

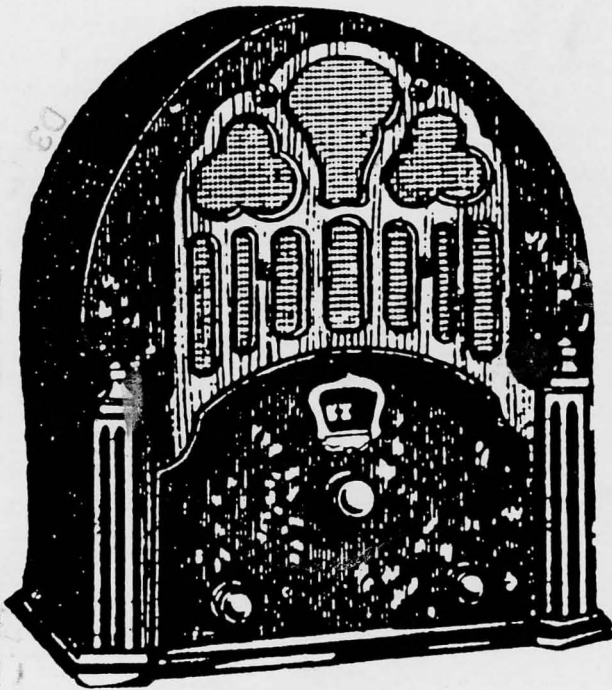


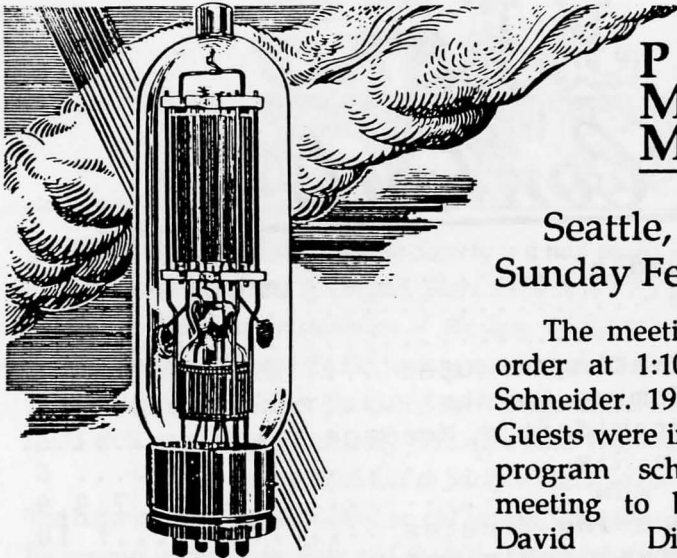
GATE LETTER

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PSRRA Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by John Schneider. 19 Members and 5 Guests were in attendance. The program scheduled for the meeting to be presented by David Dintenfass was

postponed until May due to snow conditions today. Guests: Lee and Jonathan Stevens. New Members approved at this meeting were: Gary Limarzi and Richard Bell (latter represents upgrade from Associate to Full Member). The deadline for 1989 Members to pay 1990 dues or be dropped from the roster was extended due to snow conditions. (motion Burt Whitaker, second Ken Korhonen, unanimous vote). Bert announced we have 119 members plus 3 Club exchanges; 80 have paid 1990 dues.

Ken Korhonen motioned that the club reimburse Jim McCall \$100 for materials used to construct the beautiful new locking bookcase he constructed for the club (unanimous vote). Our thanks to Jim for a wonderful job.

Plans for the March Auction were announced. Frank Banks will be the auctioneer, Russ Anderson will operate the computer registering buyers & sellers, Steve Von Talge, Bert Whitaker & Eric Lofquist will assist. No regular business meeting will be held. The Schedule will be: 10AM - 12N check in items to be auctioned. 12N - 1230PM Silent Auction. 1PM begin oral auction. Russ Anderson motioned that the auction be open only to regular or associate members and their guests, and closed to the public (seconded by Steve Berglund, unanimous vote).



Plans were announced for the April meeting, which will be a joint meeting with the regions A.W.A. Members. The program will be a slide show provided by A.W.A., "70 years of Vacuum Tubes". The May meeting will feature David Dintenfass' delayed presentation: Optical Recording. No program has been scheduled for June. Several members expressed interest in a program concerning early northwest broadcasting. John Schneider will try to contact someone to arrange a program.

There was some discussion by Ken Korhonen and John Schneider about possible Museum acquisitions. It was felt that the club should make an effort to acquire the remaining Riders manuals not already in the library, plus a full Riders Index and a set of RCA "Red Books". John Schneider suggested an operating budget be prepared for the club so that surplus funds could be identified and voted upon for that purpose. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2PM. Members moved to the Museum to see the new bookcase and help organize the Library.

Minutes taken by John Schneider for Frank Banks

PSARA President's Message

We still need a volunteer for the post of Contributing Editor to the Horn of Plenty. Ed Buhite does an excellent job, but shouldn't be expected to do everything! If our club members want to continue receiving a quality newsletter, someone must step forward. What have you done for your club lately? Please call me if you think you can help: 527-3198.



John Schneider, PSARA President



Sandy McGuff's "Ultimate Twin-Six"
by Bruce Colten Cann
"Radio News" September 1927

A cuckoo who signs as Sandy McGuff
Would sidetrack his work to map on his cuff
The plans and the circuits of sets;
As he wanted to make a bird that would take
The measure of all super-hets.

He studied all circuits and found with dismay
That each was a peach in a singular way,
But lacked a few points, as a whole.
So he pondered the 'dynes and the 8-9 in-lines
Till his mind got beyond his control.

For many long months McGuff did perspire
To bring to a head all his burning desire
Of building the set all supreme.
But at last, really neat, he finished complete
What he hailed as The Engineer's Dream.

Came a sudden roar and a blinding flash
Followed at once by a terrible crash
Jarring us all from head to feet.
While pieces of brass and the splinters of glass
Were filling the air like a storm of sleet.

McGuff roused up like a man who had heard
The bottom had gone from his steel stock preferred;
While his eyes shone brighter than stars,
As he said to me, "Bill, now where is Sam Hill
Were YOU when I tuned in on MARS?"

from

Mr. M.R. Stephens
3375 W. Valley Road
Whitefish, MT 59937



RADIO

K G W

WHEN President Warren G. Harding gave the address for the burial services of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C., on Armistice Day, 1921, there began a growing demand for a radio news service that was national in scope.

On March 22, 1922, KGW was opened with R. G. Calvert as supervisor and Richard Hallock as program director. KGW, owned and operated by the Oregonian Publishing Company, was the first station in Portland used for commercial purposes. Their aim was to give the people of Portland and Oregon the news fresh from the press, good music, and good speakers. Edgar Piper was editor at that time.

The first year broadcasting averaged two hours and forty minutes a day, and by the end of 1923, KGW was on the air 23 hours a week, in contrast to the 18 hours a day broadcast now. KGW affiliated with the National Broadcasting Company on February 22, 1927. This was the day that President Coolidge gave the address on the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birthday, the address being broadcast nationally. KGW was the first station in the West to become affiliated with a national hookup.

Richard Hallock had built and operated several amateur stations and programs before becoming program director for KGW. His was the "Million-Dollar-Voice" heard for several years on KGW. KGW, with its affiliation with the National Broadcasting System, gives its listeners the best newscasts and finest programs possible. Its frequency is 620 on your dial. The studio is at 1011 S.W. Sixth Avenue.

K O I N

IN 1925 Charles Myers was the business manager of the old *Portland News*, a newspaper that was considered a chain paper, and which later was absorbed by one of the leading newspapers of Portland.

In the capacity of business manager, Mr. Myers thought it would be good business for the paper to own and operate a radio station. He suggested it to his superiors, but the idea didn't meet with approval. Mr. Myers was told that if he thought the radio station was a good investment, for him



to go ahead and buy it; the company had no money to throw away. After considerable thought, Mr. Myers decided to buy the station, KQP, with his own funds.

Engineers Joe Hallock and Clif Watson were retained to rebuild the station. The station was not popular and the first thing that had to be done was to close it, change its name and its policy. This was done and a strict set of rules were made for the future performance of that station. The name was changed to KOIN.

The policy was never to use music recordings, but always "live" talent; no patent medicine advertising; no alcoholic or other objectionable advertisements; instead they concentrated on educational and national interests and activities, and tried to give the public the kind of programs they wanted. Today the walls of the studio are covered with prizes for educational activities. About 1930, the Federal Communications Commission shifted all wave lengths 30 kilocycles for a general reallocation.

This station brought success to Charles Myers. In 1945, Field Enterprises, which is a subsidiary of Marshall Field & Company of Chicago, bought KOIN, the deal being consummated and the station being turned over to the new owners May 10, 1946. The KOIN studio is located on the mezzanine of the New Heathman Hotel, Broadway at Salmon Street, in downtown Portland.

K W J J

KWJJ WAS INCORPORATED in 1927, and its first location was in the Broadway Theater Building. Their programs were called "The Voice of Broadway." John Egan was general manager, and Wilbur J. Jerman was technical advisor and operator.

This station has always specialized in sports broadcasts, except Sundays. It is noted for its numerous religious programs; they draw no line on race, creed, or color, and no religious program has ever been turned down. Many evangelists have been on this station. Ice hockey, football, baseball, and basketball games are broadcast, and War Bonds were sold during the war, with thousands of dollars being mailed into the station for bonds. 834 spots were given on KWJJ in one month for war programs.



The Marine Corps, Red Cross, and many other organizations were given time on this station. Four members of the staff were called to war, and we give thanks that they were able to return to their homes and to KWJJ. Wilbur J. Jerman is president and John Egan is secretary-treasurer. The studio is at 1011 S.W. Sixth Avenue.

We would like to thank Pamela Gardenier of Binford and Mort Publishing for granting us permission to reprint pages 160, 161 and 162 containing information on KGW, KOIN & KWJJ from *The Rose City of the World, Portland, Oregon* by Ruby Fay Purdy. This book was written a little over forty years ago.

Your editor has written the following concerning more recent events. KGW 620 belongs to KING 1090 in Seattle. KGW remains one of the leading radio stations in Portland. KYTE 970 is the remains of the once great KOIN radio. KYTE chose to discontinue the highly successful KOIN programming format. Now, you never know from one year to the next what to expect. Folks on the east side of town often find reception most difficult due to a poorly engineered transmitting system.

Many of us enjoyed listening to Sammy Taylor play "THE OLD, THE NEW, THE BORROWED & THE BLUE" on KWJJ. One morning nearly thirty years ago they switched to Country / Western. Whether or not you like the change, KWJJ has become the most prestigious & successful station in Oregon. The Wilcox Mansion is the home of KWJJ. I understand the Wilcox Mansion has seven fireplaces. Park Broadcasting of Ithica, New York bought KWJJ a few years ago. The 50,000 watt signal of KWJJ 1080 has the greatest coverage of any Portland station.



NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Oregon City, Oregon February 10, 1990

The Feb. 10, 1990 meeting was called to order at 10:14 by Vice President Art Redman. The President Dick Karman arrived at 10:17. The Treasurer's balance was given and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: Gordon Phillips requested that we schedule a presentation of value guides on old sets. Our store window display will be submitted for a later date than planned.

NEW BUSINESS: Dick Karman raised the question as to whether or not we should have a Swap Meet before our auction. Any material to be auctioned should be registered, labeled with the owners initials, and have the minimum bid given to the auctioneer. As a reminder, the club will take 5% of the sale. By consensus there will be an open category in next months contest for all to participate in. Other categories suggested are: Past Winners, Tombstone Radios, Consoles and Art Deco radios. A Ballot box will replace our present method of voting.

Ed Buhite mentioned probable format changes for the newsletter. Anyone having suggestions for the newsletter, or those who would like to be Assistant Editor or Editor should contact him immediately. Our President commended Ed and all of the volunteers who worked on the Call Letter for their excellent work. Guests and visitors were welcomed. Norris Jackson has a list of our library's contents for those who are interested. Any articles or items to be included in the club scrapbook can be submitted to Norris.

If you have any questions or suggestions for "Sonny's Tech Tips", contact Sonny Clutter(254-9296). The June meeting will not have a contest as planned due to a conflict with the Rose Parade. The contest will be moved to April. Items to be displayed in the contest will be discussed at the next meeting. Ed Charman motioned & Rudy Zvarich seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and it was so done at 11:00 AM.



Greg Morse

Greg Morse NWVRS Secretary

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NWVRS President's Page

Last Meeting

Special thanks to vice president Redman for picking up the slack and getting the meeting started for me last month. I apologize to all who were on time for being late.

There was a discussion about making our June meeting part of the Official Rose Festival calendar of events. Oregon City does not have a Rose Festival Calendar so we will probably have to consider this for 1991 and maybe move the meeting and "historical display" to a location in downtown Portland. This way we may get the recognition from the Rose Festival Association and do some recruiting too.

Dan Howard contacted me and has posters for the Swap Meet ready to distribute. If there are places that you feel would allow us to lay these out for the public to pick up, contact Dan and let's get the word out.

Next Meeting: Auction 1990

The auctions have traditionally been a fun time of trading equipment and making a few dollars on the side. If you haven't participated in the past (or even if you have) plan to attend. This is the way it works:

Take a few of the things that you would like to see go to good homes and pack them up for sale. If there are pieces of particular value make a note of the minimum that you will accept.

- 1) Place your name on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper.
- 2) list each piece for sale on a separate line on that paper. (make sure that I can read it and that I can describe it.)
- 3) list the minimum bid on this paper ONLY . I will not mention that there is a minimum bid until after the bidding has closed. That way you will get as much as I can for the item.
- 4) make sure that a small stick or piece of paper is in or on each piece to be sold. The paper should bear your initials to avoid any confusion from duplicate items or conflicting buyers.
- 5) after the bidding, contact the seller, collect your money, make sure he got the right piece, and pay the treasurer 5% of the total sale price.
- 6) unsold items must be taken with you. We have in the past been stuck with something no one wanted and that is unfair to the club and to the clean-up committee.

Swap Shop

Wanted

CAR Radios for parts (I.E. chassis, mounting / antenna hardware / metal fuse holders / parts). Rudy Zvarich 503-255-2227 2227 NE 102nd Ave. Portland OR 97220.

ARVIN model 40 two-tube radio. Small metal radios by Arvin & Silvertone and Similarly-sized plastic and bakelite radios. Coin-operated radios. Have items to trade (see "Radio Sale") Dan Howard.

SCOTT Radio (not chrome plated) with large "shamrock" dial escutcheon, circa 1929-1930, mfd. by Scott Transformer Co. Jim Clark 517-349-2249 1292 Starboard, Okemos MI 48864.

CHASSIS & Speaker or complete radio for RCA model 100, 101, 103 or 301. Chassis & Speaker for RCA model D-28, GE K-50, K-51 or K-82. Bosch 58 power transformer or chassis w/same. speaker for Radiola 24. Sonny Clutter 503-254-9296 14407 N.E. Fremont St. Portland, OR 97230

CONSOLES from the late 20s & 30s. Kim Brickman 503-873-7255 16818 S. Abiqua Rd. Silverton OR 97381

GENERAL MOTORS Chassis S-3-A or S-3-B and speaker as used in models 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257 & 258. Ray Nelson 503-233-5063 3786 SE 8th Ave. Portland, OR 97202.

RIDERS Index for Vol. I thru XV. Speed Feldschau 503-390-3928 7445 O'Neil Rd. Keizer, OR 97303.

RIDERS Vol. XXI, XXII & XXIII. Edwin Buhite 503-288-9727 4041 NE Wistaria Dr. Portland, OR 97212.

RIDERS Vol. I Thru XXIII full set or any part. Bob Schafer 503-749-1149 11004 James Way, Aumsville, OR 97325.

EARLY Commercial Transmitters. Jim Barrows 206-337-4880 15121 41st Ave. SE Bothell, WA 98012.

MAGNETIC coil winding machine. The type made by George Stevens Manufacturing. can be either cam or gear driven. Classic Radio Dan Healy 415-488-4596 P.O.Box 764 Woodacre, California 94973.



Swap

ZENITH Super Model IX (shown on page 10 of our June '88 CL/HOP) Desk style Battery Console from the mid 20s. Sonny Clutter (see wants above).

LABOR: Will restore your wooden radio cabinet for your restoration of my chassis. Jim McCall 206-548-8015 or 206-763-2892 951 N 42nd St #302 Seattle, WA 98103.

For Sale

CODE Practice machine (wind-up, crank) with 5 tapes \$20--. Bill DeVey 635-6746. 16969 SW Tracy Lake Grove OR 97034.

FREED-Eisemann NR-5 with tubes and FE-50 Speaker, original labels \$125--; Philco 80 Cathedral, Needs Filter \$80--; Jackson Bell 5 tube Peter Pan (FoS page 102) \$90--; A.K. 40 with speaker E, good tubes, needs work \$75--; 1930 Stewart Warner 102-A Console, cabinet mint, needs work \$65--; Crosley Fiver, works \$35--. CASH - PICK-UP ONLY. Pat Stewart 509-525-1699 1404 Ruth Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362.

RIDERS TV Manuals Vol. 9, 10, 11, 13 & 16 \$10-- each. R A Dielschneider 503-246-1062 7040 SW 2nd Ave. Portland, OR 97219.

NATIONAL NC300 Receiver \$175--. Walt Kiefner 206-524-1388 6233 51st NE Seattle, WA 98115.

Radio Sale

Members of NWVRS & PSARA are invited to come to my home at 2940 SE 118th Ave Portland OR 97266 on Saturday March 31, 1990 from 6PM to 10PM for an Old Radio Sale. Over 50 radios will be on sale including cathedrals, tombstones, table radios, several nice consoles, and a number of "parts radios". Please call (503-761-7799) if you would like more information, need directions, want to discuss trades etc. I look forward to seeing you there. Dan Howard.



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(acquisitions)

Sonny Clutter

1932 Grebe 160 console
Stromberg Carlson 228H receiver
Tektronix 422 Oscilloscope

Bill DeVey

Hallicrafters S40B Very clean, gift.

R A Dielschneider

Guild 921ML New Englander
AM-FM-Stereo Phono Roll top desk
1938 Seeburg Crown Jukebox
Philco 42-380 console
Crosley 7H35 console
G.E. F65 console
Majestic 1356X console

Dan Howard

1938 Kent 40Z, 3 tube receiver
Arvin 243 Green receiver

Dick Karman

1937 Oregonian Newspaper Radio Ads.

Walt Kiefner

1925 Grebe MU-1
1933 RCA 28C Colonial chest
1938 Zenith 5-S-228 tombstone
U.S. Radio 7-D tombstone
console speaker table
Hallicrafters SX-42 receiver & R-42 speaker

Jim Mason

1938 Airline 62-476 White Bakelite
1941 RCA 55X Dual Speaker
1957 Regency TR-6 Transistor

Ray Nelson

Guild 380T Town Crier lamp receiver
Guild 484 Spice chest receiver
Sony TR84 8 tran. receiver



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Ron Sallabedra

Intervox 75-32 receiver built in
Seattle WA by Radio Labs Inc.

John Schneider

American Bosch 680 console
Remler 5100 Scottie
RCA R-7 Superette

Jerry Talbott

1927 RCA 9-55 Automatic Electrola without receiver
1950 Sparton 19" Console TV
1955 Raytheon 8TP1, first transistor set.

John Tuerck

1940 Howard receiver
1947 Magnavox receiver

Scott McGregor

1938 Hallicrafters S20
1939 Zenith 5S319
1939 Hallicrafters S20R
1940 RCA 46X11 bakelite

MORE SWAP SHOP

Wanted Hallicrafters Sky Chief S-14 &
Sky Buddy Receivers. Scott McGregor
503-661-1294 1115 SW 28th St
Troutdale, OR 97060

For Sale - Lots of good tubes and old
electronic parts, instruments, radios
etc. Bob Lee R5-D3 Electronic surplus
503-774-6560 6111A SE 82nd Ave.
Portland OR 97206.

