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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "vintage radio" and wireless equipment.

Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$15.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year.

The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was founded by our first president Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous members the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that both informs members of the society's business and that has supported the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held monthly (except July and August) at the Northwest Vintage Radio Museum, 7675 SW Capitol Highway (at 32nd street) in Portland Oregon. They generally convene at or about 10 AM and for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings)

Other Society functions include radio sales, auctions, and "swap meets" which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held at various facilities in and around Portland.

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Summer Radio Quiz

Compiled by Dick Karman

Inspired by "505 Radio Questions," Walker & Co., 1983

1. On *Amos & Andy*, who played the roles of Amos, Andy, and the Kingfish?
2. What did Jack Benny's violin teacher, and his Maxwell automobile have in common?
3. Who ran as a presidential candidate in 1940 on the surprise party ticket?
4. What show featured Ann Southern as a Brooklyn Beauty in 1940?
5. On the *Eddie Canter Show*, what greeting did the Mad Russian use?
6. Who answered the telephone at *Duffy's Tavern*?
7. Who played the part of Osgood Conklin on the *Our Miss Brooks*?
8. On what show did the undertaker "Digger" O'Dell appear?
9. What two separate shows were spinoffs of *Fibber McGee and Molly*?

(Answers on page 4)

Concourse Report

By Gordon Phillips & Dick Karman

The NW Vintage Society's display at the Concourse D'Elegance Automobile Show, on July 24th, generated great interest in those attending the auto show. Our display, organized by Dan Howard and Jerry Talbot featured "classic" radios and a number of novelty radios from Dan's collection. (photos by Liles Garcia on page 10.)

NW Vintage Radio Society members who also helped out and/or furnished radios for display included Jim Mason, Brian Toon, Rudy Zvarich, Speed Feldschau, Gordon Phillips, and Dave Rutland. Brian Toon, Jerry Talbot, and Dan Howard stayed late for the job of clean up. Thanks to all involved for the help, time, and effort.

70 Years Ago in Radio...

Broadcasting Stations In Oregon

Complete to January 31, 1924

Call	Station Location	Operator and Controller	Wave Length	Freq. (kHz)	Power (watts)
KFGL	Arlington, OR	Arlington Garage	234	1282	5
KFJI	Astoria, OR	Liberty Theater	252	1190	10
KFDA	Baker, OR	Alder's Music Store	360	833	5
KFDJ	Corvallis, OR	Oregon Agricultural Coll.	360	833	50
KFFO	Hillsboro, OR	E.H. Smith	229	1310	5
KFHB	Hood River, OR	Rialto Theater	280	1071	5
KQP	Hood River, OR	Apple City Radio Club	360	833	10
KFAY	Medford, OR	Virgin's Radio Service	283	1060	50
KFEE	Pendleton, OR	Eastern Ore. Radio Co.	360	833	10
KDYQ	Portland, OR	Oregon Institute of Tech	360	833	100
KFEC	Portland, OR	Meier & Frank Co.	360	833	50
KFIF	Portland, OR	Benson Polytechnic	360	833	100
KGG	Portland, OR	Hallock & Watson Radio 192 Park Street	360	833	50
KGN	Portland, OR	Northwestern Radio Mfg. 1556 E. Taylor St.	360	833	100
KGW	Portland, OR	Portland Morning Oregonian	492	610	500

Speed's Swap Meet

By Gordon Phillips

Speed's Swap Meet at Keizer Oregon on Saturday July 9th was attended by quite a few sellers. Although early reports stated that seller would have to bring their own furniture, Speed had assembled tables for everyone before they arrived. Some sellers chose to use their tailgate, rather than tables. Many sellers packed up around 1:30. Speed reaped the benefits because some buyers came by between 2 and 3 PM and Speed's display was the only one left.

A faithful few friends stuck around and helped Speed break down and put away the tables.

It was publicized that the sale would continue until 3 PM. Out of respect for the people who make these sales possible sellers should plan to stay until the designated hour. Thanks Speed for your time and effort.

Answers for the Radio Quiz (page 3)

1. Fremman Gosden played both Amos, and George, Kingfish Stevens. Charles Correll played Andy Brown.
2. They were both played by Mel Blanc.
3. Gracie Allen ran a comedy campaign for the president of the United States.
4. The program's name was Masie.
5. The Mad Russian, Bert Gordon, always said, "How doo you doo!"
6. Archie the bartender, answered the phone. Duffy never appeared at the tavern.
7. Gale Gordon played Osgood Conklin.
8. Digger was most often offering advice to Chester Riley on the Life of Riley.
9. Fibber & Molly spun off both The Great Gildersleeve, and Beulah.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

"Angelus"

I have this old cathedral -
Tho it has an awful hum -
The cabinet plies are short on glue,
And the volume control is bum.

The speaker cone is dragging,
And it has a ragged tear.
The tuning knob is missing,
And the power cord is bare.

But it has a lot of classic form
And it maintains my affection,
Mainly because it's the only one
I have in my collection !

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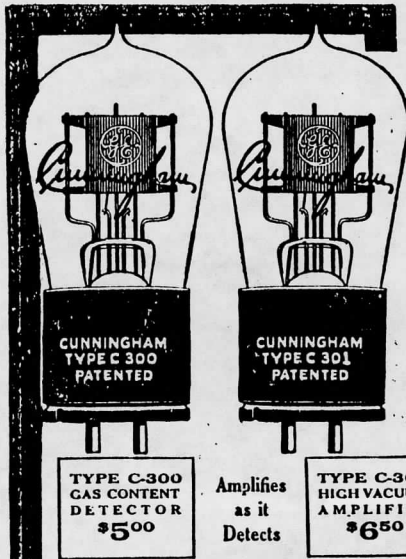
August	NO NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	13th Electronic Flea Market - Tacoma Washington
	20th Ham Swap Meet - Cowlitz Co Fairgrounds Longview, Washington
	21st PSARA Annual Swap Meet
September	10th NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17-18 Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18th PSARA meeting
October	15th & 16th NWCCS Radio Display
	16th PSARA meeting
	Tentative schedule for 20th Anniversary Banquet
	16th Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	22nd NW Vintage Radio Society Fall Swap Meet
	29-30 Antique Show - Mult. Co. Expo Center
November	12th NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	12-13 Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	20th PSARA Annual Contest
	27th Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
December	3-4 Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	10th (NW Vintage Radio Society Meeting Date)
	10-11 Antique Show - OR Convention Center
	11th PSARA Meeting

Calendar Notes

All of the Antique shows at the Salem Fairgrounds run from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Due to the NW Vintage radio Society's involvement in the Classic Car Show display, and in the Fall Show and Sale at the Multnomah Arts Center, there will be no meeting on October 8th.

The December NW Vintage Radio Society meeting is routinely scheduled to coincide with the Christmas banquet. This date will be announced at a later date.



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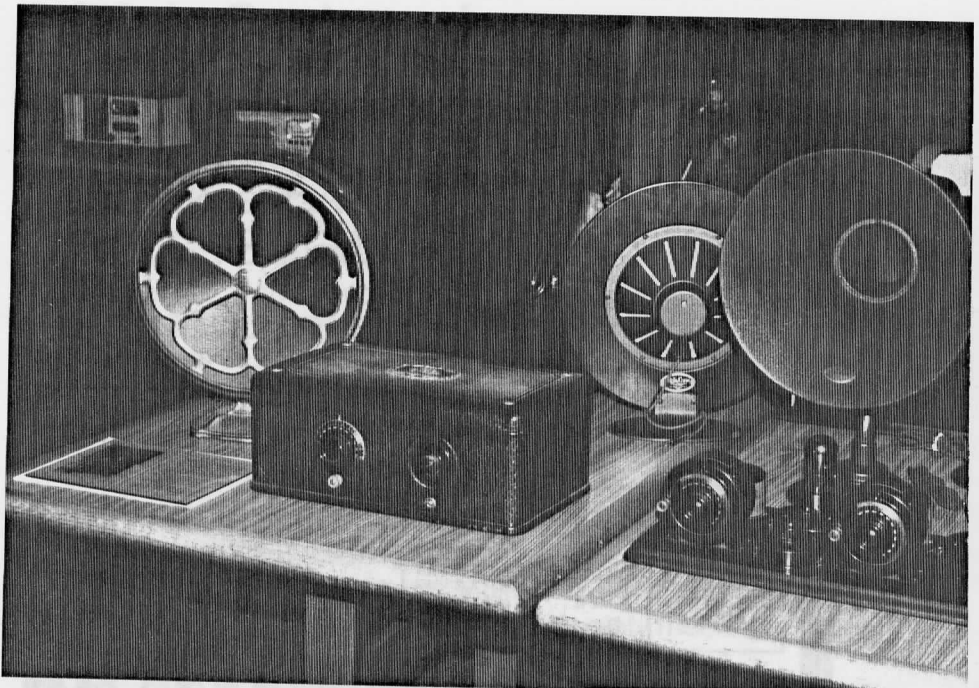
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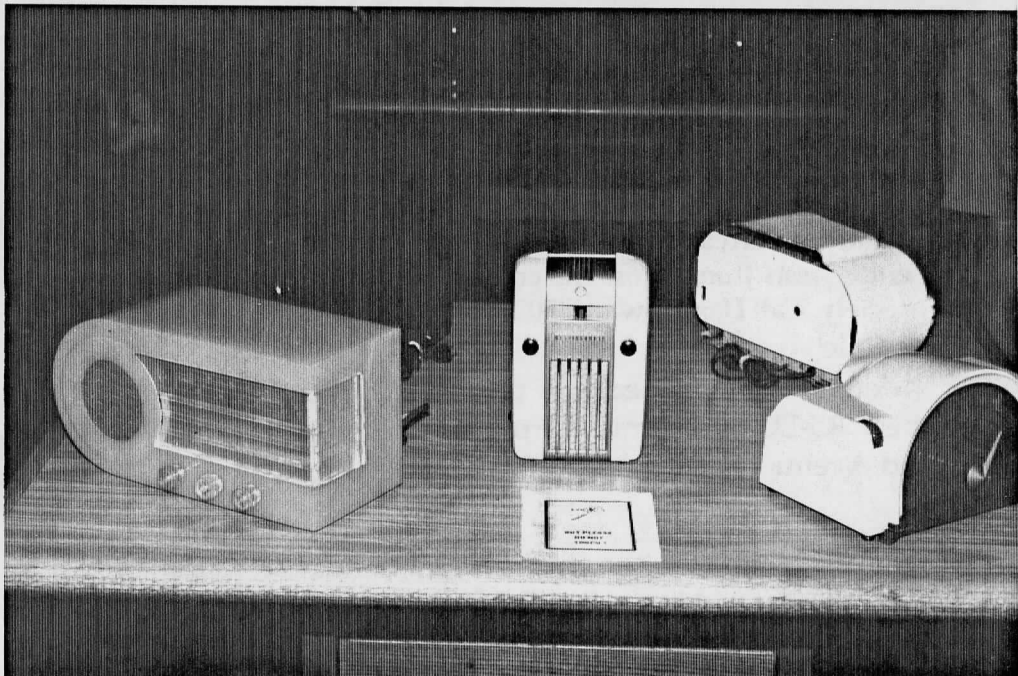
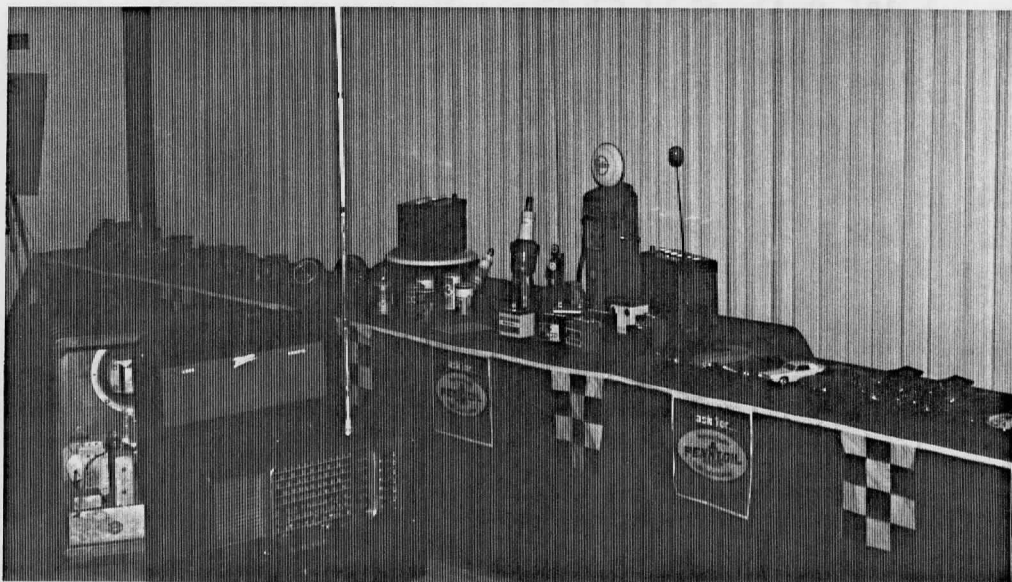
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