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CALL LETTER

BILBIE RESIGNS

For personal and health reasons, Bob Bilbie resigned from the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Bob has contributed much personal effort to the NWVRS since its conception. His ideas, enthusiasm, and desire to help others learn about vintage radio have been a tremendous asset to this club. For these reasons we are all sincerely disappointed by Bob's resignation; but, we are understanding of his reasons. Bob's wife, Sandy will also be greatly missed. Sandy has been one of the club's most ardent supporters.

As a result of Bob's resignation, Tom James, current Vice-President, has been asked by the Board of Directors to assume the Presidency for the remainder of the year. Alan Shaddock was asked to fill the Vice-President position. Bob Hay volunteered to help with the Call Letter and was asked at the last meeting to assume the duties of Editor.

THEY TRADED AN OLD KOIN FOR A NEW KYTE - M. Moore

On May 13th, Portland woke to the new KYTE as KOIN, since it first began in 1924, was officially gone forever. We didn't really believe that it could happen, but the new owners from Oklahoma wanted to change the image completely and that included changing the call letters. (cont. on page 2)

(A NEW KYTE CONT.)

Ratings and popularity lean in the direction of a rock format. Since KISN was taken off the air last September, KGW and KPAM have held up the rock format, though they have mellowed with age and public tastes. Many songs heard on the new KYTE would have not made the playlist of KOIN which catered to the tastes of the contemporary adult audience of the ages 18 to 50 and was similar to KEX. Though the range is set between 18 and 50 there were many listeners both younger and older, because with popular music of today you can find it about anywhere. Many songs heard on KGW can be heard on the gentle KXL.

After having listened to KYTE I would suspect that they have not lost a very large portion of the available audience, but they stand to gain in the fight for ratings. They have dropped some of the news and stuffiness of the old KOIN and beefed it up with more jokes, music and personal conversation. Many sports fans hated to see "Calling All Sports" go, but if you like talk shows there is always KKEY or KLIQ. People who listen for music (the largest cut of audience) don't sit through two hours of talk show time.

If rock music is to your liking, I recommend that you give KYTE a listen. From the standpoint of professionalism mixed with personality some of our other stations could follow KYTE's leading. We hope that KYTE is around for another 50 years at least.

Long live our remaining old timers -- KGW-1922; KEX-1926; KXL-1926; and KWJJ-1926.

CALL LETTER

The Call Letter is a monthly publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society which meets the second Saturday of each month at the Buena Vista Club House, Sixteenth and Jackson Streets, Oregon City, Oregon.

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MARK'S MEMO

By Mark Moore

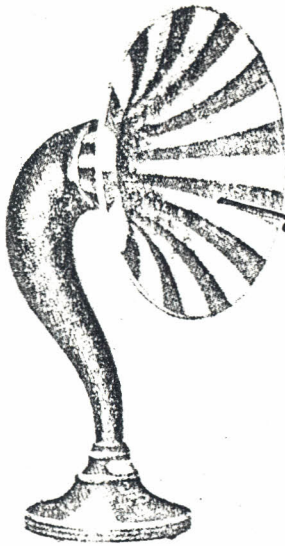
From the business desk, our membership list is put together and hopefully will be out by our next meeting. Alan Shadduck, Jim Mason and I have spent considerable time in setting up a new system that will simplify and keep close control over all memberships. All of us are new at this and are thankful for the patience you have all shown while our once little club matures. As of this writing there are 132 members in good standing and paid. One of those members is Edward N. Morrell, but we do not have an address for him. A receipt and membership card were made out for him, but he did not join through the proper channels, i.e. through Alan or myself. If any of you know how we might contact him, please let us know, I'm sure he would appreciate it.

As most of you are aware our show at Forest Grove is coming up July 31st and the latest word from them is that we will be getting the larger room as the mini cars will not be there. This is great news for us and all who can show radios should contact our show chairman, Andy Bell. Also if you haven't, please let him know what you would have available to show at OMSI.

We want to welcome our new members who are:

AL BALZER (A) Newport, Oregon
RICK BAYER (A) Granby, Colorado
EBER CUDE (A) Brownsville, Texas
KINGSLEY FORD (Our second overseas member)
Rosewater, S. Australia
LARRY AND PAULINE HARRIS (A)
Los Molinos, California
RICHARD HANSON, Portland, Oregon
RICHARD JEHLIK (A) Handel, Saskatchewan
STAN MISNER (A) Kent, Washington
THOMAS SPENCE, Portland, Oregon
GLENN STREETER (A) Torrance, California

We have not published their addresses as the new list should be out soon.



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

(An answer to a limerick in the last issue, I find it's necessary to re-word the idea about the "LETTER" somewhat) tj

A SECOND LOOK

I don't think our LETTER'll expire--
(Not out of a frying-pan into a fire)
A new editor's quill
Has new pages to fill,
Since the old one saw fit to retire.

LOCAL MATH BITS

In retrospect
The function done--
Extracting the root
Of minus one.

And some harmonic
Distortion grew
To cube root value
Of minus two.

The co-sine values,
Thus you see,
Was less than
Zero, practically!

THE TURN-TABLE TWIST

Pity the phonographoria,
Whose lot is far from euphoria--
Spends a lifetime in proving,
Reproduction by grooving,
Is beastly unsatisfactoria!

THE CHECKED-OUT BOY

A housewife, as patient as heck,
While husband was slaving at "Tek",
Saw Tranquility worsen
To point of loud cursin';
'Twas a BRUNSWICK he brought, Not
the check.

OUR PEOPLE

The May meeting was called to order by Tom James using his new gavel which looks like a cross between a swollen thumb and an OIA with a handle.

It was decided by the Club membership to pay the one dollar per year membership fee for our ladies in the Buena Vista Club. The ladies membership in the Buena Vista Club assures the availability of the clubhouse for the NWVRS meetings.

It's not too late to participate in the radio show at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, June 25th thru July 17th in the Northwest room. Dates for setting up the display are June 21st thru 24th.

If you haven't already, call the Display Committee Chairman, Andy Bell and give him a list of radios you are willing to show. This is a good chance to show those consoles which are usually left at home. Vans are available for pick-up and delivery if needed. Arrangements for this service can be made by contacting Andy Bell (282-6110) or Cathi Hay (659-8566).

Here is an opportunity to display our radios to a great number of people under ideal conditions. In this way, we can generate outside interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage radios.

Another up-coming display will be the Fifth Annual Concours D'Elegance Vintage Car Show sponsored by the Rotary Club in Forest Grove, Oregon. This one day show will be held Sunday, July 31st, at Pacific University in Forest Grove. Our radio display will again be in Washburne Hall.

The next NWVRS meeting will be Saturday, June 11th, at the Buena Vista Clubhouse in Oregon City, at 10:00 am.

POWER SUPPLY

By Bobbie Kibler &
Cathi Hay

The word for our April 30th Swap Meet food sale was SUCCESS. The ladies who contributed the culinary effort were Virginia Rankin, Dorothy James, Cathi Hay, Lorena Leete, Mrs. Joe Tompkins, and Bobbie Kibler. The menu consisted of Beef Stew, Chili, Hot French Bread, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and seven different types of homemade pies. Of course there was plenty of hot coffee and tea (the ladies really out did themselves and the bachelors took advantage of it, Ed.).

The new President of the Ladies Auxilary Power Supply is Virginia Rankin. She will replace the vacancy left by Sandy Bilbie. The next meeting of the Power Supply will be June 21st, at 1:00 p.m., at the Buena Vista Club House.

AUNT SAMMY RETURNS

The character of Aunt Sammy, wife of Uncle Sam was created by the USDA Bureau of Home Economics and the Radio Service. Aunt Sammy's recipes were first broadcast in October 1926 and continued as a regular program until 1934. The recipes she gave were compiled into a popular pamphlet which sold thousands of copies. The USDA has issued a re-print of the pamphlet which is available by sending \$1 to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipe for the month of June was selected by Bobbie Kibler.

CHICKEN RIZOTTO

1 qt. chicken broth	1 onion, minced
1 cup chopped chicken meat	3/4 Cup rice
2 Tbl. Butter	grated Cheese

(recipe continued on next page)

(CHICKEN RIZOTTO CONT.)

Pick the meat from the bones of left-over cooked chicken. Stew the bones in enough water to make a quart of broth, adding any left-over gravy or sauce that will furnish chicken flavor. In a large skillet cook slowly in the butter the onion, which has been finely minced. Do not let the onion brown. To this add the chicken broth. When it boils up rapidly, sprinkle in slowly the rice which has been washed free of surface starch. Cover the skillet. Allow the rice to simmer in the broth for 25 minutes or until the grains swell and become soft. Shake the skillet from time to time to keep the rice from sticking, but do not stir it unless absolutely necessary. By the time the rice is done it will have absorbed practically all the broth, and the grains will be large and separate. Then add the small pieces of chicken which were picked from the bones, turn the mixture onto a hot platter, and sprinkle generously with grated cheese. The Italians use Parmesan cheese, but any of the American varieties hard enough to grate will satisfactory.

LETTERS

Gentlemen,

I'm writing to ask your help in locating some parts I need to complete my Truetone Model D714.

I need a speaker and the plastic piece that identifies the push buttons. Also, if someone has a service manual, I would be more than pleased to purchase it, as my radio tuner needs to be restrung.

Gratefully,
Robert R. Kidd
3480 N. Bryun
Fresno, California 93711

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Frank Plaistead
503/647-2339

MY FIRST RADIO

It was in 1926 and '27 that I was exposed to radio by a friend that made a one valve regenerative set. I sat bug-eyed with his earphones tight on my ears hearing KGW and when I heard Oakland I didn't believe it was Oakland.

That summer on the farm I worked enough to stack up \$33. Using this money I sent away to a Chicago firm that advertised radio parts and kits for sale for the attic radio bug.

It took 2 months for it to arrive, when the mailman came down the old gravel road I heard his horn blowing, and there it was, a large box with the picture of an antenna on top labeled: "Handle With Care--Radio Parts". The mailman wanted to see it, so we opened the box to see green coils, appollo audio transformers colored black, and an assortment of square wire, bolts and nuts, a panel and a case.

It took a month to get it going, another month to get enough money to buy the tubes. But when it was finished, it was a distance getter.

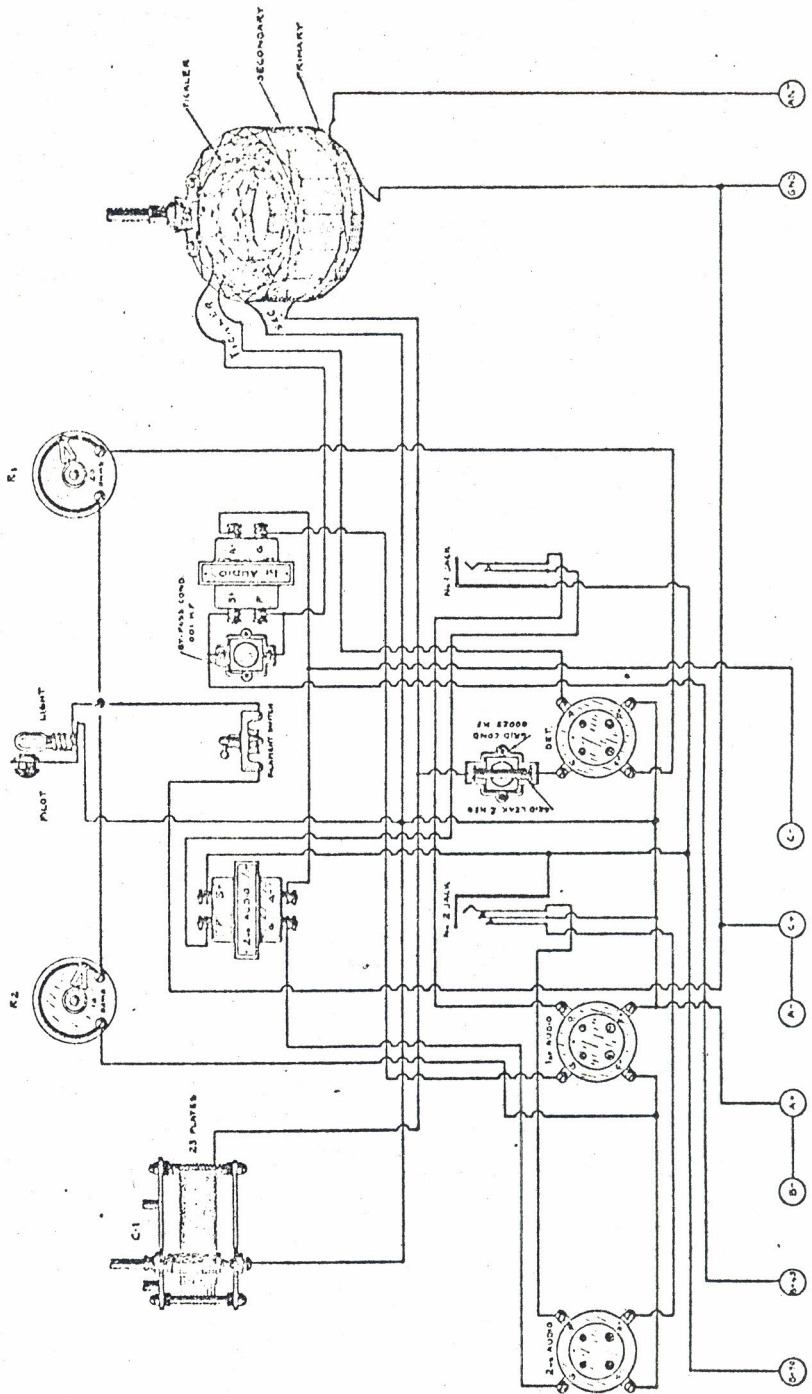
Kits were the common thing in those early 20's and up to 1929 when better factory sets came along and AC sets were available. Some kits came with pick-up parts, others were from one firm. This set of mine was called a Universal three bulb-three circuit; a real regenerative set.

You will note that the set diagram is an outline drawing instead of a schematic; most beginners could not read a schematic.

Joe Tompkins

These letters are appreciated and other members are encouraged to write in. We will print all letters that space allows.

Editor



OUTLINE DRAWING OF THREE CIRCUIT RECEIVER

RADIO STATIC

By Glenn
Gonshorowski

All the words below are names of radios. The letters of each name are scrambled to confuse you. Your goal is to rearrange them into correct order. Answer next month.

FLIRDTPSO

SLOTKER

OIHCPL

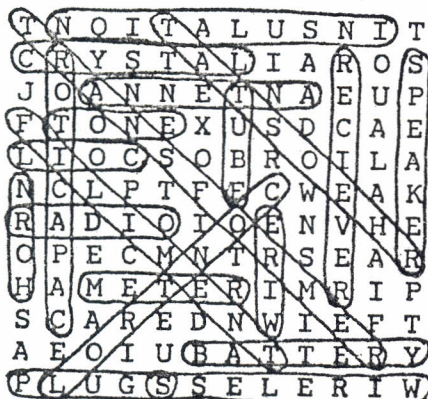
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ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS PUZZLE.

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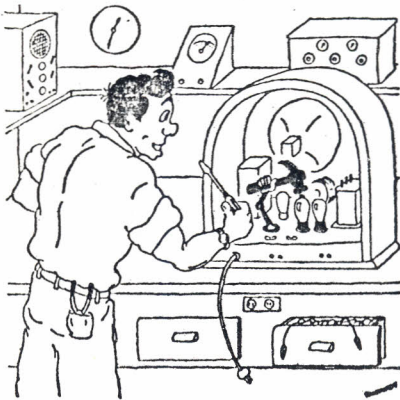


CARTOON CLIPPINGS

By Art Redman



"I guarantee it will work perfectly from now on—so long as you keep it in that position!"



"Hey Joe, c'mere and look at the a.v.c. in this set!"



Suggested by:
E. A. Conklin, Denver, Colorado

"So that's what you mean by 'point to point testing,' eh?"

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LIBRARY MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The NWVRS library has several books available for the reference of club members. The list below represents the books donated so far. Also, Craig Hoaglin has given the club a large collection of service magazines. For information concerning any of this material, call Chuck Kibler 503/678-5066, or write the NWVRS, Box 341, Oregon City, Oregon 97045, Attn: Chuck Kibler.

EARL SERVICE MANUAL

MAJESTIC SERVICE MANUAL 1928 - 1933

MAJESTIC AUTO RADIO INSTALLATION MANUAL

PHILCO 1942 RMS YEAR BOOK

THE RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK 10th Ed. 1963

PRACTICE AND PRINCIPLES OF RADIO SERVICING - H. J. HICKS

RCA VICTOR SERVICE NOTES 5 Vols. YEARS 1931-32, 1933,
1936, 1937 & 1938

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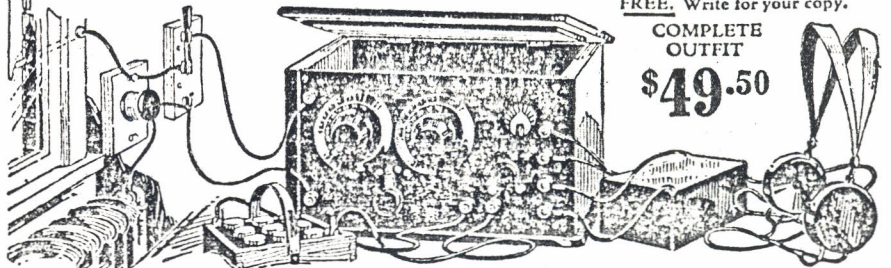
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

I appreciate the support of the club members in giving me the opportunity to edit the Call letter. The success of the Call letter depends on getting a variety of articles which appeal to the broad interests of our members.

For the next few months we will be trying some different ideas in the Call Letter. These will include some feature articles, regular columns, and format changes. Please let us know what you like and don't. Several members gave me some good ideas at the last meeting--keep them coming. Hopefully, we will have some feature articles on the old radio men and companies, an interview with the oldest member in the club, continue with Mark's Memo, Atmospherica, Power Supply Activities, and the puzzles. I really enjoy the puzzles, how about the rest of you?

Please give me your thoughts on what we should do with the Call Letter.

Bob Hay
Editor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In the May issue (April 25th dateline) of our Call Letter appeared an item which in retrospect needs an explanation. Reference to the "flaky Californian swiping more of our local radios". This was really meant in jest by our past editor, but the general membership feels that an apology to Dick Randall is in order, as there is no reason to believe that any such motive exists, or that any of the NWVRS members share the same feeling.

Tom James
President, NWVRS

SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE: Home-brew battery eliminator both A and B power, Good. Some AK parts both battery and AC. Have a line on an AK Model 20, Nice. Can tell you where to get:

a big Sparton Battery set
a big horn bell
a dandy early power supply.
Joe Tompkins 503/362-8071

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Jim Mason - 90 N.W. 150th, Beaverton
Oregon 97005, 503/644-2343

WANTED: A Kolster case
Joe Tompkins 503/362-8071

WANTED: Howard Sam's Auto Radio 1 and 2,
Ryders manual #1
Gonshorowski 503/760-6518

WANTED: Table top and front panel for AK Kiel
table
Bob Hay 503/659-8566

WANTED: Tubes, 2-01A's and 8-201A's
Joe Warburton - 135 E. Adam St.
Brownsville, Texas 78520

WANTED: 0-10 Volt DC meter for 2½" panel hole
Tom James 503/235-0581

