

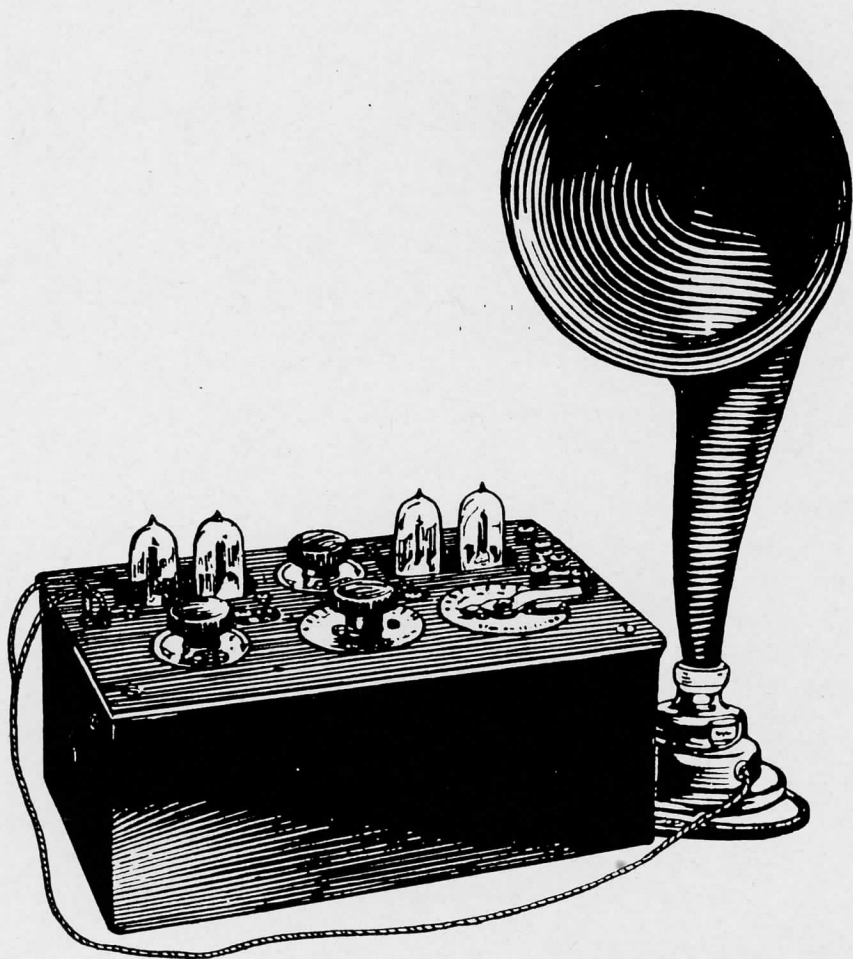
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The June Meeting

The Society Meeting in June of 1994 will be the last formal meeting prior to our summer hiatus. Plans for the summer activities will be discussed. Some folks have talked about a "post mortem" for the May Show and Sale. Don't miss a chance to have some input.

The display for the June meeting will early television and television related items. Advertising, picture tubes, "flying dot disks" are all good for display. After the meeting, Sonny Clutter will make a presentation on early television. Sonny will have some on hand for display and discussion.

There will also be a special offer for members who attend the June meeting. Treasurer Ed Charman will be offering The left over Johnson Price Guides at clearance prices. First Come First Served. It is rumored that Ed will also be circulating order forms for books that members would like to special order at a group discount.

Concourse D'Elegance

Members who can help
with the Society's radio
display at the Forest
Grove Concourse
D'Elegance should call
Dan Howard (503)
761-7799

May Meeting Report

By Gordon Phillips & Dick Karman

The May 19th NWVRS swap meet at the Multnomah Arts Center was successful with participating Radio and Phonograph collectors occupying 41 spaces. Most of the collectors were satisfied with the results of the meet. There was a lot of activity during the early hours. In fact, the flow of interested people was quite constant until noon. Then it tapered off. (See Lile's Garcia's photos on page 15)

Karen's Catering Service provided coffee, sandwiches, sausages and many pastry goodies. She kept quite busy during the meet.

Ed Pittaway manned a table on behalf of the Society and was quite successful in selling some of the Library's surplus books, Sams Photo Facts and other miscellaneous items.

Ed Charman helped out by selling NWVRS cups, and also signed up several new members. He promoted the Society by distributing special editions of the May Call Letter to prospective members. Surplus copies of *Guide To Old Radios* by Johnson were on sale by the Society at Ed's corner too.

Nearly all of the NWVRS jackets and caps were distributed at the Show to the members who had ordered them. If any of the other members would like to order jackets or caps, Contact Gordon Phillips at the June meeting. The white unlined wind breaker jacket goes for \$15.40; the white lined wind breaker is \$19.40; white mesh back cap, \$3.45; and white solid back cap, \$3.95. Money must be paid in advance.

D-Day 50 years ago

By Editor Dick Karman

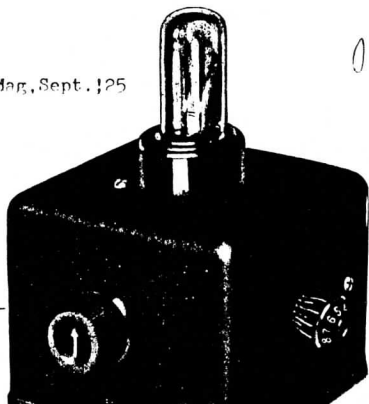
Everyone has heard and is set to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. Hundreds of thousands of fighting men; Thousands who died there on the beach and in the fighting. I don't want to second guess the historians who know so much more than I do. I might however remind you of what it was here on the home front.

We cheered the introduction of synthetic quinine to help treat malaria in our troops overseas. We elected FDR as the president of the United States for an unprecedented fourth term. The national speed limit was 45 mile per hour to conserve gasoline rations and to help prevent dangerous accidents from the retreaded retreads that civilians were allowed to drive (all new rubber products went into the war effort).

We mourned the death of big band leader Glen Miller, whose plane was lost over the English Channel. We laughed at comic strips bearing the war cartoons of Bill Mauldin, like Willie and Joe or George Baker's Sad Sack. We were saddened to hear reports of the V-2, the first ballistic missile to be used in warfare. We were appalled when the Canvas "big top" tent of the Barnum & Bailey Circus caught fire in Hartford Connecticut. The ensuing panic took over 160 lives.

On the musical side of life, we were tapping our toes to songs like "Ac-cent-tu-ate the Positive," "Don't Fence Me In," "Swinging On A Star," "Long Ago and Far Away," and "Rum and Coka-Cola." These were the events that influence the home front in 1944. Fifty years ago.

From RadioMag, Sept. 1925



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Full details of the contest and entry cards are mailed with each Crosley Pup or may be obtained from any Crosley dealer or upon application to The Crosley Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio. Try for the prize, as many times and as often as you like. Remember! The Crosley "PUP" is offered as a real selective, long range receiving set. It requires one dry cell, one B battery block, one WD 12 tube, a pair of head phones and antenna. Other similar one-tube Crosley receivers being in stations from coast to coast, with frequent reports of trans-Atlantic reception in the United States.

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You can use the "PUP" to check the performance of your larger set; to entertain the youngster whose curious fingers cannot resist the lure of dials and switches; to install in the maid's room, or even in your office—for the air is full each day. You can take it on canoe trips, picnics, outings, and on your business journeys—for it's only half the size of a shoe box. Engineered and built to the strictest standards of Crosley quality, this genuine long distance set can be offered at the phenomenal price of \$9.75 only because of its simplicity and Crosley's tremendous manufacturing facilities.

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The Membership Survey

by Editor Dick Karman

Nearly a third of the Society's members completed the membership survey which was circulated around the first of the year. In that survey, we asked for your opinion of what was important to you and what suggestions you might have.

Almost half of the respondents ranked the public swap meets and the newsletter as some of the most important parts of the society. Let's look at how the meetings were rated. Technical presentations at meetings, on the scale of 1 to 6 were evenly distributed between the range of 2 and 6. When you analyze this, it can be said that slightly more than half of those who filled out the survey thought technical presentations were important. Slightly less than half were ambivalent toward that particular type of meeting. Business meetings were regarded with "love and hate." Over half of those responding felt that the business meetings were important, yet a significant portion of the other half felt that they were very unimportant. Auctions, meeting displays, and contests were fairly popular, but did not receive a clear mandate for increased scheduling. Clearly people felt that meeting refreshments were unimportant.

Looking at the Call Letter, the importance of photographs in the Call Letter was pretty evenly distributed between 2 and 6, with the majority rating them between 2 and 4. Technical articles, on the other hand, ranked well above photographs in importance. It should be noted (and not unexpected) that out-of-town members ranked the Call Letter (their only routine connection with the society) as the only thing of importance in the survey.

Lastly, those responding ranked Tailgate swap meets as more important than public shows, technical meetings, or business meetings.

Here are some of the "freeform" suggestions from members. **We would like to see more:** more new volunteers; a permanent repair bench set up in the museum basement; more swap meets; seminars dedicated to woodworking, & restoration; color centerfolds; more monthly speakers; attention to meetings (less social gab during business); video tours of member's collections; Hi-Fi technical presentations; Public museum hours; meetings outside the metro area; volunteer recognition; and more auctions.

(When the data summary is available, it will be given to the board of directors to act upon as they see fit.)

Acquisitions

Acquisitions is for members to tell others what vintage equipment has been added to your collection. Give your list to Gordon Phillips at meetings, or drop them through the mail slot at the Editors home (2515 NE 37th Ave, Portland, OR 97212).

Dick Dielschneider

1936 Zenith Model 6S52 Console Silvertone
Model 4769 Wood Table Radio
Zenith Model 12S471 Shutter Dial Console
Zenith Model 9H082 R Chairside Radio Phonograph
Zenith Model 9S54 Console
Zenith Model 5D027 Wood Table Radio
Zenith Model 7S681 Chairside Radio
1936 Zenith Model 6S52 Console

Jerry Talbot

1934 Zenith Model 805 Cathedral
1934 Grunow Model 450 Tombstone
1941 Fada Model C34 AC DC Portable
1947 Belmont Model 5D128 Bakelite Radio

Glen Bricker

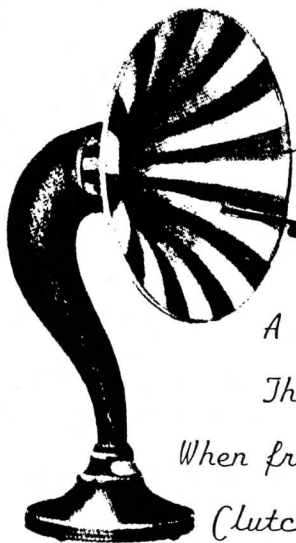
1922 Aeriola Sr.
1931 General Motors Little General Cathedral.
1935 International Model 53 Tombstone
1942 Zenith Model 10S690 Console
1939 Zenith Model 10S669 Console

Jim Mason

2 Home Brew Loose Coupler Crystal sets
1930 Echophone Model S3
Cathedral 1932 Norco Model 4 Cathedral
1937 Philco Model 37-604 Table Radio
1938 Sparton Model 1568 Console
1946 Airline Model 74 BR-1508H Table Radio

Jerry Talbot

1934 Zenith Model 805 Cathedral
1934 Grunow Model 450 Tombstone
1941 fada Model C34 AC DC Portable
1947 Belmont Model 5D128 Bakelite Radio



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

THE AUCTION

A bunch of the guys were swappin' lies,
At the Buena Vista site;
The PowerSupply was cuttin' the pie
And setting the snack-bar right.
When from out of the rain with a look of pain
Came a stranger through the door.
Clutched close to his vest was a set called
"Best",

A kit-job from days of yore.

Then silence reigned, as everyone strained
To hear what the gaffer would say.

"I got me here a set that is dear,
I built when a boy, by the Bay.

Ole Doc Bricker says I got a bad ticker,
I'm in need of a pacer--NOW!

So folks, start in biddin', thout any kiddin';
Mought live some longer, you'll allow".

Someone shouted twenty, another upped plenty,
Then bedlam set in supreme.

And fists started flyin' (the ladies were cryin')
They'd all lost their senses, 'twould seem,

When the atmosphere did finally clear
And the mayhem finally ceases--

The PowerSupply, with teary eye,
Set sweeping up the pieces!

But one of the guys, with two black eyes
And far too fast to tail 'im,
Grabbed up the "Best", and headed west--
He may be safe in Salem !!!

1994 Calendar

June	4-5	Antique Show - Tacoma Dome
	4-5	SEAPAC Ham Convention - Seaside, OR
	11th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	12th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18-19	Antique Show - Clackamas County Fairgrounds
	19th	PSARA meeting - Special speaker "The History of Zenith"
	26th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
July	3rd	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	9th	NW Vintage Radio Society Outdoor Swap Meet at Speed's Keizer, OR
	16-17	Antique Show - Mult Co Expo Center
	17th	PSARA meeting - Auction (See story)
	24th	Concourse D'Elegance Radio Display
August	NO NW	Vintage Radio Society meeting
	13th	Electronic Flea Market - Tacoma Washington
	20th	Ham Swap Meet - Cowlitz Co Fairgrounds Longview, Washington
	21st	PSARA Annual Swap Meet
September	10th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	17-18	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	18th	PSARA meeting
October	15th & 16th	NWCCS Radio Display
	16th	PSARA meeting
	16th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	22nd	NW Vintage Radio Society Fall Swap Meet
	29-30	Antique Show - Mult. Co. Expo Center

November	12th	NW Vintage Radio Society meeting
	12-13	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	20th	PSARA Annual Contest
	27th	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
December	3-4	Antique Show - Salem Fairgrounds
	10th	(NW Vintage Radio Society Meeting Date)
	10-11	Antique Show - OR Convention Center
	11th	PSARA Meeting

Calendar Notes

All of the Antique shows at the Salem Fairgrounds run from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

The June 19th Puget Sound Antique Radio Association will host guest speaker John Bryant, a noted historian. Mr. Bryant most recent book documents the development of the Zenith Transoceanic. His presentation on the History of the Zenith Radio will be accompanied with slides.

The July 17th Puget Sound Antique Radio Association Auction tentatively will feature 50 restored radios from a private collection. No further details are available at this time.

Due to the NW Vintage radio Society's involvement in the Classic Car Show display, and in the Fall Show and Sale at the Multnomah Arts Center, there will be no meeting on October 8th.

The December NW Vintage Radio Society meeting is routinely scheduled to coincide with the Christmas banquet. this date will be announced at a later date.

SWAP SHOP

WANTED

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

A Console cabinet for a Wards Airline Model 62-194 Chassis. - Liles Garcia (503) 649-9288.

Antenna insulators and lightening arresters; and auto-related novelty radios. Dan Howard (503) 761-7799.

Farnsworth radios, information, etc. Herman Zeps WD9JKQ, 319 S Williams St. P.O. Box 282, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Three knobs for a Majestic Tombstone model 20. Gordon Phillips (503) 234 3517.

Individuals who are collecting antenna insulators and lightening arresters who would be interested in joining enthusiasts from across the country to form a collectors society. Call Dan Howard (503) 761-7799.

For Sale

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

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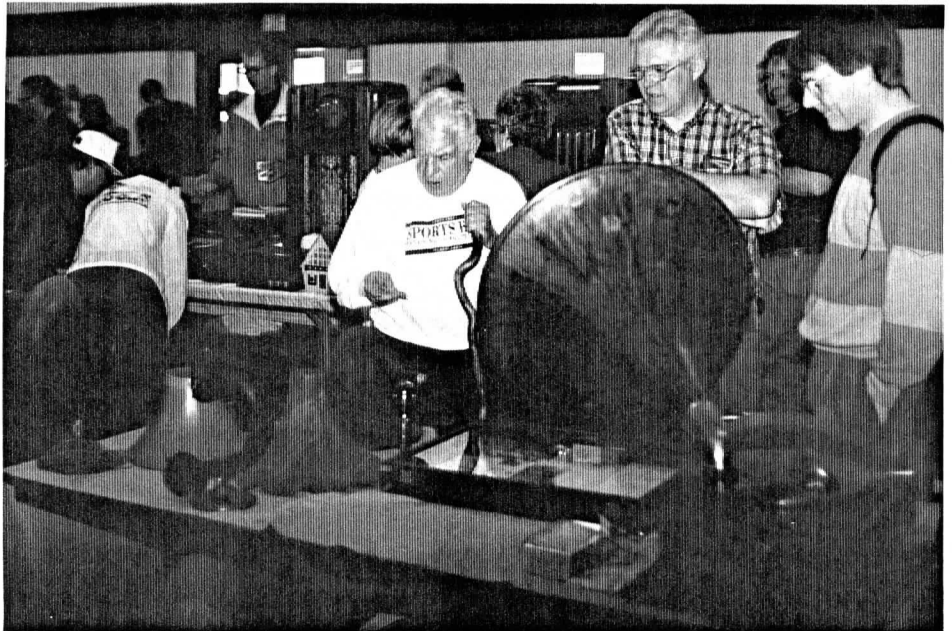
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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "vintage radio" and wireless equipment.

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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