

NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER # 3

At this months meeting many new faces were present. We are proud to announce that we have a paid membership from Astoria, Ore, thank you Mr. & Mrs. Clampitt. Other new members include Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rowland, James Mason, Joe Thompkins of Salem, Don Hunker and Bill Baker, the great collector from Troutdale. Thanks folks

We will have a guest speaker at the March 8th meeting that we are sure you will want to hear. Mr Wilbur Jerman, originator & former owner of KWJJ here in Portland has kindly consented to give a short talk on the problems of early day radio broadcasting. He started his first station way back in the early 20s, it was a 50 watt-er. This fine gentleman who is now 74 years old is one of the real pioneers of early radio. Don't miss it!

VP Pete Young will have some news regarding our first swap meet that you'll want to hear, so dust off all that old radio gear and get ready for a lot of action. Better bring things you like as well as things you are willing to trade for you never know when there may be something you really want.

We are fortunate indeed to have Harley Perkins as our president, for honesty and integrity are rare virtues today. It was very difficult for Harley to place the offer for the Atwater Kent breadboard radio, he got by phone before the members of the club in a fair and impartial manner but it was handled well.

Mr. & Mrs. John Wood, of Vancouver, Wash., were on vacation and could not attend the last meeting but have assured us they will be present the next time. John is primarily a telephone collector, but does have an interest in radio as well

As you know Don Iverson was put in charge of the technical information list. If we can all make up a complete list of all the things we have collected in radio and bring it to the next meeting it will be very helpful in aiding Don to fulfill his responsibility. This list may help you members to complete that project you gave up on due to lack of information or parts!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH - What American President was the first to speak on radio?
Let us know at the next get together.

As usual, we saw a lot of exotic old items brought to club. Alan Shadducks' little Paramount cathedral radio is quite rare, first one we've ever seen. Bill Baker had an EI Co. crystal set, this was company owned by Hugo Gernsback later publisher of Radio News and other famous periodicals. Art Redmans' ancient microphone is a real find and as usual Joe Thompkins had his monthly battery radio! (Joe probably has the largest collection of rare battery sets in the whole state of Oregon!)

Have not seen Lou Stober or Dick Howard at the last couple of meetings-are you still with us, fellows? We miss you.

This joke was taken from Radio News - April, 1927:
Radio set builder- Yep, I built it myself and a thousand wouldn't buy it!
Fellow builder- I know, I'm one of the thousand.

WELL FELLOWS WE CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE TO SAY ON THIS PAGE SO WE WILL PUT THE REST OF IT ON THE NEXT PAGE

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A late entry - A word of caution to lovely Lois Woodruff. We know you are going to Los Vegas to a family reunion so we'll keep an eye on Woody and hold down his collecting to a few sets while you are gone! Have a nice trip, Lois!

GOOD HUNTING

"Ballad of the Radio Collector"

As I sit and gaze at my collection,
My memory fills with recollection,
Of days spent travelling far & wide,
Allowing fate to be my guide,
Hunting that gem of misdirection.

A maze of wires, a burnt resistor,
A sanded cabinet, a broken blister,
Rub it down, don't lift that grain,
I love you RADIO, but you're still a pain!

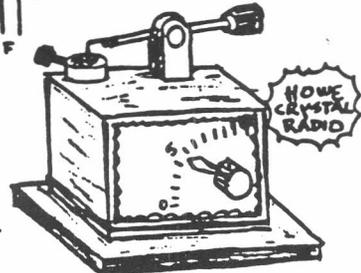
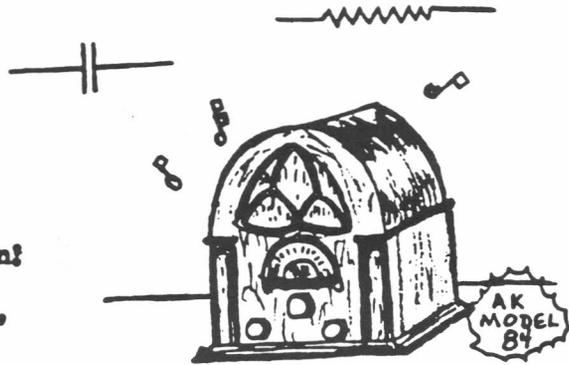
We leave the house at the crack of dawn,
Our women know that we're long gone,
While they stay at home & work & wonder,
We engage in our stupid blunder,
Of seeking our ever loving long lost plunder!

Speakers-Temple, Burns, Holzer-Cabot & Peerless,
Most of these are nearly hearless,
Scarce old tubes so hard to find,
Put your project in a bind,
But - on we forge - we're nearly fearless!

Atwater Kent, Radiola, Kemper & Grebe,
It's about time I get a "free-by",
I find one up in an attic, but all I get is a lot of static,
For the owner, too, is a mild fanatic!

Come on boys, dig down in your pockets,
For tubes & coils & four pin sockets,
Head for that dingy off street dive,
Where you can still buy an A.K. for one-ninety five,
And the thrill of doing so keeps you alive!

But when we take our final ride,
Out across the great divide,
No more hunting, no more strain,
Let the kids worry about RF Gain!



By Bob Bilbie
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Well, collectors, I hope this little poem brought you a chuckle or two, for when we can pursue our hobby without taking ourselves too seriously we will always have more fun. We are engaged in one of the most unique hobbies in the world, the rewards are great, the finds sometimes terrific, and very satisfying when you consider we have saved one more GEM for posterity.

SEE YOU ALL AT THIS MONTHS MEETING-GOOD LUCK & HAPPY HUNTING!

MEETING WILL BE MAR. 8th, AT 10 AM-Buenavista Club-16th & Jackson, Ore. City, Ore.

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