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Northwest Vintage Radio Society
presents a public auction of:
A Fantastic collection of vintage
and antique radios, equipment, tubes
books and miscellaneous.



Saturday, April 14th 2018

10:am - 1:pm

Abernathy Grange 15745 S. Harley Ave.

Oregon City, OR 97045

**Over 250 lots, no reserves, no admission,
no buyers fees.**

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.

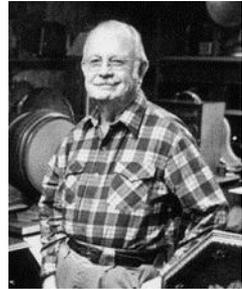
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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

April Radio Sale Flyer

by Sonny Clutter (Nice Work, Thanks! -ed)

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Announcements

April Meeting

The Society would like to thank Hugh and Virginia for their service, and her donation of the radio collection to be club.

The April meeting will start at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April. 14. Rather than our monthly feature we will be having a large auction. Final notice: memberships are about to expire if payments not in.

Marc Lacy has a project radio that h would like to offer for sale to the group. KD7RYY@msn.com -- 73 de KD7RYY

Editor’s Note

Please have May’s Call Letter Contributions in by April 28.

Visit our web site at:

www.nwvrs.com

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/nwvrs

NWVRS Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2018

President Pat Kagi called the March meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 9:30 AM. All present pledged allegiance to our nation's flag. Virginia Rankin attended today as our Special Guest. She was very involved with our Society in our earliest days. Welcome Virginia!! Tom Marshall attended today as a guest. Dick Dielschneider has recuperated from his recent fall and attended our meeting today.

Brian Wegener told the group that we have radios on display at the Tigard Library. We are invited to the Grange's 105th Anniversary Party on April 15. We can have a display if we would like to. We will be selling a large radio collection at our April meeting. We may continue the sale at later meetings. The minutes of our February meeting were approved as published in the March Call Letter. There will be no Monthly Feature at our April meeting because of the auction that we will be having. We had a short break in our meeting so that our Special Guest could leave early. Many thanks for attending our meeting today Virginia!!

Treasurer Ed Tompkins informed the group that Charlie Kent has not turned in swap meet table funds for the past two years and perhaps other past years. Our Society is missing over \$ 1,500 (approximately). Members voted to ban Charlie from membership in our Society.

LEADS AND NEEDS - Bob Walters still wants to sell his radio repair shop. Philip Rossi needs an Emerson Model 824 plastic radio. Damon Vandehey knows someone who is looking for some inexpensive tube radios. Myron White has two Navy oscilloscopes available for free. Blake Dietze needs some early chassis' with 2.5 volt filament transformers on them.

Sid Saul gave a Tech Talk on AM Carrier Current Broadcasting. Members gave Sid a round of applause for his interesting Tech Talk. The meeting was adjourned and we auctioned some radios after the meeting.

Recorded by Secretary Liles Garcia

Calendar of Events

April 14 2018. NWVRS public auction of antique radios, equipment, tubes, books, and misc. Abernethy Grange, 15745 S. Harley Ave. Oregon City, OR.

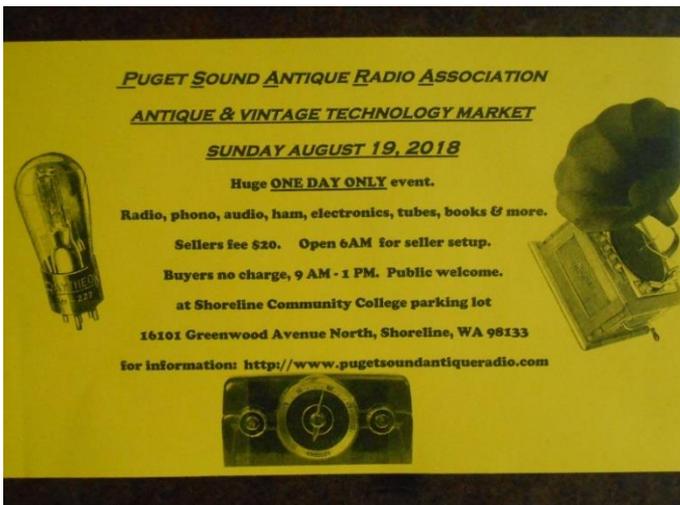
April 14 & 15 2018. Communications Academy. South Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://commacademy.org/>

May 5. Electronics, Ham Radio and Experimenters Swap Meet, Kennewick, WA. Contact: Dan Durlinger KD7KJJ, DANCAR68@AOL.COM OR KD7KJJ@ARRL.NET [Flyer in PDF](#) (132K)

May 6. Maple Ridge Swapmeet. Pitt Meadows, BC. https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=1906

May 12. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact: Fred Laun, w7pig@arrl.net <http://www.scarcwa.org/>

May 19 & 20. River Radio Campout 2018. Pateros WA. Sponsored by the Okanogan County Amateur Radio Club. Free "dry" camping along the Methow River at Pateros. Always the weekend prior to Memorial Day Weekend. w7orc1@gmail.com . <http://www.w7orc.com/> . Contact Mike W7MCM, skippermike53@gmail.com 509-689-3164.



PUGET SOUND ANTIQUE RADIO ASSOCIATION
ANTIQUE & VINTAGE TECHNOLOGY MARKET
SUNDAY AUGUST 19, 2018
Huge **ONE DAY ONLY** event.
Radio, phono, audio, ham, electronics, tubes, books & more.
Sellers fee \$20. Open 6AM for seller setup.
Buyers no charge, 9 AM - 1 PM. Public welcome.
at Shoreline Community College parking lot
16101 Greenwood Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133
for information: <http://www.pugetsoundantiqueradio.com>

The flyer features a yellow background with black text. On the left side, there is a vintage vacuum tube. On the right side, there is a vintage rotary telephone. At the bottom center, there is a vintage radio with a prominent speaker.

Hugh's Radios

By Susan Hamilton

What kind of radio it was is lost to time, what is known, though, is that after WW I Hugh was just a youngster when he, and his father, started building a radio together, and the radio "bug" bit and stayed with Hugh for the rest of his life. And though Hugh did not have the opportunity to work with radios for quite some time after that first nibble at playing the radio game, his interest never waned.

Fast forward to 1976 when Hugh heard about a club that was devoted to vintage radios. How he heard about the club his lovely wife, Virginia, does not know, but he heard about it none the less and they both decided that it was a club that they should check out. Vintage radios piqued an interest in both Hugh and Virginia and off they went. The rest, as they say, is history.

When Hugh and Virginia joined the NWVRS, Hugh began seriously collecting radios. He purchased his collection primarily through the Club by buying from Club sales. Virginia also joined the Buena Vista Club, which was located in Oregon City and where the Radio Club held their meetings at the time. Fellow NWVRS wives Dorothy James and Bobby Kibler also joined the Buena Vista Club in order to facilitate the continuation of use of the Buena Vista's Clubhouse by the Radio Club for their meetings.

Hugh's radio collection started growing eventually totaling nearly 30 different makes and models. He would spend his free time working on them, endeavoring to get them all functioning again. He also contributed articles to the "Call Letter," the Radio Club's monthly publication, containing everything pertinent to the Club. Virginia and the other wives would often participate by helping out with holiday and other special events for the Club.

Both Hugh and Virginia were very active in the NWVRS for twelve years and enjoyed every minute of their time with all of their fellow members. Sadly, their involvement ended with Hugh's sudden passing in 1988.

In memory of her husband Hugh Ranken, Virginia Ranken, recently donated 15 of Hugh's radios to the Club to be auctioned as a benefit for the club. It was her way of honoring her husband's memory and their time in a club they both enjoyed.



Items To Be Auctioned On Saturday







Nighthawk Radio by Art Redman

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that we have moved into our
New Sales Rooms and Manufacturing location at

481 1/2 HAWTHORNE

where we are manufacturing and demonstrating the famous

"NIGHTHAWK RADIO"

We would be pleased to have you call and investigate the wonderful features of the Nighthawk Radio. We are also open for appointments for demonstrations in Your Own Home. Call Information for telephone number.

WOODBURY RADIO ELECTRIC

Formerly at 304 Salmon Street

The Woodbury Company of Portland first located at 304 Salmon Street manufactured only one battery radio their two-dial *Nighthawk* model. The \$98.75 price included a horn speaker (no brand listed), filament storage battery, B battery, 201A tubes, (number not listed) in a mahogany wood cabinet and for extra charge a six-volt A battery charger. The ad also promised "coast to coast reception," and "volume, tone, and distance". Their December Christmas ads promised "coast to coast reception with a *Nighthawk*".

The Company moved on November 16, 1924, announcing in the Oregonian newspaper, to a new location at 481 1/2 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Their last ad placed in the Oregonian was February 22, 1925.

Does any Call Letter readers have or seen a *Nighthawk* Radio made in Southeast Portland in 1924-1925? Enquiring collectors, NWVRS members including yours truly, would like to know.

Sources:

"Nighthawk Radio Move", The Oregonian, November 16, 1924 page 22.

"The Nighthawk Radio Complete", The Oregonian, February 22, 1925, Section 5, page 7.

KBOO & KOAC Mark Anniversaries with Exhibits at OHS

By Dan Howard

Portland's community radio station, KBOO, is marking its 50th anniversary with an exhibit of artifacts and ephemera at the Oregon Historical Society. Memorabilia will be on display through July 29th.

KBOO went on the air June 18, 1968. Studios are located at 20 SE 8th Ave and its transmitter is located on the KGON tower in the west hills.

Also at the OHS this spring, there is an exhibit honoring Oregon State University's 150th anniversary. In a brief preview I noticed a classic microphone from the KOAC (Oregon Agricultural College) broadcast studio and an Atwater Kent breadboard.

The Oregon Historical Society is located downtown at 1200 SW Park Ave. Admission is free to residents of Multnomah County.



Sources:

Gallivan, Joseph "Historical Society Exhibit Turns Dial to KBOO Radio," The Portland Tribune 1/25/18 pg A3.

Wikipedia - KBOO

The vintageTEK museum has an extensive microfiche collection and has launched a YouCaring fundraiser to help purchase a microfiche scanner to be able to digitize portions of the collection. Tektronix for decades released documentation to the field on microfiche. While some of this information has been made public, we know specific documentation was only released on microfiche. VintageTEK is a 501(c) (3) charity so all donations are 100% tax deductible under section 170 of the IRS code. Please see our blog at <https://vintagetek.org/vintagetek-microfiche-scanner-fundraiser> For more information or visit our YouCaring fundraiser site at <https://www.youcaring.com/Vintagetek-fiche>

David J. Brown, vintageTEK President - davebr@modularsynthesis.com

vintageTEK Microfiche Scanner Fundraiser

📅 March 27, 2018 👤 Dave Brown

Help the museum purchase a microfiche scanner!

Tektronix for a number of decades published copies of documents to their field offices on microfiche. The vintageTEK museum has an extensive microfiche collection estimated at over 3 million individual pages. There are certainly duplicates and some of this information is already available publicly but there is specific documentation that is available in microfiche only. This video will tell you more.



Due to the significant number of pages and finite volunteer hours available, our initial effort will be to respond to specific requests for information. A dedicated effort to scan major portions of the collection is dependent on additional volunteer hours.

Selling My Electronics Shop

By Bob Walters

This shop was focused on the repair of tube radios and the building and repair of tube stereo equipment. Call for a listing of test equipment and tubes. There is also a fairly large quantity of parts - new and used: resistors, capacitors (two buckets full of Illinois Capacitor coupling/bypass caps), tube sockets, transformers, chokes, chassis components, and books, a lot of books. A complete set of Rider manuals including volume 23. Sams Photofacts from #1 to #350. Also Sams Photofacts coverage of most of the tube amplifiers. There are several copies of tube manuals, both old and new. A five volume set of General Electric tube specifications, along with catalogs and radio engineering hard cover books.

Most of the tubes are in two “mall drawer” metal filing cabinets. Many parts are in two sets of oak library card file cabinets. There are some solid state items, mostly TTL stored in 45 drawer plastic cabinets, along with books covering solid state. There are MANY spools of wire; hook up, coax, etc. I want to sell the shop as a lot - no picking. You will need a large truck and help! The items are located in Portland, OR. I'm asking \$10,000 for the lot. List of items available upon request.
Bob Walters 503-284-8693 caiman.ss323@comcast.net



Ed. Note: On April 2, 2018 KKOV changed their format from adult standards to brokered foreign language programming.

The banner features a yellow and orange color scheme with a sunburst background. At the top left is a yellow smiley face character with a hand. The main title "Kisn Good Guy Radio" is in large, bold, yellow and red letters. To the right is a "FM 95.1" logo. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: Home, Kisn, Media, Updates, About, Classes, News & Events, Contact. A "Please Visit Our Sponsors!" banner is on the left. The central text reads "Your Real Oldies Radio" and "We're On The Air 95.1 FM". On the right are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, with a "Donate" button. Below this is the text "What's New With Us? Click Here for Updates!". The main headline "The Good Guys Are Back!" is in large, bold, black letters. In the center is a large yellow circle with "FM 95.1" in blue. Surrounding this are various interactive buttons: "Cool Stuff" (with a smiley face), "Surveys" (with a smiley face), "Photo Galleries" (with a photo of a man), "Request A Song!" (with a vinyl record), "Updates" (with a CD/DVD), "Links" (with a hand), and "Programming Schedule" (with a photo of a group of people). At the bottom left is the "Good Guy Club" logo and a "Shop Lock Security" logo. At the bottom center is the "Kisn" logo and the text "Home of the Good Guys" next to a "FM 95.1" logo. At the bottom right is a "Donate" button and social media icons for Facebook and YouTube.

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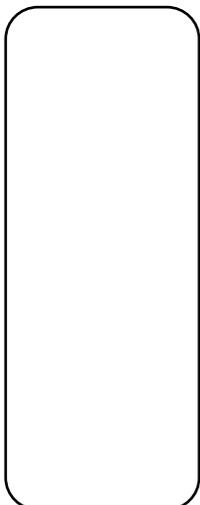
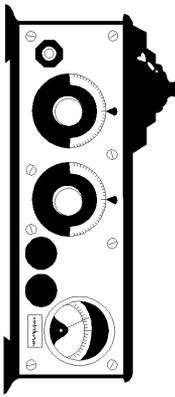
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