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August

DATE: August 13th

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Buena Vista Club House

ADDRESS: 16th & Jackson Streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Vice President Dave Brown will hold the gavel for the August meeting. President Jerry Talbott will be on an out-of-town excursion. Dave will preside over one of the best attended meetings of the summer, and maybe of the year. The reason of course is that the annual society picnic will be held directly following the meeting.

Dan Wills has agreed to show the Federal Communications Commission's "Patrolling The Ether", a video tape that was lined up for the picnic earlier this year by Jerry.

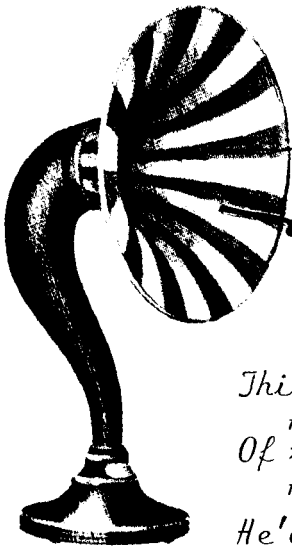
Power Supply

Picnic Plans

Our annual pot-luck picnic will be held after the monthly meeting on August 13, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This picnic is for members and their families so bring the whole crew! All you need is your silverware and a hot or cold dish.

The Power Supply will furnish the paper plates, cups, napkins, etc. We plan to serve lemonade, iced tea and coffee and will have plenty of bread also.

Please plan to attend. It should be a lot of fun!



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Old "Silver's" Revenge

This is the tale of Baldy Balsh,
And the strange paradox
Of this small-town bachelor,
A fixer of watches and clocks.

He'd a phonograph, records,
A good Silver-Marshall set,
And not a station on the air
That our Baldy couldn't get.

He loved the finest symphonies,
Modern stuff, folk tunes and all,
But soprano opera singers
Propelled him right up the wall!

There was once a comic rumor
That his temper'd really peaked,
When he smashed his "Silver" set
As a high-C diva squeaked!

Belatedly, the love-bug bit;
(As often a love-bug will)
Mister Balsh was seen frequently
At a white house on the hill.

Well, he wed our eighth-grade teacher,
Miss Viola Patti Wray----
Who had the shrillest female voice
In the entire P J A !!!

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Our summer "day" is finally here:
Aunt Sammie's Clarion call,
"Get those green tomatoes pickled--
And I'll see you in the fall!"

So long, folks

The President's Page

THANK YOU to all of you who helped with the Forest Grove Concourse display. I'm sure the display was appreciated as several people came up to me and expressed their approval. Many of us were fortunate enough to get some "hot leads" on radios and test equipment.

C L U B J A C K E T S

All members who signed up for club jackets MUST send their checks for \$13.50 (payable to me) to my home address before August 5th, as I will place the order on that date. Because this will "go to press" a little late, be sure to give a call if you have not mailed your check.

L A S T C H A N C E

REMEMBER the club jackets will not be ordered again for at least two years. A minimum order in the future will be twenty-five jackets, and our club has not grown that much in many years. Take this opportunity while you can.

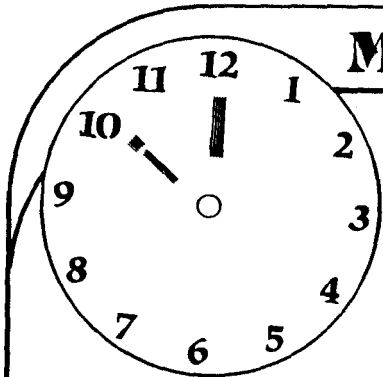
S E A T T L E S W A P M E E T

THE PUGET SOUND ANTIQUE RADIO ASSOCIATION has invited us all to join them in their swap meet on August 21st at 1:00 pm. I will be organizing a car-pool for the trip. If you plan to drive or if you need a ride give me a call.

JERRY TALBOTT
1440 SW 239th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123
home phone 649-6717
work phone 627-1675

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Meeting Minutes



The NWVRS met at 10 A.M. on Saturday, July 9, 1983, at the Buena Vista Club House for the regular monthly meeting.

President Jerry Talbott presided. Minutes for the meeting of June 11,

1983, as published in the Call Letter, were accepted without correction or addition. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Nothing reported in this area. Guests and new members were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: Don Copeland reports he will have the Club badges available at the August meeting for those members who had purchased them.

Jerry Talbott requested that any members desiring Club jackets to order now. We need only one or two more buyers to complete a minimum order.

Larry Callahan reported that the Oregon Senate had unanimously approved the bill to eliminate licensing requirements for servicing pre 1957 electronic equipment. The bill now goes to the Governor for signature.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Talbott urged members to support Call Letter advertisers... advantageous not only to the advertiser but to the Club and its members as well.

Jerry Talbott reported on a source of Sams reprints available from Photofact Tech Services, Indianapolis, In.

Joe Tompkins was winner of Ladies Choice in the J-K-L alphabet category with a nice home brew set which he had dubbed the "Josephus Jewel".

The annual Club picnic will follow the August meeting and no " Show 'n Tell" is scheduled for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M. and was followed by an impromptu auction.

Hugh Ranken,
Secretary



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Pages from the Past

On July 2, 1917, Raymond A. Heising made the first talk from an airplane in flight to the ground and six weeks later he took part in the first conversation between airplanes in flight. He also developed ship to shore radio, submarine chaser sets, and single side band transmission. His most famous invention was the system of modulation used in 1915 to broadcast voice from Arlington, Virginia to Honolulu, Hawaii which bears his name. In answer to the question, 'How did you succeed in solving a problem upon which so many had worked for years in six short weeks?' Heising replied that:

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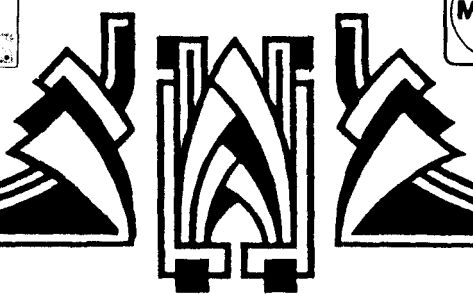
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Remembering

A routine day for Radio producer Carleton Morse in 1939 was to rise early, go to the office, write a script for a fifteen minute I LOVE A MYSTERY episode, clear production details for that day's broadcast, oversee a "dress" rehearsal, and direct the east coast broadcast before handing the script to assistant producer Buddy Twiss to handle the west coast repeat.

Although routine, this was the pattern seven days a week. On the weekends when he wasn't writing I LOVE A MYSTERY he was writing ONE MAN'S FAMILY. He wrote over eight hundred and forty individual fifteen minute ILAM episodes and well over thirteen hundred OMF 30 minute episodes.

Eventhough he wrote I LOVE A MYSTERY episodes about two to three weeks in advance, he often tells interviewers that he never knew the outcome of any given senario until the day he wrote it. Sometimes the final twist would be evident to the listeners and sometimes it would seem absurd; but it would always keep you on the edge of your chair. The final episode seldom ever fell on the same day twice in a row. Some mysteries would have 10 episodes, some as many as 30. The average was 18 to 20 fifteen minute installments.

Mr Morse' prolific pen has become the focus of an evergrowing throng on I LOVE A MYSTERY and ONE MAN'S FAMILY fans. They collect ILAM and OMF on tape and trade program logs and memorabilia.

If one were to look, nearly an entire collection of ONE MAN'S FAMILY can be found from various collectors across the nation. It is not so easy with I LOVE A MYSTERY. Of the forty-six titles (each with 10 to 30 episodes) only seven are in circulation, and some of them are missing episodes and lack in sound quality.

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Remembering

While some collectors search high and low for titles like The Snake With The Diamond Eyes, or the Stairway to The Sun, others would be just as happy to locate the two missing episodes which would make The Temple of Vampires complete. Rumors often run down the grapevine in the collector's circles about the illusive "uncirculated" ILAM stories but it has been over ten years since the last full I LOVE A MYSTERY story came out of hiding. It will probably be at least ten more.

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I was working on it, was a sort of a game. It was not until the principle was clear that its possibilities occurred to me. Within a very short time, compact aircraft radio telephone transmitters were developed and they did their bit on the western front. International communication occurred to me as the first possibility, but, as you see, broadcasting preceded it, although I am sure that international commercial telephony is simply a matter of continuing development work until the remaining obstacles are successfully surmounted."

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From: "Starting With A Pick And Shovel: Raymond A. Heising manifested the instincts of invention while tamping ballast with a section gang. And so today he has the discovery of modulation to his credit- and we have the radio", The Wireless Age. November, 1924, Page 33.

Honorable Mention

In appreciation for what they did for their listeners, and for Radio we are remembering and honoring those who have recently past from us.

MARY LIVINGSTON

Born Sadie Marks in 1906, she married Jack Benny in 1927 and soon became an important part of the Jack Benny Show. Mary died in California on June 30.

WALTER O'KEEFE

Mr. O'Keefe was best remembered as the announcer on Double or Nothing. He also announced on the Lucky Strike Show. Mr. O'Keefe died June 26th of heart failure in a Torance, Ca hospital.

RAYMOND MASSEY

Although Mr. Massey was best remembered perhaps for his role in the television and movie version of Dr. Kildare, he appeared repeatedly in radio in such shows as Inner Sanctum Mystery, The Harvest of Stars, and starred in the Doctor Fights. Mr. Massey passed away on July 30.

HARRY JAMES

A trumpeter and big band leader, Mr. James was heard during the 40s on the Danny Kaye show, the Frank Sinatra show and the Dick Haymes show. He also shared the spotlight with Johnny Mercer on Call For Music which featured Dinah Shore as mistress of ceremonies. He was 67 years old when he died last month.

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Olé! by

T.J.

The members sweated-out----I'll rephrase that-- it should read; floated-in some pretty good stuff this period, to wit:

- Joe Tompkins : Big dial chairside Zenith, good item; Broadcast Receptor, a 5 tube battery job with OAs, Regen., (the price was right)
- Bob Campbell : 2 Gilfillan Variometers, one in original carton; 2 No-Loss RF coils in orig. cartons; 2 Federal RF coils, new in carton; 1 Federal AF Xformer, open; 1 Kellogg AF Xformer in carton; 1 Silver-Marshall 220 audio in carton with excellent brochure on proper use of same; 2 Accutune vernier dials in cart. Nice bit of stuff for the home brew buff!
- John McConnell : General Electric 11 tube table model circa 1935.
- Bob Teague : Philco Model # 66 Cathedral w/all tubes, knobs, escutcheons etc. and on a scale of 1 to 10, Bob says it's a solid 8.
- Jerry Talbott : Detrola Clock-Radio, a Cathedral style case with the clock at the peak; Zenith Royal 500, 1957, w/leather case. Says "Tubeless Transistor Radio" on back. This one is a prime "Neo-vintage" find!
- Tom James : Batch of mid-Vintage tubes, Firestone AM/FM, has excellent chassis but a real cheap cabinet, good shop radio.
- James Mason : Canadian Viking w/Can. Westinghouse tubes, has slight accent; Zenith big-dial AC/DC (B8); Three more boxes of radio parts from former service shop in Mich. and a bit of RCA repl. parts from Forest Grove.

Swap Shop

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DAVID NIVENS

Mr. Nivens film and screen roles date back to the 1930s. His most recent role was in the current Blake Edward's Pink Panther movie. Mr. Nivens made a notable appearance in radio in 1946 on The Hour of Mystery's presentation of "39 Steps". Mr. Niven was 73 years old.

LYNN FOUNTAINE

Ms. Fountaine was married to Alfred Lunt. The team is often referred to as the "Sweethearts of the American Stage". Born in 1887 she first performed in New York in 1910 and was one of the first legitimate stage actors to cross the forbidden boundary and appear on Radio. She and Mr. Lunt appeared in 1940 in a benefit broadcast for charity.

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