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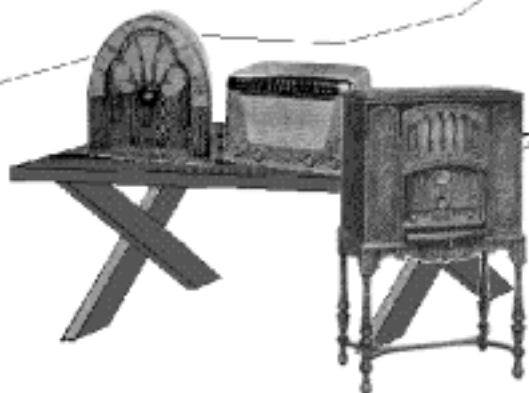
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Saturday
August 12
8:30 am . . .

Summer

Swap Meet & Picnic



Celebrating **25** years in print!

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 (prorated quarterly).

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

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

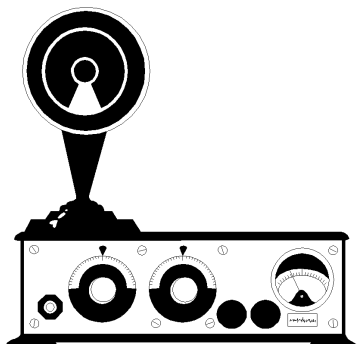
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

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**Call Letter Deadline: 10 days prior
to meeting day.**

**Don’t forget the Swap Meet/Picnic on August 12 at the
Abernethy Grange Hall.
8:30 AM till it’s over!**

**The next meeting is on September 9.
The monthly feature is:
Your favorite radio!
Tailgate swap meet starts at 8:30!**

Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

Drat! I can't be at the Summer Swap Meet and Picnic. But, I'll be in Minnesota on vacation, which includes attending a wedding. It also means a stop at Monk's Antiques and Collectibles in Pipestone, MN, where I've always come away with a radio or two. I'll be staying in Marshall, Minnesota, for a couple of nights and there are some neat antique stores there. I found a working Atwater Kent Model L horn speaker there about six years ago.

Speaking of finding radios in antique shops, I happened to pass through the tiny town of Lostine, Oregon, on my way to Wallowa Lake, and spotted a likely looking "Second Hand and Antiques" store. I went into the shop and there were radios all over the place, plus a couple of Predicta TV's and an old 1949 Motorola TV. The owner of the shop is Dave Cherry, and he told me he doesn't sell many of his radios because most people don't want to pay his prices (a little high, but not unreasonable). Dave also gave me a clue to his slow radio sales when he told me how he answers when people ask him why he has so many radios. He said, "I just like 'em!"

Thanks to Sonny Clutter for the first appearance of what I hope will become a regular feature. I asked Sonny to give it a name, and with the help of his wife he came up with "Voilà." Said Sonny, "It's French. Translation: 'there it is!'"

Thanks to Gordon Phillips for the PSARA Swap Meet flyer, and to Walt Kiefner of the PSARA for the updated info about their meet. With this much activity in the Pacific Northwest, the month of August should not be dull.

I hope no one minds that I'm re-printing one of Mike Parker's "In the Shack" articles. This one, from October of 1997, really covers two subjects: Mike's vacation radio find, and the General Electric E-61 cathedral. As usual, Mike brings these two subjects together in an informative and most entertaining manner.

Already the corrections to the roster have begun. Welcome to new member Jack Baldwin. My apologies to those whose entries in the club roster were in error. I hope that all future corrections are the result of changes that took place after the roster was printed.

NWVRS 2000 Calendar of Events

- August 12** Summer Club Swap/Picnic at Abernethy Grange (normal meeting place). 8:30 am till... Bring your own picnic!
- August 20** PSARA Swap Meet. See the flyer on page6.
- September 9** Regular monthly meetings resume after Summer break.
- October 7** Fall Swap Meet, NG Armory at Wash. Co. fairgrounds.
- October 14** Regular monthly meeting.
- November 11** Regular monthly meeting.
- December 9** Regular monthly meeting.

Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRS members

by Sonny Clutter

Tony Hauser, just added a very nice **Long model F-5**, an attractive 2 dial mid 20's battery set w/5 UX201A's

Bob Campbell, while on recent trip to Seaside (his words), got SKINNED when he had to cough up \$25.00 for a **Long model L-2**, a 2 dial battery set w/01A's. WHAT A RIP-OFF! (for the seller, my words). It appears that Long's are not on the Short list this month.

Tony Ranft, his words: found a **Hallicrafters Sky Buddy** at an estate sale in Vancouver. His wife went to sale first. "I went later and bought it. Later I asked her why she didn't buy it for me. She said it was just an ugly plain black radio."

Mark Richardson, located an; **Angelus Cathedral**. It has 6 tubes, 3, 24A's 1, 27, 1, 45, and 1, 280. Model number unknown.

Gordon Phillips, found an **Atwater Kent Model #70** console.

Ed Cook, recently obtained two **Emerson Ingraham** cabinet radios. One model 185, and a two speaker model 376. Ingraham cabinet sets are Ed's specialty.

Dave Brown, purchased an **Atwater Kent 10B Model 4610** Pooley Breadboard, one of 49 EVER made.

Sonny Clutter, located a very nice **Kilbourne & Clark** set from 1922 consisting of 4 individual units: Tuner, RF amp, detector & 2 stage audio amp.

George Kirkwood, pick up an **All American Mohawk**, a 3 tube battery set from the mid 20's with an external crystal detector.

Rick Walton, Gilfillan 66B Overlander. Battery-operated portable, late '40s? "Found at a basement sale less than a block from my house in NE Portland."



Editor's note: This is an archive edition of "In the Shack" from the October, 1997, Call Letter. I could hardly ask for a more timely article about the collecting opportunities presented by Summer vacations.

My Vacation Radio

Every year, in September, my wife and I go on a vacation. We love the ocean and usually go to the coast somewhere. Naturally, since we are both into browsing the local "junque" shops where we are staying, I end up with an old RADIO of some kind...I just can't help it!

This year, we vacationed on the Northern California coast and visited the shops in the Old Town area of Eureka, California. There are many interesting places to go, but one shop in particular that I would like to bring to the radio hobbyist's attention. It is called, "Old Town Antiques," located at 318 F St., (corner of 3rd and F) in Eureka.

The shop is unusual because a full window, facing the sidewalk is devoted to early radiomania. Older radios from the late 20's to the 40's are on display and some are elevated, affording a good view of all of them. On the bottom shelf, against the window is an array of early tubes, some blue glass types and other small parts, earphones, microphones, etc. The display is very well arranged and has a look to it like nothing has been touched for 10 years or so.

Inside the store, more radios, phonographs, telephones, insulators and other indescribable old electrical items abound. Numerous porcelain signs from yesteryear of all subjects decorate the walls. Old books, records, fixtures and piles of flotsam and jetsam stacked toward the ceiling with narrow aisles between them, complete the picture.

The owner, a young fellow named Gary Krela, can be found behind a large U shaped glass display counter at the front of the store. The counter contains many small items on display and piles of this and that surround the counter in the rear and to one side, making the people near seem small in comparison. Talking with Gary, I discovered that he likes old radios and likes to find them and tinker with them but is not a "collector" and does not belong to any radio clubs. His interest in them, however does create the well-displayed area mentioned above.

When I was a kid about 9, I had to have an old "round top radio." I whined and hinted about it until one day, Dad came home with a round top radio. It was a

genuine GE model E-61 Cathedral. It went immediately into my bedroom and got connected to my outdoor crystal set longwire antenna. This 6 tube superhet, with one Short Wave band and a small slide rule dial glowing a brilliant yellow, (new for 1936), was my companion for years. As time went on, I very stupidly “tore into it,” and managed to totally disassemble the chassis, throwing it away and the parts into various boxes, some of which I still have today, if I could only find them! The cabinet remained unscathed, and although somewhat scuffed up, I managed to refinish it around 1991.

The General Electric Model E-61 is kind of a radio of conjecture, that being the question; “Is it a Cathedral or a Tombstone?” The arch top is rather flat on top but not enough of an area to emulate a typical Tombstone. The arch is graceful but not pointed like many earlier Cathedrals. I have seen the E-61 listed in various ads as either type. I tend to call it a Cathedral, because it is shaped exactly like the earlier model Jax and Zaney-Gill Cathedrals, which are always referred to as Cathedrals.

This is all leading up to the fact that when I was in the above mentioned store in Eureka, I gazed up onto a shelf of radios and there sat a GE Model E-61! Upon closer examination, I found that it had a chassis, with the usual amount of coastal rust on board. It had the original speaker, one knob, all of the tubes, the dial lens was perfect and the cabinet was good but distorted in shape somewhat, a product of years of damp coastal moisture. The owner would not sell me the chassis alone. I don't blame him. The price wanted was not excessive, but I would have liked to pay even less. The thrill of finding another E-61 was worth it and even more, I had just purchased my 1997 vacation radio!

At last, I now had a chance to put back all of the stupid things I had done to my GE E-61 Cathedral, when I was a youngster! Who knows, I may even find 3 knobs and the dial cord pulleys. Somewhere, IN THE SHACK, is that old box of parts!

QSO you next time.....IN THE SHACK

Roster Corrections

If your club roster listing is in error as published last month in the *Call Letter*, or if you want to add to or change any part of your listing, please contact me, Rick Walton, with your corrections.

New member:

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PSARA Swap Meet Announcement

ANTIQUUE RADIO SWAP MEET

Sunday, August 20, 2000
9 AM to 1 PM

Shoreline Museum Parking Lot
N. 175th & Linden Avenue, North Seattle
(One block west of Aurora Avenue, or
one mile west of Interstate 5, Exit 176)

Tune in to the largest vintage radio event
in the Northwest, featuring:

*Tube, Transistor & Novelty Sets
Deco Plastics • TV's
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Restoration & Repair Service Info*

FREE ADMISSION

Collectors, hobbyists and sellers alike
are invited to buy, sell and trade
old radios and related gear
Bring a table or tailgate
Plenty of parking



A community event sponsored by the
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PO Box 2095, Snohomish, WA 98291 (425) 747-1323 or (206) 546-5495
<http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara.html>

18TH ANNUAL PSARA AUGUST SWAP MEET

Members of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society are cordially invited to this year's PSARA August Swap Meet. The event promises to be bigger than ever, and for that reason, several changes have been made to ensure a smoother operation.

1. The entire parking lot is for sellers only until 10:30 AM. Buyers may park in the street or in the large lot in front of the school.
2. The parking area along the east fence is reserved for large trucks. Pickups and small vans should park in the main area.
3. Each seller is entitled to two free marked parking spaces, including a space for your vehicle. Additional spaces (or their unmarked equivalents) can be purchased for \$25 each.
4. Tables, merchandise or structures (i.e., tents) cannot extend more than 6 feet beyond a marked parking space into the driveway.
5. Sellers must begin to set up within one hour after they arrive.
6. Parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please don't save spaces for late arrivals.
7. Volunteers will be available throughout the morning to help you find a parking space and offer other assistance.
8. Although the event is free, voluntary contributions are always welcomed to help pay the sizeable cost of conducting this event.

We'll look forward to seeing you on the 20th. Come early, stay late, and have a great time.

-Walt Kiefner



Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 774-6560

BUY, SELL, & TRADE: Vintage Radio, Early Television and Hi-Fi.

Wanted: Tubes, Parts and whatever you might have related to early radio & TV. Visit my web-site at: < <http://www.radiolaguy.com> > or e-mail me at: < sonny@radiolaguy.com >

Thanks, Sonny Clutter, phone (360) 834-5741

WANTED: The Crystal Radio Guy wants crystal sets and toy germanium diode radios. Buy outright, or trade for other radios. Galen (503) 231-9708.

WANTED: **I'm looking for the following items:

- 1) Speaker for a Philco Model 41-220
 - 2) Dial handle (with gold accent center) for a Emerson 706B
 - 3) Isolation Transformer
- Scott Hoke (503) 646-9392

WANTED: At the May Swap Meet I bought a Radiola 17 from Charlie Kent. It has a good chassis and wood cabinet but I need most of the cabinet parts and a 100A speaker. Please help. I am replacing a radio that I sold, that my wife liked. Also, I need the tuning condenser from, or an entire junk chassis for, a Zenith 6-S-152 (chassis 5634), or the DC equivalent; I have one but the rotor plates are mysteriously missing. Gordon Ormsby, Corvallis (541)753-6398.

FOR SALE: *A small collection of vintage radios belonging to Bill Bietelspach, a friend of Jerry Talbott's:

1932 Philco Grandfather Clock radio, 70 chassis.\$500

1947 Philco 47-1227, console radio / phono. \$150

1927 Kolster AC console Model 6J. \$200

1940 Zenith console, Model 10S464. \$300

1931 Crosley console, Model 124. \$150

1936 RCA 5T tombstone.\$150

1928 AK 40 (2) both for \$125

1924 AK 20 (short version) \$100

1925 AK 20 (long version) \$100

Please do not call until after June 12th. Ask for Bill at 503-648-0237.

Leads and Needs

None this month.

Meeting Location!

Our monthly meetings are held in the Abernathy Grange Hall, located at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City. Here are instructions for getting there and a map.

1. Take the OR-213 exit, exit number 10, towards PARK PLACE/MOLALLA.
2. From the South, turn **RIGHT** onto SR-213, or from the North, keep **RIGHT** at the fork in the ramp and merge onto SR-213.
3. Turn **LEFT** at the first traffic light onto **CLACKAMAS RIVER DR.**
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto **S FORSYTHE RD.**
5. Turn **LEFT** onto **S HARLEY AVE.** The Abernathy Grange Hall is a little past S. Taylor Lane.

The written instructions came from “Map Quest” on the Internet; the map is scanned from a AAA map with much detail removed for the sake of clarity.

