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Firestone manual , circa 1948 - see page 5

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 historic preservation. The dues are \$15.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year.

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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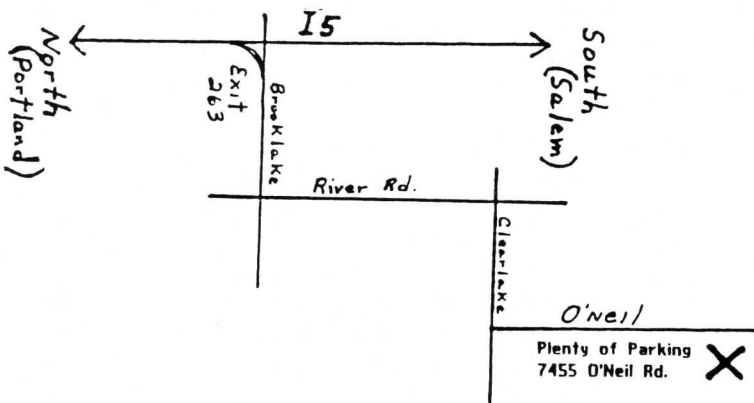
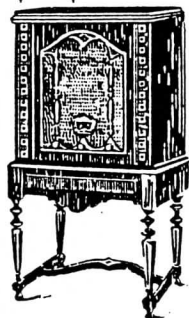
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News Notes

Tech Sloat is home and recovering nicely from his stay in Bess Kaiser hospital.

Ed Pittaway is home from the hospital after having heart bypass surgery. He is recovering nicely. If everything goes right, he hopes to attend Speed's Swap Meet.

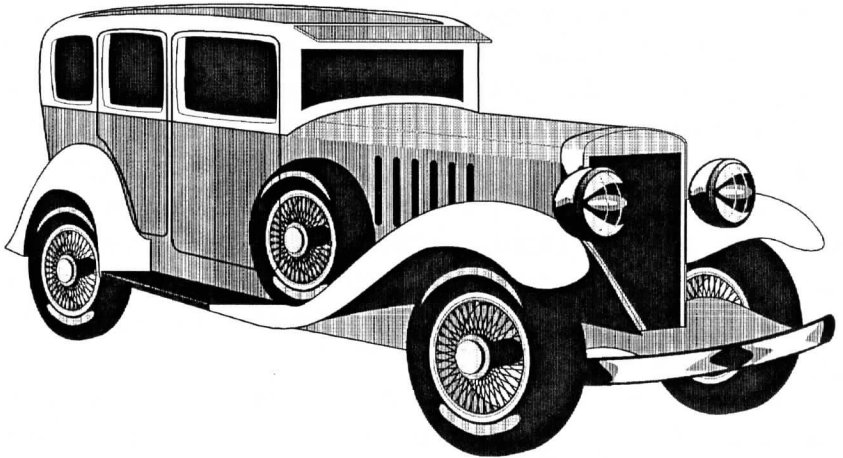
Fourth Annual
**VINTAGE
 RADIO
 SWAP**



Speed Feldschau's Swap Meet. Saturday July 9th 1994 will be at his home at 7455 O'Neil Rd. NE Keizer, Oregon. This will be a tailgate swapmeet. Speed will have available materials for the members to set up there own display tables if they wish. They will have to assemble them themselves and disassemble them when they are through. There will not be any charge for the meet or the tables. Speed will have available for purchase, Hot dogs, coffee and pastry to ward off any hunger pains.

Forest Grove

Volunteer to help with the "Classics!" The theme of the Forest Grove Auto Show on July 24th, 1994 is "the classics." To auto collectors this means Corde, Duesenberg, Rolls Royce, and Pierce Arrow. To radio buffs it means, A-K Breadboards, Philco 90's, The "Walton's" Zenith, and the Hunkerdyne.



Dan Howard, and Jerry Talbott have adopted the "classic's" theme for our society's contribution to this year's Forest Grove show. You won't want to miss it. Those who volunteer to man the booth for at least a few hours may be able to weasel free admission to the rest of the show.

Don't miss the radios.

Don't miss the cars.

Don't miss the fun.

Call Dan Howard, 761-7799, to volunteer to help.

Editorial

By Editor Dick Karman

Many people have asked, "Why don't we include victrola collectors in our *club*?" It would seem to me that those who share like interests are always welcome. I don't want anyone who can benefit from sharing information to feel out of place at our meetings or at our events. Let's encourage some articles in the Call Letter about collectible phonographs. I, personally, am not in favor of changing our name right away. (*The Northwest Vintage Radio, and Collectible Phonograph Society* ??).

I have visited Dick Dielschnieder's home and have seen his wonderful jukebox collection. There are a few of our members who fancy themselves as juke box collectors. I, for one, have purchased my first "classic Jukebox." We'd welcome an occasional story about jukeboxes to lighten the pages of the Call Letter. (*The Northwest Vintage Radio, Collectible Phonographs, and Classic Jukebox Society* ???).

Dan Howard is going editor the newsletter for a group radio insulator collectors. His interests and those of other insulator collectors are well met by a society like ours. We can help them get started, and even print a story about radio insulators in the Call Letter. (*The Northwest Vintage Radio, Collectible Phonographs, Arresters, Insulators, and Classic Jukebox Society* ??????).

It's my intent, as your editor, to help everyone who is interested in our society to enjoy his or her hobby, and share our love for "vintage technology" through our meetings and our newsletter. Telephone buffs, Edison Cylinder Seekers, Telegraph collectors, Spark gap folks, Insulator friends, all and alike can enjoy membership in the NW Vintage Radio Society. Invite them to come and invite them to share our newsletter.

Refinishing Radios

In 1948, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, sold radio dealers a "Radio Refinishing Kit." It was completely portable and self-contained; meant to be taken into the customer's home.

The kit came complete with a radio refinishing manual. A near perfect copy of this manual was loaned to the Call Letter by member Tom Moore. It was first thought that perhaps we could reduce it and reprint it, but on closer inspection, much of the detail and fun would be taken out of it by shrinking it that much. There are many techniques which we can still use today. It's a full ten pages of information and authentic vintage radio history.

If you would be interested in seeing a copy, your editor will be putting a reproduction of it into the Society library in the near future.

REPAIRING CLASS 1 DAMAGES



Fig. 1—Applying Scratch Remover to Minor Surface Injury



Fig. 2—Polishing Surface After Scratch Has Been Removed

Photos from the Radio Refinishing Repair manual, 1948.

Meeting Minutes

By: Ken Seymour

N.W.V.R.S. Meeting Minutes

The June 11th, 1994 meeting was called to order by Vice President Jerry Talbott at 10:04 AM with 23 people in attendance. Ed Charman gave the treasure's report for the past month and it was approved as presented. Lester Lewis introduced himself as a guest to the meeting and was welcomed by club members.

Good Wishes

Jerry mentioned that the Clubs President, Ed Pitaway, was hospitalized at St. Vincent's. In addition, Tek Sloan was also in the hospital for surgery. Members were concerned about hearing the hospitalization of both members and wished them a speedy recovery.

Old Business

Speed Feldschau reported that the Kaiser swap meet was still on track for July 9th. He placed advertising in the IGA Shopper and Salem Statesman Journal. In addition, he was contemplating placing an advertisement in the Oregonian. The day of the swap, Speed will place signs along the freeway exits to assist potential swappers for directions.

New Business

Sonny Clutter informed members that he was approached by an editor of Life magazine for a anniversary photo-shoot. The shoot is to include many photos of typewriters, radios, and various old Life covers from the years 1936 through 1970. Each year will have the appropriate radio that corresponds to the year that is being photographed. Sonny mentioned he had most of the radios for the years that were scheduled to be covered. However, he did report that he would probably need to borrow a few others from club members to cover the missing years. An

exact publish date of the Life issue was not known yet. We look forward to hearing how the shoot went during our next meeting.

Frank Rasada mentioned that he needed help re-roofing the clubhouse and was looking for volunteers. Dick Dielschneider volunteered to be the coordinator and the guest Lester Lewis, volunteered his services. The date for the job has not been determined yet. However, anyone who would like to help should contact Dick at 246-1062.

Club Treasure Ed Charman is compiling a list of new radio texts for members and the Club to purchase for the library. He will publish the list in a future issue of the "Call Letter".

Gordon Phillips (503-234-3517) reported that he needs to return one Club jacket which will open up one last opportunity for members to order jackets. Those interested should give Gordon a call.

Rudy Zvarich said that Bob Lee donated an article about rejuvenating old vacuum tubes to the Club. Jerry Talbott mentioned that he would attempt to get the article published in a future issue of the "Call Letter".

Leeds & Needs

Sonny Clutter (503-254-9296) is looking for any information on a "Visaglow". These were typically used in Sparton radios.

Editor Dick Karman (503-281-6585) is soliciting articles from members to be published in the "Call Letter".

Next Month

There will be no meetings through the summer months. The next meeting, in September, will focus on novelty radios and radio literature. Everyone bring something to show off.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40, at which time Sonny Clutter gave an excellent presentation on early televisions.

Editor's Note:

Sonny did a great job of summarizing the history of television. I learned a lot and was very pleased that some of these early sets still exist. They may not be my favorite collectible, but I certainly know what to look for when I'm out beating the bushes.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Rhyme of the Roving Rogue

My name is Rollie Johmer,
I'm a man of merry moods.
I buy old pots and radios
To lay on other dudes.
I forage many miles a month,
Over freeways, roads, and trails,
Getting back in town, at times,
To sell at market sales.

Some suppose I fudge a bit ---
With the buyer getting stuck.
A guy has to make a living,
And turn that needed buck!
What IF someone takes offense
At a deal a bit oblique ---
Time will heal those minor wounds,
And a month will salve the pique.

The atmosphere is getting worse,
but I'm not short on fuel.
In a week I'll be in Mesa,
Where the "marks" are not so cruel.
And if in Mesa, anyone,
Should dare infer I'd slight 'em,
I'll loose my brakes and mosey on ---
And so ad infinitum.

1994 Calendar

Compile by Dan Howard

July	3rd	Salem Antique Show
	9th	Speed's Keizer, OR Swap Meet
	17th	PSARA meeting
	24th	Concourse D'Elegance Radio Display
August	NO NW	Vintage Radio Society meeting
	13th	Electronic Flea Market- Tacoma, Washington
	21st	PSARA Annual Swap Meet
September	10th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17-18	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18th	PSARA meeting
October	15th & 16th	NWCCS Radio Display
	16th	PSARA meeting
	16th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	22nd	NW Vintage Radio Society Fall Swap Meet
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
	10-11	Antique Show - OR Convention Center
	11th	PSARA meeting

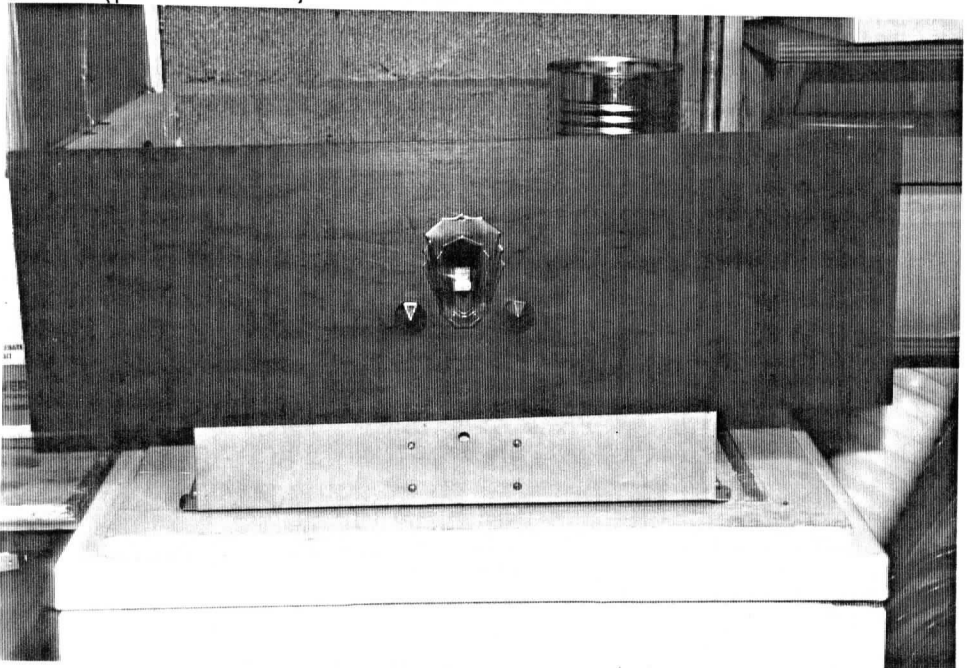
Swap Shop

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

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.

WANTED Three knobs for a Majestic model 20 tombstone radio. The knobs are approximately 7/8 inches in diameter. They are wood with a brass rosette in the center. Gordon Phillips, 610 N.E. Royal Court, Portland Or. 97232 Phone 503-234 3517.

WANTED Information on the brand or make of the radio in the photograph. The chassis has 9 tubes. 4 #24a 2 #27 2#45 1 #80. Please notify Brian Toon 26381 N.E. Butteville Rd. Aurora Or, 97002 Phone 503-678 5136. (photo below)



Collector's News

From February 1974

A quote from Morgan McMahan

You thought the thrill of the chase was gone. You've already got all the Blob-dome insulators, and have a complete line of regulator clocks? Here's the latest collecting sport: Wireless, radio and early TV. It's everybody's ball game. Anyone can play. The name of the game is to keep these pieces of history from being tossed on junk heap, and to turn them into collector's items instead.

Morgan went on, 20 years ago, to list where to look for radios, how to determine their age and what should be inside those empty cabinets you find in the attic.

This story ran in *Collector's News*, a publication which talked about European antiques, 17th century clocks, collector's art, "priceless coins," and 1000-year-old oriental fans. It might have seemed to these folks that Morgan, seeking after 40 year old radios, had a couple of his capacitors uncoupled. Our society was formed in those younger years and the "sport" of chasing the illusive radio is just as strong, if not stronger than it was 20 years ago.

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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).

Dick Dielschneider

Arvin Model 243-J (green) Metal radio
Brunswick Drum Table Radio Model 2689
1930 Westinghouse Model WR-7 Console
Sparton Model 1567 Console
1942 Zenith 10-S-668 Console

Richard Bosch

1946 Airline Model 74BR-1501B Table
1948 Delco Model 1238 Table radio
1949 Dewald Model C-800 Table Set
1949 Emerson Model 587A Table set
1949 Gilbert Model 571 Table Radio
1933 Grunow Model 1101 Console
1957 Magnavox Model AM2 Transistor
1947 Meck Model 6A6-W4 table radio
1948 Philco Model 48-200
1946 RCA Model 66X3 Table radio
1939 RCA Model 96X1 Table radio
1932 Remler Model 21-3 Cathedral
1948 Sentinel Model 314W Table
1946 Silvertone Model 6002 Table set
1950 Sparton Model 5057 Console TV
1941 Zenith Model 6D525 Table set
1940 Zenith Model 11-S-474 Console
1941 Zenith Model 12-S-550 Chairside

Dick Karman

1950 Wurlitzer Model 1450 Jukebox

Antique Electronic

Company changes hands

Antique Electronic Supply Company, of Tempe Arizona, was sold to Joeseph Campanella. Founders George A. and George H. Fathauer started the business in 1982. It caters to collectors and restorers of vintage electronics gear. Many of our members have done business with the fathauer family. Previous editors have kept them on the Call Letter mailing list until 1986. George and George will stay on in a consulting role to make the transition go smoothly.

The Campanella family will continue to honor the sales policies noted in the company catalog. The phone number and FAX number will stay the same (602) 820-5411 and (602) 820-4643. The toll-free FAX number is (800) 706-6789.

In a letter to the NW Vintage Radio Society, the Fathauer brothers expressed their appreciation for our support and referrals for more than a dozen years. we wish them well as they move towards retirement.