



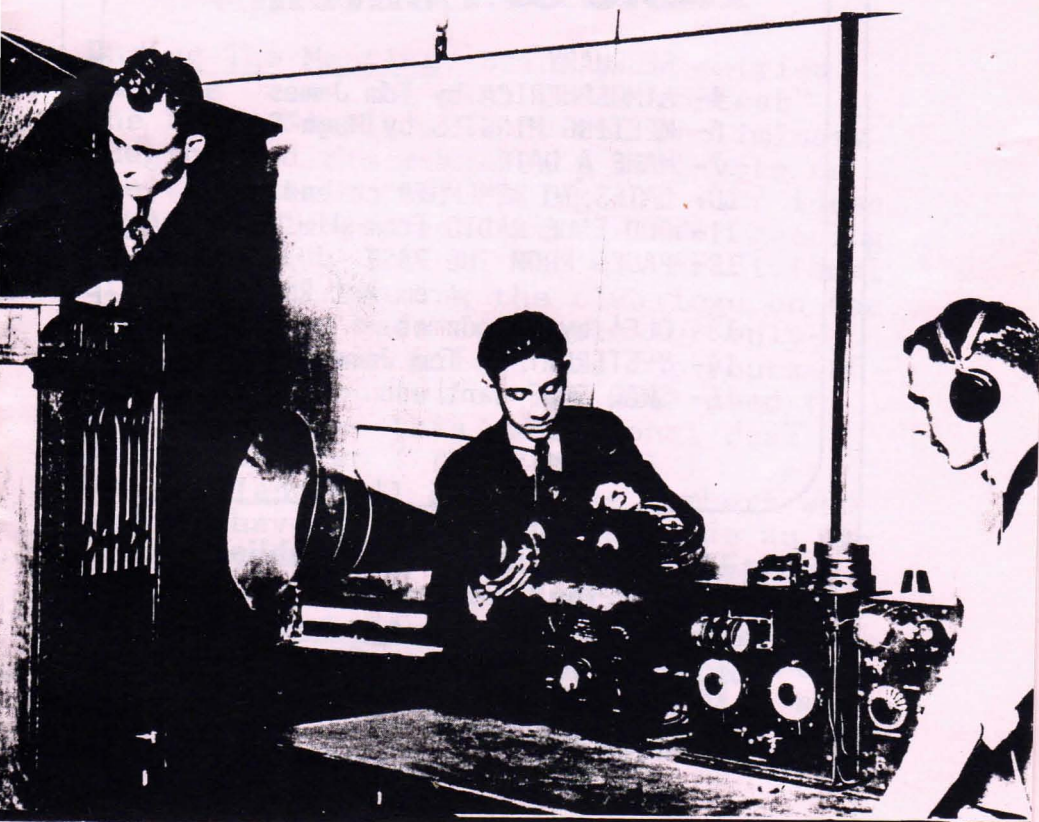
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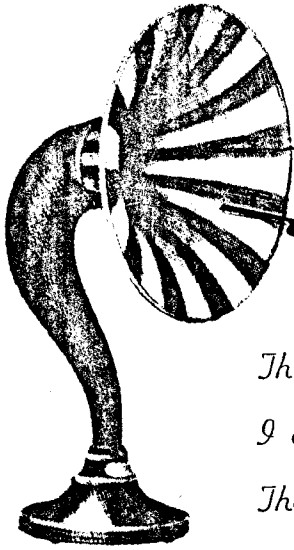
Meeting

DATE: February 12th
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS: 16th & Jackson Streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Before the meeting: Come early and see a display of Magazine advertising of radios from the vintage years. There will be photographic enlargements of over 100 pages primarily from the pages of the National Geographics.

During The Meeting: Bring your entries for the "name the club radio contest". The Power Supply will do the preliminary judging and the membership will vote on the top 5 selected. Bring all your ideas. A good deal has been arranged for getting your own Club Jacket. The now traditional club jacket bearing the club logo on the back has been made available for only-\$13.50. You can afford one for yourself and one for your wife. We will need to order 15 to get this exceptional deal. Come and buy two (their small) ! Don Copeland will give those members who wish to have an NVRS name tag made an opportunity to order them at the meeting.

The day after the meeting: Hailey's Flea Market at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem will feature vintage radios and phonographs. Joe Tompkins plans to have a table and the "just looking" is real fine too !



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

A Shocking Tale

The little AC---DC set
Mrs Geibner gave to me;
I did'nt crave the plastic thing,
But she said it was for free.
The price was right and it was cute,
A blue plastic work of art.
I smiled and took the little gem,
Refusing would've broke her heart.

I played it in my shop for kicks,
I played it in the attic,
I played it on the patio---
It was quite free of static.
I took it to the bathroom once
For music with my shower,
It was set too blasted loud--
I reached to turn it lower.

Then the stars came out around me
And the full moon rose and fell,
And even the neighbor, South,
Heard my language very well!
What happened? well if you havn't guessed,
As to what I finally found,
The volume pot had lost it's knob,
It was very "hot-to-ground"!

I slammed the set to pieces then--
It's now way over the hill,
Intriguing both the gulls and rats
At the city garbage fill!

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Momma Goose #15

Little Tom Tucker sings for his supper,
The reason is plain to see,
His mom is agog, her mind in a fog
Listening to Bing Crosby!

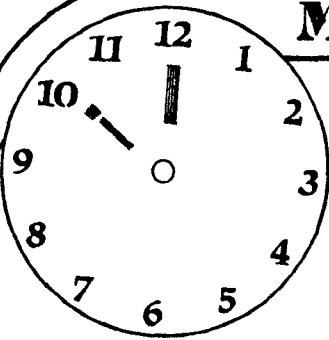
The advertisement is enclosed in a rectangular border. Inside the border, there are several black and white illustrations of different types of speakers and horns. At the top left is a circular speaker with a mesh grille. To its right is a classic megaphone-style horn. Further right is a smaller, more modern speaker with a visible driver. At the top right is another circular speaker. On the left side, below the top-left speaker, is another circular speaker. On the right side, below the top-right speaker, is another circular speaker. In the center of the advertisement is a white rectangular box containing the following text:

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Editor's Note:

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Meeting Minutes



The regular monthly meeting of NWVRS was held at the Buena Vista Club House on Saturday, January 8, 1983. Outgoing President Bill De Vey opened the meeting, then turned the gavel over to

newly elected President Jerry Talbott. Minutes of the meeting of December 11 were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

GOOD & WELFARE: Nothing to report. Visitors and guests were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: President Jerry Talbott on behalf of all members, thanked the Power Supply for the excellent Christmas party following our meeting of December 11th. Doug Eggert expressed his thanks for the honorarium extended him by the Club in recognition of his work in printing the monthly Call Letter.

Don Copeland will take care of ordering badges for those who desire them and Bob Campbell is pursuing the possibility of securing speakers for some of our meetings. The selection of a name for the Club Radio was set ahead since few were prepared to offer a name suggestion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Talbott suggested that members take pictures of their collections which could then be used at some future meeting as a "Show 'n Tell". Jerry says "be sure and make yourself known when visiting our advertisers ... only in this way can they know if their ad is helping them".

Joe Tompkins urged those who wish to sell at the February Flea Market to

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Meeting Minutes

make table arrangements with the market as soon as possible. That's in Salem.

Dick Howard reported on an estate collection of radios and parts. Any members interested in buying may contact Dick and he will arrange with the person in charge to show the collection.

Jerry Talbott presented leads on some radios offered at the Banner Flea Market in Vancouver.

Bob Campbell reported on a slide show depicting the history of Crosley, which is available for a rental fee of \$80.00.

The "Show 'n Tell" for February will be early transistor radios, those dating to about 1948.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Hugh Ranken,
Secretary

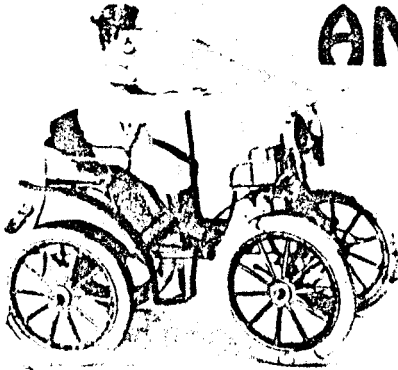
Make a Date

Plan to attend the club tour of the KGW studios and broadcast facilities on February 22. The tour was arranged by President Jerry Talbott and reservations have been made for fifteen of us to attend.

SO MAKE A DATE !!

Contact Jerry as soon as possible to reserve your place -649-6717.

MIKE'S GOLD ANVIL ANTIQUES

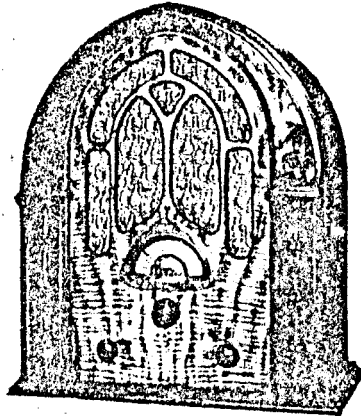


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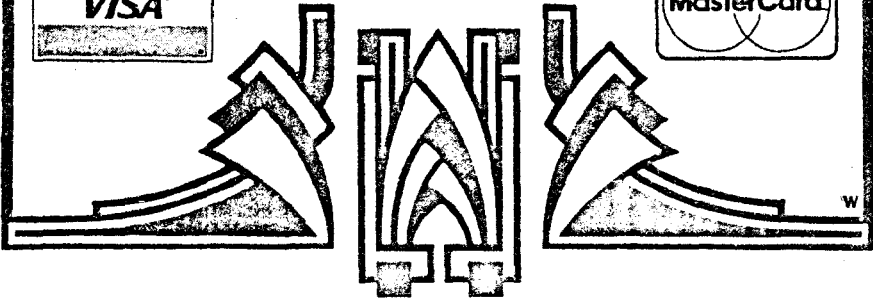
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Dates to Remember

- FEBRUARY 22 2:00 pm the KGW Tour
- APRIL 9-10 Two big days of Auto Swap meet
- MAY 14 NVRS Swap meet at the Clubhouse
- JUNE - - (got any plans-tell the editor)
- JULY 9 The 3rd NVRS auction after the meeting
- AUGUST 13 The NVRS Picnic at the clubhouse
- SEPTEMBER - Tentative plans for the AWA westcoast conf.
- OCTOBER 8 NVRS fall swap meet in Oregon City (?)
- NOVEMBER 12 Nomination of new officers plan to attend
- DECEMBER 10 The NVRS Christmas party (stay tuned) !

(Do you have things that would interest others in the club ?? Drop a note to the editor and we will include them on the next calendar. Be sure to note the activities on page ~~three~~ (3) when you make your calendar.)

Old Time Radio

SID SAYS

From all indications, Portland has gone "broadcast crazy." Slightly more than a year ago there were only three broadcast stations--KGW, KFJR, and KFEC--located here. Then came KTBR, which was followed soon after by KFIF, KQP (now operating as KOIN), KFWV.

All of these stations came into being within a few months of each other, and now we hear we are to have two additional stations, one being one of the highest powered stations in the country, having a capacity of 10,000 watts or ten times the power of KGW. the other station will be of 100 watts power and will start operating in about two weeks.

I don't know whether fans will take favorably to the addition of these two stations on account of the number now operating; however, they are coming and that's that. The new high power station is a chain station, broadcasting programs simultaneously with stations in Spokane, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The studio is to be located in the downtown district with the transmitting plant on the edge of the city at Buckley and East Glisan streets. The program will go from the station to the power plant by means of direct wires, the same as is being used by KOIN. This will be a considerable help, insofar as causing interference is concerned; however, with the excessive power they are planning on using, this location may and may not solve the problem of being able to eliminate this station and receive other local or distant stations.

The wave band this new station will use has not yet been made public. It is understood that it will be around 400 meters. If such is the case, dozens of stations operating within this range will not be heard after this station starts operating. On the other hand, if this station will put on the kind of programs that

Pages from Past

1922 Radio Sets To Be Junk In 1932

Radio science will have advanced to such an extent in the next ten years that the apparatus now in use will then be practically worthless, Guglielmo Marconi declared while on his recent visit to this country.

The inventor said that the Marconi wireless station at New Brunswick has been practically rebuilt three times at a cost of three million dollars within the last ten years. Mr. Marconi is at present paying more attention to experiments with short radio waves than the longer ones. He said this had been found more adapted in transmitting code messages than the human voice across short distances on land or between ships close together at sea.

"It is beyond the power of man to picture what man will be doing with the thunderbolt in radio work in the next ten years," he said.

Marconi also said that wireless speeded up for sending two hundred words a minute is a possibility in the immediate future.

From Science and Invention Magazine for September, 1922. Page#66.

Contributed by Art Redman

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Olé! by T.J.

Collecting has slowed just a bit this month due no doubt to bad weather. A few goodies turned up tho.

- Jim Mason: A Meyers tube, complete with clips. A fine Amplex Harmonic receiver partly wired (probably a re-wire job never completed). A GR. precision wavemeter, for measuring precision waves. G.R. Audio oscillator, including the tuning fork. A Geraco loop antenna. Philco "Butterfly" radio. An old style Weston D.C. voltmeter.
- Dick Howard: An RCA AR-1300 receiver, marked "World Wide Wireless on the front panel.
- Jerry Talbott: Sear's 6112 unusual shaped plastic set, resembling black streamlined locomotive. National 1947 57B short wave set with accessory tuning meter in matching case.
- Wally Kelly: Day-Fan 5106 O E M-7 with tubes and mouse house (less mouse)
- Joe Tompkins: Would like to know about 4 tube Kilbourne and Clark w/ solid oak cabinet, two dials, one variometer and one tuning condenser. does any one have the skinny on this one?
- Joe Warburton: Our Texas associate came up with a nice write-up in his local newspaper, the Brownsville Herald. Nicely done Joe. (this makes about half a dozen of our members who have made the "blurbs" in support of our hobby)
- Tom James: A nice model 11 Temple exponential speaker in a metal "drum" case, it required new paint and grill cloth, but is as good a balanced armature type as I have for clear quality!
- Jim Mason: Addenda to above Jim's finds, is a book published by Scientific American, in 1922 about early radios.

That's about it for now, so long folks---

Yesterday F.

New York City, 1917

The wireless equipped patrol wagon of the West 100th St. police station, demonstrated its utility in a remarkable fashion early this morning. A portable radio set has been installed on this wagon, the current to operate it being supplied by the patrol wagon motor. The patrol wagon was just returning from the Men's Night Court, when Wireless Operator Jones picked up a message that was being flashed to the police stations on the Upper West Side from the wireless branch of Police Headquarters. The message stated that an amateur wireless operator, who lives opposite the Monumental Apartment House on Riverside Drive, had noticed burglars operating in an apartment on the top floor of the building. The amateur at once flashed the news out over the city by radio, the message being first picked up by the Senior Night Operator at Police Headquarters.

When operator Jones picked up the warning, the West 100th street station's patrol wagon was within three blocks of the Monumental Apartments. It took the wireless equipped patrol wagon just one minute and a half to reach the building, and five minutes later the burglars had been bagged, handcuffed, and were on the way to the station!

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Memphis, Tenn. 1916

A complete wireless telegraph system will probably be installed by the Mississippi Delta Planting Company, from its offices in Memphis, Tenn., building to its six or seven plantations in Mississippi. This announcement was made by the president of the company, who said his object was to eliminate the cost of long distance telephoning, and to secure greater privacy and secrecy for his messages, which will be sent in code. The Memphis station is to be erected on top of the Central Bank Bldg., while there will be substations at each of the farms.

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You see ~~good~~ readers that radio was off to a good start before the U.S. got into World War No. 1 (ed.)

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will please the listeners, and not the usual type, those that displease the fans, all is well. It is something to hope for that chain programs will be of the best quality obtainable, due to the fact that programs of this type cost a great deal of money to put over. The toll line charges are heavy, likewise the cost of operating stations of high power. As this station will not start operating before the first of the year, all we can do is wait and hope for the best. This station is owned by the Western Broadcasting company, with headquarters in Seattle. One thing which grates us greatly is the fact that all contracts for construction and installation of this station, its buildings and material, are being given Seattle firms. Portland merely being the location used for serving their purpose as a station point. Not so good.

The other station of 100 watts power is being installed by H. B. Reed, builder and first owner of KQP. Reed bought this station from a Tacoma concern who are now using the old KGW transmitter. Reed will use 374 meters. Nothing definite has been given out as to where his station will be located or the type of programs he will give out.

It is very evident that listeners will have to be contented with listening to local stations, providing all the nine stations Portland will have are on the air at the same time. If the programs offered are good, no one will object; if they are not--there will be thousands of dissatisfied fans. One thing is certain, Portland will have to have one silent night a week to permit listeners-in hearing distant stations.

by Sid Goodwin, Radio Editor
from THE PORTLAND TELEGRAM, October 21, 1926

SWAP SHOP

WANTED: Rider's Vol. 1; 116; murad MA-15
schematics for the Ware type T
Nuetrodyne; Wurlitzer 661 Sound
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coils for RU-16 Receiver.
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