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**The Society's first president,  
Harley Perkins**

# The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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.

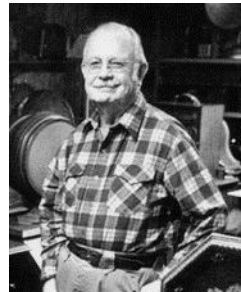
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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 at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 9:30 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 shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the Call Letter and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the Call Letter, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the Call Letter.



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## Announcements

### November Meeting:

Our November meeting will be on Saturday Nov. 11 at 9:30 AM.

**Monthly Feature:** Our November Monthly Feature will be the radios that we brought to our February meeting for future restoring. We had the radios at our February meeting to show the radios that we were going to restore during the year. Pictures are in the Call Letter for March. For the November meeting we are bringing the finished radios back to show the results of our work.

### Editor's Note:

Please have next month's Call Letter Contributions in by **Nov. 25**. No minutes this month as there was no meeting in October.

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## Calendar of Events

February 17, 2018. Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet. Rickreall, OR at the Polk County Fairgrounds. <http://www.w7sra.com>

March 10, 2018. Mike & Key 36th Electronics Show & Fleamarket. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. <http://www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm>

March 24, 2018. Microhams Digital Conference, Redmond, WA. <http://www.microhams.com/mhdc/> (Tentative Date)

April 7, 2018. Yakima Hamfest. Yakima, Washington. <http://yakimaamateurradioclub.com/yakima-hamfest/>

April 14 & 15 2018. Communications Academy. South Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://commacademy.org/>

April 20-22, 2018. Idaho State Convention. Boise, ID. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.idahostateconvention.com/>

May 2018. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact: Fred Laun, [w7pig@arrl.net](mailto:w7pig@arrl.net) <http://www.scarcwa.org/>

May 2018. River Radio Campout 2018. Pateros WA. Free "dry" camping along the Methow River at Pateros. Always the weekend prior to Memorial Day Weekend. Contact Roger W7CH [w7ch@arrl.net](mailto:w7ch@arrl.net) (509)687- 3919 <http://lakechelanradioclub.webs.com/>

June 1-3, 2018. SEA-PAC Hamfest and ARRL Northwestern Division Convention. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* [info@seapac.org](mailto:info@seapac.org) . [www.seapac.org/](http://www.seapac.org/)

## Monthly Feature: Fall Radio Sale

Photography and Commentary by Dan Howard



Sid Saul and Ed Tompkins look over a console with George Kirkwood. Nice to see you back on your feet, George!



Nice variety of table radios. Gary Marvin





An Emerson in a fancy Ingraham cabinet.

A beautiful Jewell with a chrome grill. Note the unusual dial scale that increases right to left.





A brightly-colored Cavalcade – made in Canada



Radio Demonstrator / Trainer – A complete tube radio built into a shadow box! Blake Dietze



Washington brand battery set. Sold by the D.S. Radio Corp of Seattle. A panel in the top opens up for access to the tubes.



A 1922 Atwater Kent breadboard. The Model 1945 was also known as the Model 2.

Outdoor shoppers and sellers enjoyed a perfect October Saturday at the Eagles.







Bill Colvin's looking for a chassis so that he can get this beautifully-carved set finished. This stunning cabinet features deeply-carved Asian scenes on the front, top, and both sides. Amazing. Contact Bill if you have a chassis that might work.



# **Hallock and Watson, 1928 - The Retailing Year**

**By Art Redman**

The firm of Hallock and Watson Radio Service continued as dealers for Atwater Kent Radios placing their own ad in the Sunday Oregonian newspaper of February 12, 1928. The Atwater Model E speaker listed for \$26.00, the battery models Model 33 sold for \$80.00 and the model 35 sold for \$80.00. The highlight of the sales year was the AC powered one dial Atwater Kent Model 37 retailing at \$92.00 without tubes. Later the Model 40 sold for \$81.00 also without tubes.

The ads show the market for 1928 was one-dial ac sets. H+W never developed ac powered or one dial sets missing that booming market. Their Porta-Pak 8 superhet, developed in June 1927, was no longer advertised as a Superhetrodyne. Instead, battery operated set became an eight tube portable available at their retail store and advertised in the classified ad section of the Oregonian.

Hallock and Watson did place an ad for radio repair and service on July 22 in tandem with the Tunney-Heeney champion heavyweight fight on July 26, 1928 but no ads appeared for radio parts for the kit builder because of the decline in the radio kit and assembly market.

The firm also continued from mid-1927 selling both Crosley and Fada radios. During the fall of 1928, two manufacturers besides Crosley placed ads for their own brands. Sparton only listed Hallock and Watson as one of seventeen Portland dealers for their Equasonne cabinet radio. The other listings include the Gilfillan Model No. 43 and three other models. The Crosley Gem Box listed for \$69.00 in time for the Christmas season listing Hallock and Watson as one Portland dealer among six others.

Sources:

“Atwater-Kent Dealers”, The Oregonian, February 12, 1928, Section 5, page 3.

“Service Your Set before the Fight”, ad. The Oregonian July 22, 1928 Section 5, page 6.

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**HALLOCK & WATSON  
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*“Portland’s Radio  
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## **Digging a Hole (to Fill a Hole)**

**By Dan Howard**

At the end of the Rickreall Hamfair last weekend, I was presented with an unusual opportunity – digging a hole to fill a hole.

As I returned to our table from a final shopping excursion, I was introduced to a pair of hams who were members of the crew that is restoring PT-658 on Swan Island. The hole that needed filling in this case was a missing antenna disconnect switch, the last piece needed to complete the PT Boat's Collins TCS installation.

So, this weekend I was honored to donate my CVP-24223 antenna switch to the boat. And, in the process of filling their hole, I dug a hole in my collection. I know that they say “you can't take it with you.” But...if anyone has an old antenna switch laying around, I have a hole that needs filling.... 73, Dan Howard

P.S. If you get a chance to visit them, PT-658 and LSI 713 are tied up in the Vigor shipyard on Swan Island.

PT-658 is one of only two PT Boats in operating condition today. For several years now it has greeted the Rose Festival fleet as they sailed into town. Her restoration to as-delivered 1945 condition is nearly finished. The boathouse also houses a small museum with great displays. PT-658 was added to the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

LSI (Landing Ship – Infantry) 713 is believed to be the last remaining landing craft of its type. Her restoration is on-going. However, her radio room is complete and operable, and several other compartments have been finished as well.

Visit [www.savetheptboatinc.com](http://www.savetheptboatinc.com) for more history and for information on tours.





My antenna switch display.  
That's the CVP-24223 antenna switch on the right.



Aboard PT-658

Attached is a photo of a tube label that I think might be pretty rare; at least I have never seen another. If you don't know who Jack Murdock is, the photo is from the VintageTEK museum and is at <http://vintagetek.org/jack-murdock/> - Dave Brown



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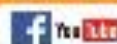


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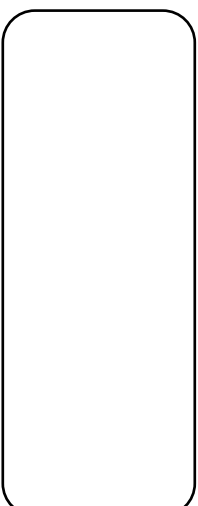
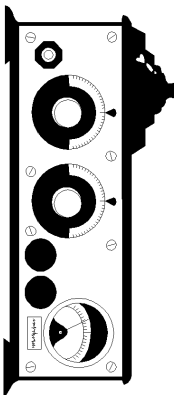
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