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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 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).

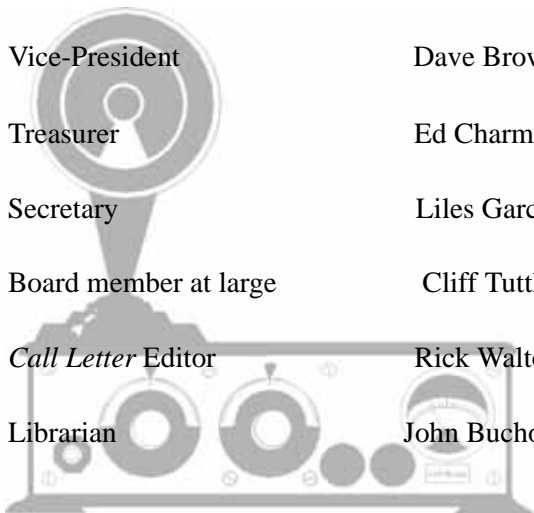
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

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: The flier for the Spring Swap Meet. An important difference this Spring is that the Swap Meet does not fall on the regular meeting day, but one week later. There will be a meeting as usual on May 13.

The next meeting is on May 13, 2006.

Annual dues are now overdue!

May Feature: Tube-type novelty sets.

Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.

Next Call Letter Deadline: May 31, 2006.

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

As always, it is late in the month and I'm assembling the *Call Letter*. The past month has been a busy one on the home radio front. I continue to work on the restoration of the Zenith "Walton" with the hope of turning it into a real showpiece. I've been gathering Zenith branded tubes for it, and I've managed to find all but the 6L7G converter tube. I sent the speaker off for reconing, and now it is back looking just wonderful. I have cloth-covered wire on order to rewire the speaker now that its cone is complete. Soon I will start the work of restoring the electronics in the set, rebuilding the paper capacitors with modern equivalents tucked away inside the original paper tubes. I guess I shouldn't say anymore and save all the narrative for a "Play It Again, Sam!" submission.

My attention is diverted somewhat by my upcoming trip to Hawaii to reunite with a couple of bands that I played with in the '70s. I'll have to look up Jeff Martin while I'm there. As much as I hate to miss a meeting, I have to say that the opportunity to be in Hawaii with old friends takes precedence over my attendance at the May meeting. My thanks go to Sonny Clutter who has agreed to take pictures of the radio display in my absence.

I will be back in time to attend the Spring Swap Meet, the subject of this issue's cover. I'm really looking forward to this Swap Meet, not only because I'm going to be selling (for the first time), but also because it will be in a new location that (I think) holds great promise. There is clearly a lot of apprehension within the club about this Swap Meet, as evidenced by the level of debate in the last two or three meetings. My sense is that much of this apprehension will evaporate once we've had a chance to experience this new location and assess the level of interest in viewing and buying our wares. The location seems perfect to place our vintage radios before a group of people predisposed to shopping for antiques.

This issue is slender compared to last month's 16-page heavyweight, but I suppose that is to be expected. Sonny Clutter tells me that there doesn't seem to be any interest in informing the membership of the past month's collecting successes, so we don't have "Voilà" this month. Perhaps next month. "In the Shack" is reprinted from the June 1996 *Call Letter*. Mike begins the listing of the radios that included "dyne" as part of their names. Don't miss the announcement of the auction that Bob Campbell is conducting in conjunction with the Swap Meet. And a final last minute arrival, an obituary for Elma Farnsworth, excerpted from an Associated Press article on Yahoo! News, and brought to my attention by Blake Dietze.

NWVRS 2006 Calendar of Events

- May 7** O.C.A.R.C. 2nd Annual Flea Market. Orchard City Amateur Radio Club. Kelowna, BC. <http://www.ocarc.ca/2006%20Flea%20market.htm>
- May 13** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- May 20** NWVRS Spring Swap/Sale at Aurora VFW Hall, Aurora, Oregon. *NEW LOCATION!*
- May 27** The Third Annual 145.29 Chili Cookout and Swap Meet. 1055 Erixon St. NE Salem, Oregon, close to I-5. The cost is \$5 and \$10 for families. 12 noon to 3 PM. For information, contact Dan, WA7ABU, wa7abu@arrl.net. <http://www.qsl.net/wa7abu/Chili.html>.
- June 2, 3 & 4** Apple City Radio Club Hamfest, Dryden Gun club. Dryden, WA. Contact Judy, ka7zna@msn.com for information. <http://www.qsl.net/w7td/>
- June 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- June 10** Hamfest 2006. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Lions Club, Hiway 53, Rathdrum, ID. For more info contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)667-4915 or email n7esu@arrl.net.
- June 16-18** SEA*PAC, Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, OR Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC <http://www.seapac.org>
- July 8** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- July 14-16** Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest July 18-20, 2003, East Glacier, MT. <http://www.gwhamfest.org>
- July 29** Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. Contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, k7osk@boatanchor.com
- August 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

- August 12** The 10th Annual Greater Portland Insulator Swap — 9999 SE Frenchacres Dr. Portland, OR. 1:00 pm until early evening. No charge. RSVP appreciated so that we can plan the food. Contact Dan Howard (503)659-3520 e-mail: strains@msn.com.
- August 12** Hamfest and Electronics Flea Market, Radio Club of Tacoma; Bethel Junior High School
22001 38th Avenue East, Spanaway, WA
- August 20** Antique Radio Swap Meet — Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle.
- September 9** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- September 23** Spokane Hamfest. (ARRL Washington State Convention) University High School, Spokane, WA 99206.
<http://www.kbara.org>. Info, contact Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, n7wrq@aol.com. (509)448-5821.
- October, 2006** Swap-Toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. (Ten miles west of Salem). For information, contact n7bud@arrl.net. <http://www.swaptoberfest.net/>
- October 14** NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale at Aurora VFW Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- October 14** North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club Hamfair. Bremerton, WA. Kitsap Fairgrounds. For information, contact Ron Sefton, N7EM, (360)779-5418, ronsefton@hotmail.com or Horace Ory, (360)779-2215. ory001@comcast.net. <http://www.nkarc.org/hamfest/index.html>.
- October 28** Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club Flea Market, Lynden, WA. Always the last Saturday in October. For information, contact k7iey@netscape.net
- November 11** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. Nomination of officers for 2007.
- December 9** NWVRS monthly meeting and annual Holiday Party 10 am. Election of officers for 2007.

NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, NWVRS Secretary

President George Kirkwood called the April 8, 2006 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the February Call Letter with the following correction: George Kirkwood donated the book "Guide To Old Radios" to our Society's library and not the book "Flick Of The Switch". Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as provided by Ed. There were 40 members at our meeting today. Dennis and Sylvia Killeby attended our meeting today as guests. Members welcomed them with a round of applause.

Old Business

Swap Meet--Brian Toon reported that many tables are sold. He also said that we can set up on Friday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Brian said that he would like some help in setting up. There is a little parking at the American Legion building; and there are more parking spaces on the nearby streets. There will be food available at our Swap Meet.

New Business

We will have a meeting in May; and we will meet during the summer months.

Tech Talk

President George Kirkwood described what "pot metal" is and why it is usually found broken and crumbled in old radios. Many thanks to George for this interesting discussion!

Leads and Needs

Rick Walton needs two tube shields for a Zenith "Walton" radio.

The program topic for the meeting today was "One Tube Radios". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought.

The program topic for our May meeting will be "Tube-Type Novelty Radios".

The meeting was adjourned.

Photo Display

Photos by Rick Walton

Here are the one-tube sets that members displayed at the April meeting.



Westinghouse Aeriola and Montgomery Ward
Mark Richardson



Tinytone Pocket Radio
Galen Feight



Homebrew 1-tube Reflex
Roger Brown



Regen Kit - Dave Brown



Northwestern Radio Mfg. Co.
Unknown



Monroe



Homebrew or kit



Crosley 50



Crosley V

George Kirkwood



Westinghouse Aeriola & Brochure



Kilbourne & Clark



Unknown make

Sonny Clutter

Airline





Allied Radio Knight Radio Lab Kit
Jerry Talbott

Masterphone



Special Auction Announcement

by Bob Campbell

I am getting rid of my accumulation of radio parts. There are 250 *pounds* of stuff, including 850 NOS & tested good tubes, Sams Vol. 1-375 in 12 binders, mostly home radios, no TVs. 500+ resistors, 450 capacitors, Gernsback official radio service manuals Vols. 1,2,3,5 — 3200 pages. Browning-Drake 5-tube battery set 192?; 1941 Philco 41-250 table radio, 8-tube; seven Sams audio repair manuals, many theory and repair books, and many bags of everything. Sealed bids are being accepted now, and will be opened at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Swap meet. One bid takes all, any or all bids can be refused. See you at the swap meet.

Swap Meet Table Reservation

At last report, all the upstairs tables are reserved, but there might still be a few downstairs. Contact Brian Toon at (503)266-5527 right away for your table reservation or mail this form (or reasonable facsimile) with \$15 to Brian Toon at 1128 N. Manzanita St., Canby, OR 97013.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	E-mail:
No. of tables:	
Need power?:	



Editor's note: This "In The Shack" article is from the June, 1996 Call Letter.

Whatsadyne

The Webster's New World Dictionary defines the noun dyne as French for power or Greek for dynamic. It is further defined as, "The amount of force that imparts to a mass of one gram, an acceleration of one centimeter per second, per second."



It is impossible to be interested in radio without encountering the word dyne. Probably the best known example of this is it's use in the Superheterodyne. Two types of radio circuits that were marketed in the early 1920's were the superheterodyne and the neutrodyne. Both patented circuits were considered so special that they were carefully and vigilantly guarded by their developers. The result of infringement was generally in the form of a law suit and a fine.

This type of elitism apparently started a radio name fad. From the August 1925 issue of the Radio Trade Directory and the radio collector's guide (Published by Vintage Radio, (C) Morgan McMahon) I compiled these radio names incorporating the word, dyne.

Aer-A-Dyne	Carodyne	Dyneodyne
Aerodyne	Cincodyne	Ecodyne
Akradyne	Claradyne	Electradyne
Amacodyne	Clear-O-dyne	Equidyne
Apollodyne	Combidyne	Escodyne
Audiodyne	Compendyne	Flex-O-dyne

Aurodyne	Concerdyne	Gar-Shear-dyne
Babydyne	Crimp-O-dyne	Harmodyne
Blitzdyne	Deresnadyne	Heraldnye
Caladyne	Diamadyne	Hexadyne
Capacidyne	Duodyne	Hilcodyne
Hyperdyne	Morradyne	Solodyne
Infradyne	Novadyne	Standardyne
Islodyne	Paradyne	Superdyne
Lascodyne	Pelradyne	Super-Unidyne
Logodyne	Perflexodyne	Superiordyne
Macadyne	Pliodyne	Synchrodyne
Magadyne	Polydyne	Technidyne
Magnadyne	Puradyne	Teledynedyne
Marlodyne	Pyrodyne	Ten-Co-dyne
Marv-O-dyne	Radyne	Thermiodyne
Masterdyne	Radiodyne	Thor-O-dyne
Melodyne	Ray-O-dyne	Tone-a-dyne
Metrodyne	Reactodyne	Torodynedyne
Microdyne	Regenodyne	Tranadyne
Mirrodyne	Rico-dyne	Tropadyne
Monodyne	RPModyne	Ultradyne
Montrodyne	Selectodyne	Wav-O-dyne
	Simpli-dyne	

And, Last, but not least... Dyne-O-Night!

Two companies elected to drop the “e” from the word: aerodyn of New York City; and Crosley with their trirdyn model. In the mid 1930’s and almost too late to be in vogue, Stewart Warner named a radio chassis the Ferrodyne.

Even I succumbed to this madness! When Greg Bonn and I acquired a radio parts collection from a fellow named Sahnaw, I built a short wave battery set, using his old Freshman lift top cabinet and 1920's parts. It turned out to be a real beauty, and naturally... I name it a Sahnawdyne

I must not forget to mention our own NW Vintage Radio Society trademark battery set, the "Hunkerdyne." If any of you find other "dynes" that I have not listed, please let me know.

Maybe in future articles (unless I've turned into a total lunatic) I'll index names ending in "ola," or "tone"... Stay Tuned.

See you next time in *THE SHACK*.

TV Pioneer Elma Farnsworth Dies at 98

By DEBBIE HUMMEL, Associated Press Writer Tue May 2, 1:12 PM ET. Submitted by Blake Dietze

SALT LAKE CITY - Elma Gardner "Pem" Farnsworth, who helped her husband, Philo T. Farnsworth, develop the television and was among the first people whose images were transmitted on TV, has died at age 98.

Her death Thursday was confirmed by Mary Rippley, assistant director of nursing at Avalon Care Center in Bountiful, where Farnsworth lived.

Farnsworth, who married the young inventor in 1926, worked by her husband's side in his laboratories and fought for decades to assure his place in history after his 1971 death.

Elma Farnsworth was received with applause when she stood up at the Academy of Television Arts & Science's Emmy Awards tribute to her husband in Los Angeles in 2002.

Elma Farnsworth was born near Vernal on Feb. 25, 1908. Her family moved to Provo, where she met the man she would marry and call "Phil." The couple had four sons. The Farnsworths lived in several parts of the country, including in Fort Wayne, Ind., before returning to Utah.

In a 1999 interview with The Journal Gazette of Fort Wayne, she recalled that she was more interested in fighting for recognition of her husband than he was.

"He'd say, 'We have too much to do for the future to worry about the past. History will take care of that,'" she said.

"He told me early on, 'We're going to be right on the leading edge, and it's going to be very exciting.'"

Survivors include sons Russell of New York and Kent of Fort Wayne.

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

FOR SALE: *Radio-TV Service signs: RCA, metal-\$100, Sylvania, metal-\$100, and a Sylvania dealers banner-\$75. Contact Jerry Talbott at (lords1st@easystreet.com) for more details and pictures.

FOR SALE: *Four large table top radios, 1937 Arvin 818 (8 tube) tuning eye set-\$100, 1941 RCA Q44 (12 tube) tuning eye, 8 band set-\$175, 1941 Zenith 7J045T 8 band set-\$175, 1946 Emerson 524 (10 tube) 4 band set-\$100. Jerry Talbott (Phone-503-538-4041) Email (lords1st@easystreet.com)

WANTED: *A Pilot Superwasp radio complete. I will pay top dollar. R Campbell hm11cc@aol.com

Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jbj@ix.netcom.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or ranft@saw.net – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 293-7835, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

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Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo's, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy
Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

New Swap Meet Location

Map by Google

Here is a map to Aurora. The American Legion hall is just off of Highway 99E at the corner of 3rd and Main Street NE. Exits off I-5 to Aurora are clearly marked from either direction. Really, you can't miss it.

