

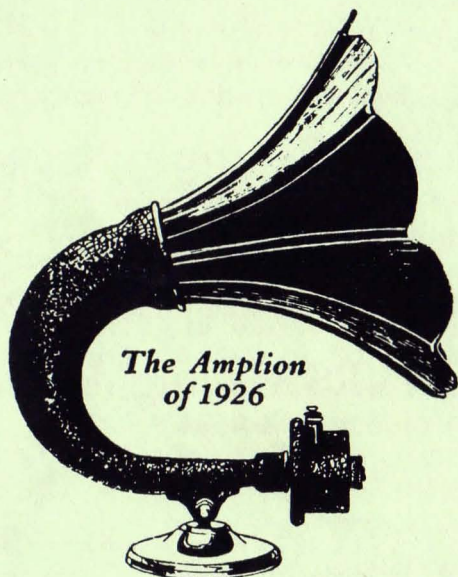


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of 1926*

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*The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 NWVRS has been dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Antique Radio & Wireless apparatus.*

*The Northwest Vintage Radio Society meets at the Buena Vista Club House (Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take Washington St. to 15th, up 15th hill to Jackson, turn left to 16th).*

*Meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the Second Saturday of each month except for summer vacation in July and August.*

*The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and advice.*

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Associate Membership      \$12--

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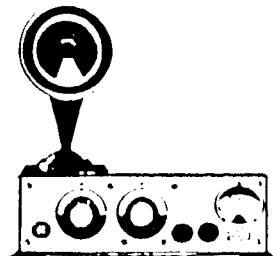
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# NWVRS DISPLAY

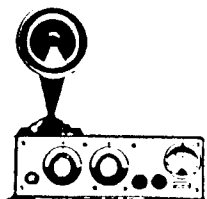
Expo update

For the first time in club history, we participated in the Northwest Car Collector's show and sale. In spite of short notice and the fact that the show overlapped both the NVRS and the PSARA meeting dates, the show went well. NVRS members Dan Howard, Dick Howard, Steve Bafus, Jim Mason and Jerry Talbott lent equipment for the display. Security was excellent and was supplemented during show hours by members Dan Howard and Dick Howard "manning the booth." In keeping with the theme of the car show, "Back to the Future", one table featured old radios sitting beside contemporary reproductions, graphically demonstrating the popular return to classic styling. Other featured radios were Jim Mason's Atwater Kent car radio and G.E. Auto home radio, various automobile-related novelty radios, and an assortment of of coin-operated hotel radios.

A total of 197 NVRS swap meet flyers were distributed during the two-day show, many of them going to people who were looking for a place to dispose old radios, or to new collectors who were previously unaware of our club. I would expect an excellent turnout at our swap meet, judging by the questions and the comments that were made.

Members of the Car Collector's association were very positive toward our display and have invited the Society back for next year's show.

Dan Howard



# Where Did You Find All These Radios?

By Art Redman

One of the first radios in my collection is a 1930 Brunswick high boy console model 5KRO. My father bought in 1960 for \$4.00 from the 'as is' dept. of the Good Will. To get it playing it only needed a rectifier tube type 80.

My father's hobby at the time was agate hunting and one week later a 70 year old rockhound friend of my father's came over to our house who needed a radio. He paid \$10 for it. For my first repair effort my dad let me keep the \$6.00 profit. Not bad for a boy of 12.

My father never fixed any radios but got <sup>them</sup> for the scrap metal. He liked consoles. They had those big electromagnetic coils which doubled as a choke coil and had 2 or 3 lbs. of copper wire. A junker could make money selling the copper alone during the recession of 1959. He hated battery sets; very little scrap metal.

I never forgot that Brunswick because my father told me that Fred said he would put that radio in his will and I would get it back someday. As with the way of all mortals Fred died in 1979 at the age of 88. He was a bachelor who never wrote a will.

Then about three years later I received a call from Fred's sister. She found a note inside the radio cabinet stating that Fred wanted me to have the radio and I should come over to her house and pick it up.

That console is still in my basement. It has some scratches and is missing a dial light hood which I would like to find. I have no plans to refinish the cabinet. The radio never has failed to play since the time I replaced the rectifier tube in 1960.

If you have an anecdote about a favorite acquisition why not share it like myself and Dick Howard last month? Contact Ed Buhite, NWVRS Call Letter editor.



# N W V R S MEETING MINUTES

The October 14, 1989 meeting of the NWVRS was called to order at 10:11 AM by vice-president Art Redman. The treasurer's report was given and accepted with a current balance of \$2,057.60.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ed Charman volunteered to participate with reviewing the club's by-laws. Anyone else interested in helping would be appreciated.

## NEW BUSINESS

Sellers during November's swap meet are reminded to submit a \$3 table fee to the club treasurer. Please use the clubhouse parking lot for un-loading and loading of swap meet items only. A motion was made to purchase software to help produce address labels for the Call Letter. Motion carried. A motion was made and carried for Ed Charman to remain as NWVRS treasurer for 1990. Election nominations for club officers will resume during the November meeting.

## LEADS & NEEDS

A request to all active club members to bring firewood to our monthly meetings.

Meeting adjourned,  
Norris Jackson, secretary

## OCTOBER CONTEST RESULTS

### \* CRYSTAL SETS \*

- 1st prize: Ray Nelson (Beaver Baby Grand)
- 2nd: Art Redman (Case model ?)
- 3rd: Jim Mason (Martian Big 4)

### \* BATTERY SETS \*

( 3 tubes or less )

- 1st prize: Jerry Talbott (Masterphone)
- 2nd: Ray Nelson (U.S. Army airplane radio. Western Electric)
- 3rd: Jim Mason (Rosebud Dollar radio)

( 4 tubes or more )

- 1st prize: Ray Nelson (Grebe Synchrophase)
- 2nd: C.E. Clutter (Power-Tone [British])
- 3rd: Greg Morse (AC Dayton XL5)

### \* SPEAKERS \*

- 1st prize: Art Redman (Ship model)
- 2nd: C.E. Clutter (Brown [British])
- 3rd: Jim Mason (Hartman pedestal)

### \* CATHEDRALS & TOMBSTONES \*

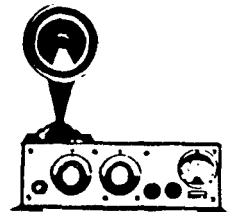
- 1st prize: Ray Nelson (Philco)
- 2nd: Ed Charman (Detrola 4J)
- 3rd: Jerry Talbott (Crosley)

### \* PORTABLE RADIOS \*

- 1st prize: Jim Mason (Majestic)
- 2nd: Art Redman (Hexadyne)
- 3rd: C.E. Clutter (Tom Thumb)

### \* PHILLIP COLLINS \*

- 1st prize: Jerry Talbott (Addison model 52 catalin)
- 2nd: Jim Mason (RCA catalin)
- 3rd: C.E. Clutter (Garod catalin)



# NWVRS News

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By Dan Howard

Coming up in ..... November

The annual NWVRS November Swap Meet will be held at the Buena Vista club house in Oregon City on November 11, 1989. As has been the recent unfortunate practice, some members will begin arriving while sane men are still sleeping. I would suggest that members can realistically expect trading to begin in earnest sometime between 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Due to an error in our publicity, hundreds of posters have been distributed which advertise the Swap Meet hours as 10:30 to 1:00. As a courtesy to our guests, please plan to stay at least until noon so that folks relying on the posted hours won't be disappointed.

Coming up in ..... December

In addition to our annual Election, the December NWVRS meeting will feature a display of vintage televisions. If you have an interesting television or related artifact and can bring it out, please do so. Even if you are unable to participate, plan to join us on December 10 for a fine display of televisions.

We still need to fill out the slate of officers for next year. If you have any interest in running for office or participating in the operation of the club in other ways such as serving on the Swap Meet committee, contest committee, the by-law review committee, or helping with the production of the Call Letter, please contact a club officer as soon as possible.

This information was edited by EJB



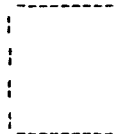


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RADIO CONTEST



CATAGORY	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
A CRYSTAL SETS			
B BATTERY SETS 3 TUBES OR LESS			
C BATTERY SETS 3 TUBES OR MORE			
D AC RADIOS			
E MILITARY, AMATEUR, AND COMMUNICATIONS RADIOS			
F NOVELTY RADIOS			
G MISCELLANEOUS (SIGNS, TEST GEAR, MICROPHONES, ETC.)			

BEST OF SHOW





1989 PSARA CONTEST  
CLARIFICATION:

It was voted at the October PSARA business meeting to keep the contest categories the same as they were last year. Unfortunately, I read off the categories incorrectly at the meeting, resulting in some confusion.

I incorrectly stated that the "Miscellaneous" category would include military, amateur and communications radios, when in fact they had their own category last year, separate from miscellaneous. I also said that plastic sets would be included in the "Novelty" category, when in fact they were included with AC radios last year.

Because the club voted to make no changes from last year, we should use last year's categories, rather than as I announced them. Therefore the categories for the November contest will be as follows:

- A. Crystal Sets.
- B. Battery Sets, 3 tubes or less
- C. Battery Sets, 4 tubes or more
- D. AC Radios, including consoles and plastic sets
- E. Military, Amateur and Communications Radios
- F. Novelty Radios
- G. Miscellaneous (All non-receivers, including signs, microphones, test equipment, etc.)

I apologize for the confusion, and I hope it will not detract from the satisfaction of the contest. If we find too many or too few entries in any one category, we will consider revising the above list for next year's contest.

The following people have volunteered to help with the contest on November 19:

Bert Whitaker -- Sign in and ballots  
John Schneider -- Operate computer  
Warren Green, Eric Lofquist and Jim Gianacos -- Setup and security  
Warren Green -- Award Ribbons

Radios will be accepted for entry into the contest between 11:00 AM and 12 noon. All radios to be displayed in the contest must be checked in by noon. Judging will take place between noon and 1:00. Only members of the PSARA and NWVRS are eligible to vote. Tabulation will start at 1:00, with the winners to be announced approximately 1:15. Radios will be available for removal from the exhibit area at about 1:30.

-- John Schneider, President



# PSARA MEETING MINUTES

Seattle, Washington Sunday October 15, 1989

This meeting was attended by 39 Members and one Guest.

John Schneider expressed thanks to outgoing officers and talked of goals and objectives for the upcoming year. There has been an Executive Board set up to take on some of the club business to help keep down the business meeting to radio related topics.

OLD BUSINESS: It was brought up about accepting or rejecting the experimental radio dial of Greg Tofel. It was rejected at this time because we can't meet the requirements for its display and security.

Some members still have to pick up the book they ordered. If arrangements are not made for pick up and payment of these books by next months meeting they will be made available to other club members. The following is a list of those who havn't picked up the books: Redman, Feldschau, Charman, Zigoy, Randall Morse, Davee, Hoffman & Shaddock.

NEW BUSINESS: Next Month, Radio Contest.

12 Noon Deadline for entering radios.

12-1 Judging.

1 PM Tabulation of Ballots & Award Presentation

A Motion was made, seconded and carried to leave ballots the same as last years contest.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is having a convention Nov. 8 & 9 at The Tacoma Dome and has asked the club to set up a display booth. Bill Hebert, Pete Peterson & Al Odmark volunteered to help. Members wanting to display radios should contact Bill Hebert or take the radios to the Tacoma Dome on Nov. 7th.

Ed Buhite talked about cost of newsletter and his concerns about increasing printing costs. He is looking for suggestions to help decrease cost.

Ken Korhonen brought in a file cabinet for the museum for \$20--. Voted and passed that Ken be reimbursed for the cabinet.

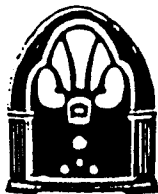
MEETING ADJOURNED.



Frank Banks, PSARA Secretary

# PSARA COMING EVENTS

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Nov. 19, 1989 -- Annual Contest -- No business meeting.

Dec. 10, 1989: Panel Discussion on radio repair problems.  
Panelists: Harold Hagen, Bert Whitaker, and Loren Countryman.

Jan. 21, 1990: Warren Green will discuss the history of the Neutrodyne circuit. Anyone owning a Neutrodyne radio is encouraged to bring it in for display.

Feb. 18, 1990: (Tentative) David Dintenfass will discuss the development of magnetic tape recording.

March 18, 1990: Annual Auction -- No business meeting.

April 15, 1990: (Tentative) Annual A.W.A. regional meeting.  
Program to be provided by A.W.A.

## *Ole!*

## (acquisitions)

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### SONNY CLUTTER

Arvin 740T Green metal table radio  
Arvin 153T white bakelite table set  
Emerson 558 small AC / Battery Portable  
Philco 37-116 Console 15 tube

### GREG MORSE

Radiola III

### RAY NELSON

Zenith Transoceanics H500 & 1000D  
RCA Stratoworld 1-MBT-6  
Regency TR-1 in box

### JERRY TALBOTT

1940 Brunswick 1680 "Sewing Machine"  
1946 RCA 66X3 red catalin  
1958 Guild "Grafonola" radio-phonograph

### RUDY ZVARICH

10" Packard Bell console TV xlt cond.







## SONNY'S TECH TIPS #2

### MOLD ? ON THOSE KNOBS???

by Sonny Clutter

Have you ever wondered what that "white stuff" that you sometimes encounter on old radio knobs is? Have you ever tried to clean the stuff off? Well, if you've done as I have, you've tried to scrub it off with cleaners of all types including amonia and bleach (never mix bleach and amonia together). You've probably used tooth-picks and tooth-brushes and found the stuff just does not want to come off, and if you are successful it just comes back later!!

Well hold on.... I've found a solution. After much frustration and experimenting I have discovered a very simple way to get rid of the pesty stuff. The stuff we are talking about is a mold that attacts certain plastics. My tip is to simply soak the "moldy" knobs in ordinary "paint thinner" (mineral spirits) for several hours and most of the mold will dissolve. What doesn't dissolve will easily come off with a tooth brush. Make sure you don't use laquer thinner.

After you cleaned the knobs good with the paint thinner and wiped them dry, give them a good coat of "ARMOR ALL" and polish them. I believe this protects them and keeps the mold from returning.



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