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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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The 20 Year Anniversary Banquet

From Jerry Talbott

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society a luncheon will be held on October 8th at Saylor's *Old Country Kitchen* on the west side. Members and their guest may arrive at 11:30 AM, luncheon will begin at Noon. There will be video entertainment after the meal. We trust that many charter members will be able to attend. There will be memorabilia about our Society for inspection and reminiscence. All members are encouraged to bring their wives, and guests may be included if seats are reserved in advance.

The Old Country Kitchen west side is located just south of the Fred Meyers store in Beaverton Town Square. From hiway 217 take the Beaverton exit, follow the signs to Beaverton-Hillsdale Hiway (HYW 10) and turn right. Saylor's Old Country Kitchen will be on the left, turn at Griffith road.

The meals will be ordered individually off the menu. For reservations call Jerry Talbott at 649-6717.

September Meeting

From Jerry Talbott

At the September meeting at the NW Vintage Radio Society Museum on Capitol Highway our Society Choice display will be novelty radios, and radio literature. Bring even one or tow pieces of display material to show others.

All members who have materials from library are asked to make a special effort to return it at the September meeting.

The Cinnamon Bear

From the SPERDVAC RadioGram

In 1937 Glanville and Elizabeth Heisch wrote a children's radio series which they named after its star, The Cinnamon Bear. Mr. Heisch was production manager of KFI in Los Angeles, when he wrote a poem for his first daughter Catherine inspired by a toy he himself own many years earlier.

It is a story of a simpler time and many adults still have vague recollections of the adventures of Patti O. Cinnamon, the Crazy Quilt Dragon, and so many more. It is complete in twenty-six episodes, each 15 minutes which were written to air between Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more than forty years the Cinnamon Bear aired on Portland stations, almost without interruption. It is believed by followers of the show that it has been on the air in some market in the United States annually since Christmas 1937.

This story has more than just memories. Maybe you'd like to remember more about this furry friend. You can buy the cassette tape set from several sources, including your editor, for your own family to enjoy. Also close to home is the longest running Cinnamon Bear fan club in the Nation, it's the Cinnamon Bear Brigade. Drop them a note and include a large envelope with 53 cent postage and their let you know what's new in *Maybe Land*. The Cinnamon Bear Brigade, 10419 NE Knott St. Portland, OR 97220.

70 Years Ago

By Dick Karman

Last Month Secretary Ken Seymour included a small table of information about radio in Oregon 70 years ago. I thought I might summary what was happening throughout the nation in that same time period.

In 1922, just a year after Enrico Caruso died, Paul Whiteman was the uncontested King of Jazz, and WEAf reportedly carried the first sponsored radio program. Incidentally Hollywood was rocked by scandals of drugs and sex (some things never change). In Portland, Northwestern Radio and Manufacturing Co. broadcast on station 7XF, Tuesday and Friday evenings; Willard P. Hawley, 7XG broadcast experimental and vocal music to Portland Tuesday and Wednesday between 8 and 8:45 PM, and between 9 and 9:30 PM on Thursday; and the Oregonian owned station KSW broadcast music, talk, and news bulletins daily*.

In 1923, the same year that President Harding died in office, Billy Jones and Earnie Hare (a silly looking pair) were on the air waves as the Happiness Boys, WEAf and WJAR were reportedly joined by wire to become the first makeshift network, and there were over 5,000 speakeasies in New York City alone.

In 1924, while the Brunswick-Balke-Colendar Co. introduced the Radiola III, Nikolay Lennin died, Kleenex tissue was first introduced, the FBI was founded, and the new songs included "Tea For Two," and "California Here I Come."

In 1925 the Sparks Withington Co. made its first radio, The Chrysler Corporation made its first automobile, The New Yorker was new to the newsstands, and the Maxwell Motor Car Co. produced its last auto.

In 1926, only a year after Burma Shave signs began appearing next to the nation's highways, The National Broadcasting Company was formed, The Yo Yo was invented, and Uncle Don read his first broadcast bed-time story.

In 1927 while "Lucky Lindy" was making his transatlantic solo flight, Bing Crosby joined the Paul Whiteman Orchestra, and announcer Ted Husing began his radio career.

In 1928 The Voice Of Firestone was first broadcast, and could be heard on one of the first radios made by the Philadelphia Storage battery Company. This entertainment was in competition with *An American In Paris* debut on Broadway, and Mickey Mouse showing up for the first time in "Steamboat Willie."

In 1929 there were 618 radio stations on the air, ground was broken for the Empire State Building, the Stock Market crashed, and radio sales reached an all-time high of \$842,545,000.00.

It is amazing how soon we forget things that happened less than a lifetime ago. I hope you enjoy these memories of radio and the world. I did.

*These notes about Portland radio in 1922 came from the Science and Invention magazine in May 1922.

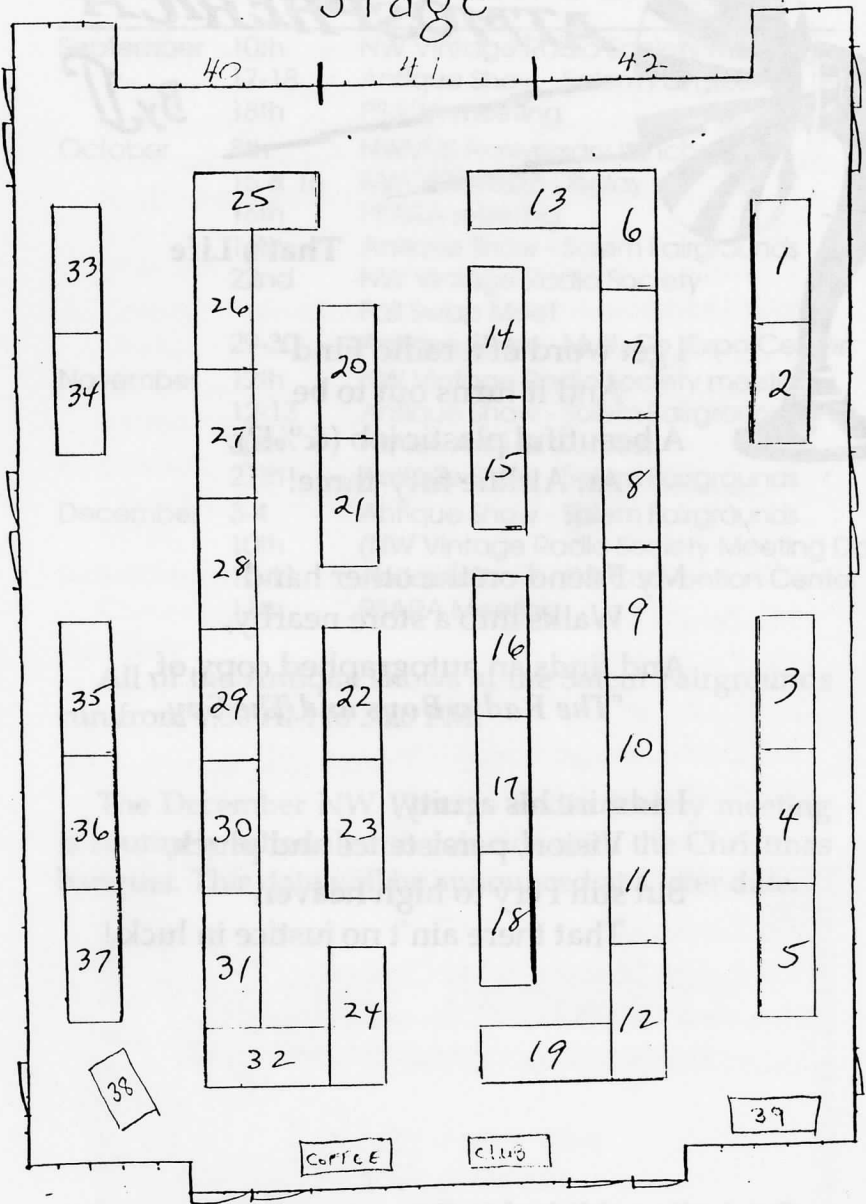
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NW Vintage Radio Society
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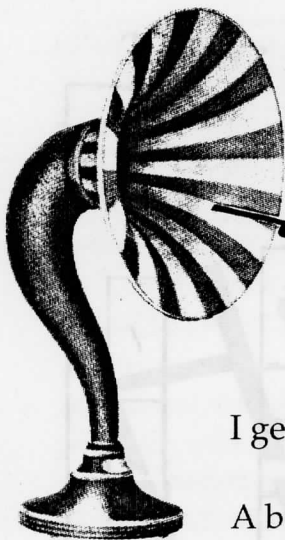
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By J

That's Life

I get word of a radio Find-
And it turns out to be
A beautiful plastic job (&%!?),
An Airline fifty-three!

My Friend on the other hand
Walks into a store nearby,
And finds an autographed copy of,
"The Radio Boys and The Spy."

I admire his acuity,
Vision, persistence and pluck,
But still I cry to high heaven
That there ain't no justice in luck !

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Calendar Notes

September	10th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17-18	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18th	PSARA meeting
October	8th	NWVRS Anniversary Luncheon
	15 & 16	NWCCS Radio Display
	16th	PSARA meeting
	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

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

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.

Acquisitions

Acquisitions is for members to tell others what vintage equipment has been added to your collection. Give your list to Gordon Phillips at meetings, or drop them through the mail slot at the Editors home (2515 NE 37th Ave, Portland, OR 97212).

Dick Dielschneider

Zenith Model 8-S-129 Table set and box

Grunow Model 1067 Chassis

Silvertone Model 4565 Wooden table set

Detrola Model 147E Table set

Sparton Model 517 circa 1937

Zenith Model 10-S-154 Console

1938 Zenith Model 12-S-265 console w/Robot Dial

1942 Zenith Model 6-D-610 Plastic table set

1938 Zenith Model 6-S-239 Chairside

Zenith chassis 5808 console

1938 Zenith Model 9-S-232 (Walton Set)

Zenith Model 8-S-154 Console

Zenith Model 6-S-027 Tombstone

Zenith Model 8-S-359 Console

1939 Zenith Model 12-S-371 Console

1939 Zenith Model 6-S-249 Chairside

Silvertone Model 4587 Flash-a-dial Console

Zenith Model 7-S-366 Console

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SWAP SHOP

WANTED

Non-ham communications equipment: Military, Forest Service, ship and aircraft equipment. Also, any communications equip built in West coast USA: Northern, Spokane Radio etc. Manuals, catalogs, price lists for any type communications equip. Hugh Miller (206) 487-3203

A Console cabinet for a Wards Airline Model 62-194 Chassis. - Liles Garcia (503) 649-9288.

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Farnsworth radios, information, etc. Herman Zeps WD9JKQ, 319 S Williams St. P.O. Box 282, Bluffton, IN 46714.

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