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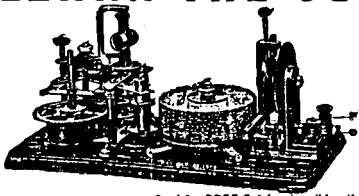
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# October

DATE: October 8th

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Buena Vista Club House

ADDRESS: 16th and Jackson Streets  
Oregon City, Oregon

There will be a short membership meeting in October. There will be no "Show/Tell" in October either. The attention will be directed to the Fall Swap Meet.

The Swap Meet follows the meeting at the clubhouse. There is a \$3.00 "table charge" for anyone selling. Admission is free.

Remember:

Put a sign with your name on it on your table. People will get to know you and you'll be able to be found when you're out looking.

Bring your "value Sheets". It helps those who are trying to compile the value guide books.

Bring your lunch. The Meet lasts till 1:30.

Take a look at the Swap Shop (pages 14-17). A few members have decided to preview their Swap Meet material in the Swap Shop (a good idea). It makes it look like it will be a good time.



# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

*A Wandering Minstrel, 9 -----*

*Some folks are dogmatic  
As to what we each should do  
To hold the club together---  
Make a sort of people glue .*

*Some are wishy-washy  
Like some drifting bit of fluff,  
"Things'll work out dandy--  
Manana is soon enough!"*

*Some are indeed skeptic  
That anyone can come to grips  
And put the ends together ;  
They just wait to grab the chips.*

*I'm not steeped in dogma,  
Nor do I dodge my part ;  
I'm not a doubting Thomas  
As to the future of our art.*

*But the writing on the wall  
Is clear for all to see--  
If we don't keep the lead out  
No more So-ci- et-tee !*

*\*\* \*\* \* \*\* \**

*Mamma Goose # 22*

*Hippety-hop to the antique shop  
To deal with that canny yegg--  
It's sheer luck  
To get the Duck  
For even an arm and leg !*

## Make a Date

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society Banquet has been scheduled for November the 12th at the SPEAKEASY, restaurant in Aloha. The get-to-gether will start at six-thirty.

The SPEAKEASY, formerly the Butcher's Bistro, features an "old Radio" decor: decorated with vintage radios with old radio programs as background.

The address is 18641 SW Tualatin Valley Highway (the Aloha Mall). The price is reasonable and the company is superb !

So---- Make a date to attend !!



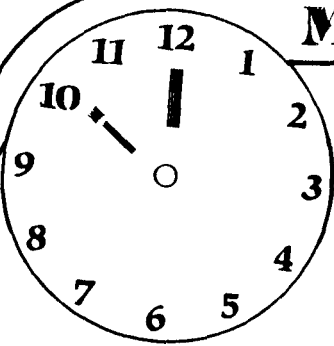
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# Meeting Minutes



The regular monthly meeting of NWVRS was held on September 10, 1983, convening at 10 A.M. with President Jerry Talbott presiding.

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of August 13, as published in the Call Letter.

In the absence of Treasurer Ed Charman, the Treasurer's report was presented by President Talbott and was adopted.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Nothing to report, guests were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: The Club jackets, as ordered, had arrived and were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Talbott reported on advertising for the upcoming October Swap Meet. An ad is now appearing in "Old Stuff" and will appear in "Nickle Ads" and as public service announcements on Channels 2, 6, and 8. Flyers were distributed to the membership to be placed in high traffic areas.

Suggestions on having a Radio Show in conjunction with the 1984 family picnic were discussed. This would be a "beauty type" contest with awards based on the decisions of a panel of judges. Ed Buhite suggested that a more concise definition of old radio be available in judging such an event. Dick Howard agreed to furnish a copy of the guide lines AWA uses for their shows. The matter was tabled for future consideration.

Our participation in the Forest Grove Auto Concourse was discussed. If we enter in the future it was agreed that better security and more advertising for the NWVRS display should be provided by

the Concourse. Dick Karman agreed to write Forest Grove. More information will follow.

Jerry Talbott presented a menu from the Speak Easy Restaurant and asked for suggestions and discussion on having a Club social dinner there. Speak Easy is the former Butcher's Bistro where Club members enjoyed an evening dinner on July 18, 1980. It is reported that the old radios featured by Butcher's are still on display. Members present seemed, generally, to approve of such an event but no definite action was taken and the matter will be presented again at the October meeting.

Dick Karman reported on the status of advertising in the Call Letter and urged members to promote new advertising wherever possible.

Bob Campbell suggested using commemorative electrical stamps (a series of four different stamps), on Call Letter mailings. This should appeal to stamp collectors.

Jerry Talbott reported that Woodcrafters at 212 N.E. 6th Ave., Portland, was a good source for iron-on veneer.

Leads were presented and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Hugh Ranken,  
Secretary

TEST EQUIPMENT  
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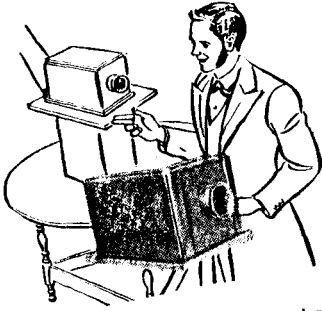
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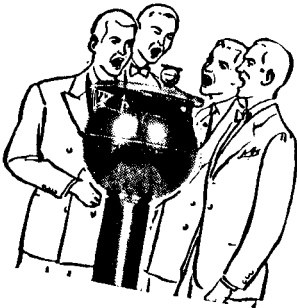
1877: Grand-daddy of all microphones was Alexander Graham Bell's box telephone, into which Thomas A. Watson shouted and sang in the first intercity demonstrations of the infant art of telephony.



1920: Telephone scientists developed the first successful commercial mike — the double carbon button air-damped type. Used first in public address systems, it later became the early symbol of broadcasting.

The microphones shown on these two pages were manufactured by Western Electric Co. They are the same as ones the station used where I first worked as engineer (excepting the 1877 mod., and the '20 and '21 models.) The quality was much better than contemporaneous radio receivers could supply.

From 1946 Bell Labs. advertising. (tj)

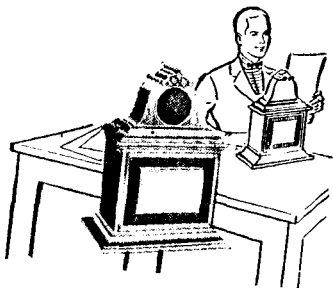


1935: The first non-directional mike — the famous Western Electric 8-Ball, designed by Bell Laboratories. Small, spherical, it provided top quality single mike pick-up of speech or music from every direction.



1936: Directional with slide-on baffle, non-directional without it, the Salt Shaker gave highest quality pick-up at low cost. Widely used in studios and remotes as well as in high quality sound distribution.

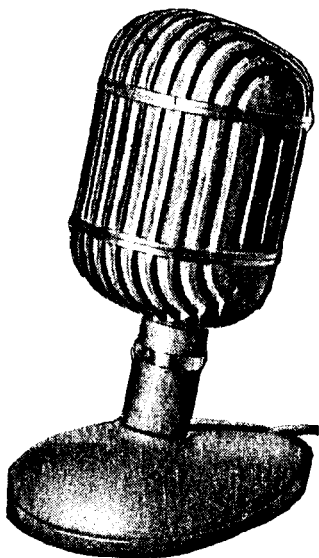




1921: The condenser microphone, designed by Bell Laboratories for sound measurement in 1916, entered the public address and broadcasting fields. It provided a wide frequency range and reduced distortion.



1931: Bell Telephone Laboratories developed the Western Electric moving coil or dynamic microphone. The first of its kind, it was rugged, noiseless, compact, and needed no polarizing energy. Many are still in use.



1938: Cardioid directional microphone, with ribbon and dynamic elements, was the first mike ever to combine 3 pick-up patterns in one instrument. The later 639B, with 6 patterns, is also one of the finest all-purpose mikes ever made.



1937: The Western Electric "Machine Gun" mike does for sound pick-up what the telephoto lens does for photography. Sharply directional, this microphone makes sound "close-ups" at unusually long range.



A message from the NWVRS  
Board of Directors.

The NWVRS board of directors, in an attempt to include the membership more completely in the nominating of officers, has turned the tables, this year! During the regular November meeting, nominations will be heard from the floor. Once a slate has been built from those nominations, the board of directors will meet and fill out the empty spaces.

These are items to remember:

- #1 A person nominated for an office should be capable of carrying out the duties of the office.
- #2 In the interest of fairness at least two names should appear on the ballot for each office.
- #3 A person nominated for an office should be familiar with the Society and attend meetings regularly.
- #4 If any position on the ballot lacks at least two nominees, the Board will nominate individual(s) so that at least two names appear.
- #5 A qualified individual can nominate him or herself for an office.

It is the feeling of the board that the active members should have more involvement in this process. It is the hopes of the board members that new names, new ideas and new directions may be generated out of this and other similar ideas.

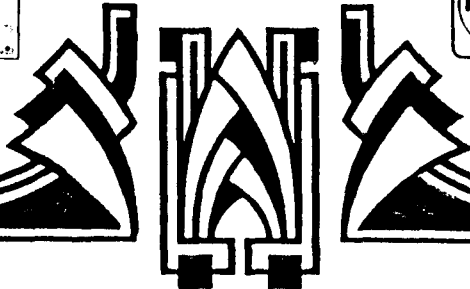
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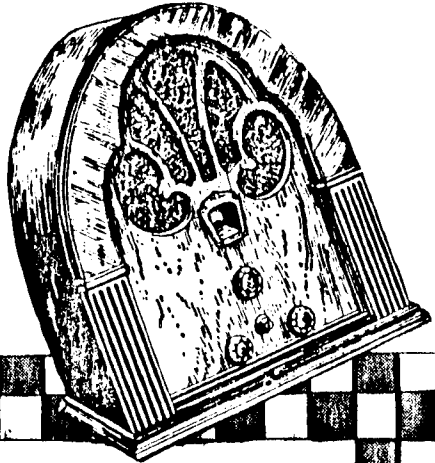
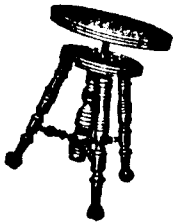
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# Olé!

by

T.J.

We come up a little short this month the "Goodies" category, but the more conventional stuff still keeps trickling in, tho at a much reduced flow. We hope those old moth-eaten Norden-Haucks begin to show up in the near future. Member Jim Mason, recently checking out stuff the old sourdoughs left in Alaska, came across one of these in a museum up there, but the place was locked up so our hero couldn't even slip it under his parka. Maybe we could go together and buy the museum!

Jerry Talbott: Sears 7241, 1938 motor-drive table set; Pilot J-601 AM tuner with orig owners manual.

Joe Tompkins: Philco #60 Cathedral; Remler one tube set. Joe says he will bring these to the October Swap Meet.

Dick Howard: Says son Dan found a Philmore crystal holder.

Ed Charman: Jada Neutrodyne; RJJ mod. Kismet batt. set; Browning Drake KB8, with instr. and "pedigree"; 2 Radiotenna lamps with antenna posts.; Book of KO9N personalities circa '30s and '40s.; 1922 operators license, commercial grade with old frame. (issued by Dept. of Commerce)

Bob Hay: 2 early radio technical books; A box of '20s, '30s vintage parts, these boxes of vintage parts are getting scarcer all the time. You later collectors should acquaint yourselves with this stuff so to spot it at flea markets etc. as it is a good item to get if the price is right.

# Swap Shop

## F O R S A L E

ZENITH Black-dial Chassis & Speaker  
Working condition. \$25.00  
Joe Tompkins 503-362-8071

FADA Model 168A Neutrolette  
RADIOLA Model III-A  
RME model 69  
RME model 70-DB20  
PILOT 5 Band 3 tube SW Converter (1931)  
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A-B-C power supply  
15" cone speaker  
Robert Campbell 503-648-7331

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2 cabinets \$50.00  
Bob Teague 503-653-0077

RIDERS manuals #6 to #15  
very good condition \$8.00 each  
Don Copeland 503-236-8535

MAJESTIC 7-tube chassis (1930)  
parts complete (no tubes) \$10.00

SPARTON model 9-30 chassis (1930)  
(no tubes) \$10.00  
Jerry Talbott 503-627-1675

17 CHASSIS, vintage radio chassis from  
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F O R   S A L E

RCA (1936) works       \$85.00  
ATWATER KENT Model 55 (1929) works \$150.00  
ZENITH Model 10-5-153D (1940) works \$175.00  
SPARTON Model 1281 (1939) works \$150.00  
PHILCO Tombstone (1936) works \$150.00  
GRAYBAR (1929) works   \$150.00  
STEWART WARNER works (1940) \$75.00  
SILVERTONE (1936) works \$150.00  
RCA (1931) works \$140.00  
DICTATOR (1931) works \$135.00  
COLONIAL (1931) works \$95.00  
  
AMERICAN BOSCH Model 48AA (1928) \$150.00  
MAJESTIC Model 71 (1928) needs work \$135.00  
RCA Model C11-1 (1936) needs work \$135.00  
ZENITH Round dial (1940) needs work \$125.00  
MAJESTIC Model 90 (1930?) needs work \$110.00  
AMRAD (1928) needs work \$140.00  
RCA (1939) needs work \$150.00  
APEX (1928) needs work \$135.00  
SPARTON (1938) needs work \$100.00

(all of the above are consoles except  
RCA (1936), Sparton 1281, Colonial  
(1931). Cabinets in excellent cond.  
chassis work is need where indicated)

Donald Brock  
3310 South Ninetieth Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98409  
206-582-4150

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- 7JP4            -- George Rudolph  
                  1931 Church NE  
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- TELEGRAPH bugs, keys, sounders &  
related items.  
-- Karl Whitchurch  
503-654-1713
- DIAL BELTS    -- Jerry Talbott  
                  503-627-1675
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-- Cliff Blackstone  
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- INFORMATION & diagrams for National  
NC-200  
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from prior to 1938. Torn  
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