with Northrup in Massachusetts.

Northrup merged with Grumman Aircraft, so Harley retired from Northrup Grumman in 1993. Harley and his wife live near the inner harbor in Boston but he still shares a common interest with member Charles “Ed” Charman, in that both men are organists and enjoy the vintage “tracker-style” (pipe) organs. Harley still plays at a Methodist church not far from his home. Harley has been active in the Mid Atlantic Antique Radio Club, the American Wireless Association, and the Radio History Society over the last 20 years.

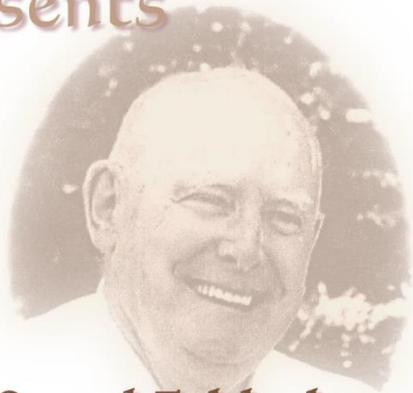


Radio revival

Harley Perkins, a long time radio buff, turns on a 1924 RCA tube radio. Perkins is co-founder of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. A swap meet for club members and others interested in old-time radios is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 30 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds.

Northwest Vintage Radio Society

presents



4th Annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic



SATURDAY, JULY 9th

8:am ~ Noon

Tables Free (while they last). NWVRS will furnish Hot Dogs, Burgers & Drinks. Please bring a Pot Luck Dish. Many radios of all types will be for sale. INFO: Charlie Kent (503) 891-4615



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NWVRS Picnic Features:

The 1950s feature year will be 1957

The 1940s featured artist will be Glen Miller

The 1930s featured sound will be Sammy Kay

The 1920s featured radio will be Atwater Kent model 20

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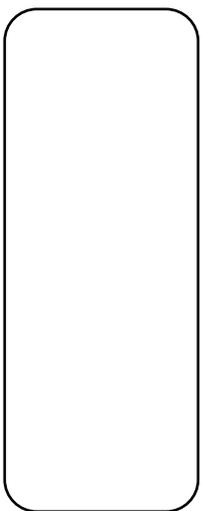
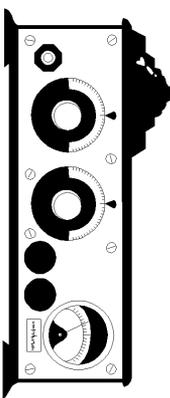


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