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On the cover: The first page of a two-page Heath Company ad in the May, 1948 issue of *Radio News* (this is the same issue that provided the provocative cover for last month’s *Call Letter*). The Heath Company, which was involved in aircraft manufacture beginning in the early 1900s through the end of WWII, had only begun electronic kit production in 1946 (the O-1 oscilloscope) along with the sale of war-surplus electronic parts (the other page of the ad). This ad, with its diversity of products, points out Heath’s success in that venture. Will any of the items in this ad appear at the July meeting?

The next meeting is on July 14, 2007.

July Feature: Any Heathkit item.

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

Next *Call Letter* Deadline: August 2, 2007.

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

I hope you all had a wonderful Independence Day holiday. I know I did. I managed to make some significant progress on the bookshelves for my computer room that will hopefully clear enough stuff out of my shed that I'll be able to use as my radio workshop, as I originally planned when we moved to this new place last August. After that we watched fireworks with friends in Canby. A glorious Fourth!

Little did I know when I published Kent Anderson's photos of Mike Parker's collection that I was also publishing a bit of past history. I received an e-mail from Mike explaining that he has moved to Garibaldi, Oregon, and the "Shack" as pictured in those photos is no more. Mike commented, "Not many members have ever seen "the Shack" for real as I had some real issues about public entry up to it and the type of ladder used to get up there. So since "the Shack" is now history, I was very glad that Kent wanted to photograph it."

I regret that I won't be at the upcoming meeting, but I'm going on vacation to Bremerton, WA, to attend a ship reunion for which I've been the primary organizer. It has been a big job and has really pre-occupied most of my thinking over the past month. The reunion should be a lot of fun, and I'll heave a huge sigh of relief when it's over.

It was a real pleasure to have Kem Sypher receive recognition at our last meeting for his role in co-ordinating and hosting the folks who make up the *Call Letter's* "production and distribution" department. In case you didn't know, a truly dedicated group of members meets on the Monday prior to each meeting to fold, staple, seal, and stamp the approximately 130 *Call Letters* that go in the mail each month. The usual crew in addition to Kem consists of Sonny Clutter, Tony Hauser, Gordon Phillips, Brian Toon, Rudy Zvarich, and me, the editor. Blake Dietze and George Kirkwood are also occasional attendees at these gatherings. Through the efforts of this group, the *Call Letter* appears in your mailbox every month.

This month's issue is pretty much back to normal. Be sure to check the roster corrections and make the changes to your rosters. As usual, there are minutes from last month's meeting and photos of the radios that members displayed. Taking up again where we left off, "In the Shack" for October 1997 appears in this issue. Jay Johnston has compiled a list of recent acquisitions in "Voilà". I decided to reprint Pat Kagi's request of website ideas. It's been a while since the website underwent an overhaul, but Pat would like your ideas for filling up the space. And don't forget to check out the Swap Shop, where John Bucholz is advertising another of his thinning the collection sales.

Roster Corrections

Here are this months changes and corrections:

Address changes:

Parker, Mike
117 E. Driftwood Ave.
P.O. Box 937
Garibaldi, OR. 97118-0937

Wise, David
1748 SE Spruce St.
Hillsboro, OR 97123
503-648-0897

E-mail address corrections:

Pittaway, Ed: epittaway@aol.com

Dick Bixler: RF2AF@comcast.net

Phone number corrections:

Shadduck, Alan: 541-673-36011

Sinatra, Bennett,
Norah.

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NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, NWVRS Secretary

President George Kirkwood called the June 9, 2007 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. Liles Garcia read the minutes of the April meeting, and they were approved as printed in the May Call Letter. Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as provided by Ed. John Bucholtz reported that the library is doing fine. Sonny Clutter donated a new book, "Radiola--The Golden Years" to our Society's library. Members gave Sonny a round of applause for his generous contribution. Society Member Kem Sypher attended our meeting today. Kem coordinates the folding and mailing for our Call Letter each month. Members gave Kem a round of applause for his help each month. Brian Tompkins attended today as a guest with his dad, Ed. Members gave Brian a round of applause. Members gave Rick Walton a round of applause for his great work on our Call Letter. Members gave Brian and Kathleen Toon and Tony Hauser a round of applause for their work on our Swap Meet. Pat Kagi has volunteered to be our new Webmaster. Members gave Pat a round of applause. There were approximately 40 people at our meeting today.

Old Business

Swap Meet--Members discussed our recent Swap Meet. The overall consensus was that our Swap Meet was successful; but we would like to have more of the general public attend. The group discussed several ideas about how to increase our Swap Meet attendance. We decided to continue having our Swap Meets at the American Legion Hall in Aurora. Members decided to discuss this topic again at our July meeting.

New Business

Swap Meet Auction--Cliff Tuttle discussed a silent auction idea that other clubs use at their swap meets. Members discussed the idea and then voted to have some type of auction at our October Swap Meet.

Leads and Needs

Jim Harper said that the remainder of Jerry Talbott's collection will be shipped to an auction company in four weeks.

Bob Schaefer has a complete set of Ryders and Sams Photofacts for sale--price is \$ 400.00.

The program topic for our meeting today is "Homebrew and Kit Radios". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought.

The program topic for our July meeting will be "Any HeathKit Item".
The meeting was adjourned.

NWVRS 2007 Calendar of Events

Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from:
PNW Hamfair web page at www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm

- July 14** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- June 16-17** Northeast Montana Father's Day Hamfest. Down Stream Campground at Fort Peck Lake. Info or details: contact Bob Parker, K7TNJ, at k7tnj@yahoo.com
- July 20-22** Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest. Glacier Meadows Campground, 13 miles west of East Glacier on MT Hwy 2. www.gwhamfest.org
- July 21** Bandon Hamfest. Bandon, Oregon. ARRL sanctioned event. Follow the signs to "The Barn", aka "Bandon Community Building." Contact Ron W7VU at (541) 572-5546, w7vu@arrl.net
- July 28** Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. Contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, k7osk@boatanchor.com
- August 11** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- August 12** The 10th Annual Greater Portland Insulator Swap — Location TBA. Always the second Sunday in August. Contact Dan Howard (503)659-3520 e-mail: strains@msn.com.
- August 11** Hamfest and Electronics Flea Market, Radio Club of Tacoma; Bethel Junior High School
22001 38th Avenue East, Spanaway, WA www.w7dk.org
- August 19** Antique Radio Swap Meet — Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle. www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html

- September 8** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- September 22** Spokane Hamfest. (ARRL Washington State Convention). University High School, Spokane, WA 99206. Contact Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, n7wrq@aol.com. (509)448-5821. www.kbara.org.
- October 13** NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- October 14** North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club Hamfair. Bremerton, WA. ARRL sanctioned event. Kitsap Fairgrounds. Info: contact Ron Sefton, N7EM, (360)779-5418, ron-sefton@hotmail.com or Horace Ory, (360)779-2215, ory001@comcast.net. www.nkarc.org/hamfest/index.html
- October 21** Swap-Toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. (Ten miles west of Salem). Info: contact Fred Rodley at n7lqd@aol.com. www.swaptoberfest.net/
- October 27** Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club Flea Market, Lynden, WA. ARRL sanctioned event. Always last Saturday in October. Info: contact k7iey@netscape.net. www.qsl.net/k7skw/.
- November 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. Nomination of officers for 2007.
- November 4** Maple Ridge, ARC Swap Meet. 12460 Harris Road Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge B.C. Canada. www.qsl.net/ve7rmr/
- December 8** NWVRS monthly meeting and annual Holiday Party 10 am. Election of officers for 2007.

Photo Display

Photos by Rick Walton

Homebrew and kit radios displayed at the June meeting.



Big 2-dialer - George Kirkwood



Reconstructed by George Kirkwood



XO Crystal Set - Rudy Zvarich



Cigar box crystal set - Art Redman



Heathkit Transistor Kit - Sonny Clutter



Mini-Cathedral -
Dick Bixler



TYPE HC MUSIC SCOPE
"Scope" Radio -
Jeff LaDoe



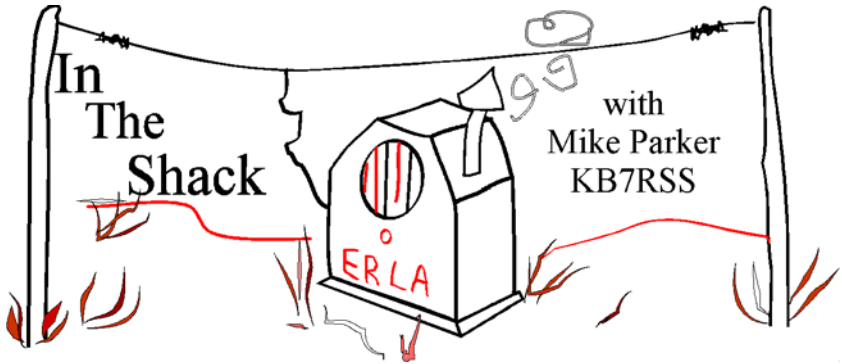
XoRadio Mfg. Co.
PAT. APPL. FOR
1175 BINGHAM PORTLAND, ORE.
XO Radio -
Jay Johnston



Alan Shadduck

Website Suggestions Requested

Pat Kagi, our new web master, is looking for suggestions for website content. What do you, the members, want to see on the website? Contact Pat and let him know. E-mail him at kagi.pat@con-way.com, or phone him at (360) 694-6149.



Editor's note: This "In The Shack" article is from the October, 1997 Call Letter!

TUNZ-A-TONE

I just knew there would be a time when I had to do this. I have some more very important (!), information concerning those 1920's and later radio trade names. In this article, I will list all the brand names I can find ending in "tone". Tone was thought to be an important selling point, since how the radio sounded was what the prospective buyer was interested in. Distance of reception was also considered important in the earlier days of radio and one company had both covered in one name....DISTANTONE! Another company used a catchy contraction of the word "excellent" to imply the status of their products... ..EXLNTONE, some were just downright silly, like PINK-A-TONE! Others utilized common slang such as BETTA-TONE and WUNDATONE and FULL A TONE. In my previous articles, (CALL LETTER, July '96 and May '97), I listed all that I could find ending in "Dyne", and also "Ola". Here are some more of each that I have since discovered....They just keep on coming up. I really must like to do this!



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| ACMEDYNE | BABYOLA | OPEROLA |
| ORTHODYNE | CONSOLA | PORTROLA |
| POLYDINE | DARIOLA | RECOLA |
| ROMADYNE | DAYOLA | SPIROLA |
| TRANS-0-DYNE | FEARNOLA | STENOLA |
| VIODYNE | GRADUOLA | SUPEROLA |
| AMBOROLA | MANTOLA | TALKIOLA |
| | MODERNOLA | VOCAROLA |

There are probably more out there, I will keep looking. Now, I will list the "TONES" and I am amazed at the amount of them.

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| ACRATONE | GLORITONE | RADIOTONE |
| AERTONE | GRANTONE | RAMSTONE |
| AIRTONE | GRANDTONE | RECREATONE |
| ALSTONE | HARMOTONE | REFLECTONE |
| AMBERTONE | HUMANTONE | REGALSTONE |
| AMPLITONE | ISOTONE | RITETONE |
| AM-PLI-TONE | KEEN TONE | ROYALSTONE |
| ARTONE | KENTONE | RY-TONE |
| AUDIO-TONE | KLEERTONE | SEATONE |
| AUTOTONE | KLEER-TONE | SELECTONE |
| BEAVERTONE | KLERETONE | SENSITONE |
| BEL-TONE | LEOTONE | SHELTONE |
| BELLSTONE | LOUD-R-TONE | SILVERTONE |
| BESTONE | MAGIC TONE | STAR 0 TONE |
| BETTA-TONE | MARLOTONE | SUPERTONE |
| BRILLIANTONE | MARVELSTONE | SUPERIOR TONE |
| CHARMTONE | MASTERTONE | TELESTONE |
| CHARMITONE | MELODY TONE | TELE-TONE |
| CHIME-TONE | MELOTONE | TIFFANY TONE |
| CLARATONE | MELL-0-TONE | TIMBRETONE |
| CLARITONE | MORE TONE | TRANSITONE |
| CLEARSTONE | MOTORTONE | TRIPLE TONE |
| COSMOTONE | NATURALSTONE | TRUTONE |
| DISTANTONE | OPERATONE | TRUETONE |
| DODGETONE | ORO-TONE | TRUE TONE |
| ECHOTONE | PEP-TONE | ULTRATONE |
| ECHO TONE | PERFECTONE | UNITONE |
| ELECTONE | PIERCETONE | VALLEYSTONE |
| EXCELSTONE | PILOTONE | VELVETONE |
| EXLNTONE | PINK-A-TONE | VIEWSTONE |
| EVERYSTONE | PLAYER-TONE | VITALITONE |
| FIDELITONE | POWERSTONE | VOLOTONE |
| FULSTONE | PURATOAN | WELSTONE |
| FULL A TONE | PUR-A-TONE | WESTONE |
| GOLDSTONE | PURESTONE | WONDERTONE |
| GOLDENTONE | QUALI-TONE | WUNDATONE |

There are 108 of them. All are radios, phonographs, tubes, speakers, earphones, company names, and one TV that I know of, can you find it? Imagine what will happen when I go after PHONE or FONE, FLEX, TRON, etc. They'll be coming to take me away! I could not find a listing for MONOTONE, they wouldn't dare use that....would they?

There you have it....TUNZ-A-TONE! Have a great holiday season,
QSO you next time....IN THE SHACK

Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRS members

Compiled by Jay Johnston

Jay Johnston —Emerson (Ingraham?) model 682 bar radio. Open the lid of this clock radio to find six shotglasses and a glass decanter. Clock and radio work; the cabinet is decent, and it came with the original instruction sheet.

Mike Parker —1926-27 Metrodyne 7, a single-dial battery set with gold illustrated panel. 1927-28 Metrodyne 7, a single-dial battery set with wood grain panel. Both pieces are from the Ron Hershey collection.

Larry Tobkin —Philco 41-255 slant front radio. This piece was obviously well cared for. It is in great original condition, even the finish. 'All complete except the power cord.

Send word of your latest find to Jay Johnston, withat@msn.com, or by post at 1451 SW Market St., Portland, OR 97201-2555.

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

THINNING OUT SALE: Over 50 tube radios, transistor radios, novelty radios, 100's of radio parts (tubes, caps, resistors, ect.) plus 3 wind up phonos. Starts July 20th at noon. John Bucholtz 360-693-7135 4409 N.E. 54th Ave. Vancouver, Wa. 98661

WANTED: *I need the base and driver for a Music Master horn speaker (the one with the wood bell). An example of the base can be seen here: <http://www.radiolaguy.com/images/hornSpeakers/MusicMaster-bs.jpg>. Thanks, Sonny the Radiola Guy.

WANTED: **Simpson Capohmeter Model 383-A Please Call Gordon Phillips, (503) 234-3517 E-mail: gdnpfi@comcast.net

Radio Service

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

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

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

Dave Wise – (503) 648-0897, 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.

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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>