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# March Meeting

DATE: March 12th  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: Buena Vista Club House  
ADDRESS: 16th & Jackson Streets  
Oregon City, Oregon

**A**

It's as simple as A,B,C ! That's what "show & tell" is this month. At the February meeting, the membership decided to get back to basics and start at the begining of the alphabet. Bring those favorite sets with names that begin with A,B, or C to the March meeting and show them off. Better yet, Bring a friend !

**B**

**O**

**C**

Last meeting there was free "giveaways" in the form of literature from the 50's and 60's. You never know what will come to a meeting if you don't !

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# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

*The Bundle from Britain*

*Sing a song of O-1-As,  
Praises be on high--  
Here's to another cheery find,  
A classic English Pye.*

*When the Pye was opened,  
No valves came in sight,  
Instead were vacant sockets,  
It was a sorry plight!*

*I had some O-1-As, by gosh,  
I'd slip them into it,  
But what I had'nt figured on  
Was, the sockets would'nt fit.*

*So I took some likely "Duds",  
Cut all of the pins but one,  
Stuck them into the Pye and said,  
It's a sticky problem done!*

*In Grants Pass town I looked around,  
And peddled that sickly Pye  
For eighty bucks and some to boot,  
To a wisenheimer guy!*

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*Dedicated to some of the slower thinkers---*

*There was a little Dachshund once,  
So long, he had no notion  
The time it took to notify  
His tail of his emotion!  
And thus it was, that while his eyes  
Were filled with woe and sadness,  
His little tail kept wagging on,  
Because of prior gladness!*

# Thomas A. Edison

## A TRIBUTE

A "born inventor" if ever there was, Thomas Alva Edison was known as the "boy wonder of electricity" almost before he was old enough to vote. Often in the early days he endangered his scant livelihood for the pure joy of working out his ideas. After he had found success and fortune, the irresistible interest of his work kept him at it for long untiring hours, often for days and nights together without sleep.

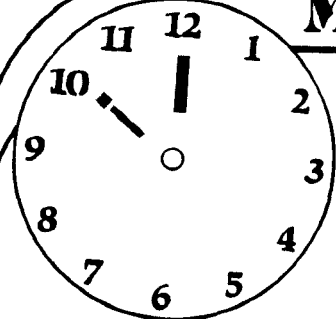
It was said of him that he "kept the path to the patent office hot", for his patents in the United States alone number more than 1,000. No other man has done half so much to apply scientific discovery to everyday life.

There is not an electrical instrument or electrical process now in use," it has been said, "but bears the mark of some great change wrought by this most ingenious of Americans." His life may well be an inspiration to any boy who wants to attain the success of honored, useful, happy manhood.

Last February 11th, marked the 136th anniversary of Edison's Birth. I can only believe that he would still be tinkering with wireless and ways to improve it were he alive today.

Ed.

# Meeting Minutes



The NWVRS regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, February 12, 1983 at the Buena Vista Club House. President Jerry Talbott presided. Minutes of January 8 were read, corrections noted,

and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

GOOD & WELFARE: It was reported that Alan Shadduck was recuperating from a recent operation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding name badges. Dick Howard moved to authorize expenditure of club funds to purchase a template after getting three quotations and with assurance the template would be retained by NWVRS. Tom James seconded the motion and it carried.

Jerry Talbott stated that money must accompany all orders for the club jackets.

Dick Karman suggested that we proceed with selection of a name for the club radio project. Some suggestions were offered among which was the Power Supply's entry of "Atmospherica". Dick Karman moved, Jim Mason seconded, that "Atmospherica" be adopted. It was accepted by vote of members present.

NEW BUSINESS: Dick Howard moved that we dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting in their entirety since they were published monthly in the Call Letter. Additions or corrections would be brought up and acted upon in meeting. Don Copeland seconded and the motion carried.

## Meeting Minutes

Larry Callahan presented a resolution which follows: "Be it resolved that the Northwest Vintage Radio Society requests the Oregon TV and Radio Licensing Board to allow servicing of vintage electronic equipment without a license. Be it further resolved that the Northwest Vintage Radio Society requests the Oregon State Legislature, if necessary, to amend 702.010 - 702.990 to provide this request".

After discussion Larry moved that the resolution be adopted and necessary contacts made to effect amendment. Don Iverson seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry Talbott reminded members of the KGW tour on February 22.

Show 'n Tell for March 12th meeting will be radios whose names begin with the letters A, B and C.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Hugh Ranken,  
Secretary

### **Make a Date**

THE NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO  
SPRING SWAP MEET HAS BEEN  
SCHEDULED DIRECTLY FOLLOWING  
THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AT THE BUENA VISTA CLUB IN  
OREGON CITY.

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NOTE THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO  
CONFLICT WITH THE AUTO SWAP  
MEET IN APRIL.

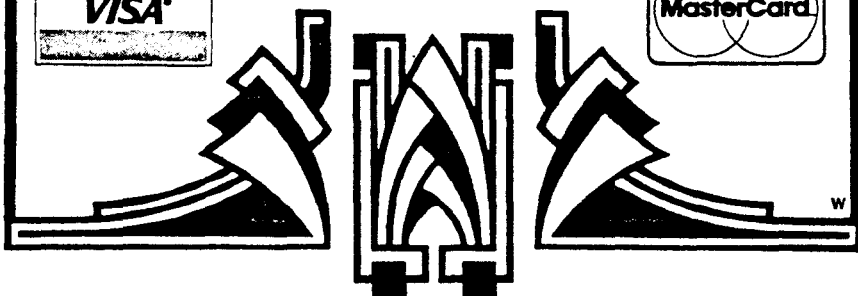
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# Bits, Clips, & Pieces

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The show was created by Bob Howell, who in 1941 was on the staff of WELI, New Haven, Connecticut. He met up and married Ruth Howard and together they composed a show called the Crazy Quiz.

The Panel was made up of three maniacs: George Shelton, a long time vaudevillian; Harry McNaughton, a Britisher who gained much fame from his part of Bill Baker's butler "Bottle"; and Lulu McConnell, who was billed as the dame with the sawblade voice. Between them there was not a sane moment during the thirty minute show. Insults were fired at nearly every American institution of the day and them some, not to mention each other.

It ran as a Monday-night sustainer until 1944 when it was picked up by CBS for Philip Morris. After four years on Friday nights it was changed to Sunday night for its final season (1948-49).

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This means much for the companies; one firm saved \$25,400 this way, and to the men it means a better and more secure standing in the ship's company, better pay, and opportunities for advancement as a ship's officer. Wireless messages are relayed between Kilbourne And Clark ships free of charge and the owners of the ship receive their pro rata on pay services.

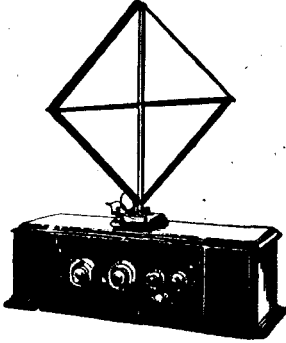
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From "wireless Up To Date", The Oregon Historical Society Scrapbook #66, Page 227, January 1916. //

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# Ole!

by

T.J.

It's been a dreary year so far, weatherwise, and to a degree with some of the collectors. However some of our members did find a silver lining to the cloudy days:

- Bill DeVey: Rounded up a General Electric console from Boston. With 8 octals, will be OK for restoration. He managed to get it back on the plane with him, no easy feat in itself!
- Jim Mason: Laid hands on a Heraldryne--"the Ideal Family Set". uses 5 UV-01's and "spiderweb" coils. Says it's in fine shape for it's age.
- Bob Bissell: Acquired a bunch of old "Popular Mechanics" magazines, dating from 1905 to present. Not complete but comprehensive--many old radio circuits and advertisements.
- Jerry Talbott: Sear's #1704 (1933) table set; Knight (Sonora) KB75 (1934) battery portable.
- Don Iverson: An Aerola Sr., (always a good catch); A Welsh 501 and Myers RAC3, (why doesn't someone come up with a set using such tubes?) Lab. type potentiometer used with Wheatstone bridge, also the bridge. Don says the galvanometer that went with this set was sold before he got to it. Tough!
- Jim Mason: I forgot to mention Jim's Horse Radio above, I have one in the shop right now although it's spelled "hoarse" radio!
- Yrs. Trly.: General Electric tube checker in fine condition; General Electric vacuum-tube voltmeter with bum meter, otherwise mint; Many old radio parts and useful service items as well as some unidentified electronic gear; Philco #57 midget tombstone, wood box super with only 4 tubes--good condition. Complete QST from 1940 to 1941. Will donate to Club Library unless someone wants them.

73s tj/3/83



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