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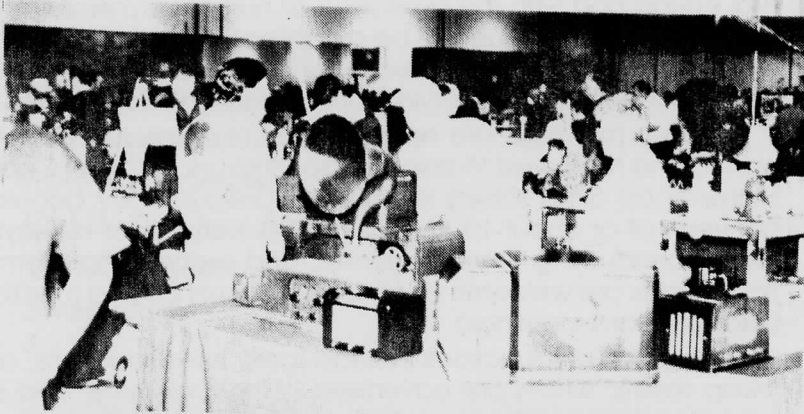
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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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 \$15.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year.

The Call Letter has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was founded by our first president Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous members the Call Letter has continued to be a publication that both informs members of the society's business and that has supported the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held monthly (except July and August) at the Northwest Vintage Radio Museum, 7675 SW Capitol Highway (at 32nd street) in Portland Oregon. They generally convene at or about 10 AM and 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 radio sales, auctions, and "swap meets" which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held at various facilities in and around Portland.

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March Meeting

The next meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society will be at the NVRS museum on March 12th, 1994 beginning at 10 AM. After the business meeting Sonny Clutter will give a presentation on collectible transistors and portable radios. The member's choice for the March meeting is hand-held portables, both tube and transistor. Please bring radios and literature and related materials to show and share with others.

At the February meeting twelve members showed interest in the white wind breakers and caps with the NWVRS logo on them, which many members wear to meetings. The prices shown here are based on 10 orders. (The set up fee will be distributed equally between all orders.) All orders have to be made at one time. Come to the March meeting and make your order. This will be the last chance for a while.

To order mail your check (payable to NWVRS), size and number of articles the post office box or bring them to the March meeting. All checks must be received by March 20th.

Jacket (unlined) \$15.40

Jacket (lined) \$19.40

Jacket Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X large

Cap (with mesh) \$3.45

Cap (solid back) \$3.95

Also, Society name tags are available for \$6 each, and selected collector's books are for sale through the treasurer.

Meeting Minutes

By Secretary Ken Seymour

The February 1994 meeting was called order at 10:02 AM by President Ed Pittaway with 38 people in attendance. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published in the Call Letter. The treasurer's report was read by treasurer Ed Charman and was approved as presented. Thanks were given to Don Hunker for his \$50 donation towards a new society coffee pot.

Two guests were introduced and both signed up for new membership. Lyn Collie works for the Hewlett Packard Company in Vancouver, and his brother Terry, is an employee of Intel. Welcome to the society.

Good & Welfare

It was noted that Bob Lee was hospitalized for heart surgery. The Society sent a flower arrangement to Bob and wished him a quick recovery.

Old Business

Gordon Phillips reported that he obtained prices from two suppliers for the society wind breakers. *Lone Mt. Sportware* quoted \$21.50 each in quantities of 6-11 and \$17.50 for quantities for 12 or more unlined wind breakers. There was no set-up fee for the silk screen. *Eastco Printing* quoted \$13.00 for unlined jackets, with a \$21.00 setup fee to be divided between the orders. Caps were also available from both suppliers ranging in price from \$3.45 to \$4.30 each. Coffee mugs are \$4.00. During the meeting, a list was made available for sign-up. Those interested in further information may call Gordon Phillips (503) 234-3517.

Earl Hoffman mentioned that he had a selection of silk screen T-shirts available for interested members.

Speed Feldschau mentioned that he still had a few tables left for the Sounds of Nostalgia show and sale in salem on Sunday. He encourage members to contact him during the meeting to reserve a space.

Dick Dielschneider mentioned that there were 30 tables left for the May 14th Vintage Radio Show and Sale, scheduled for the Multnomah Arts Center. Sale flyers were brought in for members to distribute. Table fees are \$10 to society members. [Check page 11 for floor plan.] Contact Dick (503) 246-1062 for reservations.

New Business

Dan Howard recognized the Society's 20th anniversary. Charter members Al Shadduck and Jim Mason spent a few minutes reminiscing and discussing the initial founding of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Present members Peter Young, Don Iverson, Don Knotts, and Dick Howard were also mentioned as being charter members. Jim recalled that earlier displays were held in Forest Grove, Salem, Washington Square, OMSI, and the Georgia Pacific Building. According to Vice President Jerry Talbott the society is planning a banquet later in the year to commemorate the anniversary.

A break convened between 10:41 and 10:52, during which time those present had time to socialize and visit the sale tables. There was a fair amount of radio gear for sale.

After the break, Jerry Talbott took an informal poll to determine who doesn't have access to Rider Manuals. He mentioned that the society's collection of Riders are kept in the basement of the museum. A motion was made and passed for the president and the vice president to review the contents of the library, to weed out duplicate and redundant information and make room for more current texts. They are also reviewing a new book list for the possibility of acquiring future additions to the library.

Jim Mason mentioned that Radio Age publication has gone out of business. An article relating to this appeared in the February issue of the A.R.C.

Leads & Needs

Mike Parker reported that he and Greg Bonn handled the liquidation of the Wilbert Sahn collection. Mike had a tube list available and circulated it through the meeting for members. He stated that members would have first chance to acquire the equipment after the inventory process was complete.

Speed Feldshau has a number of Rider Troubleshooter manuals for sale (503) 390-3928.

Glen Bricker needs a speaker for a Philco model 19 or 89, (503) 942-3717.

Ed Pitaway said that Bob Baker was selling some of his collection. Contact Bob at (503) 665- 9656.

Next Month

In March Sonny Clutter will give a presentation on collecting "small" radios. Society members are encouraged to bring and display small "hand-held" portable radios using miniature tubes or transistors. Also be sure to bring in your radio related gear to sell or swap during the next meeting.

Calendar Update

Last meeting, Speed Feldschau announced that he would again host a July outdoor swap meet at his home in Keizer, Oregon. Speed has set the date for July 9th. This year he is going to give his back a rest. Bring your own "tailgate" or tables. See the full calendar on page 12.



JaMac advertising is done as a courtesy to our members and in recognition of the 20 year association between JaMac and the Northwest Vintage Radio Society.

Acquisitions

Acquisitions is for members to tell others what vintage equipment has been added to collections in the Northwest. We are looking for your acquisitions. You can give your list to Gordon Phillips at meetings, mail them to the post office box, or drop them through the mail slot at the Editors home (2515 NE 37th Ave, Portland, OR 97212).

Dick Dielschneider

- 1937 Silvertone Model 4769
- 1940 Zenith model 10-S-464 console
- 1937 Zenith model 8-S-154 console
- 1937 Silvertone model 4786 console
- 1935 Stewart Warner model R1385-A
- 1935 Emerson model 105 console
- 1937 Zenith 8-S-154 console
- 1938 Zenith model 5-S-218 table set
- 1942 Zenith model 6-S-632 table set
- RCA model 86E chairside
- Airline 62-425 Table radio
- Majestic model 5A410 plastic table set
- Packard Bell model 551 plastic set
- RCA model 66X1 plastic table set
- Airline model 62-190 console

Jerry Talbott

- 1931 International Kadette bakelite
- 1941 Firestone Air Chief's S-7423-6
- 1958 Buick "Trans-portable" transistor

Mike Parker

- 1940 Admiral Farm set
- 1933 Silvertone 1704 Midget
- 1939 Airline Farm Set
- 1960 Knight R-55a Comm Receiver
- 1961 Harmon-Kardon Stereo
- 1928 Kolster K-21 w/speaker table
- 1925 Grebe Synchronphase

1925 Benjamin-GGH Celluloid Horn Speaker
1928 Radiola 103 Flower speaker
1928 Ansonia Cathedral speaker
1922 Dictogrand Horn Speaker
1924 Sonora Sonoradio Radio
1924 Western Electric 540-AW speaker
1924 Northern Electric R-540 Cone Speaker

Ken Seymour

1938 Emerson model BR-226 "Symphony Grand" Console

James Broeffle

Western Air patrol model #5E
RCA Model 16T3
GE Model F70
Philco Transitone Model 42PT94
GE Portable model 250
RCA portable 7BX7J
RCA portable BX57
Philco model 37-62
Philco model 37-630

Open Letter

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Jim Mason and Al Shadduck for taking the time to talk about the origin of our society at the February meeting. Both gentlemen had interesting insights and anecdotes to share. I hope that we will hear from more of our charter members as we celebrate the Northwest Vintage Radio Society's 20th anniversary year.

Sincerely, Dan Howard

The Sounds of Nostalgia Show

By Dan Howard

On Sunday, February 13th, NWVRS members again participated in the "Sounds of Nostalgia" sale and show. According to Al Shadduck, we began showing radios at the Salem show in 1977. Al reports that Joey Tompkins convinced the Haley family to begin allowing a few radios at, what had been, predominately a phonograph show. Speed Feldschau once again secured choice display space just inside the door. As in the past, we were given two tables free-of-charge for our society display. This year's theme, "Trends in Radio Collecting -- Then and Now," celebrating the changes in radio collecting interests over the 20 years since the society was formed. Kim Brickman, Sonny Clutter, Speed Feldschau, and Jerry Talbott participated in the display. In addition several members of the society and from the Puget Sound Antique Radio Association purchased table space to sell radios.

Cover Photo by Dan Howard.

Electric Soap

Among the products of the late nineteenth century were Dobbin's Electric Soap (not to be confused, as the advertisement warned, with Magnetic Soap or Electro-Magic Soap), Philadelphia Electric Soap, and Dr. Scott's Electric Hair Brush. The products were not electrical, of course (what would electric soap be?), but the word "electric" was in their name because the word had a magic sound to it. D. Scott liked the word so much that he even farsightedly sold an electric toothbrush -- in 1880.

EDGAR R. JONES, *Those Were the Good Old Days* (New York, Simon & Schuster, 1959)

The Passing Parade:

By Editor Dick Karman

... **William Conrad** was probably best known in radio for his role as Mat Dillon in the one of the most popular radio Westerns, Gunsmoke. While William Conrad and Parley Baer made the streets of Dodge City safe, Mr. Conrad was also announcing and acting in hundreds of other radio shows. His voice was almost synonymous with Escape. He received a lifetime award for his contributions to radio 3 months before he died.

... **Dinah Shore** broke into radio as a 22-year old in 1939. On August 6th, 1939, only 5 months later, Dinah Shore had her own show. She was a star on the Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Streets, and the singer on the Eddie Cantor Show in the 40's. She appeared as a guest on nearly every other musical show on radio. Her fame continued to television. She passed away only days before her 77th birthday.

... **Gary Moore**, announcer on the Jimmy Durante show, and probably best remembered for his hosting various shows on radio and television, like Take it or Leave It, and the Gary Moore show died late last year at the age of 78.

... **Hugh Wedlock**, radio producer and director, and radio writer died only a few months ago, with little fanfare. Without him we wouldn't have had much of the comedy of Jack Benny. Hugh was 85.

... **Max Hutto**, director of Fibber McGee and Molly, Father Knows Best, and many Armed Forces Radio shows during World war II passed away late last year. He was 82.

... **Howard Caine**, one of the original Our Gang boys, for Hal Roach worked in radio well into the 40's, and was known to use as many as 32 different dialects. Caine was only 67 years old when he passed away last December 29th.

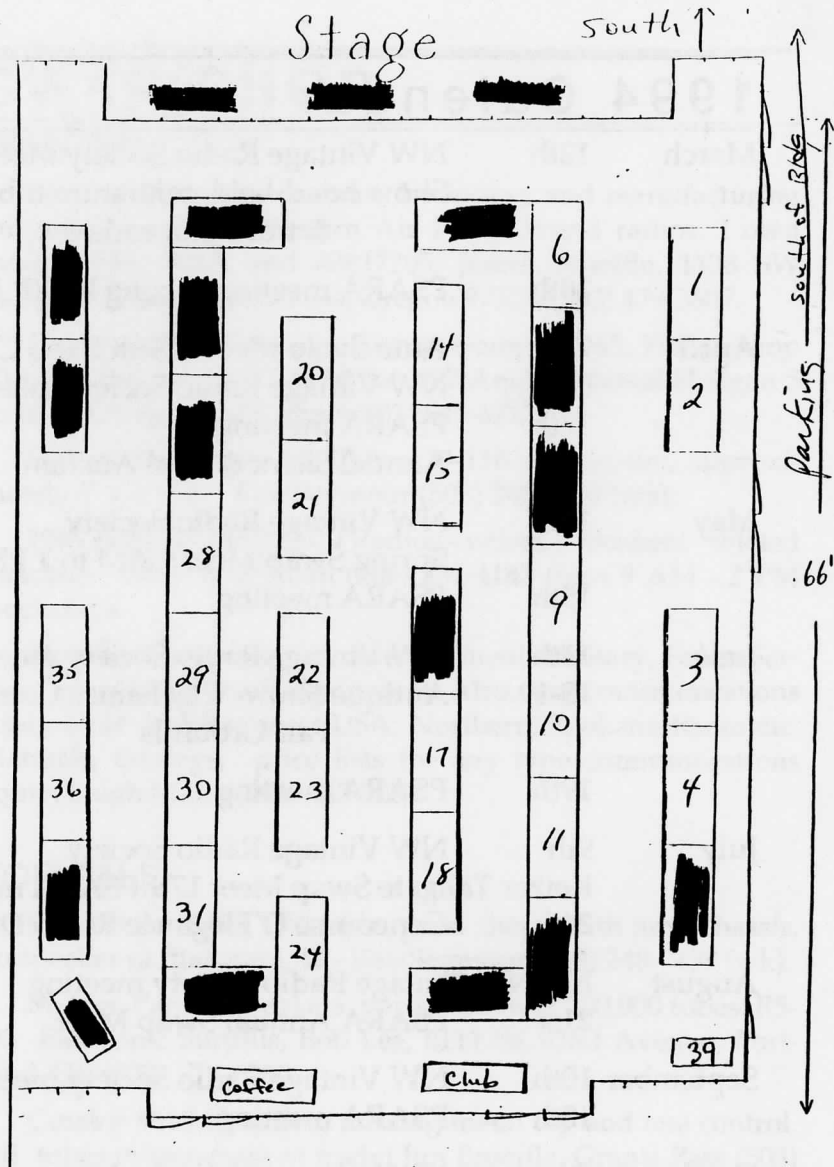
Vintage Radio Show & Sale

From Dick Dielschneider

Members who wish to select their table space for the May 14th Radio Show and Sale can contact Dick Dielschneider (503) 246-1062. If you wish to "reserve" a given table by phone, a check in the mail will be required (within 3 days) to save the space. The floor plan on page 12 shows what spaces are still available. It will be reprinted next month showing the spaces that are still available. reserve yours today !

The Radio Quiz Answers

1) Alexander Woollcott was known as the Town Crier. 2) Frank Munn was a featured vocalist on the American Album of Familiar Music. 3) Don McNeil was the master of ceremonies of the Breakfast Club. 4) Jan Garber was known as the idol of the airwaves. 5) "Baby Rose Marie" was an early child radio star. 6) Kate Smith was known as the Songbird of the South. 7) Ed Wynn was radio's Fire Chief. 8) Charles Wininger was the first captain of the Maxwell House Showboat. 9) Cliff Edwards was known as Ukelele Ike. 10) Arthur Tracy was radio's "Street Singer."



Floor Plan for May Show & Sale

1994 Calendar

March	12th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting Show hand-held, miniature tube & transistor radios
	20th	PSARA meeting -Fixing WWII Radios
April	7-10	Auto Swap Meet - Mult Expo Center
	9th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17th	PSARA meeting - Annual Silent & Oral Auction
May	14th	NW Vintage Radio Society Spring Swap Meet 9 AM to 1 PM
	15th	PSARA meeting
June	11th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	18-19	Antique Show- Clackamas County Fair Grounds
	19th	PSARA meeting
July	9th	NW Vintage Radio Society Keizer Tailgate Swap Meet
	17th	PSARA meeting
	24th	Concourse D'Elegance Radio Display
August	NO	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	21st	PSARA Annual Swap Meet
September	10th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	18th	PSARA meeting
October	8th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	15th-16th	NWCCS Radio Display
	16th	PSARA meeting
	22nd	NW Vintage Radio Society Fall Show & Sale - 9 AM to 1 PM
November	12th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	20th	PSARA Annual Contest

SWAP SHOP

WANTED

Seeking information about the history and manufacturing information on the Western Air Patrol brand radios. I own models #5E, #268, and #3817205, James Broeffle, 1138 SW Ballinger Drive, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526, (503) 479-3607.

Fisher early 60's knobs, Eico pre-amp HF-65, Fisher Amp 50A and Pre-Amp 80C, Pilot AA-902 Amp, National Holigan 5 or 10 Pre Amp, Jerry Talbott (503) 649-6717.

Station indicators for Philco 39-116 eschursion, approximately 1" x 1 1/8" - Ken Seymour (503) 248-7439 (wk).

PRE WWII EUROPEAN Radios - valves - speakers - related literature. Max A. Kaplan (206) 851-4187 from 9 AM - 2 PM week days.

Non-ham communications equipment: Military, Forest Service, ship and aircraft equipment. Also, any communications equip built in West coast USA: Northern, Spokane Radio etc. Manuals, catalogs, price lists for any type communications equip. Hugh Miller (206) 487-3203

FOR SALE

Cabinet for RCA 18T table, good shape with junk chassis, no speaker or dial glass. \$2 - Ken Seymour (503) 248-7439 (wk).

Meters, Panels, speakers, parts, and over 200,000 tubes: R5-D3 Electronic Surplus, Bob Lee, 6111 SE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR (503) 774-6560.

Crosley #610 Gem Box, missing metal top and one control. All tubes in tact. (sale or trade) Jim Broeffle, Grants Pass (503) 479-3607.

Teletype machines, Model 14 and 28, excellent conditions, make an offer, Rudy Zvarich (503) 255-2227