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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 historic preservation. The dues are \$20.00 (beginning January 2001) 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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On the cover: The artwork on the front cover is from the cover of the March, 1924 issue of *Wireless Age* magazine.

**Call Letter Deadline: 12 days prior
to meeting day.**

**The next meeting is on March 10.
The monthly feature is:
Radios with 3 or fewer tubes.
Tailgate swap meet starts at 8:30!**

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

The *Call Letter* is the official publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Circulation is limited to the membership and guests of the Society. The Society is not responsible for the material contributed for publication, nor the quality, timeliness, or accuracy of the items offered for sale in the SWAP SHOP. By common agreement of the board of directors, the buyer assumes all responsibility for the satisfaction of any transaction.

From the Editor

by *Call Letter* Editor, Rick Walton

Activity is picking up in preparation for the big Swap/Sale on May 12. Table rental is brisk and you should contact Charlie or Wendy very soon if you plan to have a table at the Swap/Sale. Be sure to check out the Swap/Sale guidelines that Charlie sent along with the floor plans for the Swap/Sale. The Oregon Triode Society has rented the entire north wall upstairs at the Rose Center for the Swap/Sale.

At last report, Glen Bricker is recovering nicely from his mild stroke. We should keep Glen in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see him soon.

Following up on last month's announcement of the pending auction of the Ralph Muchow estate, Ludwell Sibley provided me with a flyer for the auction. I've added the dates to our calendar, and I've reproduced the flyer in the rear cover. That certainly promises to be a major event for radio collectors! I wish I could be there.

Dues are Due!

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, here is a reminder to send your check to Ed Charman, Treasurer, or if you plan to be at the meeting this month, pay him then. Remember, dues are due on January 1 each year, and as of this past January 1 dues increased to \$20.

Roster Correction/Addition

Here are some new e-mail addresses

Blake Deitze, new e-mail: wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

Joe Beseda, new e-mail: joepbeseda@aol.com

and a new member:

Doug Sattergren

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General

NWVRS 2001 Calendar of Events

- March 10** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
Mike & Key ARC Hamfest, Puyallup, WA.
<http://www.mikeandkey.com>
- March 18** PSARA monthly meeting at noon.
- March 24** Audio Fair, display only, put on by the Oregon Triode Society, 2-6 pm, at the Gateway Baptist Church, 13300 NE San Rafael. No buying or selling, just a demonstration to the public of some of their amplifier designs and modified ones.
- April 14** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- May 12** NWVRS Spring Swap Meet at the Salvation Army Rose Center.
Stanwood-Camano ARC Hamfest, Stanwood, WA.
Up The Crick Radio Club Hamfest, Eugene, OR
- June 1-3** Sea-Pac, ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, OR. <http://www.seapac.org>
- June 9** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- July 22** Concours d'Elegance vintage car show, Forest Grove.
- August 3,4,5** Ralph Muchow Estate Auction in Elgin, Illinois.
- August 19** PSARA Annual Swap Meet.
- September 8** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- September 30** Chehalis Valley ARS Hamfest, Chehalis, WA.
<http://www.cvars.org>
- October 13** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- TBA** NWVRS Fall Swap Meet.
- November 10** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- December 8** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

Northwest Vintage Radio Society Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, Secretary

President Charles Kent called the February 10, 2001 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Call Letter. Doug Sattergren attended the meeting today as a guest. Charlie told the group that Glen Bricker recently had a mild stroke, which is why he did not attend our meeting today.

Old Business

Jim Mason Memorial Exhibit—Dick Bixler is still investigating a place to have a memorial exhibit.

Swap Meet—Our swap meet will be on May 12, and we need volunteers to help out. We will not have a May meeting. Sign up for tables now by calling Wendy Johnson-Kent, the price is \$15.00 per table. There will be some tailgate area available. We will contact other radio clubs and offer them a complimentary table at our swap meet. The table layout will be published in the next Call Letter. Charlie and Damon Vandehey will work on a flyer for our swap meet, and Ed Charman will update the club's brochure. There are only two more regular club meetings to finish up the details for our swap meet!

New Business

PCC Furniture Refinishing Class—Dick Bixler attended the furniture refinishing class at PCC and brought some handout materials to the group.

Web Site Information—Read the information in the Call Letter to find out how to use our web site.

Leads and Needs

Gordon Phillips needs a speaker for a Philco Model 20 and Philco Model 70.

George Kirkwood needs a sheet of black bakelite about ¼ inch thick.

Dick Bixler needs a dial bezel for a Philco Model 90 cathedral.

Cliff Tuttle needs the knobs and hood for a Radiola 17.

Rudy Zvarich needs the large wooden knob for a Wards Airline 62-365.

Dick Howard needs a spun aluminum 011 tube socket for a Norco radio.

Damon Vandehey needs a Philco 20 Chassis, and any early remote control color TV's.

Ron Hershey needs a speaker cable plug for an Atwater-Kent.

Larry Tobkin needs knobs for a Crosley O3CB console.

David Wise needs various micro radio parts, especially a volume control.

Robby Robinson needs a schematic for a Mullard radio.

Jeff Martin needs a chassis for a Crosley Model 168 cathedral.

Program

Today's program item was "consumer market metal-cased radios". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought. The following members won ribbons for their radios:

First place — Ron Hershey—Atwater-Kent Model 46

Blake Deitze—Atwater-Kent Model 35

Second place — Dick Howard—Federal DX Type 58

Third place — Sonny Clutter—GE Model BX and RCA Model 102

The program topic for the March meeting will be "radios having 3 tubes or less".

Classes

Sonny Clutter gave the group a class on soldering techniques and speaker cone repair. Many thanks, Sonny!!!

Photo Display

Photography by Rick Walton

Foreign radios were the feature at the January meeting. Here are the radios that members brought for everyone to enjoy.



A-K 35 w/ E2 speaker - Blake Deitze



A-K 46 - Ron Hershey



Motorola 6X32E & GE P7155D
Dave Wise



Stewart-Warner 801 - Dave Brown



GE BX & RCA 102 - Sonny Clutter



Howard - Sonny Clutter



Three Kents - Charlie Kent



GE 250 - Myron White



Federal 58 - Dick Howard



Arvin 502-RE48
Jerry Talbott



Zaney-Gill Music Box
Jerry Talbott



Temple G4108 - Jerry Talbott



Crosley Pup - George Kirkwood



Monarch - Jerry Talbott

Following the meeting, Sonny Clutter demonstrated proper soldering technique and gave us some tips for repairing ripped speaker cones.



Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRs members

by Sonny Clutter

- Dick Bixler Zenith 5S127 “Tombstone” Philco model 19 Cathedral Drake R4B receiver & T4B transmitter Airline 93BR-713B Philco 48-482 Silvertone 4565 Collins 51J3
- Dave Brown 1938 Volksempfänger 301 w Dyn in beautiful condition which I bought strait from Stade, Germany via eBay.
- 1924 One-tube Kit Radio (01A) in deal #6 from the Jerry Kubik estate.
- ca. 1920 Splendid Sr. One-tube (01) in deal #6 from the Jerry Kubik estate. The Splendid Sr. appears to be a bit rare and was manufactured by the W.F Main Radio-telephone Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Sonny Clutter NORCO SR-21 a 3 tube Portland built set from 1922. Kilbourne & Clark “Air Roamer” a neat 5 tube 3 dialer from the mid 20’s
- Charlie Kent A Globe Horse Radio.
- Sonny the Radiola Guy
- Visit my vintage radio site at: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

NWVRS Swap/Sale Information

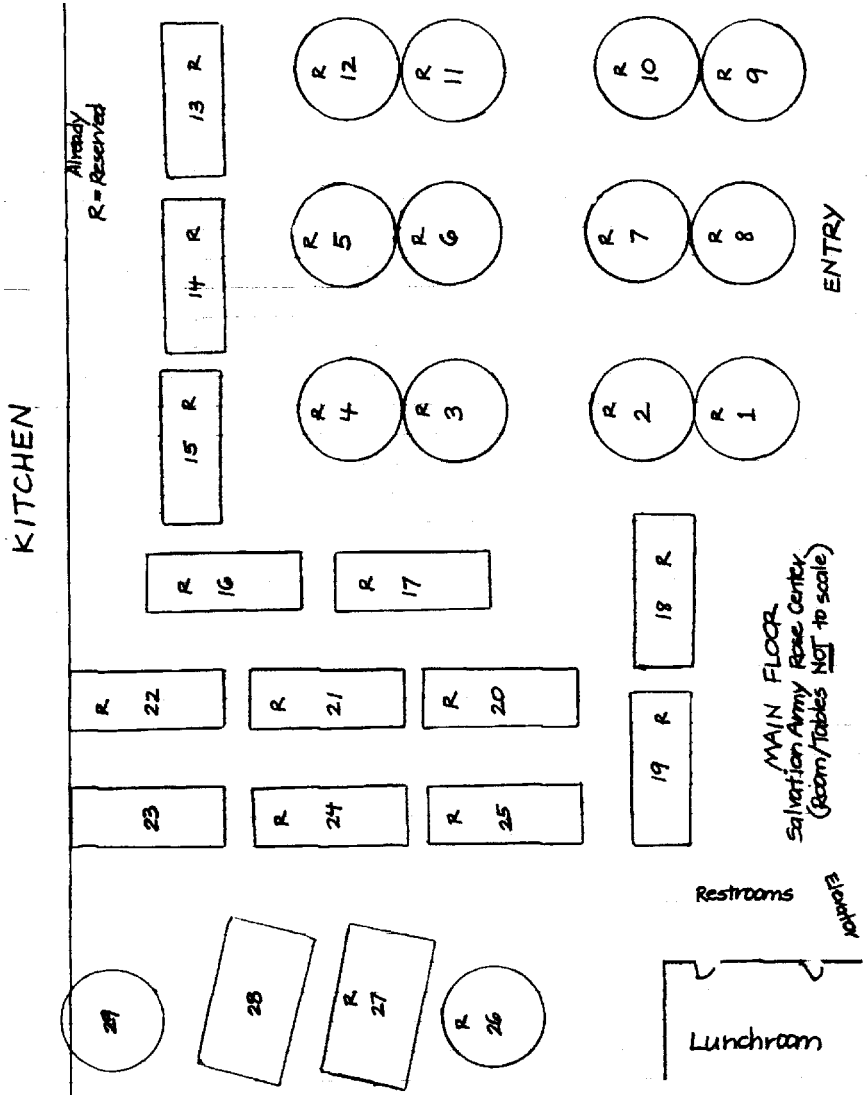
by Charlie Kent

Swap/Sale Guidelines

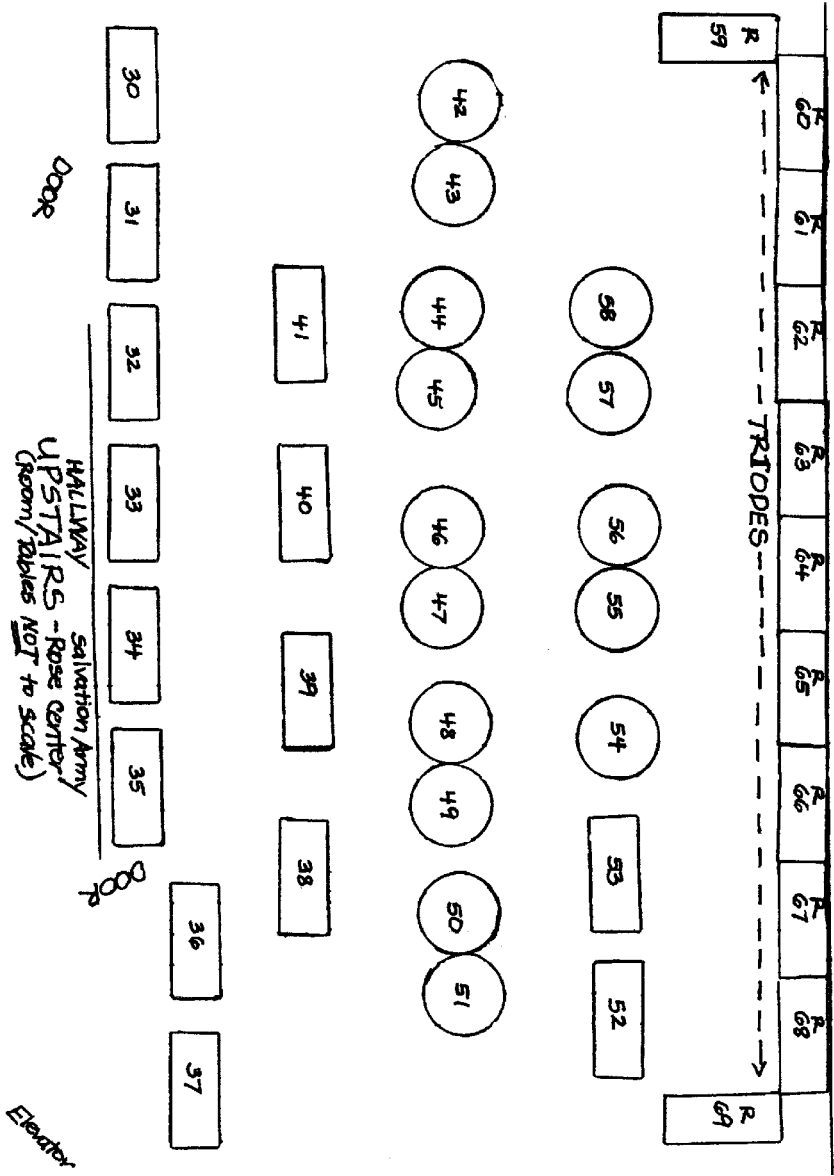
1. When unloading and reloading, don't bring in handtrucks with dirty or greasy wheels.
2. If you are renting a table with console wall space, be sure not to damage the walls.
3. When using the elevator, take care to not damage the walls.
4. During the sale, don't block or congregate in the aisles -- let the crowd movement flow.
5. Be kind to your fellow sellers, don't criticize their items so a potential customer may overhear.
6. Once the public is admitted, try not to leave your tables unattended for more than a short time.

Additional guidelines will follow next month in the *Call Letter*. These guidelines are not open for suggestion or argument. Table rental payment should be made payable to NWVRS and only given or mailed to Wendy or Charlie Kent. If you are paying at the club meeting, make sure to pay only to Wendy or Charlie.

The remaining tables available for rental are numbered on the floor maps shown on the following pages. If you still wish to rent table(s), call Charlie or Wendy at (503) 281-9335 or e-mail them at radiogalerykent@aol.com.



Floor plan for tables on the main floor of the Salvation Army Rose Center



Floor plan for tables on the second floor of the Salvation Army Rose Center

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) 513-0410

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: The INGRAHAM man wants radios with wood Ingraham cabinets. If you're not sure if it's an Ingraham, call Ed Cook in Vancouver, (360) 573-1439, or e-mail "hopopco1@home.com".

WANTED: A speaker for a Philco 20 and a speaker for a Philco 70 speaker. (any condition). Thanks, Gordon Phillips

FOR SALE: A wide variety of radios at <http://radiogallerykent.com>. Charlie Kent

FOR SALE: PHILCO 17,1933, 250.00; Philco 42-380, 225.00; Firestone 4a31 radio-phono, 120.00; Temple 10-tube, 250.00. Contact Ray Vanderzanden, radioray@alveus.com or 503-648-2287

FOR SALE: Two 3 inch Pilot TVs, one with standard P4 phosphor B&W, good cabinet, etc., \$175; the other with green picture, second rate cabinet, \$125. Both sets have all tubes, schematics, etc. I will be in Tacoma for March meeting so please call before if interested. Dick Howard, (503)775-6697.

FOR SALE: *Wurlitzer Model 412 "wood" jukebox. Completely restored, plays 16 - 78's. \$1,500. Gary Miller (503-434-6142)

FOR SALE: *A gorgeous Zenith console 12S370 that some call the "hotel model," completely restored. The cabinet was done by myself and the chassis by Sonny Clutter. It is a showpiece. I want to sell it or trade for a radio or radios of equal value (table models preferably Ingraham cabinets.) This beauty, in it's fully restored condition, I believe it to be fairly valued at \$1500. Call Ed Cook in Vancouver at 360-573-1439.

Leads and Needs

Radiolaguy's web page is full of lots of information on early radio, TV and also provides lots of links to other valuable info resources relating to the radio collecting hobby; it's not just a "for sale" site. Be sure and visit the site often. One of the services offered is pictures and information on the entire RCA "Radiola" line from 1921 to 1931 and my "show and tell" page.

Muchow Auction Flyer



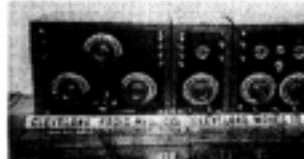
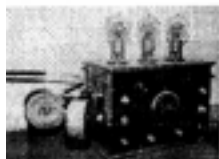
Vintage Radio Auction

Estes Auctions is pleased to announce we will be conducting a Radio Auction for the Estate of *Ralph Muchow* in *Elgin, Illinois* at the *Hemmens Cultural Center*. The Auction will consist of 3 separate sales to be held on *August 3rd, 4th & 5th*. The First sale on August 3rd will be held at 4 P.M. CST and will consist of tubes and radio advertising items only. Sale Number 2 will begin at 10 A.M. CST and will begin the dispersal of the radios. Sale Number 3 will conclude the Auction and again this will be a 10 A.M. start time

The Auction will be held in Conjunction with ARCI and Radiofest activities. There will be many Rare early items in this sale. We will have a catalog ready by Mid-May with color photographs of many of the pieces.

The Quality of this sale is beyond description. We are excited and pleased to be part of this great event and look forward to seeing you there.

Watch ARC for up-dates and upcoming advertising.



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