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**SPEED FELDSCHAU MEMORIAL SWAP MEET &
PICNIC @THE GRANGE: JULY 12TH @9AM**

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).

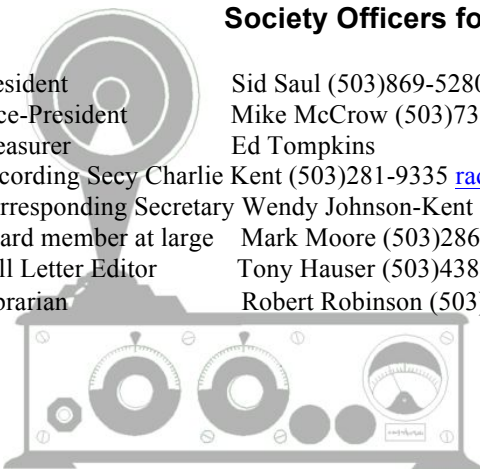
The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that informs members of the 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 shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held in and around Portland.

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On the cover: Alan Shaddock’s cathedral from the June display of Philco radios

Monthly Feature: The second annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet from 9:00am to 1:30pm

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 and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NWVRS**

Next Call Letter deadline: July 28, 2014

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Sunny 1550 Ad

**...it's always
a Sunny Day at...**



NWVRS June Meeting Minutes

By Recording Secretary Charlie Kent

President Sid Saul called the June 14, 2014 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our President. Forty-eight members were in attendance, with no guests.

Health and Welfare

Bob Lee is still recovering from heart issues. Ed Tompkins' sister passed away and he is visiting family and attending her memorial service during our meeting time.

Don Iverson Award

Mike McCrow thanked the judges and contestants for participating in the Don Iverson Craftsmanship award last month. Chris Butler received applause for winning for the second year.

Trash Bash

Thank yous were expressed to Brian Snawder for use of a trailer donated by his work, and to Chris Butler for supplying the truck. The annual trash bash occurred in the parking lot.

Call Letter

The Sunny 1550 radio advertisement will need to be updated by Dick Bixler to reflect our new swap meet location and date change.

At Mark Richardson's suggestion, it was decided Pat Kagi will send out electronic *Call Letters* only to the clubs from which we receive their newsletters.

The Call Letter ran out of cover stock. Several months worth of cover paper stock have been donated to the club by Blake Dietze.

Webmaster Pat Kagi came up with a prorating formula method by quarter for new member dues. Pat has been needing a new laptop and a laptop was generously offered by Blake Dietze.

Radios for Sale

Before the meeting a man by the name of John Oace brought in color photos of nice consoles he has for sale. Copies were left on the back counter for those interesting in contacting him.

Recording Secretary

Charlie Kent asked for a motion to approve the May 10, 2014 meeting minutes as they appeared in *The Call Letter*. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and approved.

Education Committee

Chair Charlie Kent shared the education outreach performed at the Gilman Park Retirement Center. Dick Karman delivered his presentation with Liles Garcia and Charlie in attendance. More education outreaches will be planned with Dick Karman.

The Junebug Rally education outreach at our new Lombard swap location took place as planned and was well received. One of the club's new pop up tents with signage had tables manned by Mark Moore, Blake Dietze, Sid Saul and Charlie Kent.

Treasurer's Report

Wendy Johnson-Kent gave the Treasurer's report for Ed Tompkins.

Out of Aurora

Brian Toon reported he placed the call to receive our American Legion deposit refund. Brian was given a round of applause for his 9 years of service.

Sid Saul called Aurora Colonies' Karen Townsend who graciously offered to continue passing out our swap meet flyers to Aurora customers for our new location. Liles will call to confirm the offer and drop off flyers as the date gets closer.

September 27 Eagles Lodge on Lombard Swap Meet

The September 27th highlights include:

- A vote determined all tables and parking lot spaces will cost the same for club members and non-club members alike. The cost is \$15 for an inside table, and \$10 a parking space.
- Starting on September 27th tables will be sold on a first right of refusal basis, as long as you pay that day for the next swap meet.
- Hours remain the same: Set-up Friday night from 4:00-7:00 pm; Saturday doors open for set-up at 7:00 am, and public 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Volunteers thus far include: Sid Saul, Mike McCrow, Tom Hoskins, Brian Snawder, Rick Ryan and Charlie Kent.
- There will be parking lot security to aid in the direction of vendor parking between 7:00-9:00 am by club volunteers the day of the event. One security guard will be on duty between event hours of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Ham clubs will be invited, and Sonny Clutter will be talking to Triode Society members about joining the swap.
- Mike Miller will be in attendance with his vast variety of tubes.
- Applause was awarded Joe Corsi who donated his paid table to the club treasury. Joe and his wife will not be traveling to Portland in September.
- Thanks goes to Sonny Clutter who is creating the flyer for the meet.
- Sid was able to get the October meeting date back with the club's Grange Hall at a cost of \$85.00. The club voted to not

miss either the September or October meetings due to the change of swap meet date to September 27th.

- Contact Rick Ryan at (503) 474-7778 or Charlie Kent at (503) 891-4615 for tables.

2nd Annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic

- Flyers have been and will be passed out at the Lombard Eagles Flea Market, Airport Holiday Inn Collectors Market, and Avenue 115 Auction House (owner is club member Tom Patterson).
- Mike McCrow has checked into getting our swap meet and picnic advertised on Channel 8's weekend calendar of events.
- All the Grange tables will be placed outside for club member use on a first-come basis. You are encouraged to bring card tables as we used every table last year and anticipate there won't be enough.
- **Swap start time is 9:00 am, lunch begins at 11:00 am, auction is at 12:30 pm, and event end is 1:30 pm with volunteers requested for take-down and clean up.**
- Member's families are warmly invited to attend. The club will be furnishing hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, soda and water. Last year members brought side dishes to add to the fare and it worked very well. A donation can will be displayed for the public if they wish to join in the lunch.
- The BBQ and one of the ice chests will be furnished by Charlie Kent; and Pat Kagi will be again furnishing the snow cone and popcorn machines.
- Dick Karman will supply us with his large ice chest for drinks, and again provide music for the festivities.

August Presentation

Jerry Hertel will be giving a presentation on credit card swipers. This information will come in handy for those who wish to use them at swap meets.

Library

A new AWA Journal is available for check out.

Jim Mason Fund

Chris Butler gave a compelling presentation and recommendation on investment of Jim Mason's original \$30,000 club legacy. A club vote decided to invest the money in a basket of mutual funds. It is yet to be determined as to what company we will go with.

Monthly Feature

June's monthly feature was Philco radios. August's Monthly Feature will be **Large Dial Table Radios**. Carryover for September's consideration is Crosley Radios.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Auction

Items were donated to raise money for the purchase of security jackets for the twice yearly Lombard swap meets.

NWVRS Calendar of Events

Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from: PNW Hamfair web page at www.n7cfo.com/amJradio/hf/hf.htm

The PSARA monthly meeting information comes from The Horn of Plenty.

- July 12** **NWVRS Second Annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic.** 9am-1:30pm, Abernethy Grange parking lot.
- July 19** **Coos County Radio Club Hamfest and Swapmeet**
North Bend, OR. <http://www.coosradioclub.org/>
- July 20** **PSARA** monthly meeting 11:30am; Abraham White Award
- July 26** **16th Annual Pacific NW Ham Radio Tailgate Swapmeet** Lewis County Fairgrounds
<http://www.cvars.org/>
- August 9** **NWVRS** monthly meeting 10am; tailgate swap 8:30.
Monthly Feature: Large Dial Table Radios.
- August 16** **Clark County Ham Fair** Salmon Creek American Legion Hall, 14011 NE 20th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98686
www.w7aia.org
- August 17** **PSARA Antique Radio Swapmeet** 9am – 1pm,
Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave.
North, Shoreline, WA
www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/
flyer: <http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/psara.pdf>
- August 23** **Highline Amateur Radio Club SwapFest** Des Moines, WA. Always the 4th Saturday in August.
www.highlinearc.org/swapfest.html

NWVRS June Display

By Staff Photographer Chris Butler



Blake Dietz



Larry Tobkin

NWVRS June Display



Sonny Clutter



Chris Butler

The Aspiring Radiotrician

By President Sid Saul

New Chapter From the Road

Today my wife and I open a new chapter in our lives. We have been living in downtown Portland in no less than three different apartments, and no more than three blocks apart for the past seventeen years. Just ten hours to go and we turn out the lights and lock the apartment door for the final time. We are looking forward to our multi-month road trip together. Our first adventure of this type in almost 35 years of marriage. First stop is beautiful Christmas Valley in eastern Oregon's high desert, then a crossing into California or Nevada. We will focus on Oregon and Washington in which to find our permanent home. The plan is to see as much of the northwest as possible for the next two or three months.

This month's article has less of my usual ramblings, but hopefully is no less useful for you, the radiotrician. When doing alignments have you ever wished for a way to substitute for an output meter? We have all used a sensitive ac meter connected to the speaker's voice coil or the plate of the output tube to indicate peak. In the latter case using a .1 uF 600 volt capacitor to protect our meter from high dc voltages. It finally dawned on me that I already had such an output meter on my smartphone. The human ear just can't discern small changes in sound intensity. Sound levels need to change by a factor of about two before we can distinguish any difference. By that time we may have overshoot the peak. Hence the need for a meter. For most of us who use a smartphone the solution is a free sound monitoring application. Living downtown often subjected me to ear damaging noise. The sound meter was my way of letting me know just how dangerous things were at times. These free apps can differentiate very

small differences in sound levels. Just place the phone with the sound meter running near the radio speaker in a room without extraneous noise. You can now see precisely when the peak is reached by the highest dB indicated on your new meter *see photo*, and it also graphs sound vs time. Now how cool is that!



So until next time, from the road, your Aspiring Radiotrician...Sid

June 11 BOD Meeting Minutes

By Recording Secretary Charlie Kent

President Sid Saul called the meeting of the June 11, 2014 Board of Directors of NWVRS to order at 6:40pm at the American Red Cross offices. In attendance: President Sid Saul, Vice President Mike McCrow, Recording Secretary Charlie Kent, Treasurer Ed Tompkins, Member-at-large Mark Moore, and Website Outreach Pat Kagi.

Pat will use a donated laptop computer from Blake Dietze until a decision is made on his computer needs. Since the meeting, it has been determined Pat needs a desktop computer. Pricing, depending on the amount of software required, ranges from \$700-\$1200. A Board vote will be taken at the Speed Feldschau memorial Swap Meet and Picnic to decide which pricing will be used.

Charlie Kent talked about donated radios paying for September swap sale venue jackets. Since the Board meeting an auction took place at the June NWVRS meeting. From a combination of radios donated by Charlie, another donation source, and a club member donation, \$218.00 was raised.

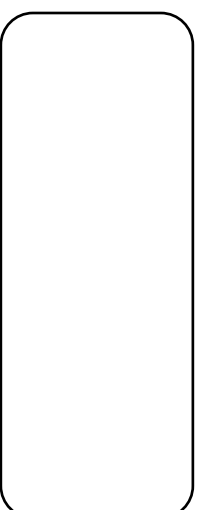
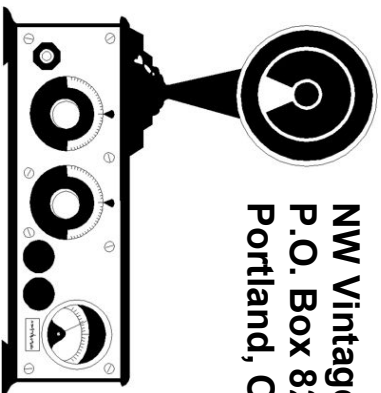
A discussion on September swap meet table sales amounts determined two price tier rentals for members and non-members. At the June NWVRS meeting a club vote decided to have one price for all.

Pat Kagi talked about new member dues cutoff dates and amounts. Subsequently, in the June NWVRS meeting, the price structure was ratified.

Ed presented investing \$30,000 of the James Mason funds in a divested mutual basket. Extensive discussion of pros and cons ensued with the Board vote ending in a deadlock. At the June NWVRS meeting a club vote decided to invest \$30,000 of the Mason money in the diversified mutual funds basket. Following that meeting there were members that asked that other companies be considered besides T. Rowe. This is being checked into.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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