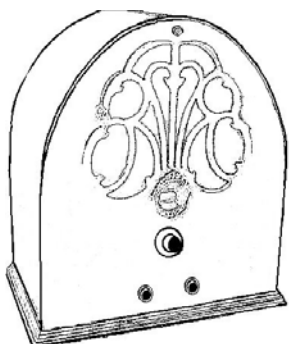


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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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 \$20.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

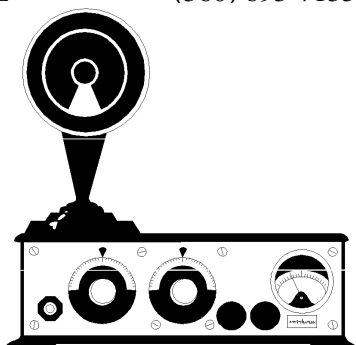
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

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On the cover: This month’s cover is the flyer for the Fall Swap/Sale.

**The Fall Swap/Sale takes the place of the
October meeting.
The next regular meeting is on November 9.**

Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.

**November Call Letter Deadline: October 29,
2002.**

The *Call Letter* is the official publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Circulation is limited to the membership and guests of the Society. The Society is not responsible for the material contributed for publication, nor the quality, timeliness, or accuracy of the items offered for sale in the SWAP SHOP. By common agreement of the board of directors, the buyer assumes all responsibility for the satisfaction of any transaction.

From the Editor

by *Call Letter* Editor, Rick Walton

Swap/Sale time is on us again as evidenced by the flyer on this issue's cover. The Swap/Sale is the event that diverts my attention entirely away from e-Bay and allows me to find those basement-filling treasures without breaking the budget. It is also the event that gives me the opportunity to socialize with club members even more than I can at the meetings. Our Swap/Sales are great fun and not to be missed.

In addition to all the regular features in this issue, there is another of Art Redman's historical pieces that explore local radio. Art handed me another batch of articles at last month's meeting. They are most welcome!

By the time this issue reaches you, another radio event will have passed. I learned in mid-September of a radio auction to be held in Canby on Oct. 4 and 5. Due to the short notice I received, I was only able to alert those members who are on the e-group. By viewing the website with auction information, I learned that this auction was to settle the estate of Wayne Lundsten, who was a NVRS member until the beginning of this year. I will try to have a report on the auction in the next issue of the *Call Letter* as well as some information on his passing.

Roster Update

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NWVRS 2002 Calendar of Events

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| October 12 | NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale, 9 am to 2 pm. |
| October 26 | Swap-toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.
http://www.qsl.net/w7oem/swaptobe.html |
| November 9 | Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. |
| December 14 | Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. |

Northwest Vintage Radio Society Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, Secretary

President Wendy Johnson-Kent called the September 14, 2002 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. There were 43 members and guests at the meeting today. Mike Wirtz attended today as a guest—welcome Mike! Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved. Wendy reminded members that they can pay their club dues anytime. Club member Ken Roegner passed away on July 26; the club will send a sympathy card to the family. Glen Bricker recently had a new grand-baby added to his family; congratulations Glen and family!

Old Business

Dye Stain—Gordon still has some dye stain available for sale.

Library—John Bucholtz said that our library is doing fine.

New Business

Swap Meet—Our Fall Swap Meet will be on October 12, 2002; swap meet tables are \$15.00. The Swap Meet will end at 1:00 PM, and the auction will start promptly at 1:00 PM. Cliff passed out some posters for members to distribute. Setup for the swap meet will be on Friday, October 11, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on Saturday morning from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Cliff asked for volunteers to help set up on Friday afternoon, tear down after the swap meet is over, and to watch the parking lot during the swap meet. Several members volunteered to help. Dick Bixler discussed the classified advertising that we will buy in *The Oregonian*. There will also be a chance to appear on KATU TV. Cliff asked for ideas for the swap meet door prizes. The audio group and the phonograph collectors group have been invited to our Swap Meet. We still have swap meet tables available, if you would like a table please let Cliff know.

E-groups on Internet--Several club members asked about the E-groups list on the Internet. It has not been working lately. Rick Walton will look into this for the club.

Technical Discussion

Jerry Talbott talked to the group about the early days of television in Portland. The first TV station here in Portland was KPTV, Channel 27.

KPTV started broadcasting on September 20, 1952. Members gave Jerry a round of applause for his interesting discussion.

Leads and Needs

Ed Charman saw a 1936 Wurlitzer juke box with a wood cabinet in an antique store in Newport--the price was \$6,000.00.

Pat Kagi needs a chassis for a Majestic Model 15 grandfather clock cabinet.

Roger Brown and Jim Heminway have a warehouse full of radios and radio equipment to sell at bargain prices. Call Jim at (503) 649-1860 to arrange to see the radios.

Dave Wise needs the IF module for an R-725/URR or for an R-390/URR. He also needs the second version of the schematic for an Atwater Kent 206.

Jim Ellsworth needs the dial and pointer for a Sonora RCU208 radio.

Program Topic

The program topic today was “your summer project radio and its story.” Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought. The following members won ribbons for their radios:

First place—Jeff Martin—Stewart Warner 91-51 “Spade” radio

Second place—Dick Dielschneider—Atwater Kent Model 447 radio

Third place—Larry Tobkin—RCA T7-5 radio

Silent Key: Ken Roegner

NVRS member Kenneth Agenboard Roegner died July 19 at age 78, and his funeral was held July 26. From the newspaper report of his death: “Mr. Roegner was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Seattle. He served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific, and he graduated from the University of Washington. He moved to Vancouver in 1957. He was a retired communications superintendent for Pacific Power & Light. In 1950, he married Eleanor Hendrickson; she died in 2000.

“Survivors include his daughter, Lisa; sons, Kevin and Kurt; brother, Harry; and two grandchildren.

“Remembrances to the Southwest Washington Humane Society.”

Remembering Radio for October

by Dick Karman

After laboring for many months Dr. Lee DeForest demonstrated his Audion tube On Oct. 20, 1906 and received the patent on October 25, 1906. Things must have moved faster back then. The “Audion,” if we can believe non-technical history lists, “was a 3-diode amplification valve which was a pioneering development in radio and broadcasting.”

In October of 1922 sports fans enjoyed the World Series play-by-play on a radio link between WJZ (in Newark, NJ) and WGY (Schenectady, NY). The Yanks beat The Giants 3-0.

In the early days of radio most all of the air personalities took a summer break. Some came back and some didn't. A number of the summer replacement shows became popular. Some ended in September, and some came back under a new name on shows of their own. Shows that were first heard in October include: “Ruby Vallee’s Fleischmann Hour” (1929), “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” (1930), “The Fred Allen Show” (1932), “Betty and Bob” (1932), “The LUX Radio Theater” and “The Adventures of Henry Aldrich” (both 1934), “Professor Quiz” (1936), “Meet The Press” (1945), and Groucho’s “You Bet Your Life” (1947).

In the later years of World War II band leader Ozzie Nelson, and his long-time female vocalist (also his wife) stepped away from music and starred in their own radio show: “Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet” which debut on CBS radio, October 8th, 1944.

(A personal note: I have retired after 28 years as a Portland Police Officer. I look forward to doing private consulting in geographic analysis to pay some of the bills, but I’m also teaching classes in How Radio was Made. The young people who act out the scripts, make the sound effects, and play the music have a lot of fun. They also take a new look at an entertainment medium that is all but forgotten in the population under 30. If you have a group of folks who would like to be entertained by radio, the way it was meant to be, let me know. Thanks again to our editor for the tireless, and often thankless job he does for us each month. -Dick)

Photo Display

Photos by Rick Walton

Here are the photos from the September meeting of the favorite project radios that were the monthly feature.



George Kirkwood - Kilbourne & Clark (above) and DeForest D7A (right)



Jeff Martin - Stewart-Warner 91-513



Dave Brown - Unknown Make Cathedral - Paramount?



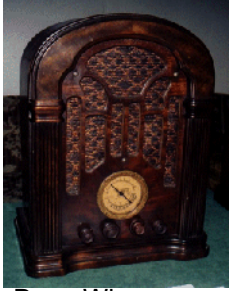
Sonny Clutter - Zenith 5S237



Jerry Talbott - UHF Converters for Tech Talk



Dick Dielschneider -
Atwater Kent 447



Dave Wise -
Atwater Kent 206



Larry Tobkin -
RCA T7-5



Dave Brown - Atwater Kent 10C - Nightmare Project!



What a shirt Ed Charman is wearing!

Radio Wavelength Comparable to Waves of Ocean

From The Oregonian, March 5, 1922, Section 2, Page 3.
Submitted by Art Redman

Wireless Engineer Explains What Is Meant By Two Fundamental Terms.

By Cliff H. Watson

Radio Engineer late of the US Naval Service.

A common question from the novice in the mysteries of radio is, "What is wave-length?" or "What is a meter?" It is the purpose of this article to explain the meaning of these technical terms in such a way that when one runs across one these formidable words he may know it without introduction.

Let us take a little trip in our imagination to the ocean beach, where the ripples, waves, and swells follow each other in ceaseless procession. We note that for every wave crest there is a similar hollow. If we take a tape line and wade out into the water where the waves are equally spaced and sized, we shall find that there is a certain distance between the crest of one wave and the crest of the next one preceding or following. Suppose we find on measurement that the distance is, say 32.8 feet. If we measure the distance between the hollows of similar waves, we shall find that they are the same distance apart as the crests, namely 32.8 feet. This 32.8 feet is one wavelength, or the distance between similar parts of two waves. Now if we divide this 32.8 feet by 3.28 we have converted feet to meters and the result is 10 meters (32.8 feet) in length.

If we can now imagine a tremendous wave, such as a tidal wave, 36 times as large as the one we measured, we shall find it to be 36 times 32.8 feet or 1180.8 feet, or 36 times 10 meters or 360 meters. This is the familiar 360 meter wavelength on which we receive the radio telephone broadcasts.

As we can readily understand, the wave length has nothing to do with the distance we are receiving from, but is merely the length in meters of the radio wave sent out from the transmitting station and measured from crest to crest. If we wish to reduce wavelength in meters to feet, simply multiply the number of meters by 3.28.

Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRs members

Compiled by Sonny Clutter

Dick Bosch: Rare GE L573, 1941 Catalin

Sonny Clutter: Just finished restoration of my rare Radiola VIIB that I traded for last Summer. It can be seen on the “Radiola” page of my web site.

Neil McKie A Halicrafters S77 Receiver
A Heathkit DX40 Transmitter
A Heathkit VF1 VFO

Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy

Visit my vintage radio web site:

<http://www.radiolaguy.com>

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

WANTED: The INGRAHAM man wants radios with wood Ingraham cabinets. If you're not sure if it's an Ingraham, call Ed Cook in Vancouver, (360) 573-1439, or e-mail "hopopcol@attbi.com".

FOR SALE: A wide variety of radios at <http://radiogallerykent.com>. Charlie Kent

FOR SALE: **Radio collection, 40 sets, about half are wood and half bakelite table sets. A few are pre-WWII. Also 2 tube testers, VTVM, VOM, misc. tubes, knobs, speakers, etc. Sold only as a lot - \$700. Call Art at (503-690-7909)

FOR SALE: Basic tube tester (Heath?) - \$20 or offer

Sherwood S-4400 tube stereo amp - \$25

Miscellaneous radios - tube and transistor collection - \$5 and up, or \$40 for all. Contact Damon Vandehey, (503)259-9129.

FOR SALE: **18" paper cone speaker by Leaf-Burkhard of NY

1927 Factory Browning Drake 5 tube

1925 Fada Neutrollette 192a

1925 Howe crystal set

1949 RCA 9X641 6 tube plastic table model

1947 Mantola 92506 6 tube plastic table model

Eico Tv-Fm sweep and marker generator model 368

Sico cap tester

Heath sine-square wave gen IG 5218

Heath cap tester IT 28 condition??

Heath Transistor tester IM 30.

All items sold as a lot \$500 Robert Campbell 503 648 7331

FOR SALE: *250 Watt AM Broadcast transmitter made by GE. Two sets of tubes. Working when replaced y newer transmitter. \$250. L.G. Hegsted, W7QW@AOL.com, 360-491-6642.

(more on the next page)

FREE: *Free RCA early color set — I have a 1964 RCA color console (ch. CTC- 12), I bought new, which needs a new home. The cabinet is good, and chassis plays well. A nonworking table model with the same chassis (for parts) goes with the deal. The CTC 12 chassis was one of the best for the 21FJP22 crt series.

Thanks---Rudy Z. 503-255-2227



Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Want to know what a particular “Radiola” model looks like? Want to know how to clean & polish Bakelite or Catalin? Visit radiolaguy’s web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo’s, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items.

Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy

Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

The Back Page

Why does she stare at the horn? Her master's voice? Not especially politically correct! This photo was won in an e-Bay auction. It came with no explanation. Curious.



Swap/Sale Location!

The Swap/Sale is held at the Salvation Army Rose Center, 1785 NE Sandy Boulevard (see the map).

