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May Radio Show And Sale



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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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 radio-related historic preservation. The dues are \$15.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st.

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

Society meetings are held monthly (except July and August) at the Northwest Vintage Radio Museum, 7675 SW Capitol Highway (at 32nd street) in Portland Oregon. They generally convene at or about 10 AM and 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 radio sales, auctions, and "swap meets" which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held at various facilities in and around Portland.

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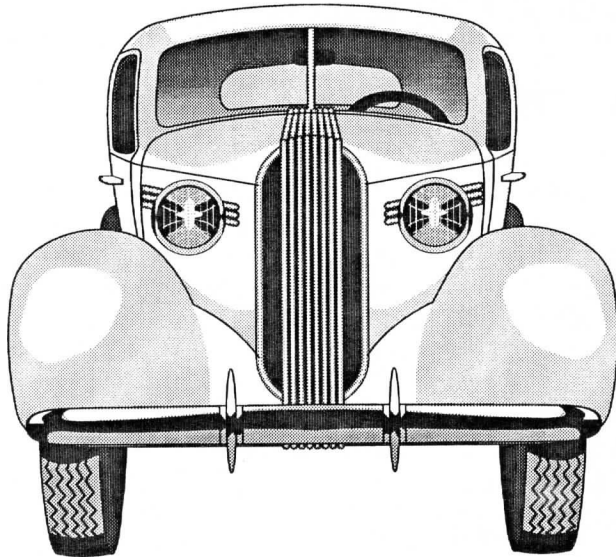
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Concourse D'Elegance

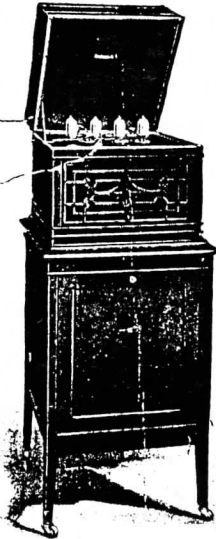


The NW Vintage Radio Society has again been invited to host a vintage radio display at the Forest Grove

Concourse D'Elegance vintage automobile show on July 24th. Members who wish to help at the display, bring radios, or help organize, please call display coordinator Dan Howard at (503) 761-7799.

Two Supreme Achievements in RADIOLAS

RADIOLA GRAND



Radiola Grand and Mahogany Stand
with "B" Batteries,
tubes and full in-
structions . . . \$350.00

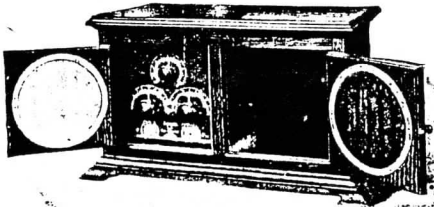
The finest principles of radio detection, amplification and loud speaking are embodied in the new Radiola Grand.

The Radiola Grand has been especially designed to receive broadcasting stations operating on the standard wavelengths of 360 and 400 meters but an additional range is available up to 550 meters. By means of the resonant loud speaking chamber, the entire family may receive broadcast music and other entertainment and instruction.

A telephone jack is provided in order that head telephones may be employed for the reception of broadcasting over great distances.

An exceptional feature of this instrument is its amplifying system which has been developed to such an extent that practically no distortion of speech or music exists.

RADIOLA IV



Radiola IV, complete with 4 tubes (1 spare),
all batteries, headset with telephone plug and
silk covered leads for antenna and ground . . . \$275.00

Radiola IV is a self contained console-type broadcast receiver. The cabinet contains a regenerative receiver, a detector, two stages of audio frequency amplification, a new loud speaker of unsurpassed tone quality and all necessary batteries.

Radiola IV is not only a highly efficient receiver, embodying the latest developments in design, but is also a thing of beauty that will grace a drawing room or library.



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of America

WORLD WIDE WIRELESS

Sales Department, Suite 2067
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District Office
10 South La Salle St. Chicago, Ill.

Meeting Minutes

By Secretary Ken Seymour

April 9, 1994

The April 1994 meeting of the NW Vintage Radio Society was called to order by President Ed Pittaway at 10:03 AM with 20 people in attendance. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as published in the Call Letter. Ed Charman gave the treasure's report for the past month and it was approved as presented.

One guest, Steve Berglund, was introduced at the meeting by Sonny Clutter. Steve is a member of the Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. He mentioned that next week, April 17th, PSARA will hold their meeting and radio auction. Steve was welcomed by NWVRS members. Dick Dielschneider mentioned that a potential new member, Jerry Blais from Albany, reserved a table for the May 14th sale. Dick also mentioned that there were 16 tables left for the show and encouraged members to make reservations.

Good Wishes

None

Old Business

Ed Pittaway mentioned that he and Jerry Talbott completed the Society's library cleanup project. A new cabinet was acquired for storing the contents of the library. The old books and texts were put up for sale and were disseminated at the meeting. The Society also purchased a VCR which is part of a long term plan to develop a base for large screen projection. When complete, members could record and playback videos of historical club events, other members, and their collections.

Gordon Phillips mentioned that he needed seven more orders from members to place the next order for Club jackets.

New Business

Dan Howard wondered if anyone else was interested in displaying radios in the Canby antique show June 18 and 19th. There wasn't too much interest and it was decided by members

to skip the Canby show in favor of attending the Forest Grove show instead.

Ed went over a schedule of up coming events. Gordon mentioned that he was assisting Dick Karman with typing the Call Letter. He suggested that members who submit material to be published try to submit it on computer disk. Those who do not have access to a computer, they will still be happy to take any material submitted no matter what the format.

Finally, Ed asked for a new volunteer to make coffee and bring donuts to future meetings. Speed Feldschau volunteered. A break then convened at 10:44 and the meeting adjourned, at which time, Gordon Phillips made a presentation on restoring radio dials to close the meeting.

Leads & Needs

None

Next Meeting

(May is our Spring Show & Sale - No Business meeting) A subject matter for the next meeting was discussed but nothing was formalized.



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All Makes

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252-2929

The advertisement is enclosed in a rectangular border. The border is decorated with several black and white illustrations of different types of speakers and horns, including a large horn, a tweeter, and various circular speakers.

JaMac advertising is done as a courtesy to our members and in recognition of the 20 year association between JaMac and the Northwest Vintage Radio Society.

Vintage Radio & Related Nostalgia Show and Sale

**Saturday, May 14th, 1994
and
Saturday, October 22nd, 1994**

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
at the Multnomah Arts Center
in the heart of Multnomah Village
SW 32nd Ave & Capitol Hwy, Portland OR

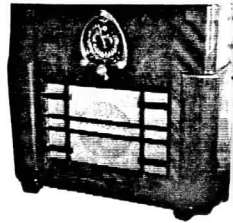
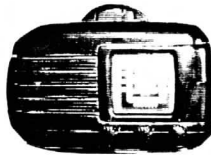
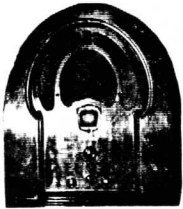
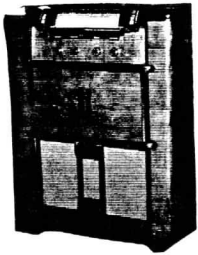
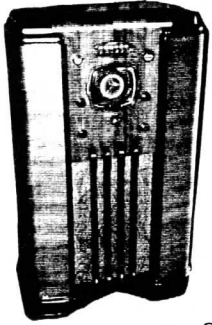
- * **Vintage Televisions**
- * **Vintage Phonographs**
- * **Vintage Nostalgia**
- * **Transistor Radios**
- * **Radio & TV Advertising**

Over 4,000 square feet!

Collectors, hobbyists, and dealers will be present.
Table space is available by reservation. For directions and table
reservations, contact Dick Dielschneider (503) 246-1062.

From downtown Portland, take I-5 southbound to the Multnomah Blvd exit.
Turn right on 31st Ave from Multnomah Blvd.

A community event sponsored by
the Northwest Vintage Radio Society
P .O. Box 82379 Portland OR 97282



Acquisitions

Acquisitions is for members to tell others what vintage equipment has been added to collections in the Northwest. We are looking for your acquisitions. You can give your list to Gordon Phillips at meetings, mail them to the post office box, or drop them through the mail slot at the Editors home (2515 NE 37th Ave, Portland, OR 97212).

Gordon Phillips

Majestic Tombstone Model 20

Philco Cathedral Model 37-60

Airline Cathedral Battery set Cat #62-77

Blair Cathedral (Jackson Bell) Model 60.

Vintage Radio Show & Sale

From Dick Dielschneider

Come One ! Come All !

This is the Big Event.

The May show and sale has
been our most popular function.

Members are asked to come early to help set up.
You can park by the NW Vintage Radio Museum
after unloading, to help leave room for the public.

The location is the Multnomah Arts Center, in the heart
of Multnomah Village, at 32nd and Capitol Highway.

1994 Calendar

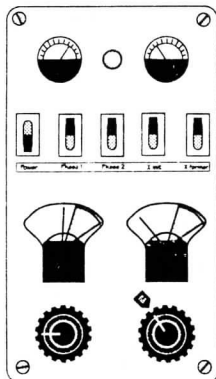
May	8th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	14-15	HAMFEST in Yakima Washington
	14th	NW Vintage Radio Society Spring Swap Meet 9 AM to 1 PM
	15th	PSARA meeting
	22nd	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
June	4-5	Antique Show - Tacoma Dome
	4-5	SeaPac Ham Convention Seaside Convention Center
	12th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	11th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	18-19	Antique Show- Clackamas County Fair Grounds
	19th	PSARA meeting
	26th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
July	3rd	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	9th	NW Vintage Radio Society Keizer Tailgate Swap Meet
	16-17	Antique Show - Multnomah County Expo Center
	17th	PSARA meeting
	24th	Concourse D'Elegance Radio Display
	NO NW	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
August	13th	Electronics Flea Market, Tacoma, Washington
	20th	HAM Swap Meet, Cowlitz Co. Fairgrounds Longview Washington
	21st	PSARA Annual Swap Meet
	NO NW	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
September	10th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17-18	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18th	PSARA meeting
October	2nd	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	8th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	15th-16th	NW Car Collector's Show

NVRS Radio Display

	16th	PSARA meeting
	16th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	22nd	NW Vintage Radio Society Fall Show & Sale - 9 AM to 1 PM
	29-30	Antique Show - Multnomah Co. Expo Center
November	12th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	12-13	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	20th	PSARA Annual Contest
	27th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
December	3-4	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	10	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	10-11	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	11	PSARA Meeting

The Salem Antique Shows are from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Calendar information is compiled by Dan Howard. He has included a number of things which will be of interest to our members.



Tech Tip

Polishing a Chassis

From Gordon Phillips

At our April meeting of the Society, after the demonstration of radio dial repair and restoration, Gordon Phillips showed the members a demonstration of how the product Rub and Buff could help restore an old rusty radio chassis after the rust is removed. With a small amount of Rub and Buff marked Silver applied to your finger or a soft cloth, rub it on the radio chassis. after it has dried you can buff it with a soft cloth. There are several different colors. I ordered Silver Leaf, Gold Leaf and Autumn Gold (which looks like copper). Our President, Ed Pittaway introduced me to this product which can be obtained at some art supply stores or craft stores. If it is not available, the store can order it for you through C2F Wholesale (they only sell to retail outlet stores). The Rub & Buff catalogue numbers are (Silver Leaf #AMA 76370k) and (Gold Leaf #AMA 76361A) and (Autumn Gold #AMA 76372M). The Autumn Gold looks like copper.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Lo-Cal Lament

Springtime has crept in
All along the Willamette,
But old radios stay hid
From my clutches goldarmette!
The rain makes it muddy--
Unpleasant, I've found
When one incessantly keeps
His ear to the ground
Wise owls are all chucklin',
In the vale of Deschutes,
That my searchin' up that way
Was not worth two hoots!
My old home town "friends"
Are cacklig like loons,
That I havn't hit pay dirt
For twenty nine moons!
From Medford to "Dago"
It's rained days and nites--
And swelled all the prices
Up higher than kites!
Comets come hurtling by,
From somewhere in space;
But nothing radio-active
Arrives at my place.
Joe was in Billings--
Jim, far to the south.
I hear that their efforts
Likewise a big drouth.
But I'm still optimistic,
In spite of the odds,
And leave my collecting
To the whims of the gods.

SWAP SHOP

NEEDS Three knobs for a Majestic Tombstone model 20. Gordon Phillips (503) 234 3517.

FOR SALE 1925 Radiola #25 with antenna on top and with a Bristol Baby Grand Audio Phone Horn Speaker. Real good condition. Total price is \$300.00. David Palomino (503) 666 9339

FOR SALE Dumont 1950's era 21" Black and white TV. Dan Howard (503) 761-7799

WANTED Station indicators for Philco 39-116; schematic for Hickok Model 532 Mutual Conductor Tube Tester. Ken Seymour (503) 248-7439.

WANTED Antenna insulators and lightening arresters; telegraph keys, sounders, and bugs; auto related novelty radios; Dan Howard (503) 761-7799

WANTED **members interested in collecting radio antenna insulators or lightening arresters. A number of enthusiasts from across the country are forming a group and want you to be a part of it.** Call Dan Howard 761-7799

WANTED Instructions and wiring diagram for a Heathkit Regulated Power Supply Model PS-2. Also the combination geared dial and volume control knob for a Philco Chairside radio Model 70. Gordon Phillips 610 NE Royal Court Portland, Or. 97232 Phone 234 3517.

WANTED: Information about the history and manufacturing information on the Western Air Patrol brand radios. I own models #5E, #268, and #3817205, James Broeffle, 1138 SW Ballinger Drive, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526, (503) 479-3607.

WANTED: Eico pre-amp HF-65, Fisher Amp 50A and Pre-Amp 80C, Pilot AA-902 Amp, National Holigan 5 or 10 Pre Amp, Jerry Talbott (503) 649-6717.

FOR SALE: Meters, Panels, speakers, parts, and over 200,000 tubes: R5-D3 Electronic Surplus, Bob Lee, 6111 SE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR (503) 774-6560.

Transmitters

From Dick Karman, Editor

Early transmitters were breadboard-type affairs. They were easily adapted, inexpensive to build, gave the vision of commercial rack mounted gear. Because transmitters were subjected to high voltage, they radiated considerable heat and RF energy. Spark set were the worst, but CW tube sets were nearly as bad.

Frequently the RF section and its power supply was separated from the modulator and its power supply. Although your reporter is quite ignorant of the circuit itself, The "Hartley Circuit" was in wide use in the late 20's and was documented in the August 1928 edition of QST magazine. The QST article was written by Ross Hull who reportedly coined the phrase "the 1929 Transmitter." This expression and the Hartley Circuit were aimed at establishing a new standard of stability and was designed to upgrade Ham bands from squeaks and squawks and mush to a more pleasant sound with less QRM producing signals. At this time most Hams were still using self-exciting oscillators.

Although amateurs stayed with their breadboards and flexible designs, commercial transmitters like the one shown in the photograph on the cover were made to fit the standard rack mount. This transmitter, part of Dick Howard's collection was used by the Portland Police Bureau as its first dispatch unit. It was displayed with similar period memorabilia when our Society hosted a 30-day museum display in the World Forestry Center.

Special thanks to A.W.A. writer Ken Gardner, of Hartford New York, for information about the 1929 transmitter.

The Passing Parade

By Editor Dick Karman

As a group of radio historians, we often remember what happened in radio, not just between the tubes and the batteries. The men and women we remember here made radio what it was in its "golden age."

On March 21st, 1994, Macdonald Carey lost a long-running battle with lung cancer. Although you might have noticed it in the news, Mr. Carey was credited therein as being Dr. Tom Horton on the soap opera, "Days of Our Lives." His soap opera career actually started in Chicago radio in 1937. His first part was in "First Nighter Program," but that quickly led to a series called "Young Hickory." His suds credits included "Stella Dallas, Backstage Wife," "John's Other Wife," "Just Plain Bill," and "Young Widder Brown." Mr. Carey's voice was also a regular on Arch Obler's "Lights Out."

Henry Aldrich's own Ezra Stone died of a heart attack on March 3rd. A mature man with a broken adolescent voice came into our living rooms for over 14 years, a record for a radio situation comedy. If you don't remember Mr. Stone's contribution to radio, you may remember his work in television. He directed "the Flying Nun," "The Munsters," "Lost In Space," "Lassie," "Love, American Style," "the Debbie Reynolds Show," and many more. But his radio recordings will be the part that will live in the hearts of radio historians for generations to come.

Wendel Niles, announcer for countless radio shows in the 30's and 40's, died on March 30th.

Vincent Pelletier, radio announcer with shows like the "Carnation Contented Hour," "The First Nighter," and "the Nat King Cole Show," passed away on February 24th.

My Thanks to the Society to Preserve and Enjoy Radio Drama, Variety, And Comedy, whom I use for confirmation of details and shows.
Dick

**The Northwest
Vintage Radio Society
Membership Application**

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Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Collecting Interests

Needs (for clasified ads)

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