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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 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).

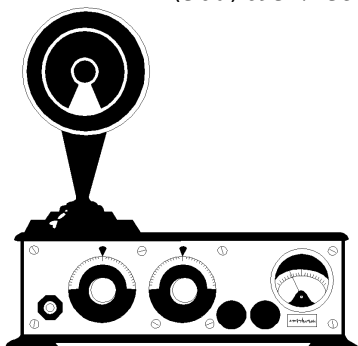
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

Society Officers for 2003:

President	Cliff Tuttle	(503) 666-7005
Vice-President	George Kirkwood	(503) 648-4809
Treasurer	Ed Charman	(503) 654-7387
Secretary	Liles Garcia	(503) 649-9288
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On the cover: “A Broadcast Engineer’s Christmas” is the caption on this colorful *Radio News* cover from January, 1928. There is no mention in the magazine of the artist, and the artwork itself is unsigned.

The next meeting is on December 13, 2003.

**The December meeting will be held at the Salvation Army
 Rose Center, NE 18th and Sandy Blvd.
 At the December meeting: Election of Officers!
 Followed by our Annual Holiday Potluck**

**January Call Letter Deadline: December 30,
 2003.**

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

What a joy it is to be able to print this month's cover in color. The artwork of the early radio magazines was at times amazingly colorful and well-done. I wish that Mr. Gernsback had seen fit to give attribution to the artist.

This is another of the skinny issues, a result of all the excuses I've trotted out in the past few months. The project at work that had me so preoccupied is, at last, at an end and I will once again have time to devote to things outside of work.

Ron Hershey has provided us with another set of Mouse Clicks that are of real interest to us as collectors. I looked through each of them and the information is great stuff, particularly if you are relatively new to the hobby. Even if you aren't a novice, the information can be of value. That trick for creating new photo-finishes is great. I sure more than just a few of us have radios tucked away that need some photo-finish repair.

For those of you wondering what has happened to the club's web site, our domain name, NWVRS.org, needs to be re-registered with a different registry group than in the past. Apparently because of the billing issues, our domain name is scheduled for deletion, and the former registry group can't re-activate it. It seems we just have to wait till it expires, then grab it and re-register it with the new group. It is complicated, probably more than I've been able to explain. At any rate, Dave Brown, our web master, is working very diligently to iron out the difficulties and get us "back on the air."

I hope everyone has a joyous holiday filled with the spirit of hope the season brings. My family will be celebrating all together for the first time in a couple of years. Both of my soldier daughters will be home, one just returned from Iraq, the other just getting ready to go. It will be wonderful to have the house filled with their laughter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

NWVRS 2003 Calendar of Events

December 13 Annual Holiday Party and monthly meeting, 10 am at the **Salvation Army Rose Center**. Election of officers for 2004. Semi-potluck luncheon (see the invitation on p. 8).

Northwest Vintage Radio Society Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, Secretary

President Cliff Tuttle called the November 8, 2003 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October Call Letter. Ed Charman gave the Treasurers report, and it was approved. There were 36 members at our meeting today. Jay Johnston joined our club at today's meeting; welcome Jay! Cliff asked all veterans to stand, and members gave the veterans a round of applause. He thanked all veterans for their service to our country. Cliff asked if anyone is interested in joining the Abernethy Grange.

Old Business

October Swap Meet — Tony reported that our club made approximately \$140.00 at our Swap Meet. Members gave Tony a round of applause for coordinating the Swap Meet.

New Business

Seattle Club Meeting — Cliff joined the Seattle Club and attended a recent meeting. He invited their club members to start attending our swap meets. The Seattle Club is providing classes on old radio technology, and old radio repair. The classes may be used for high school credits. Cliff asked if there was any interest from our club members about this kind of class. Several members indicated that they are interested.

Christmas Party — Jeff Martin invited our club to have our Christmas Party at the Salvation Army Rose Center. The group accepted Jeff's invitation and greatly appreciated his offer.

Nomination of Officers — The following members were nominated for officers in 2004:

- President—Cliff Tuttle
- Vice President—George Kirkwood
- Secretary—Tony Hauser
- Treasurer—Ed Charman

We will elect officers at the December meeting.

Leads and Needs

Robby Robinson needs a turntable for an RCA Model 45.

Sonny has a lead on someone that is selling some old radios. The contact is Dayton Brumbaugh; his phone number is (360) 833-1095.

Program Topic

The program topic for today was “Crystal Sets”. Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought. The following members won ribbons for their radios:

First Place — Sonny Clutter — Kilbourne & Clark Type E crystal set

Second Place — Jay Johnston — Myers-Blackwell crystal set

Third Place — Jeff Martin — Philmore crystal set

Mouse Clicks

compiled by Ron Hershey

This month's featured web sites deal with various radio restoration techniques.

- Instructions on replacing, reforming, rebuilding electrolytic capacitors:
<http://www.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/~reese/electrolytics/>
- Instructions for making plastic dial covers:
<http://hometown.aol.com/EB062559/DIALCOVERS.html>
- Instructions for repairing veneer chips:
<http://hometown.aol.com/eb062559/VENEERREPAIR.html>
- Instructions for making photofinish replacements:
<http://pages.cthome.net/ptf/photofin/photoFinish.html>
- Instructions for making speaker cones:
<http://members.aol.com/EB062559/SPEAKERCONE1.html>

Photo Display

Photos by Rick Walton

These are the crystal sets exhibited at the November meeting.





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

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

WANTED: An affordable project chairside. Also a Rider V manual. Dan Rohling 208-442-9322 rohling1@mindspring.com

WANTED: *6DJ8 tubes for my newly acquired Tek 535-A scope. All are missing. which number about 18-20. Rudy Z. 503-255-2227

WANTED: **Audio output transformer for RCA 54B1 personal portable. It matches the 3V4 to the 10 ohm speaker voice coil. Rudy Z..... 503-255-2227



Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhh@ix.netcom.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or ranft@saw.net – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 293-7835, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is not responsible in any disputes arising from services provided by members listed here. By common agreement of the board of directors, the buyer assumes all responsibility for the satisfaction of any transaction.

Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo's, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy
Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

Christmas Party Invitation

You and your family are invited to
the Annual NWVRS Christmas Party.
This year our December meeting and party will begin
at 10:00am in a new location at
The Salvation Army Rose Center
on NE 18th Avenue and NE Sandy Blvd.
in Portland.

Door prizes will be given away and
members are asked to bring one of the following:

Your favorite salad, casserole, or vegetable dish,
your favorite pumpkin, apple, lemon, or mince pie,
your favorite cake (any kind),
your favorite cookies (only homemade, please).

Officer's Roles

The President

The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The President shall set the time and the place of Board of Directors' Meetings. The President has the power to appoint members of committees as appropriate to enhance the activities of the society.

The Vice President

The Vice President shall be responsible for planning and arranging technical and entertaining activities associated with the society's meetings. He serves as chairman of the program committee if such a committee is appointed. He acts as presiding officer at meetings if the President is unavailable.

The Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of every business meeting and for receiving and preparing all of the society's correspondence.

The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be accountable for all funds received and disbursed by the society and shall report all monetary transactions and treasury balance at each regular meeting of the society. The Treasurer shall prepare a list of members in good standing for distribution at the next regular meeting following the annual meeting of the society.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the current elected officers of the society plus the immediate past president of the society. The Board of Directors shall direct the care and expenditure of the funds of the society. The Board shall determine a suitable time and place for regular society business meetings.