

NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY
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Howdy, fellows, the "swing into Spring" should help our collecting a lot because now we can get out and scour the countryside for those old jewels hiding in barns and attics. Have you been having any luck? Fishing is fun but hooking a Splitdorf or Stromberg-Carlson I-A Nuetrodyne can give you the fight of your life!

Last week, Bill Baker went down to San Jose, California to the AWA Swap Meet and Annual Meeting and entered his Salesman Sample Kilbourne & Clark receiver & horn in competition and took FIRST PRIZE! We can take pride in this because it was won by an Oregonian and a member of NWRS. I guess we showed those folks that we are not just a bunch of back hills loggers after all! By the way, this was national competition, too! Morgan McMahon, the author of Vintage Radio was there as well as most other "biggies" in this crazy hobby so our exposure did not go un-noticed. We congratulate you, Bill!

Al Blake called yesterday and informed us that all systems are go for the display at Mall 205. So far we have a display of 70 radios, with little or no duplication. Anyone wishing to enter other radios not on the list at the last meeting can do so by bringing them along to Mall 205, when we meet there on the 10th of May, Saturday. I would like to repeat that the May Meeting will be held at Mall 205, Saturday, May 10th, 1975, at 10 am. If you are not familiar with Mall 205 go to the office at the east end of the Montgomery Ward store and someone there will direct you to where the display will be. We think you will be pleased and surprised at the neat accommodations the Club will have for our FIRST such show. Much interest by the public has been evident in the various calls and visits in helping to set this thing up. All of us will be called on to help and supervise this display in the week it will be there, so please cooperate with us by being there when it is necessary. Lets all get together and show Oregon that we are a class organization, the first of its kind in the state! SEE YOU THERE!

Our appologies to Orval White. We have been informed that he did not get last months newsletter, although it was checked off on our mailing list, we assume it was lost in the mail. We are sorry, Orval, so we will include this copy when we send out this months newsletter.

Those of you familiar with the book called Vintage Radio, which has become a virtual "collectors' Bible", will be glad to know that a new book, written by the same author, called "At the Flick of a Switch" is now available. The book covers all Radios from 1929 to 1950 and will be a welcome addition to any collector interested in this era of Radio. Alan Shadduck waited six months to get his autographed copy but it was really worth the waiting! Sells for (\$9.95) in a hard cover version.

Below is a copy of a letter sent to NWRS by MAXE & LaVELLE CLAMPITT, Astoria, Ore
(Our coast members) 4-21-1975

Dear Friends,

We did enjoy the swap meet last month. I've been intending to write, but good intentions don't get the job done. We have made some "next time we'll do it this way notes." We will participate by bringing some extra stuff we have to trade or sell. (We won't accept a luncheon invitation the day of the Swap Meet!) Please could you put this in our Newsletter? We wish publicly to say a BIG thank you to DON KNOTTS of Hillsboro, for the service and instruction manuals pages he sent us! There is an old saying, something to the effect, "There are gifts grater than silver or gold". Believe me, my husband was so pleased to receive the 900 series Stewart-Warner radio instructions, he disappears into the basement and doesn't come out for a long time! I don't know how he's coming along toward getting the radio

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 back running, however, he's relaxing a few moments. If my memory serves me right, there's an exhibition coming up in May? We won't be participating but will be spectators. We have talked with several people here in town who have radios that don't play any more, however, they don't trust anyone to look into them, so the radio just sits. One gentleman said he'd let us look at his and give an estimate on what it would cost to have it fixed, but no way would part with it. We told him if it was beyond our capabilities, maybe through the Society we could find someone responsible to repair his radio. For some reason or another, this gentleman refuses to let anyone here service his radio. I guess I've run out of gab. Again I wish to express our pleasure at meeting a group of plain down to earth folks.

Maxe & LaVelle Clampitt

P.S.

Please excuse my bad handwriting, but typewriter composing is worse!
 (Editors' Note-We heartily agree with your post script and thank you for your very nice letter.)

 If you have anything to submit to YOUR newsletter please send to NWVRS, 295 S. Knott St., Canby, Ore., 97013. PARTICIPATE*-ITS YOUR CLUB, TOO!

Here is a poem submitted by old friend Tom James-4-18-75

"The Old Timers' Lament"

Many years ago, I used to know,
 The name of every set-
 All brands here and some abroad,
 I seldom missed a bet,
 Time has taken of its toll,
 Yet I still recall a few,
 Old trademarks on the Radios,
 Some names ever new,
 The buffs collect some rare old things,
 Made many moons ago,
 But choice among them I believe,
 Is the Orphan Radio,
 The priceless kind one seldom finds,
 Whose pedigree is dim,
 The chance of finding one are dog-gone slim,
 However long the odds may be,
 The reward is many fold,
 To nail a "Plimpton-Six", by gosh,
 Is worth its weight in gold,
 I've snooped around in attic rooms,
 Both here and far away,
 But so far my luck has been,
 THIS '38 RCA!

WANTED

Knobs for RCA Model 17
 Contact Harley Perkins at
 645-4633

WANTED

Condenser & Coil for Freshman
 Masterpiece (Circa 1925)
 Contact Bob Bilbie at 266-5338

FOR SALE

Model 12 A K Breadboard & Horn,
 A & B Eliminator-\$22.50, Complete
 Contact I.M. Nutts, 008-9999

FOR SALE

100 - 201A Tubes - 20¢ each
 99- UVI99-check good, obsolete
 trade for '38 RCA
 Contact U.R. Dumm, 669-8989

 (Last month was April Fool)
 Top two ads are legitimate

 AGAIN WE WILL REPEAT THAT THIS MONTHS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MALL 205 at
 10 A.M. - MAY 10TH, 1975- Instructions are on the first page.

Do you realize that if Sherlock Holmes was put in jail, he would be a fixed detector? How about the cop that arrested the bank robber on the way out of a bank-a kind of lightning arrester, so to speak! Or the man who got rid of his neighbors bee-hive the first B-Eliminator. SURE THEY ARE TERRIBLE JOKES - BUT WE CHALLENGE YOU TO DO BETTER!! See you at Mall 205 and HAPPY COLLECTING

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