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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).

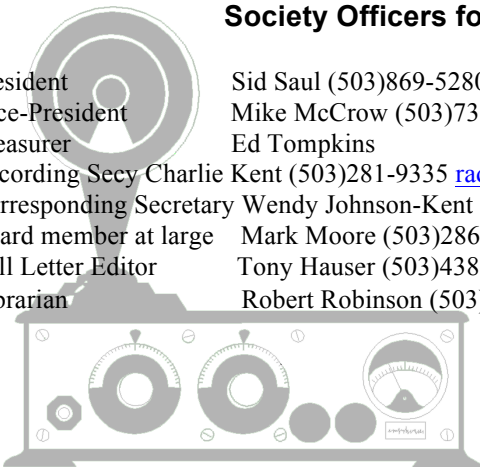
The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that informs members of the 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 shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held in and around Portland.

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On the cover: One of the rooms in historic Fort Columbia on the Washington side of the Astoria bridge as it might have appeared when in use prior to WWII. Note the Wards Airline radio next to the bed. See Sid’s Aspiring Radiotrician column for more information.

Monthly Feature: Large dial table radios. Jerry Hertel will give a demonstration on credit card swipers. VP Mike McCrow will give a Tech Talk entitled, “Substituting loctal tubes in AC/DC radios or eliminate that hot resistor!”

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 and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NWVRS**

Next Call Letter deadline: August 31, 2014

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Sunny 1550 Ad

**...it's always
a Sunny Day at...**



NWVRS Calendar of Events

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

The PSARA monthly meeting information comes from The Horn of Plenty.

- August 9** NWVRS monthly meeting 10am; tailgate swap 8:30.
Monthly Feature: Large Dial Table Radios.
- August 16** **Clark County Ham Fair** Salmon Creek American Legion Hall, 14011 NE 20th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98686
www.w7aia.org
- August 17** **PSARA Antique Radio Swapmeet** 9am – 1pm,
Shoreline Community College, 16101 Greenwood Ave. North, Shoreline, WA
www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/
flyer: <http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/psara.pdf>
- August 23** **Highline Amateur Radio Club SwapFest** Des Moines, WA. Always the 4th Saturday in August.
www.highlinearc.org/swapfest.html
- Sept 13** NWVRS monthly meeting 10am; tailgate swap 8:30.
Monthly Feature: TBD.
- Sept 13** **La Grande Swap Meet** La Grande, OR
<http://w7gra.org/>
- Sept 21** **PSARA** monthly meeting 11:30am; tailgate swap 10am.
Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave. W, Lynnwood, WA. www.pugetsoundantiqueradio.com/index
- Sept 27** **NWVRS Fall Swap & Sale**, **new location**: Lombard Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Ave. Portland, OR 97203.
Friday setup 4pm-7pm, Saturday setup 7am, open to the public 9am-3pm.

Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet & Picnic

By Recording Secretary Charlie Kent



At approximately 6:45 am on a beautiful Saturday in July, the 2nd Annual Speed Feldschau Memorial Swap Meet and Picnic took place. Recognition and thanks goes to a host of those who made the day enjoyable for all:

Sid and Belen Saul – they were the first to arrive and opened up the Club House, and were the last present to lock the door. The night before they also prepared the food with Wendy and I.

Jeff LaDoe – brought tables in and out, and also set up the pop up tents.

Larry Tobkin – helped take the pop up tents down.

Tom Patterson – supplied the BBQ and did the cooking.

Mark Richardson – helped with tear down, and retrieved A-board signs.

Rudy Zvarich – brought and served free donuts and coffee.

Liles Garcia – helped with tear down of the pop up tents and returning tables inside.

Esteban Mendoza – set up and manned the popular popcorn and snow cone machines.

Mike McCrow – helped take down tables and pop up tents.

Bill Weigel – helped set up the pop up tents

Dick Karman – supplying the day's musical programming entertainment.

Those folks I'm overlooking, please forgive my oversight and **thank you!**

Larry Tobkin and his son arrived bright and early and were the first to set up. Dick and Dan Howard followed shortly thereafter. Although less public attended than last year, at one point 62 people were counted. Everywhere conversations and camaraderie could be seen.

I personally had the opportunity to converse at length with members I seldom have the time to at monthly meetings. There was much buying, selling and trading that took place, with many finds that had people smiling. One member acquired a nice Zenith tan Royal 500 transistor radio; another a Freshman masterpiece.

Children and adults alike enjoyed many snow cones. Eleven am found folks enjoying grilled food and side dishes. Although the day was a warm one, shade was plentiful and the event ended by 1:30 pm, well before the heat of the day. For a second year, Dick Karman's Reliving Radio added a festive touch to the day.

Notice of Upcoming Auction

By Recording Secretary Charlie Kent

At the August meeting, I'll be giving some details of a private collection that will be auctioned at the end of the October meeting.

July Speed Feldschau Swap Meet and Picnic

By Staff Photographer Chris Butler



July Speed Feldschau Swap Meet and Picnic



The Aspiring Radiotrician

By President Sid Saul

From the Road Radios Along The Path

Since our club picnic last month, Belen and I have traveled almost three thousand miles in four western states in search of a place to call our own. Wouldn't you know that the only listing we both agreed on was sold just before we got there! Next week we return to the Tillamook area to take a closer look at another property we recently saw listed. I have been asked countless times by the membership since announcing our move from the city as to whether I would continue to serve as president. I can assure you that I take the office as a sacred duty, and will continue my duties regardless of my physical location. Even from the road I am constantly attending to our club's needs and attending meetings will not be a difficulty. With your continuing support I hope to continue as your club president for another year, especially during this time of transition of swap venues. It is very important to me that this happens successfully. We are very lucky to have Rick and Charlie working hard as swap coordinators as there is much that goes on behind the scenes.

This morning finds us at a BLM primitive campsite on the beautiful Nestucca River between the town of Carlton on the east and the very small community (church and school) of Blaine just 30 minutes south and east of Tillamook. Last night we spent a chilly (end of July) night in the woods listening to the river make its way to the ocean and watching the mosquitoes line up for their turn at my tender flesh during my frequent calls of nature.

For the last few days we have explored the three army gun batteries that protected the mouth of the Columbia River from the civil war right up to the end of World War II. Fort Stevens on the Oregon side, and Forts Columbia and Clatsop on the Washington. Fort Columbia was

deactivated along with the others in 1945 immediately after the war. With their guns being silenced for the final time and removed, the 900-acre Fort Columbia located just northwest of the present Astoria bridge, along with all the original buildings in tact was offered for \$25,000 without takers. The state of Washington finally stepped in to purchase the property as a state park for the sum of one dollar in 1947.



Yesterday when touring the barracks at this fort, I noticed a familiar old wooden radio near a re-creation of the typical soldier's bunk. This being a 1935 Montgomery Ward Airline 62-196 seven tube.



It has several nice features including having three bands, 535 kHz to 18.3 MHz, and two "mini dials" showing volume and tone. Another

feature is the "broad" and "sharp" selectivity switch that either allows or dis-allows a wide (broad) range of audio frequencies to be heard (Riders 6-36). Of course this area of the museum was blocked off from the public, but due to the kindness of museum hosts Jim and Margaret Funkhouser, we were permitted a closer look to secure pictures of this Montgomery Ward example of the period. We were honored to learn of the ultimate family and national sacrifice born to the Funkhouser family. They had lost their only child, Captain James (Alex) Funkhouser, in the 2006 war in Iraq. On behalf of our entire society we stand proud yet humble in Captain Funkhouser's service and ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Later that day found us looking at another wooden radio at the Fort Steven's guard house built in 1911, one of the few remaining structures remaining at the fort. Again, I was permitted to remove the radio from atop a wooden locker for photographs.



This set was an Emerson 107 U6F, also interestingly the same year as the Airline, and both found in Rider volume 6. This three band AC-DC 6 tube, not counting the ballast to reduce line voltage, was advertised as the "Duo-Vox". The model number is the 3 letters before the dash in the serial number.

Until next time from the road, your Aspiring Radiotrician. Sid.

Radio Movies

Submitted by Louis A. Jamail, Jr.

This list is from The Video Hound Golden Movie Retriever under the subject of Radio-related movies. Submitted by my moviephile nephew.

- AIRHEADS 1994
- ARE YOU LISTENING? 1932
- BAD CHANNELS 1992
- BREAKFAST IN HOLLYWOOD 1946
- BUCK BENNY RIDES AGAIN 1940
- CAMPUS RHYTHM 1943
- CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK 1930
- CHOOSE ME 1984
- CITIZENS BAND 1977
- THE COUCH TRIP 1987

DANGER ON THE AIR 1938
DIRTY MIND OF YOUNG SALLY 1972
FM 1978
FREQUENCY 2000
THE GIRL FROM MEXICO 1939
GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM 1987
THE GREAT AMERICAN BROADCAST 1941
HIT PARADE OF 1937 1937
HOLLYWOOD HOTEL 1937
THE HUCKSTERS 1947
HULLABALOO 1940
THE JACKPOT 1950
LILLI MARLENE 1950
LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING 1941
THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER 1941
MY BLUE HEAVEN 1950
MY DREAM IS YOURS 1949
THE NEXT VOICE YOU HEAR 1950
NO TRACE 1950
THE OLD HOMESTEAD 1935
ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON 1942
PEOPLE ARE FUNNY 1946
PLAY MISTY FOR ME 1971
POT O' GOLD 1941
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION 2006
PRIVATE PARTS 1996
PUMP UP THE VOLUME 1990
RADIO DAYS 1987
RADIOLAND MURDERS 1994
REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM 1938
SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE VOICE OF TERROR 1942
SING WHILE YOUR ABLE 1937
STRICTLY DYNAMITE 1934
TALK RADIO 1988
TORCH SINGER 1933
TUNE IN TOMORROW 1950
THE TWENTY QUESTIONS MURDER MYSTERY 1950
THE UNSUSPECTED 1947
WHISTLING IN THE DARK 1941
WHISTLING IN DIXIE 1942
WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN 1943
WUSA 1970



53RD AWA WORLD CONVENTION AUGUST 12-16, 2014

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Hallicrafters History and Equipment

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- All New Forums and Presentations
- Food, Glorious Food! International Dinner, Pizza Dance Party, All You Can Eat Buffet, Ladies Luncheon, 53rd Anniversary Banquet
- Movie Night — Relax With Popcorn and Drinks
- Special Event Station W2AN Featuring Hallicrafters Equipment
- Saturday Auction

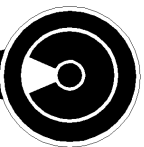
Location:

**The Rochester Institute of Technology Inn and Conference Center
Rochester, NY**

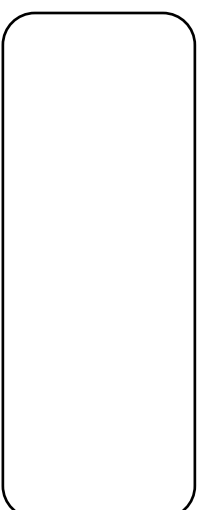
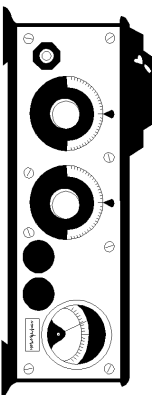
Directions: From Exit 46 of the New York Thruway (I-90), take I-390 North to NY 253 West to NY15 South. Look for the RIT building about 0.7 miles on the right.

For more information and to register online, visit www.awaconference.com
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