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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).

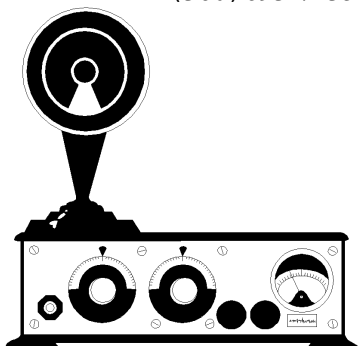
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

Society Officers for 2003:

President	Cliff Tuttle	(503) 666-7005
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The next meeting is on September 13, 2003.

**Monthly feature for September:
 Kit radios. Any kit - tube, transistor, whatever.
 Tailgate swap meet starts at 8:30!**

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

**September Call Letter Deadline: September 2,
 2003.**

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From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

It's been hard to concentrate on radios over the past month because of the work going on in my backyard. I'm getting a new garage that will likely never house any of our cars. Instead it will be my shop and provide me with much needed storage for the radios I've collected.

I don't know about the rest of you, but on July 28 I was saddened by news of the death of Bob Hope. What a career he had. What a star he was. On top of it all, what a decent human being.

The summer doldrums are upon us, thus the skimpy Call Letter. The photo display is from the Red Cross "Rock and Roll Up Your Sleeve" blood drive. Charlie Kent, Liles Garcia, and I filled up our tables with radios that generated some interest by blood donors as they made their way down the corridor. Out in the parking lot were several antique cars, highlighted by the Alfa Romeo shown in one of the photos. About mid-morning the Elvis impersonator began entertaining the blood donors as well as the staff and other volunteers.

I have to expand on my entry in Voila. That find came about because I just happened to mention to the right person at the right time that I collect antique radios. I cringed when she told me that her mother had a radio, but I listened to the description, and before long, I owned another radio.

Roster Corrections

Here are a couple of corrections to the most recent club roster. Tony has a new mailing address, and Jerry has a new e-mail address.

Hauser, Tony

R

165 Halsey Street
Saint Helen's, OR 97051-1111
(503)397-0074

30's to 50's plastic cabinet table models; 20's to 40's wood cabinet models; Early transistor models; TV; Long Bros. and other local manufacturers; Novelty transistor models

abhauser@aol.com

Talbott, Jerry

R

1440 S.W. 239th Ave.
Hillsboro, OR 97123
(503) 649-6717

1920's-1970's general interest including TV's, microphones, tube/transistors, literature.

vinradio@easystreet.com

NWVRS 2003 Calendar of Events

- August 2-4** Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Portland, OR. Willamette Valley DX Club
www.wvdx.org
- August 16** Hamfest, Radio Club of Tacoma, Spanaway, WA
www.w7dk.org
- September 13** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- October 11** NVRS Fall Swap/Sale at Salvation Army Rose Center.
- November 8** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
 Nomination of officers for 2004.
- December 13** Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
 Election of officers for 2004. Annual Holiday Party!

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Photo Display

Photography by Rick Walton

Photos of the radio display “Rock and Roll Up Your Sleeve” at the American Red Cross.





Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRS members

Compiled by Sonny Clutter

Cliff Tuttle I acquired a Zenith console (1942???) at a garage sale in NE Washington. Got it as far as the mother-in-laws in Spokane before flying back to Portland. Now I have to drive back to pick it up. Also bought an Atwater Kent model 37 on Ebay. Turned out to be a very nice transaction. The packing box was in sad shape, but the radio made it intact.

Rick Walton Westinghouse “Columnaire” model WR-8 (1931). Acquired from a co-worker’s 80-year old mother, whose father-in-law brought it home new from his shop in Spokane.



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: Two remote controlled pre war Philco consoles that play very well. The stepper units work somewhat but need tuning that seems to escape my abilities. Will sell both for 200.00 with the remotes, batteries installed. Unique, party stoppers. Speed. feltdrad@open.org

FOR SALE: **Zenith radio/phono console, model 8A03. Restorable. \$55. Contact Bill Meloy (503) 667-8109.

FOR SALE: **Model 40 -200 Philco Console. \$60, Call Tony @360-944-8489 or ranft@saw.net

Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or ranft@saw.net – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 293-7835, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is not responsible in any disputes arising from services provided by members listed here. By common agreement of the board of directors, the buyer assumes all responsibility for the satisfaction of any transaction.

Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? 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 Last Page

Flyer submitted by Gordon Phillips

Here's a flyer announcing the PSARA Swap Meet in Seattle.

ANTIQUÉ RADIO SWAP MEET

Sunday, August 17, 2003
9 AM to 1 PM

Shoreline Museum Parking Lot
N. 175th & Linden Avenue, North Seattle
(One block west of Aurora Avenue, or
one mile west of Interstate 5, Exit 176)

Tune in to the largest vintage radio event
in the Northwest, featuring:

*Tube, Transistor & Novelty Sets
Deco Plastics ~ TV's ~ Ham Gear
Test Equipment ~ Parts ~ Tubes
Restoration & Repair Service Info*

FREE ADMISSION

Collectors, hobbyists and sellers alike
are invited to buy, sell and trade
old radios and related gear.
Bring a table or tailgate.
Plenty of parking.



A community event sponsored by the
PUGET SOUND ANTIQUE RADIO ASSOCIATION
PO Box 2095, Snohomish, WA 98291 (425) 747-1323 or (206) 546-5495
<http://www.eskimo.com/~hhagen/psara.html>

Meeting Location!

Our monthly meetings are held in the Abernathy Grange Hall, located at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City. Here are instructions for getting there and a map.

1. Take the OR-213 exit, exit number 10, towards PARK PLACE/MOLALLA.
2. From the South, turn RIGHT onto SR-213, or from the North, keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp and merge onto SR-213.
3. Turn LEFT at the first traffic light onto CLACKAMAS RIVER DR.
4. Turn RIGHT onto S FORSYTHE RD.
5. Turn LEFT onto S HARLEY AVE. The Abernathy Grange Hall is a little past S. Taylor Lane.

The written instructions came from “Map Quest” on the Internet; the map is scanned from a AAA map with much detail removed for the sake of clarity.

