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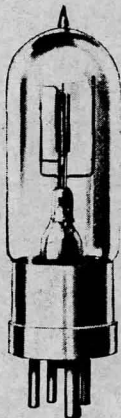
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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 NWVRS has been dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Antique Radio & Wireless apparatus.

The CALL LETTER was founded in 1974 by Harley Perkins (our first President). Editors have served as follows: 1975-77 Bob Bilbie, 1977-78 Bob Hay, 1978-79 Tom James, 1980 Bill DeVey, 1981-83 Jim Mason, 1983-87 Richard Karman & 1987-91 Edwin Buhite.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society meets at the Buena Vista Club House (Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take I-205 & Exit at Park Place, take first right onto Washington St. continue to 15th, left up 15th hill to Jackson, turn left to 16th).

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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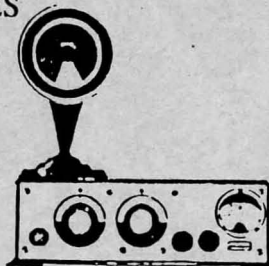
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Thanks to Tex Sloat for providing KQY, Stubbs Electric photos.





ATMOSPHERICA

By JJ

THE AUCTION

A bunch of the guys were swappin' lies,
At the Buena Vista site;
The PowerSupply was cuttin' the pie
And setting the snack-bar right.
When from out of the rain with a look of pain
Came a stranger through the door.
Clutched close to his vest was a set called
"Best",

A kit-job from days of yore.

Then silence reigned, as everyone strained
To hear what the gaffer would say.

" I got me here a set that is dear,
I built when a boy, by the Bay.
Ole Doc Bricker says I got a bad ticker,
I'm in need of a pacer--NOW !

So folks, start in biddin', thout any kiddin';
Mought live some longer, you'll allow".

Someone shouted twenty, another upped plenty,
Then bedlam set in supreme.

And fists started flyin' (the ladies were cryin')
They'd all lost their senses, 'twould seem,

When the atmosphere did finally clear
And the mayhem finally ceases--

The PowerSupply, with teary eye,
Set sweeping up the pieces !

But one of the guys, with two black eyes
And far too fast to tail 'im,
Grabbed up the "Best", and headed west--
He may be safe in Salem !!!





The interior of Stubbs Electric Co.
Left to right--Wilbur Jerman.
Customer at counter-Walter Alphonse.
Date is 1923.

The Purloined Bookcase

by F.W.Sloat, W7AHK

Broadcast station KQY was located on the third floor of the building occupied by Stubbs Electric Co., 6th and Oak Streets in down-town Portland, Oregon. In a special section honoring the firm's 50th anniversary, the Sunday Journal of September 21st, 1947, contained the following information.

"In 1898 an Army quartermaster came to O.B.Stubbs, a Portland hardware dealer, and discussed the possibility of lighting and ventilating a ship for transporting horses. Stubbs formed a partnership with W.O.Fouch, an electrician. They designed the system, devised the supplies, and manufactured them from improvised materials. When the system was turned on everything worked perfectly. The U.S.Army shipped horses to the Philippines using this system."

From this beginning the company grew to be one of the largest electrical supply firms on the Pacific coast. The company began selling wireless spark transmitters and parts in 1912. Working in the store in 1914 was a teenager, Wilbur J. Jerman, who in later years was W7AXO and owned broadcast stations KFWV and KWJJ. In a most interesting interview with Wilbur the inevitable question came up as to when he first became interested in radio. He first heard music over the air when Olfan DeGuire of Silverton, Oregon transmitted voice and music over his modulated arc transmitter in 1910. Two years later Alfred Adams sold Jerman his first audion tube and a hole was cut in the table to hold it.

Wilbur's interest in radio never sagged. While at Stubbs in 1921 he constructed a little 5 watt transmitter and at night would place the set on the counter and play phonograph records. The station was not licensed at this time. In reminiscing of the event Wilbur explained that the plate voltage was supplied by the elevator's power supply- a motor generator delivering 500 volts. It was not so much fear of the radio inspector that kept the set off the air during working hours- he had no power when the elevator was in use.

In the spring of 1922 a studio was constructed in the building and the station became licensed. Had he secured a broadcast license a



short time earlier, he could have become the first in Portland. The new set-up now called for more power and a new transmitter was built. In searching for something to contain it, he kept eying Mr. Stubbs' bookcase. As Stubbs was out of town the manager thought it would be alright if it was used for the radio. Out went the books and in went the new set, complete with a pair of 50 watt tubes and a speech amplifier. For broadcasting orchestras and large groups, a ply-wood horn was attached to a Wonderphone carbon mike. The station was now being heard all over the United States and foreign countries. When Mr. Stubbs arrived home he was so pleased that no complaint was ever made about the bookcase.

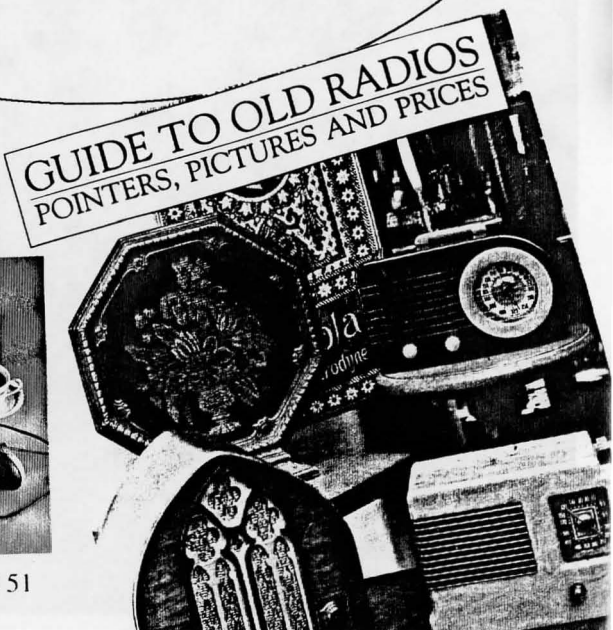
January 12th
NWVRS Annual Business Meeting
Ballot for Constitution Change
Installation of New Officers
Guest Speaker: "Tex Sloat"
Radio History in the Northwest

VINTAGE RADIO

Books and 1991 Calendars at discounted prices will be available at this meet. Members unable to attend may call for a copy while supplies last. (503)288/8719



March - 1924 Crosley Model 51





KQY Stubbs Electric

In the early 20's in Portland
Wilbur Jerman is next to the KQY sign.

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PSARA Meeting Minutes

December 9 1990

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Max Kaplan. 24 members and 3 guests were in attendance. 3 new members were voted in.

New Members: Charles (Dick) Boller
Hewitt Emigh
Einar Jensen

Old Business:

Ribbons were distributed to winners of last month's contest. The ribbons were not available last month.

Al Atworth presented the treasurer's report, all is OK.

Members were reminded that Al Atworth is still taking orders for name tags.

New Business:

The radio room upstairs was locked today. The Club needs to find a way to gain access to the room when the Curator cannot attend meetings.

It was decided that the Club should keep a correspondence file, including copies of the newsletter Horn of Plenty. If any members can donate early copies of the Horn of Plenty to this file they would be appreciated.

A committee was formed to consider the objectives, contents and policies of the Horn of Plenty. The committee will address the club on these matters at the next meeting and will invite open discussion by all. The committee consists of Dave Dintenfass, Marshall Oliphant and Lee Ray.

Max Kaplan gave a talk on German radios of the 1930s and brought 2 fine examples.

Members are reminded it is time to renew membership. Dues must be paid by February 1.

Future Programs:

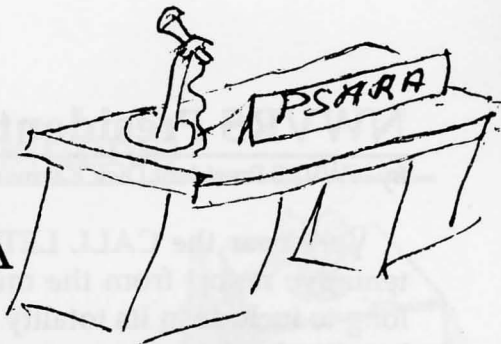
January 20 -- Jim Barrows will show an AWA videotape

February 17 -- David Braun will lead a tour of KIRO Broadcasting

March 17 -- Auction

Lee Ray, PSARA Secretary





From The PSARA President's Desk

By PSARA President Max Kaplan

Hopefully this will find all you PSARA members in good spirits after surviving the past Holiday and New Years season. Here we are, facing a brand new year, full of hopes and expectations and, of course uncertainties. This is the time for resolutions, planning and making "lists of things to do".

Optimistically I hope that many of you will think of ways & means to help improve our club's operation, not just with suggestions, but also by getting actively involved. As always, we need you as speakers at our meets; we need an auctioneer and helpers for our March auction; we need writers for The Horn of Plenty and we need you to participate in the monthly business meetings.

Ribbons for the contest winners were passed out during the December meeting; if you were a winner and didn't make the last meeting, see Al Atworth for your ribbon.

Remember: Membership Renewals are now due, see page two.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Your editor is seeking information and photos concerning early radio broadcasting and manufacturing in Washington. Presently I have some information on Kilbourne & Clark.

How old are KGA & KJR ? We have some information on KDZE, also need info on KFC.

I would like to thank Dick Bell for providing Wno's Who Insert.

Edwin Buhite



NWVRS President's Page

By NWVRS President Dick Karman

Very near the CALL LETTER Deadline I received a tentative report from the museum committee. It is too long to include in its totality so I trust that they will not be offended by a summary of the material.

Frank Rasada met with the interim committee and explained that he has been seeking a location for a radio museum in several parts of the country. He and his wife share the hobby and they have made a significant investment in a building in the Multnomah district of Portland. They will take the time and effort to make a showplace for vintage radio whether NWVRS wishes to participate or not. They see no conflict with the operating philosophy of NWVRS nor our participation.

At the meeting, logistics of how the building will be used were also explained. The larger, more formal area will be a private museum, shown by appointment and perhaps open to general members on certain occasions. Frank plans to set up a "full library" in one portion of the building, and has offered to reserve a portion of the lower floor as a meeting area which could be used by NWVRS for meeting, swap meets and functions.

In regard to cooperation between Frank and the NWVRS, he is willing to give unlimited use (within reason) of a portion of the building, and limited access to other portions of the building. Frank will be handling the insurance, maintenance and utilities for the building, and for the time being, is only asking for volunteer labor to assist in some of his planned structural and design changes.

Frank welcomes any amount of participation the NWVRS wishes to have and has offered us meeting space as early as March.

I appreciate the members of the interim committee who took time to meet and Tom Moore for formalizing the meeting notes. We will again discuss this and other business at the January meeting, and I have have asked for a full re port for the February CALL LETTER.



Ole! (acquisitions)

Jim Barrows

Grebe CR-18
National SW5

David Braun

1936 RCA T6-9
1940 Philco 40-95 battery set
1948 Packard Bell 48B

Edwin Buhite

Zenith X334 maple colonial 7 tube + rectifier
Zenith R275 tan and brown
RCA WP-25A red and blue

Art Corbus

1928 Scott 12 tube / plug-in coils console

R A Dielschneider

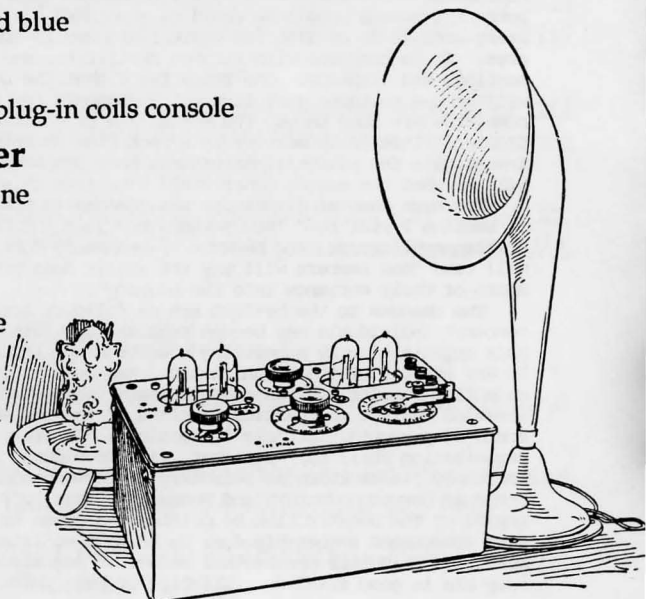
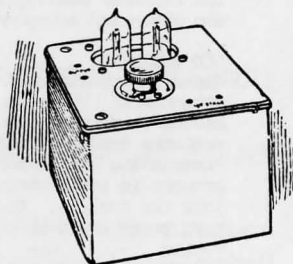
Majestic 461 tombstone
Zenith 7S657R
Airline 7A58
Philco 40-190 console
AMI "C" jukebox

John T. Hoffman

Atwater Kent 37
Philco 89
Hallicrafters S-38B

Ray Nelson

Music Master VIII cabinet horn speaker
Bosch 58 console
Zenith 770B console
1940 Zenith 6D414 bakelite



N W V R S MEETING MINUTES

December 1990

The December meeting was called to order at 10:05. The treasurers report was given and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

January is our annual business meeting, and the Society would like maximum attendance. The part of the meeting minutes published in the Call Letter having to do with the museum we are looking into were changed. The sentence reading "restoration of the building" should have been "remodeling of the building". Copies of other Society newsletters were brought in for members to look at. Additional people were encouraged to join the society. Don't hesitate to sell a membership. Nominations for next years Board were asked for. Twenty seven members were present for voting.

Volunteers for cleanup committee were requested. This position comes with a free membership. Volunteers for refreshment committee were requested also.

The committee to help the Vice President with events and activities are open.

A special committee to look into the new location for the club was discussed. This would be a 60 day tentative committee, and afterward a permanent museum committee would be appointed by the board. The museum being look at is on 31st and Capitol Highway in the Multnomah Village area. It is complete with kitchen facilities, and room for Society meetings and displays. The Board feels that the occupancy should be on a written one to three year tenure. Volunteers for the tentative museum committee are Doug Davee, Tom Moore, Kim Brickman, Ed Buhite, and Sonny Clutter. This group will be of a fact finding nature, and will investigate the potential situations that the Society may come into, as well as what the museum owner would like from this agreement.

The next item of discussion was changes to the constitution. Article 2, section 3 will read "New members may join the Society by submitting a written application, and payment of [current] dues. Article 3, section 3 will read "New members will pay the annual dues prorated based on the month of their entrance into the society"

The changes to the by-laws are as follows: Article 1, section 4 "New members" individuals may become regular associate, or honorary members of this organization by submitting a written application for such membership to any officer of the organization. New membership shall be conditioned upon (for regular and associate members) the payment of one years dues assessed against the particular class of the new member [prorated by the month of payment]. Article 2, section 1 "General: The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary [(also known as Secretary)], Corresponding Secretary [(also known as Correspondents)] and Member at large...". The Board agreed that copies of the constitution be printed and given to new members. The Board also encourages membership dues to be paid no later than the February meeting. This will ensure that member of registration in the roster, and keep him in good standing. Election of next years board was completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item was permission of leads in the newsletter. It was motioned, second, and opened for discussion. It was agreed by a vote of 17 to 5 that a disclaimer of the leads be printed on that page in the newsletter. Arrangements for the tables at the Salem fairground show were brought up. A motion that the Society display be on separate tables from the sale items was passed by a unanimous vote. Doug Davee would be the committee chairman. Volunteers to be on the display committee with Doug are: Kim Brickman, Dave Rutland, Scott MacGregor, and Dave Rutland. Leads and needs were given. Meeting adjourned at 11:19.



Greg Mast

NWVRS Secretary

SWAP SHOP

WANTED

Riders #17 thru 23. Jim Barrows 15121 41st Ave SE Bothell WA 98012
206/337/4880

Speaker for 1929 Atwater Kent 60C radio. Al Lemke 10004 206th Ave NE
Redmond WA 98053 206/868/8165

HELP! I want to be on the "OLE!" page, too! I'm looking for top condition
1949 - 1952 bakelite / plastic televisions. Can you help? Thank You! Marshall
P. Oliphant 952 SW Campus Dr Federal Way WA 98023 206/661/2492

Western Electric model 300 telephones, guts only or complete, don't need
handsets. Audio Control Handbook by Oringel 1956 or 1963 edition,
Handbook of Broadcasting by Abbot, Waldo and Richard Rider 1937 1941
or 1950 edition. David Dintenfass 7549 27th Ave NW Seattle WA 98117
206/784/4803.

Rider #18 thru 23, Lid for Zenith 7G605, information on Kolster K43
power supply, 8" 2500 ohm speaker for Remler 14 tombstone. Jim Gianacos
9110 122nd Pl SE Renton WA 98056 206/228/9398.

Old style tubes wanted: UX216B, UX199, UX210, 80, 77, 75, 71, 44 two, 42,
36, 27 two, 26 four. John T. Hoffman 649 Washington Ave. Bremerton WA
98310 206/373/7315

FOR SALE

National HRO with 7 plug-in coils Ray Nelson 3786 SE 8th Ave Portland
OR 97202 503/233/5063

Silvertone 100.384-1 radio/phono console built by Stewart Warner. make
offer David Braun 17554 12th NE Seattle WA 98155 206/363/1980

Tubes, meters, test equipment. Bob Lee at R5-D3 Electronic Surplus 6111
SE 82nd Ave Portland OR 97266 503/774/6560

Speaker Re-coning; JA MAC 8600 NE Sandy
Portland OR 97220 503/252/2929

NOTICE: Swap Shop is for antique radio and related items such as
phonos & phones. Computer equipment is neither antique nor radio related.

Items listed as LEADS are for sale from non-members.

