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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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 \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

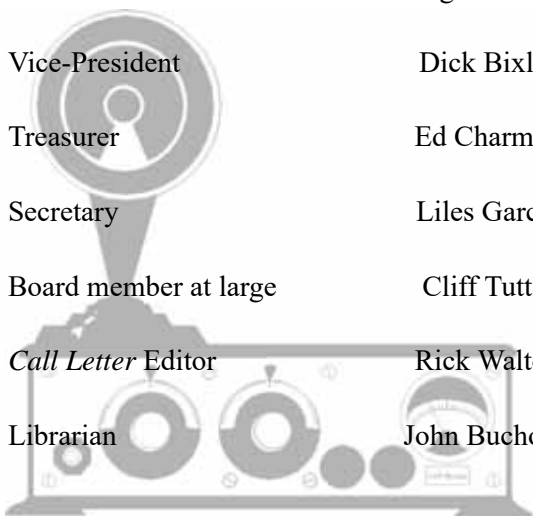
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the *Call Letter*, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the *Call Letter*.



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On the cover: “This image, found on the internet over a year ago, is an old postcard, apparently from radio’s early years. The CQD distress signal (forerunner to SOS) in the message is curious in light of the obviously romantic theme of the card. Who is in distress, and why?

The next meeting is on February 9, 2008.

February Feature: Your Oldest Radio Acquisition That You Still Have

Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.

Next Call Letter Deadline: February 28, 2008.

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

Because I missed the January meeting and was unable to take photos of the displayed radios, I owe Tony Hauser a huge vote of thanks for taking the photos. I'll be back behind the camera at the February meeting.

This issue has most of the familiar elements: the Meeting Minutes, Photo Display, and Mike Parker's *In the Shack*. Sadly, we learned of the death of Ray Elkins. Liles Garcia sent us that news as well as the minutes. Liles also submitted a list of books missing from the club library. Jay Johnston reported that he's only received two notices for *Voilà*, and those were in December, so we'll wait another month for more activity.

Having a member "return to the fold," rejoin the club after a hiatus in membership, is always a happy occasion. Having Mark Moore return is especially happy. Mark joined the club in May, 1975, was elected Secretary for 1976, and as 1976 began, gave this newsletter the name it still bears today, *Call Letter*. If you haven't done so already, be sure to welcome Mark as he returns to the ranks of NWVRS members.

Sinatra, Bennett, Norah.

Portland's only station for classic American standards
of yesterday and today. Sunny 1550 KKAD.

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NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, NWVRS Secretary

President George Kirkwood called the January 12, 2008 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. Liles Garcia read the minutes of the December meeting; the minutes for the meeting were approved as printed in the January Call Letter. Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report; it was approved as provided by Ed. Our Jim Mason Fund has increased more; members gave Ed a round of applause for his excellent work in finding this good investment fund for our Society. Bill Howard and Pete Durkee attended our meeting as guests. Welcome Bill and Pete! There were 42 people at our meeting today.

Old Business

Swap Meet — Members gave Brian Toon a round of applause for his and his family's much-appreciated efforts for our October Swap Meet. George asked members for their impressions of our last Swap Meet. A few members said that they were very successful. Members voted to end the Swap Meet at 3:00 PM and to have an auction only in the afternoon.

New Business

Library — John Bucholtz reported that some books are missing from our Library. George reminded everyone to sign out for any borrowed books.

Spring Trash Bash — Members voted to have our annual Spring Trash Bash again this Spring.

Corresponding Secretary — George mentioned that our new Corresponding Secretary, Tony Hauser, will be working on networking and correspondence tasks for our Society.

Leads and Needs

Joe Corsi needs a HeathKit MM1 VOM meter movement.

Dave Wise needs a Fluke 895A meter movement.

Program Topic

The program topic for today was "Northwest and Western Region Radio Manufacturers". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought.

The program topic for our February meeting will be “Your Oldest Radio Acquisition That You Still Have”.

The meeting was adjourned.

NWVRS Calendar of Events

Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from: PNW Hamfair web page at www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm

- February 9** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- February 16** Salem Hamfair, Salem Repeater Association, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
www.w7sra.com/.
- March 8** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- March 8** Mike & Key Swap Meet. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.*
Contact mwdink@eskimo.com.
- April 5-6** Communications Academy. Seattle, WA. S. Seattle Community College. <http://www.commacademy.org>.
- April 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- April 12** Yakima Hamfest. Selah Civic Center, 216 South 1st Street, Selah, WA. Info, contact Lindsay Kooser, N7RHW 141 Stark Road #7 Yakima, WA 98908. Phone: 509-965-6612 Email: n7rhw@arrl.net. <http://w7aq.org/>
- May 10** NWVRS Spring Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- June 14** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- June 14** Hamfest 2008. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. American Legion Hall, 1138 E. Poleline, Post Falls, Idaho.
Contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)755-2100 or email n7esu@arrl.net. <http://k7id.com/>
- July 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- August 1-3** Pacific Northwest DX Convention. Monarch Hotel, Portland, OR. Hosted by the Willamette Valley DX Club.
www.wvdx.org.

August 9 NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

August 16 Antique Radio Swap Meet. Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle. One block west of Aurora Avenue - one mile west of I-5, exit 176. Free admission. <http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html> (Always the 3rd Sunday in August)

Photo Display

Photos by Tony Hauser

These are photos of the radios shown by members at the January meeting.



Miracle crystal set
Uncle Al's Radio Shop, Oakland, CA
Sonny Clutter



Long Bros. AC table set
Cornelius, OR
Tony Hauser



Long Bros. electric fence charger
Cornelius, OR
Mike Parker



Long Bros. F5 battery set.
Cornelius, OR.
Tony Hauser



Long Bros. F5 battery set
Cornelius, OR
Frank Olberding



Superior Five battery set
Portland, OR
Dick Howard



Norco 66 battery set
Portland, OR
George Kirkwood



Long Bros. AM/SW AC table set
Cornelius, OR
Tony Hauser



Morrow Mfg. Co. table set
Salem, OR
Jay Johnston



Top: Halowat TR5, Portland, OR
Bottom: Heacock, LaGrande, OR
Both Mike Parker



Long Bros. B5 battery set
Cornelius, OR
Mike Parker

Silent Keys

From Liles Garcia: I recently received notice from Ray Elkins' family that Ray died this past August. Ray lived in Aumsville and was a member of our Society for many years. According to his family, Ray very much enjoyed being a member of the NWVRS. Ray was born in 1919.

Due to health reasons, Ray probably did not attend meetings much after 2004.

From Bob Ewing: sorry to inform everyone of the passing of George (Mel) Gollings, K7LMC, of Longview, Washington. He was 98!

I had the pleasure of several conversations with him, as he was my wife's aunt's second husband.

Missing Library Books

submitted by Liles Garcia

In looking over my notes from our last Society meeting, I noted that I was supposed to post our missing library books on our newsgroup. I apologize for taking so long to get this on our list.

Here are the books that are currently missing from our Society's library:

- Hallicrafters Company 1932 -- 1972
- Radio Theory and Operation
- Machine to Jet Age, Vol 1
- Machine to Jet Age, Vol 2

Roster Additions/Corrections

Rick Walton, Call Letter editor

Here are two additions to the club roster and a correction.

New Members

W.G. (Greg) Nelson
62 Wheatherstone Court
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Greg joined in October, but his membership just recently came to your editor's attention. Welcome, Greg.

Mark Moore
1314 N Schmeer Rd.
Portland OR 97217-7512
503-286-5224

Mark is a returning member, who first joined the club in May, 1975, at the display presented by the club at Mall 205. Mark rejoined in December.

Correction

Todd Ommert
8433 SW Terwilliger Blvd.
Portland, OR 97219

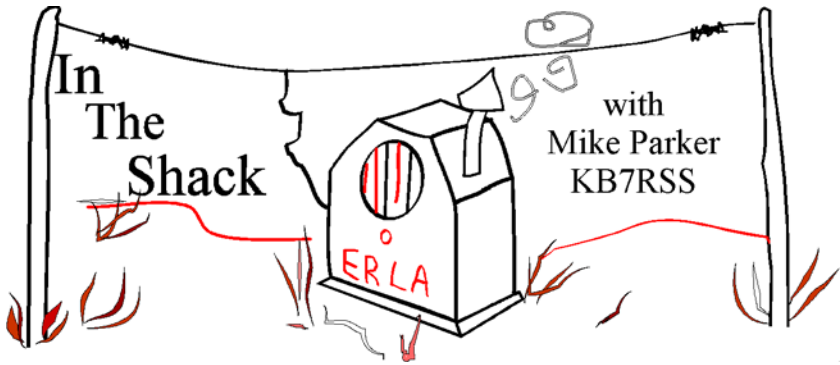
We regret the misspelling of Todd Ommert's name (not *Olmert*) both in the roster and in the listing of folks willing to service radios.

Art Redman Article in A.R.C.

by Rick Walton

Charter member Art Redman, has an article appearing in the February, 2008 issue of *Antique Radio Classified*, "the national publication for buyers and sellers of old radios and related items." The article bears the title *Station 7XG — An Oregon First*, and describes the Northwest Radio Manufacturing Company equipment used at the station, the first to broadcast on an announced schedule. A.R.C. editor John Terry notes that this article is a follow-on to Art's September, 2005 A.R.C. article about Northwestern Radio Manufacturing Company products.

Congratulations to Art for being published in a national publication, and for making yet another contribution to the preservation of radio history.



Editor's note: This "In The Shack" article is from the October, 1998, Call Letter!

More Trade Names

We went to the Northern California Coast on our vacation this year. I was hoping to see a lot of radios for sale. After visiting several second hand shops in Sonoma and Mendocino counties, I found exactly 2 radios for sale and one was a Zenith wood table set from the 40's that was overpriced for it's condition. Out of 15 to 20 shops, 2 radios is not many at all. Maybe all the collectors have picked California clean! Is this the future scenario?



Since I can't report on all the great radios I found, I have researched some more radio related trade names from the 1921 to 1925 era. I have a list compiled of popular crystal set trade names, offered in the early 20's.

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| A.C. GILBERT | ACME | AERIOLA JR. |
| AERIOLA X | AEREX | AIRPHONE |
| AJAX | BABY GRAND | BESTONE |
| BETTA TONE | BLINKER | BRECO |
| BROWNIE | B.T.H. | CARCO |
| CAT'S MEOW | C.D.T. | COMMERCE |
| RADIOPHONE | CONCERT JR. | DU-WA |
| DYMAC | ECLIPSE | ELF |
| EUREKA | FEDERAL JR. | FLIVVER |
| G.E. | GLEN | GREG-SOR |
| HALLERIO | HEARWELL | HOWE |
| INDIA | IVORY | KRYSTALCEPTOR |
| L.D.R. | LEMCO | LITTLE TATTLER |
| MARTIAN | MARVEL | MEEPON |

METRO	MIDGE	MIDGET
MIRACLE	MONTE BLUE	NICKELETTE
ORATOR	PANDORA	PENNSYLVANIA
PHILMORE	QUALITY	RADICLEAR
REMLER	RADIOGRAND	RADJO
RAD-SCO	SECO	STEINITE
TRESCOLA	TRIX	VICTOR
WORLD	WOW	X-L

This is probably not all of them, by any means but is enough to start something! If you have names not listed here, please bring them to the meeting, call me, or mail them. Or, you can now e-mail me at kb7rss@ethergate.com. The crazier the trade name, the better I like it! From the above list, I think I like RADJO the best, sort of a trade name taken from common slang of the 20's. CAT'S MEOW is pretty wild.....Maybe they made one called "BEE'S KNEES"!

QSO you next time.....IN THE SHACK

An Outreach Report

by Dick Bixler, NWVRS Vice-President

On Tuesday evening, Jan.22, Liles Garcia and I attended the Aurora Colony Visitors Association annual meeting and told the attendees about our plans for our May radio show/sale.

This seems to be an extremely professional group with a marketing chair who really seems to have well developed plans for promotion of Aurora as "Antique capitol of Oregon". They welcomed us and were happy when we told them of our promotional plans and how they would benefit Aurora as a group.

They again will welcome placement of our posters in their stores and Liles and I are working on a "new style" announcement sheet to go in the pockets on their bulletin board/kiosk. We also plan to approach cities of Portland, Woodburn, and Salem to offer our inserts for their visitor kiosks. It's good to have those people behind our efforts

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

FOR SALE: 1931 Philco 90 cathedral \$350.00 Dick Bosch 360-693-3482.

Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

Todd Ommert – (503) 246-4141, website www.burlingame-radio.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or ranft@saw.net – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 648-0897, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

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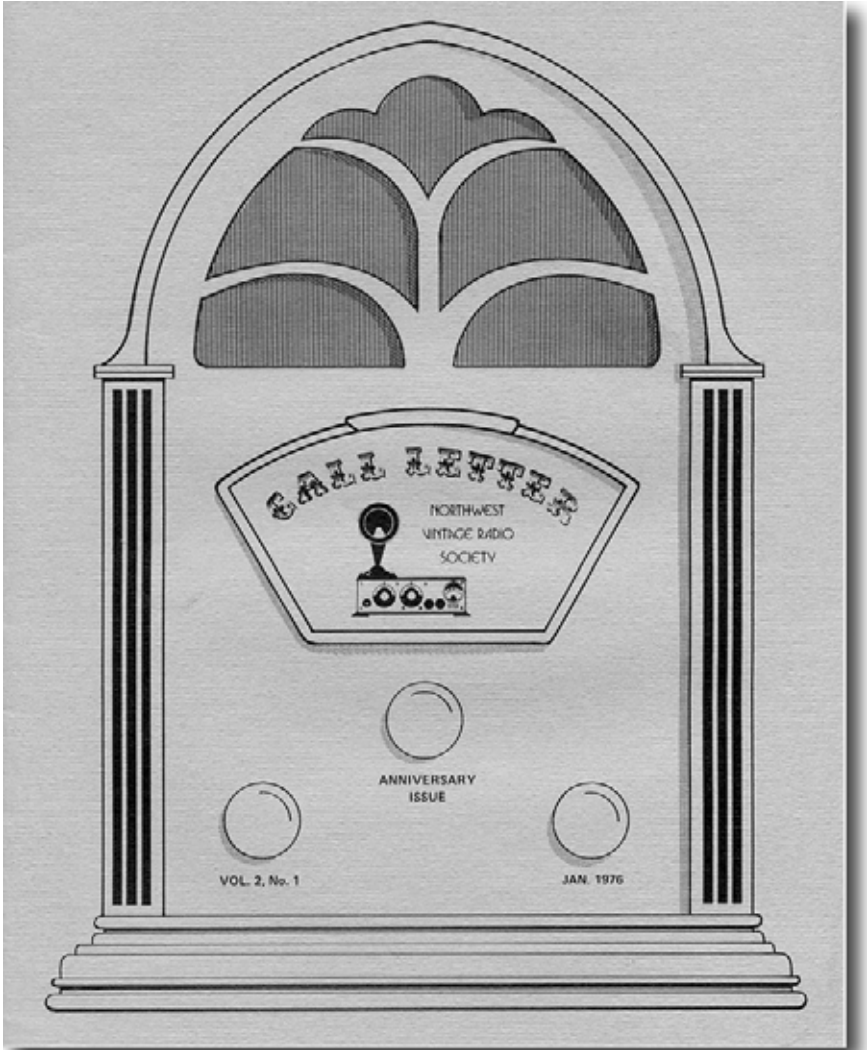
Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo's, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy
Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

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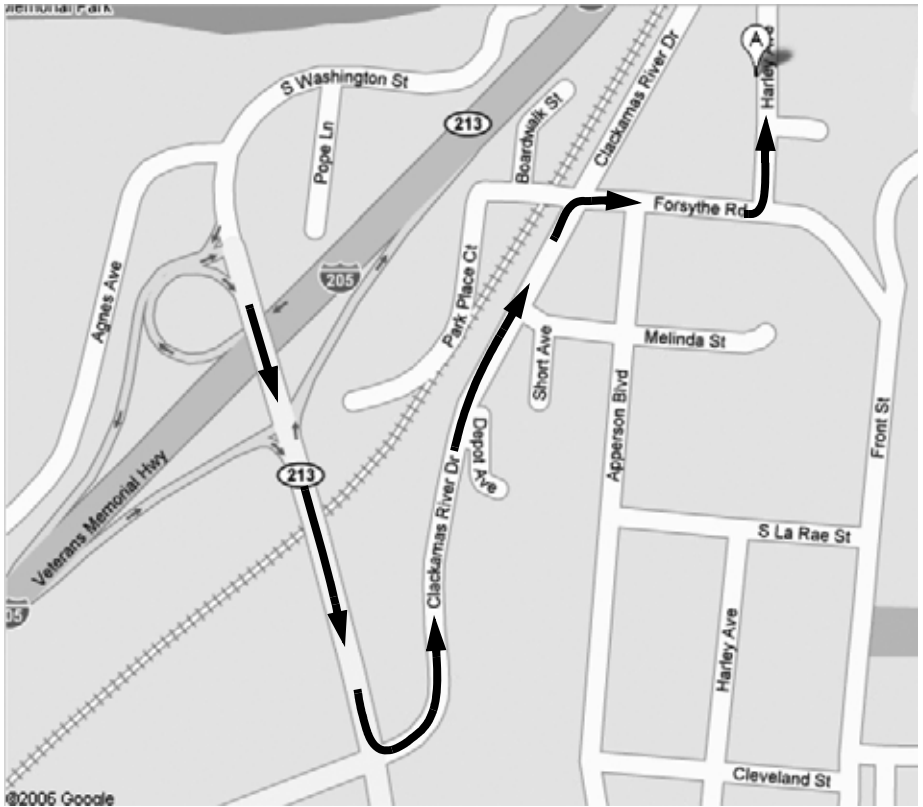
The Editor

This is the Vol. 2, No. 1 issue of the *Call Letter*, from January, 1976. It is the first of the club's newsletters to carry that name, which was the brainchild of recently re-joined member, Mark Moore.



Meeting Location

Here is a map (thanks to Google Maps) to the Abernethy Grange Hall (the pointer marked “A”), where the Northwest Vintage Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Just follow the arrows on the map.



To get to the Abernethy Grange Hall:

1. Exit I-205 at SR-213 (Exit 10 to Molalla) and head south on 213.
2. At the first intersection (the traffic light), turn left onto Clackamas River Dr.
3. Turn right at Forsythe Rd.
4. Turn left onto Harley Ave. The Grange Hall is on the left about a block and a half.