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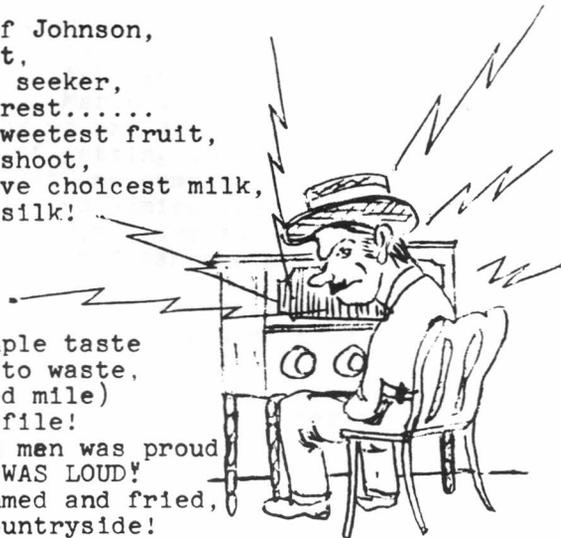


Lets start the month out with a good chuckle, by reading one of the funniest poems ever sent in by our old friend TOM JAMES, super deluxe poet of NWVRS!

"That Big Old Majestic That Johnson Loved TO Tune"

My neighbor, name of Johnson,
Had to own the best,
This status symbol seeker,
Had to out do the rest.....

His car had the longest hood, his orchard the sweetest fruit,
His guns were the very finest, that ever won a shoot,
His chickens laid the biggest eggs, his cows gave choicest milk,
And I'll bet a bag of beans his underwear was silk!
Now came the "ALL ELECTRIC"
The radio pf choice,
To obsolete the battery jobs,
And give a louder voice
Us neighbors all had radios and along with simple taste
We kept our volume fairly low- we had no juice to waste,
But Johnson went Wenatchee way (Merely a hundred mile)
To buy a huge Majestic job- to stun the rank & file!
He brought it home one summer eve, heavens that man was proud
Set it up, and turned it on---GAWD, THAT THING WAS LOUD!
Couldn't log to many places, as the speaker hummed and fried,
But he could turn the volume up and jar the countryside!
Many years have gone a fleeting, yet my wonder's not complete,
I THINK WE HAVE ANOTHER JOHNSON JUST ACROSS THE STREET!!

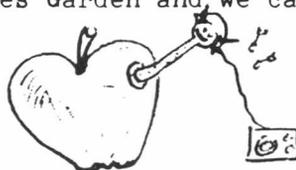


Muarice Leete has built a mould with which he can duplicate the tuning drum for the RCA Model 60's, I8's, Brunswicks, Graybars etc. These were made of pot metal originally and you all know what condition they are in when we get them, cracked, warped and badly broken sometimes. He uses "boat glass" as the casting material, which can be drilled, tapped and painted silver to look like the original drum! He will sell you one of these drums for a mere \$3 and a better buy has not come along in a good while, so if you have a radio of the type listed that has a bad tuning drum on it, here is the chance to restore it! I restored a nice old GRAYBAR MODEL 3I7 using one and we will vouch for its quality! Contact Maurice at this phone number- 656-6487. (a long needed item for restoration)

Joey Tomkins has some 20IA's for sale at \$4.50 each, all good, and the old type that are pear shaped. He also has an old ARBORPHONE, 6 tube metal cased table model that needs re-stringing for \$50. He says the price is open, so come you "horse-traders", see what you can do! Another thing of importance down SALEM way is that Joe has found someone who can build nearly exact duplicates of cabinets at very reasonable prices. Call Joey at 362-8071.

We will be glad when fruit season is over so we can get a chance to see our Bill & Florence Baker back among the living again. As you know they have a BIG fruit farm out in Troutdale that requires lots of attention, they also make the best darn CIDER this side of Eves Garden and we can hardly wait for their little fruit stand to open!

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WORM YOUR WAY
OUT OF THIS ONE!

Alan Shadduck is on vacation up in Canada buying up all of their Radios! Hope you have a good hunt Alan, and we will see you when you get back



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PHILOSOPHERS KORNER

Times change, styles change and customs are altered to meet each new order of things, but SENTIMENT remains fresh and green over the Tomb of Time. Men may adjust themselves to the constant change that goes on in the social, commercial and political world, but they never lose the old time sentiments.....

By W.H. (Capt. Billy) Fawcett
Publisher Capt. Billy's WhizBang
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AMEN! And I guess this spells out perfectly why we are devoted to old time RADIO Good things just never change, like the thrill of getting your first one to work, or after months of diligent hunting you find that one component you've needed to get the job done, or just being able to sit back and admire that beautiful old gem you just brought back from the grave! Yes, RADIO, you are still the same old mysterious gal who keeps coming back to haunt and refresh our memories. You never change and we are grateful for this.

We wish publically to thank several very nice members who donated their time and talents this year. These efforts do not go un-noticed or un-appreciated and will always be brought to the attention of our club's members. First lets thank Jean Connors for her effort in the art department in helping to design the CLUB LOGO. Although not the winning design she worked hard and the sincerity and effort was there. Thanks, Jean!

Thanks to Doug Eggert who took the time to make up the little mailing tags you see on your newsletter and for providing us with refreshments at the monthly meetings. Thanks to Sandy Bilbie for her hard work at Mall 205 in seeing that not a single thing was lost in our display. Thanks to Joey Tomkins for taking the time to bring Harold Clarke to the meetings he loves so much. Thanks to Harley Perkins for being one hell of a good president, honest and above board. Last and certainly not least, THANK you members for being the good people you are, for without you our little club would have no meaning at all!!

WANTED: 2 Tungar Bulbs-2 amp. and Power Transformer for RCA Model 60. Please call Pete Young at 659-7735 on these items if you can help.

Mark Moore (our youngest member) has a great desire to learn, so if anyone out there can help him with his RCA Radio please call 658-2260. He will tell you what model it is.

Odd finds DEPARTMENT Minerva Tropic-Master(?) Rogers 7 tube using 2x3 half wave rectifiers, 7Im, 4Im etc and all octals too! (?) The end of a packing crate that says Pooley Cabinet for Atwater Kent Radio, we can understand how a radio can survive the yars but not a packing crate!! RCA's very first catalog dated 1922 and on the cover it says "Radio Enters the Home". A 1918 Sears catalog dealing of course with the early spark gap stuff. A crystal set marked EAM Toys, parts are all brass on a fiber board (?) Collected by your editor last week. It seemed as though this was my week of wierdos. ((maybe I'll have better luck next time))





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Hey, you guys can blame this on the Gonshorowski Bros., Inc.

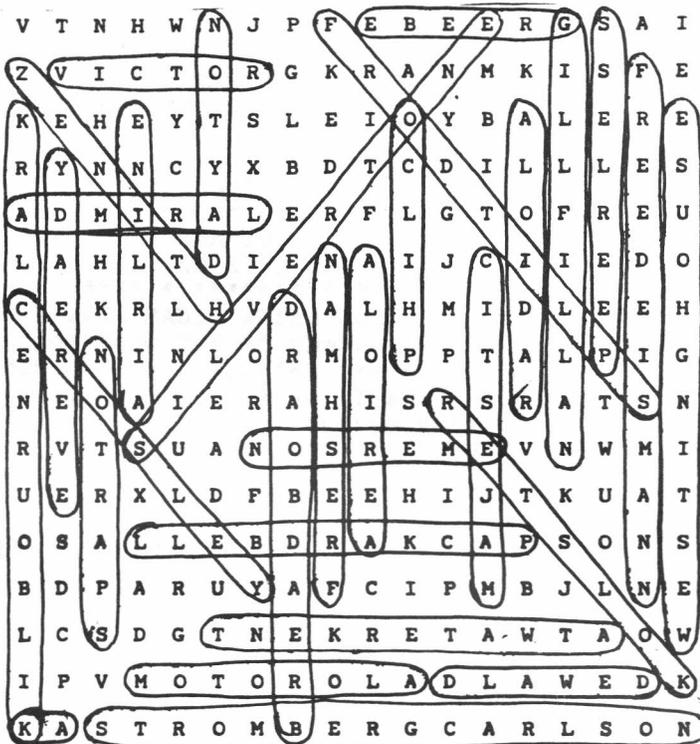


RADIO "FREQUENCY"

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September meeting will be on Saturday as usual at 10 AM at the Buena Vista Clubhouse. The date is Sept. 13th, 1975

Here is the answer to last month's puzzle
How many got them all??



I hate to admit this but I do not have a WD II in my collection of tubes. I would be willing to buy or trade for one of these if anyone has one for sale. It can be a "dud" but prefer a brass base with a peaked glass. Would be willing to trade an equally rare WESTERN ELECTRIC 205E "baseball" tube. Am I asking for too much??

Bob Bilbie Ph 266-5338

Heard on the grapevine that Don Iversen, Lou Stober and Dick Howard had some real good luck at finding some very rare items. Let us in on the secret, fellows!

Well, guys & dolls that is it for this month. I hope you have enjoyed this issue, and as usual we wish you all happy hunting. (Orval White - What were you doing up at the Dalles? Bet it had to do with the acquisition of a new battery set, huh?) Bye!

