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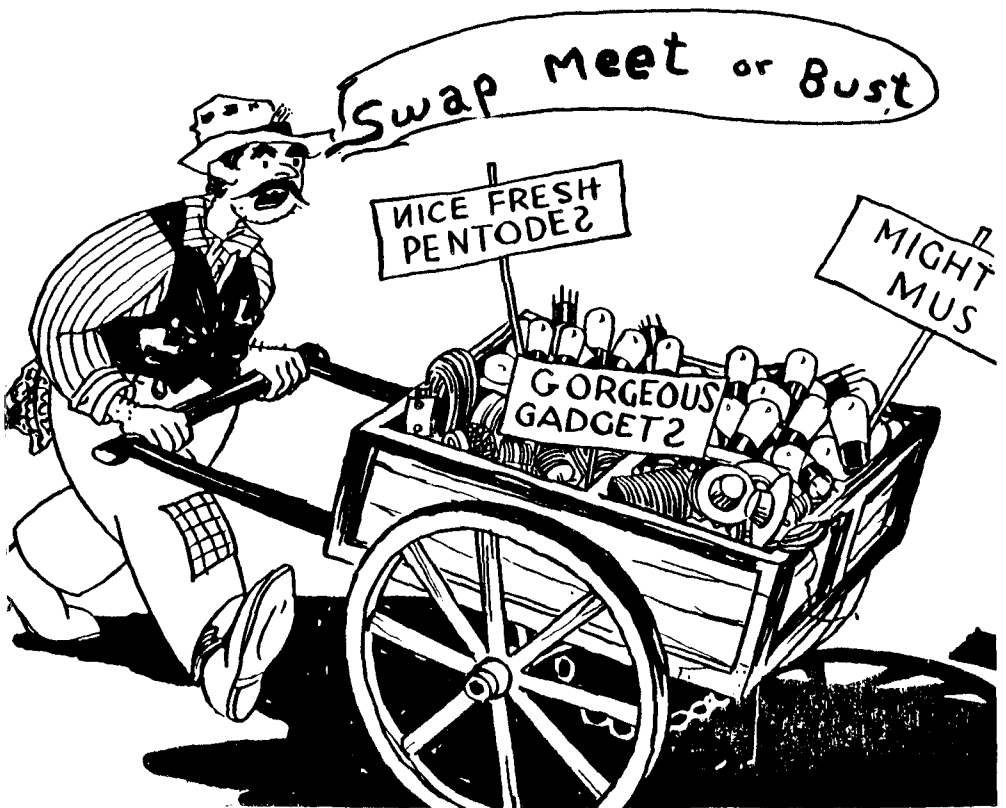


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October

DATE : October 12th, 1985
TIME : 10:00 AM
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson Streets
Oregon City, Oregon

The Fall SWAP MEET begins at 10:30. The table charge is still \$3.00 each person. Sellers should "claim their tables" by 9:45. Most tables are full to overflowing by the business meeting which starts at 10:00.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Plans will be made for the Banquet. A vote on location will be taken. The choices include The "Speakeasy" (which was formerly Butcher's Bistro), North's Chuck Wagon, or perhaps The "Old Country Kitchen".

Discussion will be brief regarding a membership drive. A vote will be taken to authorize two free memberships to be awarded to membership winners.

A short report from the Radio Contest committee will introduce a one-category contest & invitational November meeting.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

So Long, It's been good to Know Ya

Varnished it, and polished it,
to a million dollar shine;
Makes me very proud indeed
to call this old ZENITH mine.

But the human strain is fickle,
and I've got no place to park it,
So I won't bat an eye folks,
When I put it on the market!

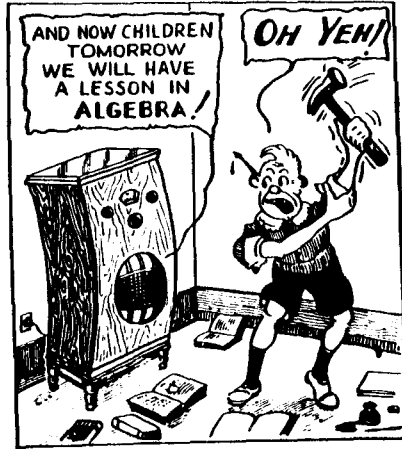
Old Loud Mouth !!

He cornered a KOLSTER, the brute
And a little CATHEDRAL, so cute,
A WD-11
A KELLOGG 5-0-7
And a HORN he continues to toot.

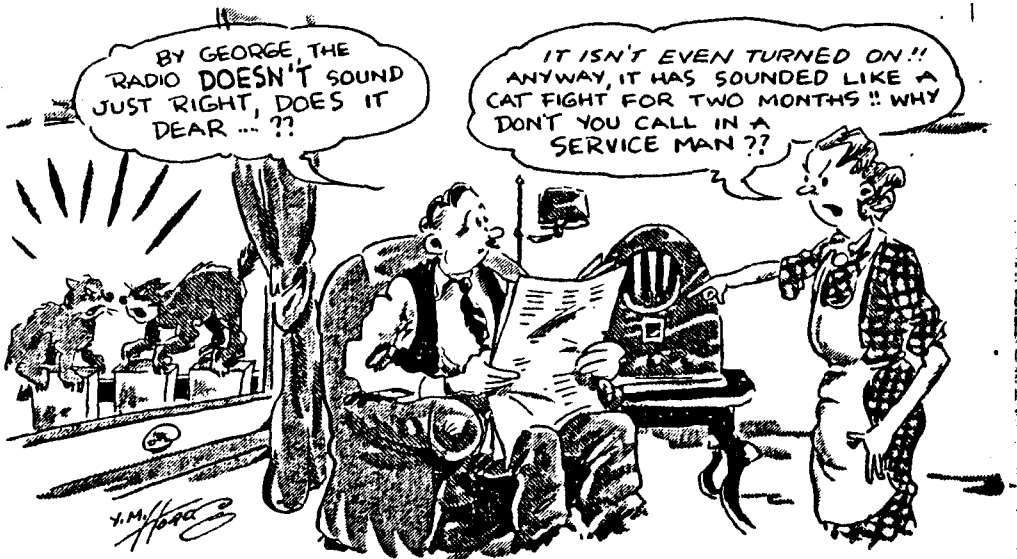
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CARTOON CLIPPINGS

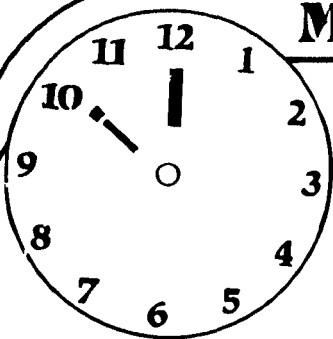


Lessons by Radio from Radio Craft of May 1934



AND OUR PHONE NUMBER, FOLKS, IS RIGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE!! -

Meeting Minutes



The September 14th meeting was called to order at 10:12 A.M. by President Dick Karman. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as pub-

lished in the **CALL LETTER**. The Treasurer's report was given & accepted. The Current balance is \$537.61.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

A get well card was signed by members present to be sent to George Rudolph, who is in a Salem hospital.

OLD BUSINESS:

The membership voted to approve the change in the By-laws raising the annual dues from \$12.50 to \$15.00 for regular members and from \$10.00 to \$12.00 for associate members, effective January 1986.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fall SWAP MEET will be Oct. 12th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Flyers were distributed.

Expenditures for advertising the SWAP MEET were discussed. Jerry Talbott will place announcements in "Nickel Ads".

The Board of Directors made the following recommendations:

1) The membership consider dropping the July and/or August meeting. This will be published in the October **CALL LETTER**.

2) That we continue the present rental agreement for the use of the clubhouse.

3) That we retain the annual picnic, but consider other locations.

The Editorship of the **CALL LETTER** was discussed. There is a possibility of splitting the editorship with another club with whom we would consolidate newsletters.

The possibility of a Society Banquet in November was discussed. The majority of the members present were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41, followed by results of the radio contest.

Jim Mason,
Secretary

Minutes of executive board meeting.

September 14th, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 9:45. Present were Member at large, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Vice-President, and President.

Nominations for 1986 officers was discussed. Suggestions for nominees will be compiled at the September and November meetings.

The board passes unanimously the recommendation to eliminate both the July and August meetings. Discussion will be open to the membership at the September and October meetings.

The Board unanimously voted to retain the present clubhouse lease.

The Board voted to retain the picnic as a social event, which may take on other forms in coming years. The meeting was adjourned.

Dick Karman,
Secretary by appointment

ELECTRICAL RESTORATION OF OLD RADIOS

By Herb Brams

Electrical restoration of old radios is not difficult. You should know some basic electronic theory, be able to read circuit diagrams, & have some practice in soldering. The following procedure should help you restore most sets with a minimum of trouble.

(1) Obtain a suitable circuit diagram & service information. These can usually be found in Rider's Perpetual Troubleshooter's Manuals.

(2) Test the tubes. Most tubes in old sets are still good; only a few need replacing.

(3) Check the resistance of all coils, chokes, and transformer windings. Fairly often the output transformer or speaker field coil is open. Old speakers can be replaced by a modern permanent magnet type. Replace the speaker field coil with a ten watt power resistor. Mount the resistor under the chassis well away from other components which may be damaged by the heat. The original speaker can sometimes be restored by a speaker repair service.*

(4) Replace all electrolytic and tubular capacitors with new ones. The old capacitors have usually become leaky and unreliable. Old mica capacitors are generally still good, however.

(5) Check the resistors. These are usually still good although a few may need replacing.

(6) Clean all controls & switches with tuner cleaner.

(7) In transformer sets install a two amp slow-blow fuse for safety. /one amp should be sufficient for most radios Ed./

(8) After satisfying yourself that all the components are in good condition, turn the set on. If the fuse blows or the power transformer smokes or heats up, there is a short circuit in the set or in the transformer. In my experience, however, shorted power transformers are rare.

(9) Check the voltages. Your values may not agree exactly with those given in the service information as these were commonly measured to the filament or cathode of the tubes.

At this point the set should play. If not, the preceding restoration work will have eliminated many pre-existing problems, and make it much easier to find the source of the problem.

(10) Allow the set to play for an hour or so & during that time watch for any problems that may develop: After 5-10 minutes feel the power transformer to make sure it is not getting extremely hot (indicating a short). Recheck the voltages. A slow change in voltages may be caused by a gassy output tube. Other common problems that may occur are noises resulting from a bad tube, or a raspy tone caused by dirt in the speaker.

(11) Finally, realign the set. I find that most sets perform more or less satisfactorily after restoration but have better performance after realignment.

Most radio restoration does not involve any special tools beyond a soldering iron, a VTVM, and a signal generator. After restoration, most old sets perform surprisingly well, having good sensitivity and selectivity with only a few feet of wire as an antenna.

***Speaker repair:**

JAMAC,
8600 NE Sandy
Portland, Oregon 97220
503-252-2929

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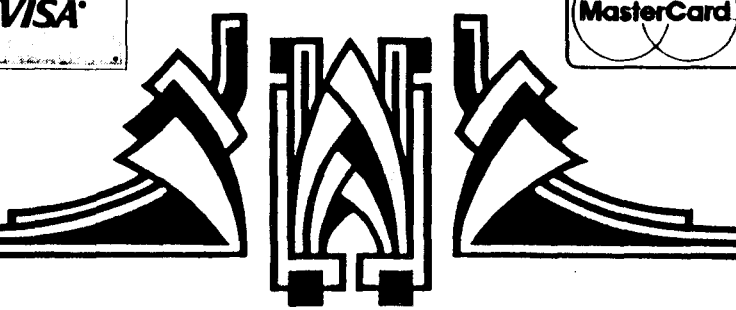
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1. acquisition of additional property
 2. to record in order of acquisition
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Ed Charman- RCA Radiola AR-812 bat. set
National NC-46 comm receiver
American Bosch "Cruiser"
Console battery set.
Majestic 130-A Console,
Immaculate condition

Jerry Talbott-

Vintage Test Equipment:
1924 wavemeter
General Radio mod.274W
1930 Anal-O-Scope mod 100

1920 DU-WA aerial
by Palmer Electric

Every month use this page to show off your most recent acquisitions. Place them in the pass-around notebook at each meeting, call Robert Teague (653-0077), or your Editor.

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Trading appears to be little slow. If there are radios being unearthed in the Northwest, the members would like to be informed. Help us keep up with what's new, and fill up this page.

Dick & Robert

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Notice

NOVEMBER VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The membership will be asked to vote on two constitutional changes at the November meeting. The By-Laws of the Society require notification in writing at least thirty days prior to the vote.

The first vote will be to eliminate the August meeting in years to come.

The second and independent vote will be to eliminate the July meeting.

These changes will not affect the cost of operations because we lease the clubhouse. They will lessen the load on those who set up and clean up. These two meetings have traditionally had fairly poor attendance but require the same amount of labor to use the clubhouse facilities.

The executive board of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society recommends passage of these issues to take effect January.

*At the September meeting approval was given to raise the dues effective January 1986. The new dues will be \$15.00 a year for regular members and \$12.00 for associate members.

Remember 1937?

Spindle-legged consoles were giving way to massive furniture that went all the way to the floor. One example was the Continental Radio and Television Co.'s "Tilt-Tuner" mod. 930-16R. The Philco people made a console that looked like a mantle piece with the speaker where the fireplace should go. (See it on page 125 A Flick of the Switch.) And the Scott Co. made the "Imperial" whose design ten years later would come to be known as the juke box look.

Table radios were soon to be replaced by plastic and bakelite sets. New Tombstones and Cathedrals were seldom seen and the first television sets were less than a year away.

In the Radio Guide of November 6th, 1937 you could select Ma Perkins or Young Widder Jones, 9:45 Central Standard Time. Crisco's Vic & Sade, Rinso's Big Sister, or Phillip's "How to Be Charming" at 10:30.

And in that same magazine, still only ten cents, you could read Tyrone Power's life story, W.C. Fields talking about "This Radio Gadget" or a feature on "How to Live Like Human Being".

The "Big Apple" was the dance of the day, President Roosevelt started his 2nd term, "Thanks for the Memory" was a hit song, & a Ford convertable cost \$959.00.

Puget Sound Antique Radio Association

-- TRADIO --

WANTED: will buy nice cathedrals, especially Philco 90, also older battery sets which use peanut tubes. E.J. Joe Antoine, RR#2 Box 7, Hope BC Canada VOX 1L0 .

FOR SALE: Console radios from an estate. (mostly nice consoles) Mrs. Minkena, 3215 'M' street, Auburn Wash., 206-833-3340

WANTED: Military radios and accessories, manuals etc. Aircraft radios, old walkie talkies and 2-way gear; simple beginners' novice, or educational kit radios. Hugh Miller 11206 First ave NE Seattle, WA 98125, 206-365-3684.

FOR SALE: Grunow Teledial (1936) -\$85.00
Walt Kiefner 6233 41st Ave. SW, Seattle, WA. 98115, 206-524-1388

WANTED: 10 inch electro-dynamic speaker for 10 tube Zenith Console with pushpull 6V6 output, measures 1K ohm on primary, and 1500 ohm on field coil. Joe Sabo 2330 171st Place SE, Bothell, WA 98011 206-481-5404

Swap Shop

FOR SALE:

Red Lion Cabinet for and A-K Battery set
*Edwin Buhite 4041 NE Wisteria Portland,
97212, 503-284-7061

RCA CT-100 (color TV), RCA TK-11 early
T.V. Camera *Dan Howard 2940 SE 118th
Portland, 97226, 503-761-7799

Vintage Radio Shows on Tape. Cassettes
or reels. Most titles available upon
request. *Dick Karman 2515 NE 37th Ave
Portland, 97212, 503-288-1285

1949 Cape Hart T.V., w/ 16" round, metal
CRT (checks OK), Unrestored \$35.00
Zenith "Army" Transocianic c. 1950 \$50
Scott "All Wave" plug in coils, best offer
*Jerry Talbott 1440 SW 239th, Hillsboro,
Or. 97123, 503-649-6717, Wk 503-627-1675

WANTED:

Grigsby-Grunow Majestic speaker G-11-C
(1430 ohm field); Brunswick #6090 9"
speaker (2,500 ohm field), Edwin Buhite.

Tube sockets for Crosley mod 51 Info.,
schematic, and loop antenna for Westburr
Mod. 6 *Dan Howard (see address above)

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