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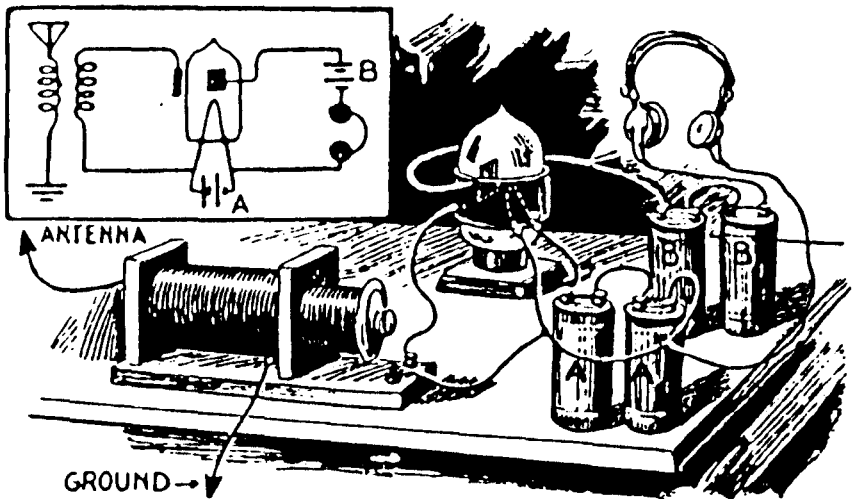


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# February

DATE : February 9th, 1985  
TIME : 10:00 AM  
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse  
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets  
Oregon City, Oregon

February is in the dead of winter, but to my recollection weather has never slowed us down. There's a lot to get done and a good time to be had:

Bring your newest and brightest sets for "showing off", as well as anything you want to sell. There's always more space than there are sets, and more buyers than there are sellers.

Remember the stove, our only source of heat; bring a few sticks of fire wood.

This meeting has a full agenda:

Welcomes and introductions

Good and welfare:

in memory of Joe Tompkins

Old Business:

Financial report review

Committee reports:

Swap meet committee

Call Letter Committee

Salem Display report

AWA/PSARA swap meet reminder

Membership reminder

News Letter Merger

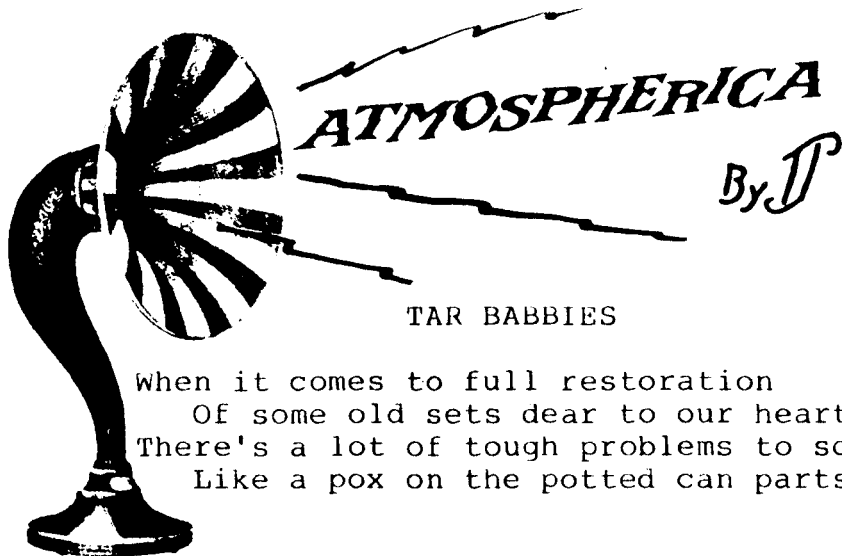
New Business:

Auction schedules

by-laws revision

Dues increase

Call Letter changes



## TAR BABBIES

When it comes to full restoration  
Of some old sets dear to our hearts,  
There's a lot of tough problems to solve,  
Like a pox on the potted can parts.

If I'd wanted to work in the asphalt,  
I'd have join the paving crew:  
Instead of cooking out the tars  
In a capacitor block that blew.

Then there's also the choke or transformer  
That's burped out a pint or two,  
And covered the wiring and chassis,  
With a coating of dirty black goo !

Restoration is fun in the main  
And ranks well up in the arts,  
But deliver us now from tin boxes  
Hiding faulty impregnated parts!

the Tom James collection

(Originally from November 1976)

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I wonder how many of the younger  
members even know how to "boil"  
out a transformer or choke coil?

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## Newsletter consolidation.

The question was raised by members prior to the January meeting. "Could we mail one newsletter for our society and the Seattle Club?" The ideas were discussed at the January meeting, and many seemed to be in favor of consolidation.

Your editor has looked into the matter and found the following.

Three newsletters would have to merge; The Puget Sound Antique Radio Society, The Northwest Vintage Radio Society and possibly the California Historic Radio Society. This would raise the number of "subscribers" to over 400, a minimum for reducing costs and upgrading quality.

This consolidation would benefit our society in the following ways:

1. allow photographs to be used;
2. allow mailing under Bulk Rate;
3. permit type setting of materials for more density and quality of type;
4. enlarge the readership of our want ads by 300 per cent;
5. increase the number of contributing writers while minimizing editorial work.

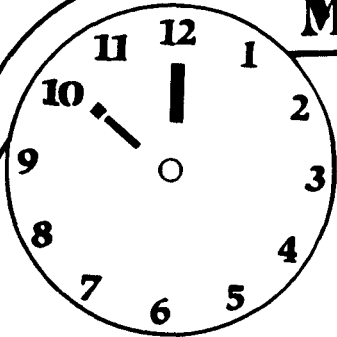
Our society will potentially host the combined newsletter and will therefore be the one responsible for the financial matters. Each club would pay according to it's number of members.

Anyone wishing to comment on the possibility of merging news letters, please contact your editor or any member of the Call Letter advisory committee.

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RJK

# Meeting Minutes



The January 15th meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by incoming President Dick Karman.

The 1985 officers were introduced. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the CALL LETTER. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The current balance is \$445.29.

## GOOD AND WELFARE:

Dick Karman reported that Harley Perkins had died about a year ago on the east coast. Harley was one of the earliest organizers of the club and was the first president.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Dick Karman requested that a committee be formed to prepare plans for future swap meets and to present them to the membership. Bill Devey volunteered to join Jerry Talbott and Dan Wills on the committee.

Two 2-drawer file cabinets have been purchased for use by the Call Letter staff. Repayment of the cost of \$81.00 was approved.

Radio Sale lists were passed around. These were lists of radio collections that are for sale which we requested by mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members were informed of the upcoming joint Antique Wireless Association and Puget Sound Antique Radio Association swap meet to be held in Seattle on March 17th.

Dan Wills resigned from office of Corresponding Secretary. Robert Teague's offer to fill the vacancy was accepted. Members who wish to have complete information (special interests, vocation, etc.) included in the club roster were urged to submit the information as soon as possible.

Dick Karman stated that in view of the declining membership, he feels the need for a membership committee to welcome new members and actively promote membership in the club. No action was taken.

The possibility of consolidating the News Letters of our society, the Puget Sound Antique Radio Association, and the California Historic Radio Society was discussed. Action was deferred pending further information.

The matter of unlimited free advertising in the SWAP SHOP section of the Call Letter was considered. A motion limiting the personal ads to one quarter of a page and to leave further limitations to editorial discretion was passed. In connection with this and at the request of the Call Letter editor an advisory committee consisting of Bill Devey, Robert Teague, Art Redman, and Sonny Clutter was formed.

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The problem of what to do with donations of equipment to the society was briefly discussed and tabled for later consideration.

Wally Kelly and Bill Devey volunteered to conduct the next club auction, to be scheduled by the president.

Decreasing membership and increasing costs may require changes in procedures. Increased dues, increased paid advertising and possibly bi-monthly news letters were mentioned.

Jerry Talbott and Chuck Kibler offered to arrange for a club exhibit at the special old radio and phonograph Flea Market in Salem on February 17th. All members wishing to display or sell should contact Jerry or Chuck.

Joey Tompkins reminded the membership that there is a lot to be gained by a membership in the AWA and encouraged all of us to consider the benefits.

**LEADS and NEEDS:**

Larry Callahan asked for possible sources of dry cell batteries suitable to power early battery sets.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Jim Mason, Secretary



NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY

1984 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME:

Dues.....	\$ 709.60
Advertising.....	60.00
Swap Meets.....	33.00
Auctions.....	26.85
Miscellaneous Sales.....	<u>15.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME .. \$ 844.45

EXPENSES:

<u>CALL LETTER</u> (incl, postage) ,	\$ 577.05
Clubhouse Rent .....	60.00
P.O. Box Rent .....	20.00
State Corporation Fee .....	5.50
Swap Meet Publicity .....	63.00
Library Purchases .....	57.45
Purchase of Prize Ribbons ..	50.82
Memorials .....	25.00
Donation to P.S. (refreshmts)	25.00
Saddle Stapler Repair .....	12.00
Miscellaneous Printing .....	26.80
Cheque Endorsing Stamp .....	8.20
Greeting Cards (get-well, etc)	2.70
Miscellaneous Postage .....	5.00
Bank Service Charges .....	<u>14.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 952.52

Abstracted and summarized from  
the General Ledger on 1/29/85.

*Charles E. Charman*  
Charles E. Charman  
Treasurer

from the Salem Statesman Journal

Joseph V Tompkins, 76, of Salem, died Friday.

He was born in Warren and grew up in Grand Island, near Dayton. He attended Dayton and Amity schools, Willamette University and Oregon State University. He was a commercial photographer and a retired cameraman for KGW-TV. He was known for his feature stories around Salem and was the official photographer for the Oregon State Fair for 15 years.

He was a charter member and past president of the Northwest Salem Lions Club, charter president of the Rose City Press Photographers Association, American Legion Post 136 and a Marine Corp veteran of World War II.

After his retirement he collected old radios and was active in the Northwest Vintage Radio Society.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, Daughter, Cyndi Tompkins, Honolulu; and Lynelle Tompkins, Billings, Montana; son, Joseph E., Portland; sister, Lorene Reiersen, Manzanita; twin Brother Russell, Eugene.

Memorial services are pending at Howell-Edwards-Doerksen mortuary.

Contributions may be made to the Morningside Methodist Church Memorial Fund or the Salvation Army food Bank.

AC·CES·SION /ik-'sesh-ən, ak-/

1. acquisition of additional property
  2. to record in order of acquisition
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Glen Bricker, 1932 Philco Mantel Clock  
Radio Model 57, unusual  
and very nice.

Jim Mason, Original Stock Certificate  
of Marconi Wireless and  
Telegraph Co. of America.  
Dated February 1913

John Tuerck, A Halicrafter 17 inch T.V.  
Model #1081 console with  
blonde cabinet circa 1952

Sonny Clutter, Miniature 110 volt DC, 2  
tube radio, with 3" horse-  
shoe mag. speaker. Maybe  
1932, made by UNITED Radio  
Labs.

Frank Plaisted, National HRO-50T 17 tube  
Receiver in Excellent  
Condition.

Robert Teague, 1933 Lark Cathedral and  
a speaker with built-in  
power amplifier (the in-  
famous "no name" brand)

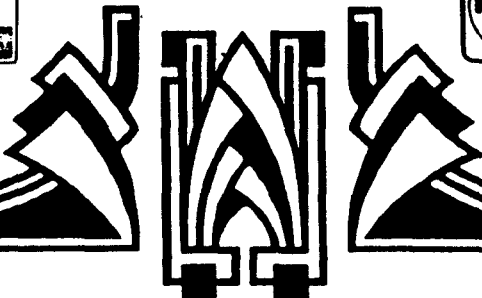
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FOR SALE:

21" Philco Predicta Television  
Jim Mason 503-644-2343

1926 Freshman Earl "fixer upper" \$15.00  
(no speaker) Dick Karman 503-288-1285

1933 RCA Cathedral R-28 \$50.00  
Jerry Talbott 503-649-6717  
503-627-1675 wk

RCA Tombstone #103 \$20.00  
Robert Teague 503-653-0077

WANTED:

Cabinet for MIDWEST S-16 16 tube radio  
with 14.5 inch speaker.  
John Tuerck 503-292-3607

Rider manuals Volume 3, 4, and 5 and  
"A Flick Of The Switch" new or used  
Robert Teague 503-653-0077

Rider manuals #21 and up  
Bill Devey 503-635-6746

Early television service manuals,  
catalogs and literature.  
Dan Wills 503-667-9454

For Zenith 10B2/8B01, a six position  
black escutcheon and a tone control  
assembly (have the escutcheon)

Riders manuals 6, 9, 10, 11, & 12.  
FM Converter (42-50 band to 88-108 mc).  
Tubes 6J5G, 3LF4, 50A1 1UB.  
Schematic for NC-109  
Larry Callahan 503-753-7701

# **Puget Sound Antique Radio Association**

## RADIO ACTIVITY

For sale: Old records. Wanted: Coils for SW3=MII, Eric Lofquist, 546-2675.

Would like to buy crystal sets, Joe Schwarz, 547-6323.

Wanted: Pre-War T.V. sets, Colored plastic radios, Radiola IV, mirrored glass radios, Sparton 4900TV or power supply chassis for same (c 1949 mirror in the lid set), Pilot magnifier for 3" TV set, Sparton 1466 console radio, Radio Retailing and Radio and Television magazines to 1950. Ken Korhonen, 932-9363.

Wanted: 5 good 01A type tubes (tipped) for A.K.-10, John Aikin 1-866-8407 (Olympia).

Wanted: Set of knobs, bottom lid for Crosley 601 Band Box battery set. Also want Crosley parts, radios, accessories, and information on Crosley. (submitted anonymously, respond with a "for sale" ad.)

Wanted: 7"x12" slant front cabinet (from Anderson house), tuning control knob for Colin B Kennedy model XXX type 435, large tuning control knob for Colin B Kennedy model XV type 430, filament control knob and volume control knob for Thompson V-58, wooden top piece for Philco model 51 clock radio, cabinet for Federal type D battery set, two audio transformers for DeForest MT-200, binocular coil cover for Grebe MU-1. Lee Williams, 22026 3rd Pl. West, Bothell, Wa. 98021.

Wanted: Speaker driver for Radiola 10, Radiola 26, or R.C.A. horn speaker. Also want 1920s R.C.A. radios and parts.  
For Sale or Trade: Parts for Radiola AR-812 (second harmonic), John Schneider, 525-6974.

For Sale or Trade: Federal 61 (incomplete); Atwater Kent 60 with speaker; Thermiodyne battery set; Arcturus 124A and 127, other brands 201A and 301A tubes \$5.00 each; new wood and plastic Emerson radio cabinets for the late 40s and early 50s models \$1.00 to \$6.00; bound RCA service notes.

Wanted: Early transistor portable radios made in U.S.A., good condition only; Radio-wire Television model C-90 console; Solar model CE capacitor checker; Remler "Scotty" radios; Zenith speakers 49-124 and 49-125; Scott, McMurdo Silver, Sparton, Zenith, and other manufacturers sales brochures, literature, and manuals; tweeters, horns, pedestal speakers, and speakers with dye cast frames from the mid 30s through the 40s.

Norman S. Braithwaite, 782-4864 (home), 453-9039 (work).

Wanted: Loop antenna and case for Radiola 24 portable receiver, Hallicrafters early model Sky Buddy, 1936, p. 225 F.O.S., Jim Barrows, (206) 337-4880.

Wanted: Cathedral radios and crank type phonographs, parts or complete. Repairs made on phonographs. Ed Curry, 8502 8th Ave. W., Everett, Wa., 353-2661.

Wanted: 1955 Ford car radio. Al Farlow, 328-1591.

Wanted: Case for Grebe MU-1. Early '30s communications type receiver, M.A. Kaplan, 851-4187 (Gig Harbor).

**NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY**

President-----Dick Karman 288-1285  
Vice President--Frank Plaisted 647-2891  
Treasurer-----Ed Charman 654-7387  
Recording Secretary--Jim Mason 644-2343  
Corresponding Secretary -----  
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