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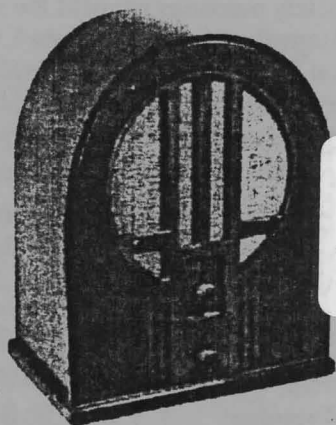
No. 10

## Radio Swap Meet

National Guard Armory,  
Washington County  
Fairgrounds

Hillsboro, Oregon

Admission \$2.00



## Oct 31, 1998

9 AM until 2 PM

\* Antique Radios and Parts \* Vintage Audio \*

\* Vacuum Tubes \*

In print since 1974

# The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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 \$15.00 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 members of the *Call Letter* has continued to be a publication that both informs members of the society's business and that has supported the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Buena Vista Club House at 16th & Jackson Streets in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 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 show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

## Society Officers:

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**On the cover:** The flyer for the Fall Swapmeet adorns the cover this month. Make your plans to be in Hillsboro on the 31st. No ghosts or goblins, just radios!

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**Call Letter Deadline  
25th of the month  
prior to publication.**

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**Don't miss the meeting on October 10 in the Buena Vista Club House. Bring your oldest *unrestored* radio for our monthly feature. We'll be looking for you!**

**Visit the NWVRS web site at:  
<http://www.peak.org/~wren/nvrs.html>.**

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# From the Editor

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by *Call Letter Editor*, Rick Walton

This month's issue really has us back in full swing. Once again we have meeting minutes to publish along with contributions from some familiar folks.

As you can see from the cover, the Fall Swapmeet is just around the corner. If you have items to sell, be sure to get in touch with Myron about table space.

Mike Parker has returned from his vacation and is "In the Shack", this time giving us a list of early '20's crystal set brand names. It's too bad Mike wasn't able to find those great radios in Northern California. I think Mike may be right about this being a portent of the future.

"Wandering on the Web" with Dick Karman also returns to our pages this month with several URL's to check out. This time Dick has found some interesting international sites of interest to radio collectors.

As a sign of our times, all of the contributions to this issue (except for mine) including a number of the roster updates, came to me by e-mail, by far the easiest way for me to receive and use information. Although our hobby reveres and celebrates the technology of the past, our methods for pursuing our hobby take full advantage of current technology. More and more of us communicate by e-mail, and keep up with what other collectors are doing using Internet news groups and the World Wide Web. It all contributes to making radio collecting more fun and exciting.

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## 1998 NWVRS Calendar of Events

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- October 10** Regular meeting. Monthly feature: your oldest *unrestored* radio.
- October 17 & 18** Northwest Car Collectors Show and Swap Meet
- October 31** Fall Swap Meet. National Guard Armory, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, Hillsboro, Oregon.
- November 13** Regular meeting.

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# Meeting Minutes

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by Liles Garcia, Secretary

The September 12, 1998 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society was called to order at approximately 10:05 by President Dave Rutland. There were 28 members present.

Members approved the June, 1998 meeting minutes.

## New Business

Swap Meet: Our Swap Meet will be on Saturday, October 31. Sale tables will cost \$10.00, and Myron White is taking reservations. Myron's phone number is (503) 629-5513.

Call Letter: Rick Walton mentioned that he very much appreciated everyone's help with publishing the Call Letter during the summer.

## Good and Welfare

Club member Jim Mason is in the hospital for some tests. There have been no definite results yet. All of the members present signed a swap meet notice, and George Kirkwood will enclose it in a get-well card.

## Leads and Needs

Ed Charman's church has a Sparton console radio for sale at the church's garage sale today.

Glen Bricker recently bought the contents of an old radio repair shop and he brought some knobs and books to sell. He also has a set of Rider's for sale.

Mike Parker has a contact who has a Martian crystal set for sale.

George Kirkwood has many engineering books for sale.

Northwest Car Collectors Show and Swap Meet-Dan Howard will have a display for our club at this event on October 17 and 18.

October Meeting Program-The program for our October meeting will be the oldest radio in your collection that is basically in its original condition. Please do not bring restored radios for this program item.

Members showed and discussed the tombstone radios that they brought.

The meeting was then adjourned.



## In the Shack

### More Trade Names

We went to the Northern California Coast on our vacation this year. I was hoping to see a lot of radios for sale. After visiting several second hand shops in Sonoma and Mendocino counties, I found exactly 2 radios for sale and one was a Zenith wood table set from the 40's that was overpriced for it's condition. Out of 15 to 20 shops, 2 radios is not many at all. Maybe all the collectors have picked California clean! Is this the future scenario?



Since I can't report on all the great radios I found, I have researched some more radio related trade names from the 1921 to 1925 era. I have a list compiled of popular crystal set trade names, offered in the early 20's.

A.C. GILBERT	ACME	AERIOLA JR.
AERIOLA X	AEREX	AIRPHONE
AJAX	BABY GRAND	BESTONE
BETTA TONE	BLINKER	BRECO
BROWNIE	B.T.H.	CARCO
CAT'S MEOW	C.D.T.	COMMERCE
RADIOPHONE	CONCERT JR.	DU-WA
DYMAC	ECLIPSE	ELF
EUREKA	FEDERAL JR.	FLIVVER
G.E.	GLEN	GREG-SOR
HALLERIO	HEARWELL	HOWE
INDIA	IVORY	KRYSTALCEPTOR
L.D.R.	LEMCO	LITTLE TATTLER
MARTIAN	MARVEL	MEEPON

METRO  
MIRACLE  
ORATOR  
PHILMORE  
REMLER  
RAD-SCO  
TRESCOLA  
WORLD

MIDGE  
MONTE BLUE  
PANDORA  
QUALITY  
RADIOGRAND  
SECO  
TRIX  
WOW

MIDGET  
NICKELETTE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
RADICLEAR  
RADJO  
STEINITE  
VICTOR  
X-L

This is probably not all of them, by any means but is enough to start something! If you have names not listed here, please bring them to the meeting, call me, or mail them. Or, you can now e-mail me at kb7rss@ethergate.com. The crazier the trade name, the better I like it! From the above list, I think I like RADJO the best, sort of a trade name taken from common slang of the 20's. CAT'S MEOW is pretty wild.....Maybe they made one called "BEE'S KNEES"!

QSO you next time.....IN THE SHACK

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## Wandering the Web

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by Dick Karman

I'm back wandering on the Web. The internet changes so frequently that any discrepancy between this report and what you see if you look today can be attributed to "jetlag." I started out looking for our friends in Great Britain. From there I wandered to other international sites. The radio collecting craze has always been strong with the folks who refer to tubes as valves and radio as wireless, but the Internet Virtual Museums have taken a while longer to materialize on the other side of the Atlantic.



The first URL is Alan Lord's Vintage Radio Site at

[http://www.dundeecoll.ac.uk/Sections/CS/Staff/al\\_radio/gallery.htm](http://www.dundeecoll.ac.uk/Sections/CS/Staff/al_radio/gallery.htm)

It is a very nicely annotated picture gallery, with hints and tips as well as a build your own radio project guide for a "Medium Wave T.R.F. Radio."

I also found the London Vintage Radio Club newsletter VOLUME 9, NO. 4 on a geocities.com site:

<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/4884/more3.html>

It gives a good look at how the clubs operate in Canada and elsewhere. If you happen to be in Ontario, they meet the last Saturday of every month at the JayCees premises 317 Adelaide St South, London, Ontario, Canada. Meeting Time 1:00 pm the doors open at 12:00 To set up sale items.

Closer to home I found a link to John Jenkins Vintage Radios:

<http://www.halcyon.com/johnj/radios/>

It's on a very fast server (when I visited it) and looked very nice. The gallery has hundreds of images of vintage equipment on a full page format suitable for capturing as a screen saver or to take a color print for documenting model numbers and the like.

For a site that links to any number of vintage things, I took a look at Al Girard, VE60A, page:

<http://www.compumart.ab.ca./agirard/INDEX.HTM>

The part I liked best was his links to other Vintage radio (equipment and programs) sites. It is a little obscure from his home page but you can find it through

<http://www.compumart.ab.ca./agirard/VINTAGE.HTM>

If you're interested in what they Scandinavians collect, visit the picture gallery of Jorgen Ohlson, of Uddevalla Sweden:

<http://hem.passagen.se/radiojo>

He has a nice link page to Antique Radio Museums in Scandinavia.

Lastly, I noted "Past Times," a nostalgia entertainment newsletter, advertised on

<http://www.ptnostalgia.com/radlinks.html>

Beyond the newsletter the site has multiple interesting links to vintage radio and Old Time Radio sites. I found several I hadn't heard about.

During the winter months I hope to supply our editor with more "Wandering on the Web." See you next time.

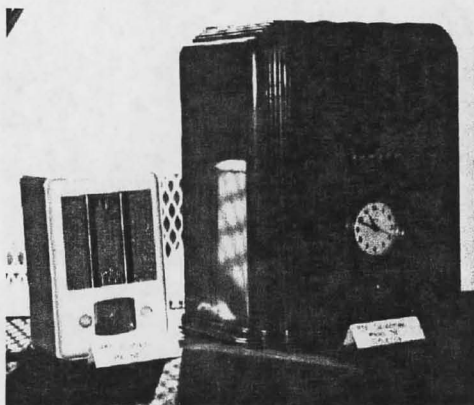


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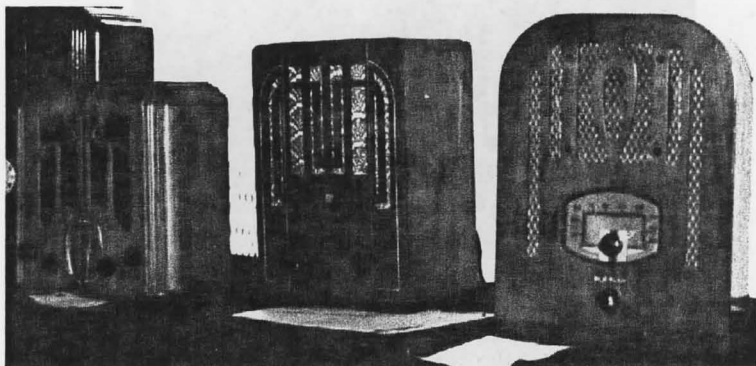
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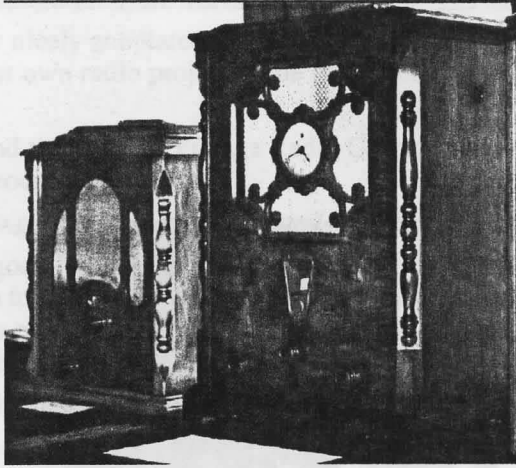
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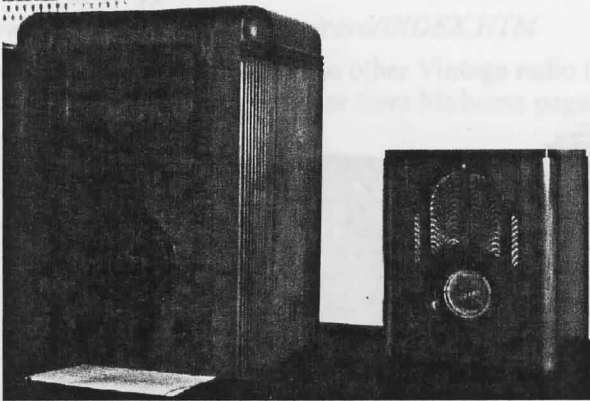
(L) Admiral 150-52 and (R) Sparton 738 "Selectime" - Jerry Talbott



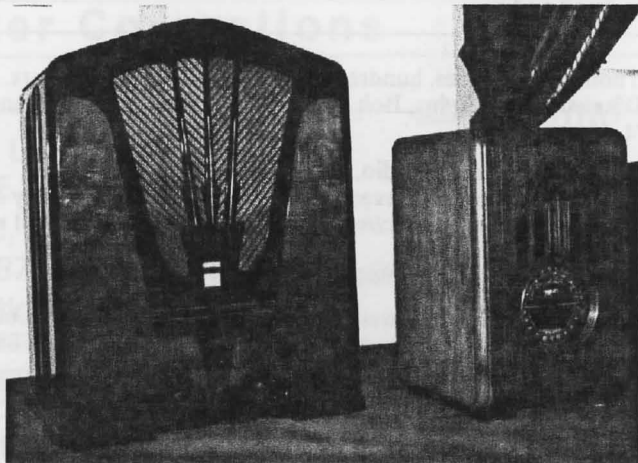
(L) Crosley 666 - Glen Bricker; (C) Westinghouse WR22 - Ed Pittaway; (R) RCA 84BT6 - Rudy Zvarich



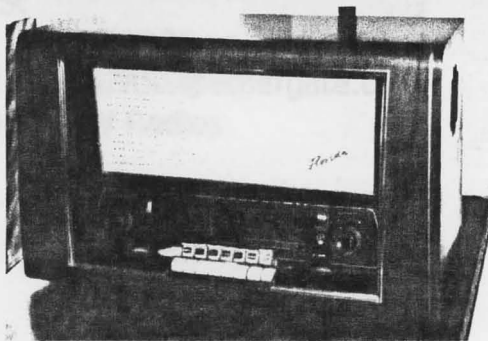
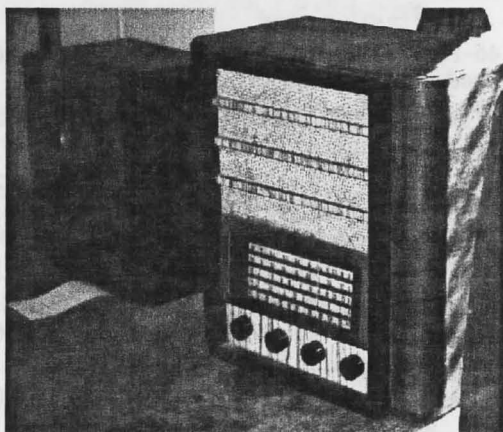
(L) Norco Model 4 - Speed Feldschau; (R) General Electric S-22-X - Ray Nelson



(L) Sparton 617 - Rick Walton; (R) Crosley - Brian Toon



(L) Philco 16B - Myron White; (R) Zenith - Pat Kagi



(L Top) Silvertone 833 - Mike Parker ;  
 (R Top) Echophone EC108 and (Bottom) Blaupunkt - Liles Garcia

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# Swap Shop

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**FOR SALE:** Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 6111 SE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR, (503) 774-6560.

**BUY, SELL, & TRADE:** Vintage Radio, Early Television and Hi-Fi.

Wanted: Tubes, Parts and whatever you might have related to early radio & TV. Visit my web-site at: < <http://www.radiolaguy.com> > or e-mail me at:

< [sonny@radiolaguy.com](mailto:sonny@radiolaguy.com) >

Thanks, Sonny Clutter, phone (360) 834-5741

**WANTED:** The Crystal Radio Guy wants crystal sets and toy germanium diode radios. Buy outright, or trade for other radios. Galen (503) 231-9708.

**WANTED:** \*\*Schematic and servicing information for Philco 46-131 battery set. Not in Rider's! Contact Rick Walton, 284-5648.

**WANTED:** \*\*For RP-6, RS-6, etc., military CW transceiver: Power Supply (dead or alive); also, any parts, info, or a schematic for a NORCO (Northwestern Radio) 3-dial battery receiver, made here in Portland. Jim Barratt, (360) 834-4429.

**WANTED:** \*Philco 46-1201 radio/phono, the one with the slot to put the record in to play it. Ray Vanderzanden, 648-2287.

**FOR SALE:** \*\*1948 Crosley 9-122W -\$35 and novelty plastic train locomotive (Japan) with name "C.P. Huntington" on it-\$35. Jerry Talbott 503-649-6717

**FOR SALE:** \*Silvertone console, R/P Model #9108. Good condition, \$60.

Silvertone console, Model #6335, \$75. 1942 Zenith console Model #7S682, cabinet needs to be refinished, \$50. Knight console, sliding doors, 1930?, \$50. Howard Burgoyne, 650-3828, West Linn.

**FOR SALE or TRADE:** \*Over 400 78 records - Big Bands, Frankie Lane, Doris Day, etc. 50¢ each or trade for radios. Howard Burgoyne, 650-3828, West Linn.

**FOR SALE:** \*Old records. Contact Tom Johnson, 681-2320, Hillsboro.

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# Roster Corrections

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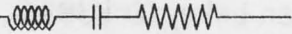
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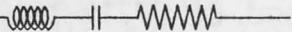
†Hoke, Scott

6978 SW Tierra del Mar Dr.

Beaverton, OR 97007

(503) 696 9392 desk.jet@MCI2000.com

Tube Radios, incl. consoles.



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\*Janke, Garth

985 Downs Street, S.

Salem, OR 97302

(503) 361-7845

Radio of the 40's and 50's, (portable and table only)



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†Parker, Michael A. KB7RSS

945 SE Linn St

Portland, OR 97202-7027

(503) 235-7187 KB7RSS@ethergate.com

20's & 30's BC & SW Radios



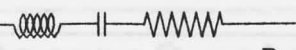
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Interests: General

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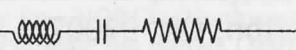
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† New member.  
\*\* Address Correction.

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