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# The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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 \$25.00 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 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).

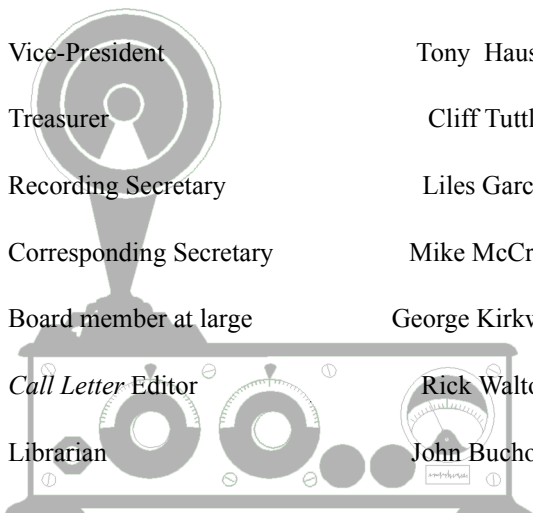
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the *Call Letter*, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1998. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the *Call Letter*.



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**On the cover:** Cover art for the March, 1926, edition of *Radio* magazine, entitled “Bedtime Story” by Lew X. Lansworth.

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**The next meeting is August 13, 2011.**

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**Monthly Feature: Radio Oddities**

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

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**Next Call Letter deadline: August 30, 2011.**

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## From the Editor

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by *Call Letter* editor, Rick Walton

An early word of warning: I won't be at the September meeting. I will be busy that day as Father of the Bride. My youngest daughter is getting married. She'll have radios on the tables at the reception - my radios.

This isn't the biggest issue ever, but it is chock full of stuff. There are lots of pictures of the audio amps featured at the July meeting. Mark Moore has provided us with another report on the growing archives. Bob Deuel reports in *Voilà* that he needed a trailer. And take a look at the Leads and Needs in the Swap Shop. There are some very nice radios making their appearance.

We have two new members listed in the Roster Update. One of them, Slade Smith, is our youngest member at age 14. It's great to see that there are young folk taking an interest in our hobby and its goals of preservation and education.

On another note, we received an e-mail from Jon Kummer, the new editor of *Antique Radio Classified*, asking if our club information is correct in that publication. I responded that the basic info is just fine, and I added info about our Swap/Sales in May and October. I mention this because it is good to know that he is taking an active interest in making sure that club information is accurate. ARC provides a vital function for our hobby, but is dealing with the same problems that other print media are facing. Here's wishing Jon the best.

## Vancouver's Talk Station

# TALK

# VANCOUVER

# 1550

[1550talk.com](http://1550talk.com)

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# NWVRS Meeting Minutes

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Recorded by Secretary Liles Garcia

President Dick Bixler called the July 9, 2011 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. Liles Garcia read the minutes of the June meeting; they were approved as published in the July Call Letter. Cliff Tuttle gave the Treasurer's report; it was approved as provided by Cliff. Cliff reported that we have 140 members that have paid their dues. Slade Smith joined our Society today; members gave him a round of applause. John Bucholtz said that the library is doing well. Mark Moore informed the group that the Mel Blanc exhibit at the Oregon Jewish Museum will be available for about two more months. Lee Jensen thanked Rick Walton for announcing the Clark County ARC Field Day in the June Call Letter. There were 49 people at our meeting today.

## **New Business**

Working Radio Demonstration--Members briefly discussed the idea of having someone bring a working radio to show to the group at our meetings. This would be a separate agenda item from the monthly Program Topic. There will be more discussion on this.

## **Leads and Needs**

Ray Vanderzanden has some electrodynamic speakers for sale. Ray's phone number is (503)648-2287.

Damon Vandehey needs a speaker for a 1964 GE record player console.

Sonny Clutter needs some Cardon 182, 183, 184 tubes for a Spartan radio.

## **Program Topic**

The Program Topic for today is "Tube Amplifiers". Approximately 10 members showed and discussed the tube amplifiers that they brought.

The program topic for August will be "Radio Oddities".

The meeting was adjourned.

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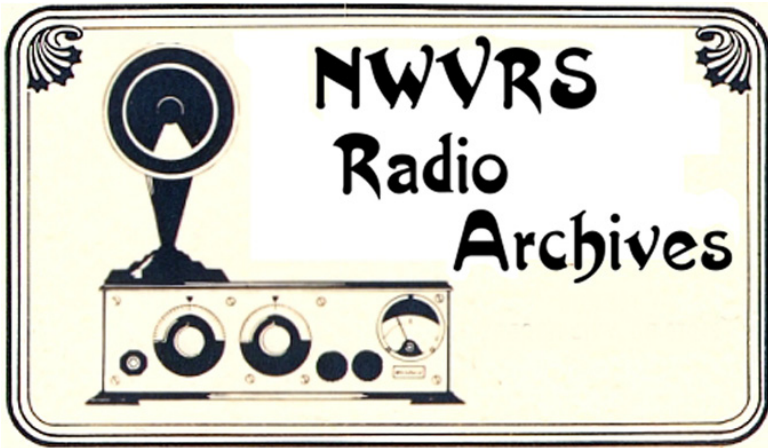
## NWVRS Calendar of Events

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

- August 13** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- August 12-14** 56th Annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention. Holiday Inn, Everett, WA. <http://www.wwdx.org/>.
- August 21** Antique Radio Swap Meet. Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. NEW LOCATION: Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, 18500 1st Avenue N. E., Shoreline, WA 98155 Free admission. <http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/swap.html> (Always the 3rd Sunday in August)
- August 13** Radio Club of Tacoma Hamfest. Bethel Jr. High in Spanaway WA. <http://www.w7dk.org/>
- September 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- September 24** The 1st Annual Clark County ARC Ham Fair. Vancouver, WA. <http://www.w7aia.org/> or contact [clarkcountyhamfair@w7aia.org](mailto:clarkcountyhamfair@w7aia.org)
- September** Spokane Hamfest. University High School, 12420 E 32nd Ave, Spokane Valley WA 99216. For information contact Bob, AC7GP [ac7gp@hotmail.com](mailto:ac7gp@hotmail.com).
- October 8** NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- October** Swaptoberfest. Mid-Valley ARES. Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR. Contact: Chris Portal, W7CLP (503)559-7837. [w7clp@arrl.net](mailto:w7clp@arrl.net) 520 South Pacific Highway. <http://www.swaptoberfest.net>
- November 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. Nomination of officers for 2012.
- December 10** NWVRS monthly meeting and annual Holiday Party 10 am. Election of officers for 2012.





by Mark Moore, NWVRS Archivist

Recent items that were given to me for the NWVRS Archives included a Guarantee Bond for a Masterpiece Phonograph that was purchased by C.G. Jensen of Timber, Oregon on May 12, 1920 from B.H. Jacques who had a shop at 145 Grand Avenue in Portland. Thanks to Ray Vanderzanden for donating this.

Also, Bob Campbell submitted a window decal for Civil Defense Radio Races as well as a decal of the Peerless Roadrunner. In the early years, Peerless manufactured radios.

If you haven't seen it yet, this is your last call for the Mel Blanc exhibit at the Oregon Jewish Museum at 1953 NW Kearney Street in Portland which runs through Sept. 11, 2011. (Parking is free in their lot.) A donation is suggested for admission.

Museum Hours: Tues-Thurs: 10 am – 4 pm; Fri: 10:30 am – 3 pm, Sat & Sun: 12 – 4pm

*That's All Folks!!!*



# Photo Display

Photos by Rick Walton

Audio amplifiers were the feature for the July meeting.

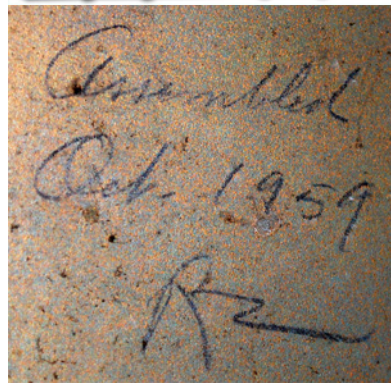


Rick Walton -  
Above: Pilotone Amplifier  
Left: Seeburg MA2-L6

Sonny Clutter -  
Kennedy Type 525



Brian Toon -  
Upper: Heathkit SA-2  
Lower: harmon Kardon A300



Rudy Zvarich - Heathkit A-9C  
Signed & dated by builder: Rudy





Alan Shadduck -  
Above left: Knight  
Above right: Pilot  
Left: Generic phono amp



George Kirkwood -  
Right: Atwater Kent Type TA  
Below left: Crosley 50A  
Below right: Crosley 51A



Jim Harper - Tektronix  
Engineering Prototype



Dick Howard - DeJur 3-tube



Bill Weigel -  
 Top left - Fisher SA-100  
 Top right: Grommes 240  
 Left: Eico HF-86  
 Above right: Dynaco ST-35



Jerry Hertel - H.H. Scott 222C



Cliff Tuttle -  
 Atwater Kent Model 4053



Pat Hickman -  
 Electro-Voice A-20-C



Art Redman -  
 Western Electric 7A

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## ***2011-2012 Membership Roster Update***

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We have two new members, and a photo updates.

### **New Members:**

**Symes, Douglas**

119 NE 135th Street  
Vancouver, Wa 98685  
360 909 4880  
dsymes@yahoo.com

Interests: crystal sets (old and replicas), old tube sets, trade jazz,  
mechanicing, woodworking, photography, telescope making, etc



**Smith, Slade**

2035 SW 185th  
Aloha, Or 97007  
503 707 5686  
Interests: restoring

### **Photo Update:**



**Geissel, Henry J**  
15425 S.E. Grant St.  
Portland, OR 97233  
503-760-6231  
Transistor sets  
[hjgrant@comcast.net](mailto:hjgrant@comcast.net)

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## ***Voilà***

***...new and recent finds by NVRS members***

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Compiled by Jay Johnston

**Bob Deuel** just returned from the Michigan Antique Radio Club “EXTRAVAGANZA” event where he picked up a Federal Jr. crystal set, five 1920's battery sets, a couple early AC sets, four cathedrals, four tombstones, a couple unusual AC-DC sets, a 1950 Motorola TV and many tubes and vintage parts. Bob said that the event was like visiting a candy store and wished that he had a trailer to haul back more treasures.

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## New Caps & Shirts!

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New caps and new shirts are available. Caps are \$10, and shirts are \$22 for M & L sizes, \$24 for XL. If anyone needs a hat or polo shirt, and would like to pick the items up at the July meeting, they should contact Tony Hauser at 503-438-0297 or e-mail their request to [abhauser@aol.com](mailto:abhauser@aol.com) so Tony can arrange for someone to take the items to the meeting.




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## Swap Shop

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*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:* Zenith Radio model 8S531 8-tube - cabinet in good shape plays well. Call me, Robbie Robbins, at 503-255-3585. I also have a web site for Canadian vintage radio schematics.

*FOR SALE:* \*Two Philco radio/phonos, both are model 46-1201, one restorable, the other for parts - \$20 for both.  
Zenith console, model 8A02, 8-tube, minimal effort to restore - \$30.  
Contact Bill Meloy (503) 667-8109.

*WANTED:* \*\*I need a transformer for an early Philco that has the tube socket on top of the transformer. Tony Ranft [walteranft@hotmail.com](mailto:walteranft@hotmail.com)

## Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit Radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photos, 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>

1938 Zenith 12-tube console, 12S265. Contact Grant Jones, 503-236-9445.



Radio collection belonging to Scott Cutler, (503) 649-1696, [sdcutler@comcast.net](mailto:sdcutler@comcast.net). The pictures below show some of the radios in the collection. In his e-mail to NWVRS Scott said he contacted us “to try to locate a true collector dedicated to antique radios and the love and passion that goes along with the hobby. I would really like to sell as a collection first or possibly by piece considered.” He also said, “I have no need or desire to sell to someone looking to lowball the value to just turn around and sell them.”



## Radio Service

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

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Bruce Baur - (503)-708-4537, [brucebaur@comcast.net](mailto:brucebaur@comcast.net)

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

Jack Doyle – (503) 305-8097

Pat Hickman – (503) 887-9015 Web: [www.classictubeaudio.com](http://www.classictubeaudio.com)  
Email: [phickman@comcast.net](mailto:phickman@comcast.net)

Todd Ommert – (503) 246-4141 Web: [www.burlingame-radio.com](http://www.burlingame-radio.com)  
Email: [burltv@msn.com](mailto:burltv@msn.com)

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or [walterranft@hotmail.com](mailto:walterranft@hotmail.com) – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 648-0897, [david\\_wise@phoenix.com](mailto: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.



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# PSARA New Swap Meet Location

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## ANTIQUUE RADIO

## SWAP MEET

SUNDAY, August 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**NEW LOCATION:**

**SHORELINE-LAKE FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER**

**18500—1st Avenue N. E.**

**Shoreline, WA 98155**

### FREE ADMISSION

Vendors:

\$10.00 donation  
recommended

Tune in to the largest vintage radio  
event in the Northwest.

Collectors, hobbyists and sellers alike  
are invited to buy, sell and trade old  
radios and related gear.

A community event sponsored by the

**PUGET SOUND ANTIQUE RADIO ASSOCIATION**

**P. O. BOX 7567**

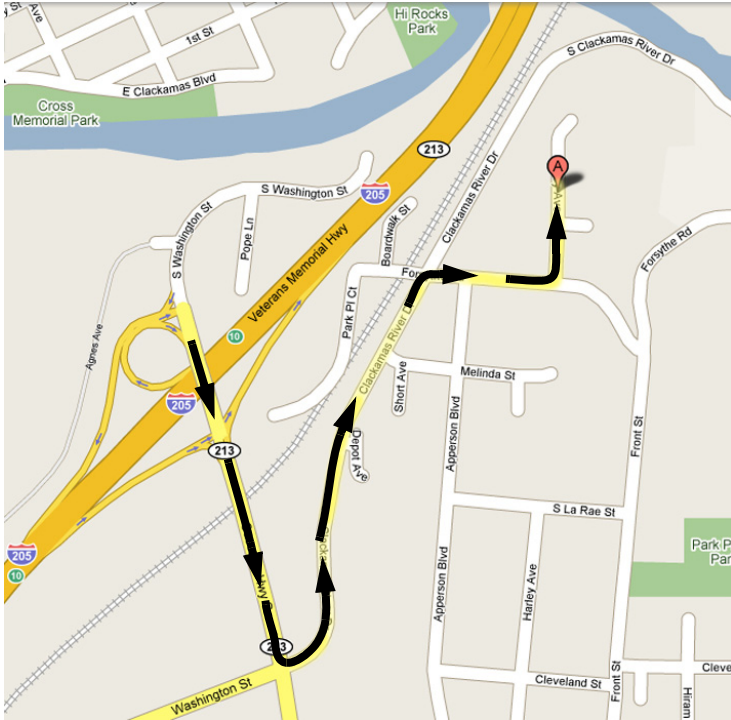
**Tacoma, WA 98417-0567**

**<http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara/>**



# Meeting Location

Here is a map (thanks to Google Maps) to the Abernethy Grange Hall (the pointer marked “A”), where the Northwest Vintage Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Just follow the arrows on the map.

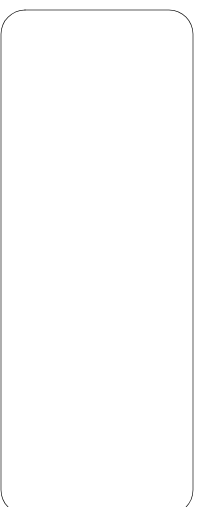
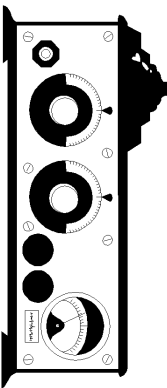


To get to the Abernethy Grange Hall:

1. Exit I-205 at SR-213 (Exit 10 to Molalla) and head south on 213.
2. At the first intersection (the traffic light), turn left onto Clackamas River Dr.
3. Turn right at Forsythe Rd.
4. Turn left onto Harley Ave. The Grange Hall is on the left about a block and a half.



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