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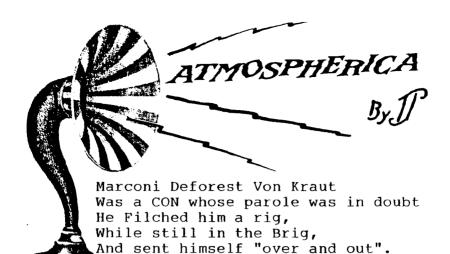
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New Time New

THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 10 YEARS A FEW MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE 1 HOUR EARLY.

Let's get together after a long hot summer. After the normal "fish" stories about the radio that got away, President Bill Devey will conduct the business of the day. You should look carefully at last months CALL LETTER for information about the rental agreement on the Club house.

Directly following the meeting will be the last society auction of 1986. Bill Devey and an assistant will be handling the auction block. PLEASE provide them list of items to be auctioned. Place a number on the items which correspond to an item number on the list. Also list any minimum bid ON THE LIST (not on the item).



A Northwest Vintage Radio Freak Bought an Atwater Kent from a greek But alas in the sound, An accent was bound, To a strangely Athenian Clique.

Oh where is our friend "Sparky" Paul, Whose condensers would not turn at all, He cleaned then with gas, and then --- silly ass---- Well, that's him all over the wall!

From the Tom James Collection originally from Oct & Nov '75

Radio Trivia

Ever wonder why it's called a "rhubarb" when a pitcher, catcher, and umpire get into an argument? The word dates from early radio drama. When a director wanted to give the impression of a large or menacing crowd, he would call five or six actors together & have them mutter "rhubarb-rhubarb-rhubarb." The word has come to mean a loud & heated dispute ever since.

The Book of Strange Facts & Useless Information (Doubleday)



How sharp is your memory of Radio?

Fibber McGee and Molly

What was Molly's maiden name on the air?

Who was Molly's high school sweetheart?

What was the address of the McGees?

The Great Gildersleave

What did the middle initial P stand for?

What business did Throckmorton run while he lived in Wistful Vista?

What year did Gildy move to Summerfield?

Who played Birdie, Gildersleave's maid?

The Mel Blanc Show

What year was Mel the Director of the Orpheum Theater in downtown Portland?

What automobile was Mel best known for?

What lodge used the password "Ugga-ugga-boo-ugga-boo-ugga?"

Last month ATMOSPHERICA "spoke" of 3 of our societies members. The first was Al Shattuck (wonder if he still has that shirt); second was the late Joe Tompkins; & third was referring to Don Iverson (you can sort-of get used to those cigars after a while). How good was your guessing?

Remember the California Historical Radio Society Fall Swap meet to be held at the college in Foothills California on September 20th.

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The Roaring Twenties

1921 The first Miss America Contest The First Piggly Wiggly Store Enrico Caruso died

1922 WEAF Carried the first sponsored radio program.
Paul Whiteman was the uncontesced KING OF JAZZ

Insulin was discovered

Eugene O'Niell won a Pulitzer Prize
for ANNA CRISTIE.

Hollywood was rocked with Drug scandal.

1923

Billy Jones and Ernie Hare
were the HAPPINESS BOYS.

WEAF and WJAR were joined by
wire to form the 1st network

August 2nd President Harding dies.

Mr. Rice first wrote of the 4 horsemen
of Notre Dame.

Army Privates got 67 cents a day.

1924 Graham McNamee broadcast the
Republican National Convention.
The Brunswick-Balke-Collender
co. introduced the Radiola III

Kleenex began as the first facial tissue.
The EL FAY club opened, greeting each
patron with "HELLO SUCKER!"
Nikolay Lennin died.
The FBI came into being.

1925 The Sparks Withington Co.
Made it's first radio.
The Silver masked tenor was introduced by Goodrich
Silvertown tires

New Yorker magazine was first published. Chrysler turned out is first automobile. Maxwell Motor Cars turned out it's last. Burma Shave signs appeared.

The National Broadcasting Co.
was established in New York.
Uncle Don read his first bed-

time story on the air.

Duncan invented the Yo-Yo.

Aimee Semple McPherson fell from grace with her followers when she ran off with her radio station manager.

Thousands search Europe for Author Agatha Christie, who was reported missing (?).

1927 **B**ing Crosby Joined the Paul Whiteman Orchestra.

Announcer Ted Husing began his long and famous career.

Lindberg made his transatlantic solo flight. Henry Ford closed his Model "T" plants for 6 months to retool & announce the model "A".

1928 The Philadelphia Storage Battery
Company made it's first radio.
The Voice of Firestone was
first on the air.

Mickey Mouse debuted in Steamboat Willie.
"Making Whooppee" was a popular song.
G.E. got 1st license for experimental T.V.
Amelia Earhart became the first woman to
fly across the Atlantic.

1929 Radio sales passed \$842 million.

There are 618 radio stations on
the air.

Red, the warbling banjoist came to the air waves.

The Empire State Building ground breaking.
St. Valentines day massacre becomes history.
The stock market crashed on Oct 24th.
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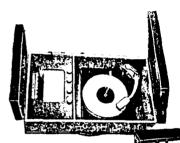


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- 2. to record in order of acquisition

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1930s Ship design "radio lamp"
1946 Emerson green marble plastic
model 547A.

Jim Mason

1922 Kennedy 525 two stage amplifier Heacock "Super 7" battery set 1938 Scott Custom built Super XII Pre-War ornate radio lamp

Dick Karman

Zenith Owners manual for mod 5902 Bendix Mod. 1217 Chassis & Speaker A list of "Principal Short Wave Stations" circa 1934

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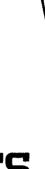
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A crystal detector for an "Uncle Al's" Miracle Crystal set and the same for a Beaver Baby Grand crystal set. Richard Howard, 9999 SE Frenchacres Dr., Portland, OR 97266, 503-775-6697

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FOR SALE Philco console combination radio /phonograph (fixer upper) \$10.00 GE slant front table radio \$5.00. Richard Karman, 2515 NE 37th Av. Portland, OR 97212, 503-288-1285.

TRADIO

Puget Sound Antique Radio Association

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