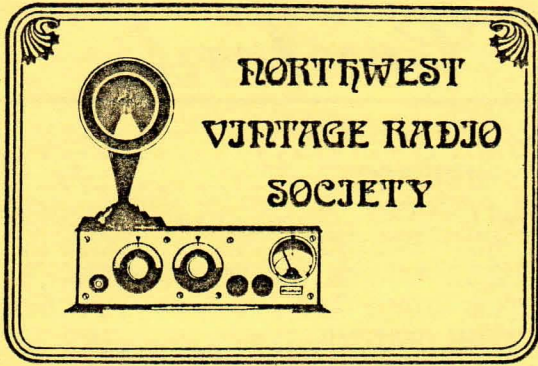


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An advertisement for a radio head-set. The central illustration shows a head-set with two large, circular earpieces and a curved headband. The text "NATHANIEL BALDWIN RADIO HEAD-SET" is prominently displayed in a stylized font across the top of the head-set. Below the illustration, the text reads: "This Instrument manufactured under my personal supervision Nathaniel Baldwin". The signature "Nathaniel Baldwin" is written in a cursive script at the bottom.

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The Call Letter is a monthly publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, a non-profit organization, incorporated in the state of Oregon. Meetings of the Society are held on the second Saturday of each month, normally, at the Buena Vista clubhouse located at 16th and Jackson Streets, Oregon City, Oregon. Meetings convene at 10 o'clock A. M.

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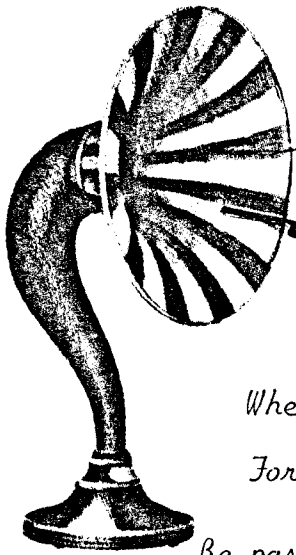
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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 1982 MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the NWVRS met on June 12, 1982 with President Bill De Vey presiding. The minutes for the meeting of May 8, 1982 were read and approved. The Treasurers report was read and accepted. There was nothing to report on good and welfare. Doug Warren, our new member, was introduced and congratulations were extended to Mrs. Robert (Elsie) Bissell whose birthday it was.

OLD BUSINESS: Dick Karman reported that he had been unsuccessful in reaching a firm agreement with OMSI on the proposed display. Personnel with whom he had been working had been transferred to other departments, so it would have been necessary to again start negotiations practically from scratch. In view of these unsettling circumstances Dick recommended that the summer display be cancelled with the hope that a display might be re-scheduled later in the fall. In line with his recommendation Dick entertained a motion, seconded by Tom James, that plans for the summer display at OMSI be cancelled. The motion carried. Dick Karman reports he is working with the Oregon Historical Society toward a display at some future date. He feels such a display would be of considerable value to our club since O.H.S. is a very prestigious organization. Tom James reported he has the necessary parts and plans for the club radio project and is ready to start wiring. Volunteers who wish to work on it should contact Tom. Jerry Talbott asked that those wishing to attend the Seattle swap meeting on July 18 contact him as soon as possible so he can advise Seattle on the number planning to attend and also arrange a car pool. Jerry will report on table fees and other details at our July 10 meeting. Jerry reported no new developments on a joint swap meet with

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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Philosopher

When you have blisters on your feet,
Bear them patiently, my sweet,
For you are a fortunate breed,
Suppose you were a millipede!

Be passive, if your throat is sore,
You havn't any call to roar;
At ills like these, you well may laugh,
Be thankful you are no giraffe!

If rheumatism in your limb bones,
Elicits all those gripes and groans,
You havn't any cause to fuss,
Trade places with an octopus!

If a bad tooth enrages you,
Consider that your fangs are few,
Compared to those, at which you gawk,
Upon the jawbone of a "crook"!

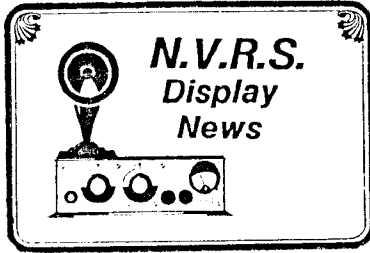
If your one radio does not work,
All it's troubles make you irk,
Just consider our member, Jim,
He's got hundreds to annoy him!

Now if this sane philosophy,
That's tendered absolutely free,
Does n't happen to do you good,
I dang well didn't think it wood!

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A fool and his blooper-set are soon reported!

RCA-10-4



D K

At the June membership meeting it was decided by unanimous vote to "table" the OMSI display until such time that a satisfactory agreement and statement of scheduling be arranged.

I took this message to the representative from OMSI and she agreed that they had not acted in our best interest due to the administrative changes which have been occurring. She assured me that the people in charge of the educational portion of the museum would very much like us to exhibit during the school year, and I agreed.

I also reassured her that our society would not "drop the ball" for this summer. In prepublicity it was stated that the N.W. Vintage Radio Society would take part in the August-September display period. I will prepare and supply a very limited amount of display materials from previous displays. Additionally I will ask at the July meeting for a few volunteers willing to place some memorabilia in the display.

Though extremely limited in scope, I foresee this single-case display as advertising for the larger display which may be possible in October/November, as well as giving the Society some public exposure.

See you on July 10th, 1982.

Bits and Pieces

The trend toward metal case radios started about 1925 and continued for approximately 4 or 5 years. Leaders in this movement were, of course, Atwater Kent and Crosley, but the Collector's Guide shows other manufacturers, some with names now virtually forgotten, who were involved in using metal cases. Our June meeting brought out a nice display. Coming all the way from Cottage Grove, Glen Bricker brought a Crosley Jewel Box with a Crosley dynamic speaker, a model 57 AK consolette (all metal), a Westinghouse Juke Box and a rare 1928 Philco with the original drum speaker. Chuck Kibler showed a 1957 Regency, a '46 Detrola, a '51 Arvin 740T and a 1948 Coradio, coin operated for motel use. Joe Tompkins displayed a 1927 Stewart-Warner 7 tube battery set in a shining gold tone case. Joe says he got this set from the original owner who claimed this was the color when he bought it new. Joe also brought a Crosley Pup, the little black cube with a single tube perched on top. Antique Radio dates the Pup about 1925 with a list price of \$10.00. This set seems somewhat primitive even by 1925 standards but I understand it was popular and did much to enhance the fortunes of Powel Crosley, Jr. Anyway, the price was right. Rudy Rudolph brought an S-38 Hallicrafter and an RCA metal case portable and Jim Mason showed a GE Auto-Home set and a Zenith 6 tube portable.

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Who, back in WWII days, was handling radio news coverage. Here is a popularity poll taken in the early 1940's for Best News Commentator:

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Lowell Thomas | 37.8% |
| 2. Walter Winchell | 14.1 |
| 3. H. V. Kaltenborn | 13.0 |
| 4. Edwin C. Hill | 7.3 |
| 5. Paul Sullivan | 6.9 |

6.	Jimmie Fidler	5.8%
7.	Elmer Davis	5.4
8.	Raymond Gram Swing	3.7
9.	Boake Carter	3.6
10.	Fulton Lewis, Jr.	2.4

As with most public opinion polls, there is always room for diverse opinions. The rating of 37.8% for Lowell Thomas, great as he was, seems a bit high when one considers the popularity enjoyed at the time by the likes of Walter Winchell, H. V. Kaltenborn and Fulton Lewis, Jr., all good newsmen. And two other greats who didn't make the top ten were Edward R. Murrow and Gabriel Heatter. On the other hand, there were few who could match Lowell's dynamic personality or the sparkle of his radio broadcasts. Born April 6, 1892, he died on August 29, 1981 at age 89, active to the end in writing and reporting. His broadcasts covered a period of 46 years. He knew most everybody of importance internationally and had visited some of the most remote parts of the world. May Reader's Digest has an article on Lowell by Vice President George Bush. Maybe when you consider his exploits, he earned that 37.8% back in the '40's.

Hugh Ranken

Wireless Quote of the Month

Reginald Audrey Fessenden was granted over 500 patents. Among them were the hetrodyne receiving system, synchronous rotary spark gap, electrolytic detector, systems in microphotography, long playing phonograph records, depth finders, submarine signalling systems, tubro-electric and diesel-electric drives for battleships, and automatic parking systems for garages. His greatest achievement was in 1906 when he was the first person to broadcast his voice by radio. Fessenden also pioneered trans-atlantic voice transmission using the high frequency alternator which until the advent of the vacuum tube oscillator was the most reliable method of communication across the ocean by radio. In a paper read to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1908 Professor Fessenden said:

"As regards wireless telephony between England and America, measurements show that this should be possible with an expenditure of appoximately ten kilowatts (14 horsepower) and suitably large towers, say 600 feet high, or with some of the new forms of antenna. Whether such a tranmission would be commercially valuable or not is another matter. Personally I do not see that it would, but when I remember that at the time when the telephone was being first introduced a number of eminent business men decided that the house to house printing telegraph would be more of a success commerically than the telephone, for the reason that no one would want to do business unless he was able to have a record of the transaction, I must admit that there is a possibility of my being mistaken in this."

Contributed by Art Redman

(Minutes of the June meeting continued)

TERRAC, the Tektronic employees club.

NEW BUSINESS: Dick Karman suggested that publications received from other clubs be displayed at our meetings so members could peruse them. Joe Tompkins, displaying a 1927 Stewart-Warner, was winner in the Ladies Choice selection. Display for July will be the members latest acquisitions --- radios only, no tubes, literature or parts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Hugh Ranken,
Secretary

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A note from long-time Salem member Joey Tompkins reports that "freebies" in the form of ham gear, numerous AC receivers, and "other junk" are available from George Holifer, 3256 NE 80th St., Portland. Ph. 254-4621. Also, said he bought a very sad-looking Silvertone console for \$4.50, but came out O. K. - found \$5.00 worth of filberts under the chassis. Way to go, Joe!

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Your editor was privileged to attend the June meeting of the Puget Sound Antique Radio Association in Seattle. Their members are looking forward to the forthcoming joint swap meet with our club July 18. The meetings are held at the Shoreline Estates Museum (Old Ronald School) two blocks west of Aurora Ave. N on N 175th, Seattle. Let's have a good turnout for this get-together.

Following are ads from the June, 1982 issue of "The Horn of Plenty" - newsletter of the Puget Sound Antique Radio Association of Seattle:

ITEMS FOR SALE

Pilot model 37 TV set, circa 1948; Emerson model AU-190 celluloid cabinet radio. KEN KORHORER, 4022 41st Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116. 932-9363.

Radios, TV's, speakers, etc. Call or send for June '82 list. AL MACKENZIE, 2169 Whitman NE, Renton, WA 98056. 271-1674.

ITEMS WANTED

Need cabinets for Atwater Kent model 559 and Philco model 96. VINCE ANELLO, 743-4973.

Still looking for Grunow model 801A (chassis 8A); 12-year search thus far! DARRELL FORSBERG, 363-0754.

Tube socket for David Grimes, Crosley one-tube, wire recorder. JIM BARROWS, 337-4880.

"Radio News" issues prior to 1940; Philco Predicta TV sets; Supreme model 555 oscilloscope. JOHN AIKEN, 866-8407

1920-30 radios; radio magazines; radio catalogs. DUANE BALLEW, 15216 State Rd., No. 16, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

Need two square tube shields for Philco 1934 radio. Also, Zenette model A chassis, or power xfmr for same, w/2.5v and 5v fil. taps; also 8" oval speaker w/1700 ohm field coil. JOHN SCHNEIDER, 525-6973.

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Old Time Radio

ANNOYANCE OF KEK GROWING

(Concluded)

President S. W. Bentley of the local radio club is an active promoter of the movement to have regulation of KEK. George Bauman, president of the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce, is taking an active part for that community.

"The point has been reached where something has to be done," said Bentley in an interview here. "Probabilities are we'll have another meeting of the radio fans of the valley here before January 15. Meanwhile, we are going to circulate the petitions to show that public opinion is behind us in our stand."

"Both sides have a good many dollars invested in radio. To the fans, a fine radio program is destroyed when KEK comes on with its telegraphing. I don't know anything about the patent law, but it seems like some kind of agreement could be reached between the Federal company and the holders of the patent so that the fans of the community could at least enjoy the radio broadcasting."

From: Radio Section: PORTLAND TELEGRAM,
December 19, 1925

An advertisement in the above illustrates the Norco 55 battery radio manufactured by Northwestern Radio Mfg. Co. of Portland. "The Norco is not merely a radio set, but a scientifically constructed instrument that does give satisfactory radio reception. This beautiful Portland-made, fully guaranteed receiver is a Christmas gift the whole family will enjoy". Price \$75.

Sold by Gould Battery & Service Co., Tenth & Flanders, Portland.

Your editor is fortunate in having a fine example of this set.

Olé! by

T.J.

We will begin this months OLE with a continuation of Don Iverson's good fortune in acquiring an old radio service shop. ----- Sleeper Battery set cabinet and front panel; Kilbourne and Clark battery set cabinet "Star Roamer"; Several framed adv. (Sylvania tubes etc.) License granted to owner from Philco, in 1936; Glass RCA service sign; A tin chart listing costs of various Philco repairs; Books of schematics and lots of service literature on Scott receivers such as Philharmonic XXX, Laureate, Full Range 23 tube rcvr., FM tuner and other related stuff; Official Scott Service Rep. 9D signed by E.H. Scott (void after 1945); Cunningham tube manual for 1933 (real great!) Also Scott News Mag. from 1935.
(Nice haul Don soary I didn't see it first-ed.)

Pat Stewart, Walla Walla, Rola "J S" speaker, poor shape Plus a 1923 Federal catalogue; '33, '34, '35, '36 Radio handbooks; lots of tubes incl. 4-V-2s, a W 202 (pink); R M E preselector; Murdock loading coil. Pat says he missed some beauties by minutes up in Coeur d'Alene, Ida. Our condolences, Pat, you should have got the guy in the Club, so we'd get another crack at them!

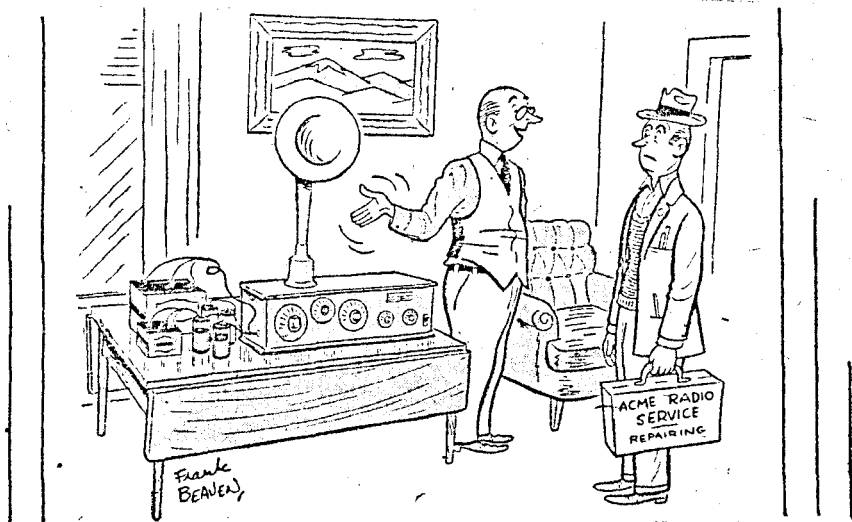
Jerry Talbott Finds a pre-WW2 Federal # 101, Phono-Radio-Record cutter; Books (he did not specify); 2 1961 Jap. radios new in boxes (1 tube #155); '49 Sentinel N.; 1961 Crosley Gold plastic with jewel-like dial, sticker on back says "Made for America's jewelers; '61 Zenith Transoceanic Royal 1000D (transistor mdl. ?)

Bob Teague found a Gilfillan, date 5-14-32 no other no.

Jim Mason speared a Majestic Battery portable, 3 tube, which purportedly "does the work of 7 tubes"; A Magnavox three stage Audio Frequency Amplifier, which couples nicely with Jim's Magnavox R-3 horn assmbl.; Brand new Nathaniel Baldwin # N-2 phones in box.; A nice radio parts catalogue from Northern Radio Co., Seattle dated 1935.

This about winds it up for this month; it's out there somewhere gang, if you can dig it out!

CARTOON CLIPPINGS

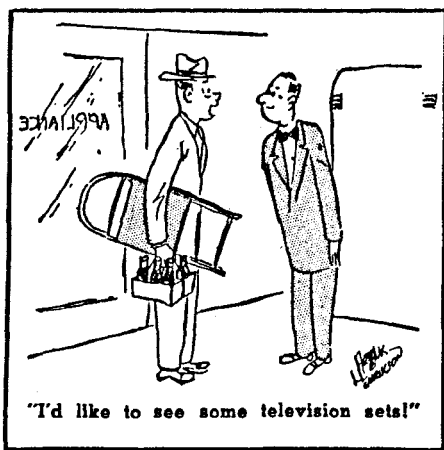


Suggested by: E. R. Loving, Weston, Mo.

"I want it changed to 'FM'!"

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RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS

Yesterday F.

Just after the stock market crash in 1929, here are some comments of the situation as reported in the industry:

"No hard times are in sight, in our opinion. But if they should come, radio would be in better position than most businesses, because it provides worlds greatest entertainment at worlds lowest cost". --Pres. Zenith Corp.

"I hope that with more experienced dealers will come an improvement in the sincerity of radio advertising, further deflation of the few fictitious values as still encumber the market, and a more appreciation of real value in the selection of a receiver." McMurdo Silver.

The American Bosch Magneto Co. does not contemplate reducing its current list prices on merchandise.

Stromberg-Carlson has advised all retailers that it is not their policy to reduce list prices of receivers. On

New models of the Dodge Bros. motor cars are equipped with six-tube Transitone radio sets. Tuning controls are placed on the dash board: A current is supplied from the car battery and "B" voltage from dry batteries. A copper screen in the roof of the car serves as an aerial. The loud speaker is of the magnetic type with a small horn, mounted above the windshield.

Price reductions have been announced by Atwater Kent, Brandes, Bremer-Jully, Brunswick, Colonial, Crosley, Day Jar, Earl, Freed, Graybar, Kellogg, Lyric, Majestic and RCA.

Sparks-Withington Corp. announce that there will be no reduction in prices on Sparton radios. Model 931 may be slightly increased in price.

Thomas A. Edison, Inc., has discontinued the manufacture of commercial phonograph records (both diamond disc and needle types) in order to make available additional factories for the manufacture of radio and radio phonograph combinations. Mechanical phonographs of the portable type will continue to be manufactured.

SWAP SHOP

- FOR SALE RCA oscilloscope w/test probes.
& instruction manual. Robert
Teague. Ph. 653-0077.
- FOR SALE/TRADE Tapes of radio dramas from the
Golden days. Dick Karman, Ph.
288-1285.
- FOR SALE/TRADE 1959 Philco "Predicta" TV, 21"
\$100; 1941 Crosley radio-phono
table model - \$20; 1937 RCA con-
sole 7K1, excellent cond. -\$75;
1946 Zenith walnut table model -
\$20. Jerry Talbott, Ph. 649-6717
627-1675.
- WANTED Chassis for Echophone cathedral.
Robert Teague, Ph. 653-0077.
- WANTED Photo of an "Earl" console for
Reference. Dick Karman, Ph.
288-1285.
- WANTED Early small screen TV sets, and
parts, CRT's, knobs, etc. Dan
Wills, Ph. 777-5048.
- WANTED Power xfmr with 2v filament wind-
ing (not 6.3v) 350-400v secondary.
Art Redman, Ph. (503) 774-9913.
- WANTED Military Zenith Transoceanic.
Doug Warren, Ph. 639-2583.
- WANTED Cabinets for Federal model 59, &
Radiola X. Pat Stewart, 1404 Ruth
Walla Walla, WA 99362.