

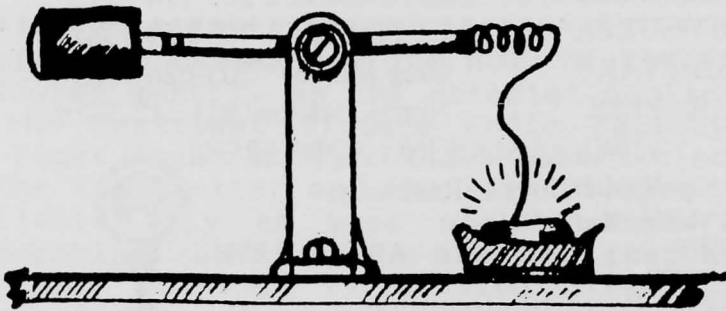


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*Meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month except for summer vacation in July and August. The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and advice.*

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Regular Membership	\$15--
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# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

## Strangers in the Nite

Way back in nineteen-twenty-four,  
When radio first came thru the door,  
We'd hunt those stations far away--  
X-E-N-J - - - - , K-D-K-A .

Ten watt "peanuts" in Iowa  
Could be logged from Spaniway;  
New Orleans came booming thru;  
Dallas, Memphis, Chicago too .

The biggest thrill in store for all  
Was to log some foreign call,  
And beat the neighbors to the punch.  
( 'Twould boost our ego quite a bunch! )

It used to be, in days gone by,  
Radio was for you and I,  
To pick and choose among the lot ;  
Such priveleged choice has gone to pot !

I guess it's true with many things--  
We're told what's good. How clear it rings !  
We're regimented to conform,  
It looks as tho that is the norm.

The F.C.C. is losing touch,  
Does 'nt amount to very much.  
The stations multiply with ease,  
Deregulated, as they please.

Time has shifted, that's sure enough,  
Most programs tuned is talk-show stuff,  
News, and records from local towns,  
Announced, no less, by would-be clowns !

--- good nite all ---



# CAT WHISKER SOCIETY

Dedicated to the Hobby

The Cat Whisker Society is an organization for those persons interested in Crystal Radio Receivers. NWVRS Member M.R. 'Steve' Stephens and the new owner of M.R.L. (founded by my cousin Elmer Osterhoudt) are the leaders of The Cat Whisker Society. Their next Newsletter will soon be ready. If you are interested in the Construction, Experimentation or Preservation of Crystal Radio Receivers you should consider joining CWS. Call 406/755/9765 or write for details.

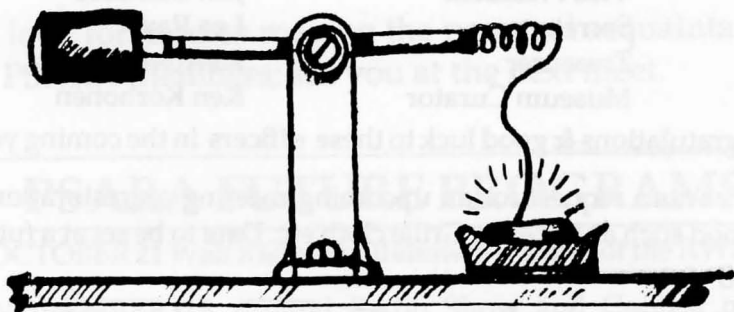
M.R. Stephens

3375 W. Valley Rd.

Whitefish, MT 59937

I'll keep you informed As we get more news about MRL & CWS.

EJB



# PSARA Meeting Minutes

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Seattle, Washington Sun. Sept. 16, 1990

The September meeting of PSARA was called to order by President John Schneider.

**BUSINESS:** Name Tags, if you are interested in purchasing a name tag contact Al Atworth 206/568/2698. We received a letter from Walt Kiefner about some books for sale at a discount price to members. If you are interested in any of the following books a sign up sheet will be made available at the Oct. meeting or contact one of the new officers.

- |   |                 |         |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| 1. Collector's Guide Antique radios     | Bunis 16.95 for | \$11-12 |
| 2. Collecting Transistor novelty radios | 24.95 for       | \$16    |
| 3. 1989 Johnson Guide to old radios     | 16.95 for       | \$11    |
| 4. Classic Plastic Radios by Sidel      | 19.95 for       | \$15    |
- all books are soft cover & include shipping.

Guests were introduced

Four new Members voted in: Carl Miner, Alan Wallace, Marshall P. Oliphant & Kirk Burress.

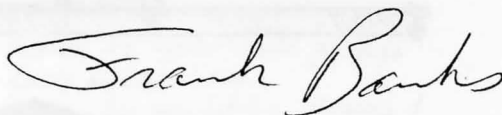
Election of new Officers was held and the following people will take over:

President	Max Kaplan
Vice President	Jim Gianacos
Secretary	Lee Ray
Treasurer	Al Atworth
Museum Curator	Ken Korhonen

Congratulations & good luck to these officers in the coming year.

There was a request for an upcoming meeting on restoration of non-wood such as Bakelite, Grille cloth etc. Date to be set at a future meeting.

Business meeting closed.

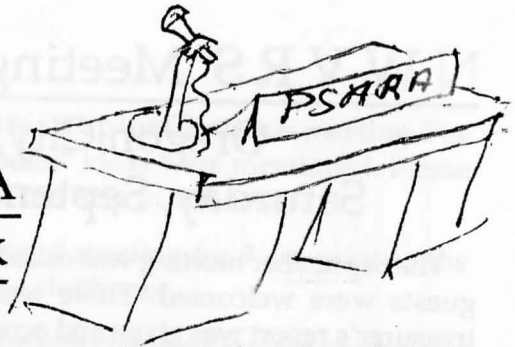


Frank Banks, PSARA Secretary



# From the PSARA President's Desk

By Max A. Kaplan



First let me thank all those members, who placed their trust in me, to guide PSARA's next twelve meetings. I will not pretend to have pat answers to all problems, nor do I have expertise in conducting formal meetings. I accept the September 1990 nomination with the hope of steady, helpful input from the membership at large and the full support of the elected officers.

There are many areas of possible improvements which would benefit all PSARA members; these I shall bring up at another time. I shall endeavor to have these feature lines as part of a line of communication concerning our doings & thoughts, become a part of our monthly Horn of Plenty.

Lastly, for now..., Let me thank all of last years PSARA Officers for their unselfish performance of duties.

I look forward to making the personal acquaintance of all PSARA members; see you at the next meet.

## **PSARA FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

OCTOBER 21 Walt Kiefner will show 3-D slides of the AWA Meet.

NOVEMBER 18 Annual Radio Show and Contest open to Members only.

DECEMBER 9 (Second Sunday)





# N W V R S Meeting Minutes

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Oregon City, Oregon  
Saturday, September 8th, 1990

The September meeting was called to order at 10:17. Visitors and guests were welcomed. There was no good and welfare. The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A location for the October banquet was looked into. The president asked for volunteers to help with the evening's entertainment. Volunteers who clean up after society meetings, and provide refreshments were recognized for their diligent work. Again there was a request for an assistant editor for the Call Letter. The end of the year will soon be upon us, so now is the time to consider taking one of the society's officer positions for next year.

Johnson Price guides have been ordered and should be available at the October meeting.

A motion was made to stop sending trade copies of the Call Letter to other organizations, allowing responsibility of that to fall upon the individual who wishes to maintain contact with a particular group. This motion was defeated. On the suggestion of the President, he will send a letter to other organizations requesting trade copies of their newsletters in return for the ones we have sent them over the years.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don Copeland's address is 1413 SE Salmon St., Portland, Oregon 97214, for those who wish to order the official NWVRS name tags.

There was discussion about the October 13th contest. A motion was made to establish categories that would include all categories of radios in the contest. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands 16 for, 11 against. The contest committee agreed to make the divisions and publish them in the Call Letter.





The Society needs volunteers to set up the Christmas meeting. The gift exchange and potluck "goodies" ideas were mentioned. Please contact the vice president if you can help in this area.

The president has called a board meeting for 9 am prior to the October meeting to be held at the clubhouse.

A motion was made to compensate members Speed Feldschau and Sonny Clutter for the advertising and operations cost of the summer swap meet that they hosted in Salem. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The cost of the compensation was nearly \$200. The motion passed unanimously.

Speed Feldschau opened the discussion about an annual "all-northwest" swap meet each July in the Salem area. He desired to have it approved early enough to have ads in all the collectors' newsletters across the country. A motion was made and seconded to approve the event. After the discussion, the motion was tabled because next year's calendar cannot be made until next January. It was the consensus of those present to stand behind such a gathering. Contact Speed if you have any ideas about organization, etc.

Leads and Needs were given, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Gregg Morse Secretary  
RJK

## NWVRS Dates to Remember

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October 13th	Radio Contest
October 25th	NWVRS Banquet
November 10	Swap Meet
December 8	Election / Party



# NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY

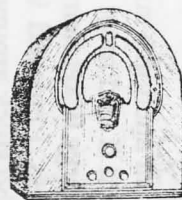
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Saturday, Nov. 10, 1990  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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(Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
DAN HOWARD 503-761-7799**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BUY, SELL, AND SWAP  
OLD RADIOS AND RELATED GEAR.**

**FREE ADMISSION**

# The NWVRS President's Page

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by Dick Karman

## Auction

Thanks to everyone who made the society fall auction a success last meeting. I was pretty tired after all was said (I said most of it), and done (you did most of it). Primarily, the large ticket items did not change hands, but overall it was a success. I enjoyed it and received many kind comments from those who stuck around and participated. Generally speaking the gear went for about half of what you see it for in the classifieds. Maybe some of you who missed it will plan to be at the next one. A special note of thanks to Bill Devey for his help and organized mind.

## Contest

The October meeting will host our Fall Radio Equipment contest. There is no official limit to the number of entries per member, but one radio per category is a practical limit. As per your request at the September meeting there is a category for nearly everyone.

Crystal sets

Battery Sets 3 or less tubes

AC radios

Battery 4 or more tubes

Novelty Radio Sets

Miscellaneous radio equipment

Military, Amateur & Communication gear

## Banquet

I stated that there would be a banquet in October. I made that statement in June when most of you were in favor of the idea. I was also told by many that they had ideas about when and where it should be. In September no one made those suggestion to me at the meeting so I made the decisions myself. I'm looking forward to it. People I have talked to look forward to it too, so I hope to see you there.



# The 1990 North West Vintage Radio Society Banquet.

October 25th, 1990, 7 pm

Roses Restaurant,  
NE 123rd and Glisan  
Portland, Oregon

There will be a no-host hospitality time prior to the 7 pm hour, and the prime rib dinner will be served at 7:15. A few members will be asked to bring a few pieces of memorabilia for display and atmosphere, and we are looking for someone to help out with some other entertainment.

The cost of \$24 per couple (or twelve dollars if you plan to come alone) is required in advance. It must be received by President Dick Karman by Monday October 15th if you plan to attend. Plan to pay him and make your reservations at the October meeting.



## TUNING IN....

Scott MacGregor, a fairly new member of NWVRS, is a pretty busy fellow with a young family, home radio projects and a demanding job. Even so he finds time to head the refreshment committee at the monthly club meetings. Thanks for the coffee and doughnuts, they do make a difference.

Scott grew up on a beef cattle farm in the Gresham area and worked there till he went off to college at Oregon State. He recalls receiving a Hallicrafters short-wave kit for Xmas when he was about 14 years of age. This was the beginning of his love for radio communications. He even taught himself Morse Code and started building ham equipment. Taking a class at OMSI was very rewarding for young Scott and he went on to get his Novice license in 1965. Scott spent many happy hours in his short-wave shack on the family farm. Today he has an advanced amateur license.

I was very interested to hear Scott tell of the time he back-packed to the top of Mt Hood and set up a small radio station with antennae and batteries, where they bounced signals off the moon and communicated through orbiting satellites.

After college Scott spent a four year term in the Air Force, 1969-1973. His chosen field was communications, teletype, cryptogram and installation of equipment. He served in Texas, California and Georgia. He missed being sent to Vietnam at the last minute and instead went to The Republic of China.

After his discharge, he was employed by Portland General Electric for five years. Since 1980 he has been a technical supervisor for General Binding Corp. a manufacturer of international office equipment. His territory includes all of Oregon and S W. Washington. As a local supervisor he services and installs equipment and trains those under his supervision. This means a lot travel away his home in Troutdale and his 4 year old son Brendon and wife Paulette.

Scott's interest in Radio collecting has come about slowly. About Fifteen years ago he found an old radio in a garage sale, setting him back a whole dollar! He soon stored it in the attic and in time forgot about it. Years later after noticing a neat old set in an antique shop he was reminded of his old find stored in the attic. He retrieved the purchase of long ago and that is when the radio "Bug" bit. Scott's collecting interests are wide but he's partial to console's and is anticipating finding his first "catlin".

-----GOOD LUCK-----

LLC





# SWAP SHOP

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## WANTED

Help need one good Sparton/Cardon AC tube extra fil. connections on base will trade McCullough AC tube in box. **Steve VonTalge** 333 NW 74th ST Seattle WA 98117 (206) 783/2543 (206) 527/2829.

Help wanted Crosley model 59 or chassis only, Pre 1950 TVs & literature, catalin, art deco & other unusual radios. **Ken Korhonen** 4022 41st Ave SW Seattle WA 98116 (206) 952/9363.

Rider XVIII, lid for Zenith 7G605, Kolster K43 power supply chassis. **Jim Gianacos** 9110 122nd Pl SE Renton WA 98056 (206) 228/9398 or (206) 784/9417

Crosley chassis, speaker and escutcheon for Grandfather clock radio. **Art Corbus** 5704 11th Ave NW Seattle WA 98107 (206) 783/6151

Rider XXIII, will pay \$50. **Jerry Brannon** 22324 100th Ave SE Kent WA 98031 (206) 854/4234

Rider I, II, III, IV **Al Odmark** 6523 49th Ave SW Seattle WA 98136 (206) 937/1437

Philco power transformer 32-8204N for 1942 model 42-1010 **David Braun** 17554 12th NE Seattle WA 98155 (206) 363-1980

Dahlberg Pillow Speaker, Crank Phonos, parts and related items, Picture records, any kind, record dusters, needle tins, needle cutters, Juke box & parts, GM remote control (FOS page 165). Advertising records 78 RPM. **Frank Banks** 28232 27th Ave S Federal Way WA 98003 (206) 941/2965

Coil Winding Machine, Riders XXIII, Riders Automatic Record Changers & Recorders, Most often needed Radio Diagrams by Supreme, schematic for National NC-155. Classic Radio Service **Dan Healy** Box 764 Woodacre CA 94973 415/488/4596.





Horn for AK 40. **John Otterstedt** 5530 SW Martha Ter Portland OR 97201 (503) 244/6571

Hallicrafters 12" PM Speaker in chrome trimmed metal cabinet (15.5"high, 13"wide, 9.25"deep) "h" centered on front. **Jim Clark**, 1292 Starboard, Okemos, MI 48864 (517) 349/2249.

RCA Service notes bound volume for 1938 & prior to 1929. **Sonny Clutter** 14407 NE Fremont ST Portland OR 97230 (503) 254/9296

## FOR SALE

Conrac high res. B & W test monitor with pulse cross display (for repairing VCR etc.) works perfectly. \$50. **Ernie Neumann**, 2830 NW 59th St. Seattle, WA 98107 (206) 789/6185.

Spartan 2 band, 6 tube set in O.D. WWII metal case \$35--. Copy of Scott 800B owners manual \$5--. "Sun Mark" white bakelite 5 tube "mini" from Japan \$25--. **Jerry Talbott** 1440 SW 239th Ave Hillsboro OR 97123 (503) 649/6717.

Test equipment, tubes, panel meters, R5D3 Surplus, 6111a SE 82nd, Portland, OR 97266 (503) 774 6560 .

Chassis or parts from Silvertone 101.825 (built by Colonial), Edison 7R chassis, Peerless cathedral speaker, Rek O Kut turntable, Gray arm, Empire cartridge, Rek O Kut Challenger lathe, Garod 11FMP2 with ROLA speaker. **Edwin Buhite** 4041 NE Wistaria Dr. Portland OR 97212 (503) 288/8719.

## LEAD

Many years accumulation from Radio/TV shop. Sams repair data, Riders, Sony Micro-TV 5-303W with case, two Sparton Mirror Glass Triolian consoles, Zeniths, Philco, Bakelites, Consoles, Motorola, Bendix, Transoceanic 8G005T21, Weston Meter, Military, field radio, telegraph key, dynamotor, Auto radios, Hickok Tube tester T53 & Oscilloscope 5505. **Berlin** (503) 284-4813. **October 15th**

