

NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY - Monthly Newsletter #4 - March 20, 1975

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Well, people, here we are fast approaching Swap Meet Time and we hope you have dug out your trading gear, for we hear that there will be some very good trading material available to those who are willing to trade something else. Those with tables have expressed the desire to "swap only." However I'm sure there will be some RADIOS for sale as well. We will refresh your memory again by reminding you that SELLERS should be at the clubhouse at 8AM, members to be admitted at 9AM, and the general public at 10AM. Please try to make this, our first swap meet, a great success, it all depends on YOU, our members!:

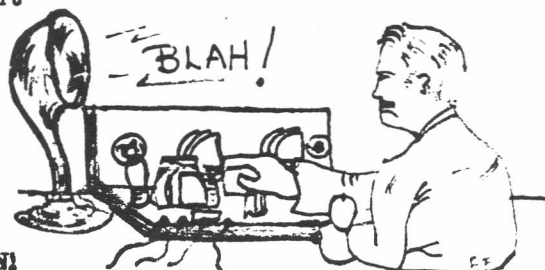
We wish at this time to express our thanks and gratitude to Mr. Wilbur Jerman, who took time out of a busy schedule, to give a very interesting talk on old time radio broadcasting. We wish him success in his present venture and after listening to him we're sure he'll make it!

Folks, this is your newsletter, so don't be bashful about submitting material to be published. Address all items to Bob Bilbie, 295 S. Knott St., Canby, Ore, 97013, and they will be published in some future issue.

Here is a poem sent in by Mr. Tom James - Circa 1925

"The Old Timers Lament"

Springtime has come and my troubles are worse,
DX is fading and noise getting worse,
My tickler is loose, my tuning erratic,
All I seem to receive is squealing & static,
My cone shows a crack in a most vital seam,
and the tone most surely, is far from a dream;
My batteries are down and tubes testing weak,
My aerial's sagging, the grid doesn't leak!
THIS FACT SEEMS TO RISE AS SURE AS THE MOON,
THAT I CAME ON THE SCENE SOME FIFTY YEARS SOON!



Thanks for your interest, Tom, we all know what you mean.....

Here is a useful tip sent in by Bob Connors, taken from the Old Timers Bulletin. Ever need and find out ~~that~~ that you no longer can get "spagetti" for insulating wires? We are speaking about the old type that was shiny, not the new stuff. Anyhow, cut a coat hanger at the bottom giving you a nice long, straight piece of wire. Now take a shoe string (the hollow type) cut off one end and thread this shoe string onto the wire like a stocking, hold tight with a spring clothes pin. Now talk your wife or girl friend out of her nail polish and paint this shoe string, rubbing it in with your finger if necessary. You may have to do this twice but when it dries you cannot tell it from the old type of "spagetti". We tried it and was completely satisfied at its appearance and it remains very flexible! REMEMBER THAT NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.....

Incidentally, there will be food available at the swap meet. The gals have gotten together and will make Chili, Pies, Cookies, Coffee & Tea, and soft drinks! I wonder if we could swap an Atwater Kent for a bowl of Chili? Thank you, gals, for all your hard work, it is really appreciated.

Busiest collector of the month is "Woody" Woodruff. Since Lois got back from Los Vegas, Woody is apparently trying to make up for lost time for he has "come up" with about six old gems this past week! He has a Philco Arm-Chair Radio, Circa 1930, that has to be the very first arm-chair ever made - it may be the only one like it in the whole state of Oregon. You have to see it to believe it!:

It seems to the writer that one of the hardest working members in our club is Don Hunker. If all the folks in our club worked as hard as Don we would have the greatest club in ~~our~~ history! Lets give credit where its due. Thank you, Don!

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Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of old time radio.

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You may want to listen to KOIN in the mornings between 6AM and 10AM, because Al Blake, one of our members and Koin Announcer will be plugging our first swap meet. Thanks, Al.

The Club picked up two new members at the last meeting and we would like to thank Mike Metcalf and Ed Humbert for their interest in old radio. We hope that you enjoy the club, fellows.

Bob Bilbie opened up his "Mini-Museum" since he moved. It consists of one room filled with every representative radio from the battery set days, up through the golden years of radio, containing many rare Cathedrals, including A.K. Model 84 and Philcos Model 90. Nearly every piece of gear from A.K. Breadboards, old needle phones, batteries, tubes, meters & books are on display. This is far from all the radios he has collected but if he would have kept them all he would be living in a tent; anyone wishing to see his meager collection is more than welcome. Call 266-5338.

Our apologies to Joe Tompkins of Salem. We mistakenly misspelled his name by putting in an unnecessary "h". Joe called and said to leave the "h" out, since he gets enough of this at home! We like Joe and we hope he accepts our apology. (Joe will forgive anything upon receipt of an old battery set!) This fine old gentleman is the greatest collector of battery sets in the whole state and his group of "girls" are really a sight to behold. He's got Radios that most collectors would give a right arm for. Joe is also a great human being always considerate of other collectors. Sorry, Joe, we just like you and please accept our humble apology!!

We really would like to meet Mr. & Mrs. Clampitt, members from Astoria, before they "secede" from Oregon. Hope to see you at the Swap-Meet, Maxe. Who knows, you may find exactly what you are looking for.

A complete and revised membership list is available TO MEMBERS ONLY for a SASE and 10¢. This merely pays for the cost of the list and saves our club a few precious and unattainable dollars. If your name is not on our list as a member you will not receive one, since we feel that this would be unfair to our paying members. Address inquiries to Bob Bilbie whose address is on the first page if you are interested in this item.

We want to thank Jim Mason, Jerry Irwin, Alan Shaddock for staying after the last meeting to help with the clean-up.

Again, fellow members, talk to us, let us know what you want and like in YOUR Newsletter, with a little co-operation we could get things going the way we want it to go, I'm sure that the club has already helped those members who were willing to make a few trade sacrifices, so apply yourselves toward the goal of "Better Collecting for Everyone".

Don't forget our dinner at "The Butchers' Bistro" that is scheduled for 8PM Friday, April 11th, 1975.

For those not familiar with this great restaurant, the decor is vintage radio with the old time radio shows coming out of each old radio. Some really old ones are on display. The owner of this restaurant, Don Wettheimer, has expressed interest in joining our club. Of course, Don is very busy, but we hope to show him how nice we've come along if he can make it to a meeting. We would really like to have him a member. (We think it may be the 10 dollars dues holding him back -ha)

The Butchers' Bistro
15641 S.W. Tualitan Blvd.
Aloha, Ore. (Aloha Shopping Center in rear and down the steps)

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Next monthly meeting will be April 12th, 1975 at 10AM