



NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY  
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To start this month off, we would like  
to introduce our newest member to you.  
He is Gil Barber, from East Las Vegas, NV,  
and we are glad to have him with us. Gil  
started this crazy hobby about a year

ago and informs us that radios are very hard to find in Nevada (gambling  
equipment abounds, he says!!) I think the problem of finding radios anywhere  
is becoming difficult as the years roll by, but by banding together we can  
sometimes help each other. Gil was born & raised in Eugene, Ore, but left in  
'53 to join the USAF. He is also familiar with Oregon City as he lived there  
when his Dad worked in the shipyards during WW II. Below is Mr. Barber's full  
address, so come on guys drop our newest member a line, I'm sure he would like  
to hear from all of you, What say?? GILBERT K. BARBER, P.O. BOX 12808, E. LAS  
VEGAS, NV., 89112. Again I say WELCOME, Gil, to our club and feel free to write  
anytime!

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To those of you not so informed your editor broke his arm recently and  
what follows is one of the "price" paid for such an unhappy incident!!  
This was sent in by old friend and poet deluxe of the NWVRS, Tom James, so  
I throw myself on your mercy! (Gil, you ought to enjoy this!)

My RCAche

By Tom James

I sent a letter down to Bilbie  
About my old pet RCA  
The cabinet was getting shabby;  
It had seen a better day.....

and two more gems:

Marconi DeForest Von Kraut,  
Was a CON whose parole was in dou  
doubt,  
He filched him a rig,  
While still in the brig,  
And sent himself-over & out!

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I want eighty bucks, he wrote,  
To varnish, clean & sand it,  
May I be of FURTHER SERVICE?  
Your friendly ONE-ARMED BANDIT!  
(not guilty, Ed.)

A Northwest Vintage Radio freak,  
Bought an Atwater Kent from a Greek  
But alas in the sound,  
An accent was bound,  
To a strangely Athenian clique!

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Say! How does Don Iverson come up with all those really neat little nov-  
elty items? His latest is a little puzzle where you shake the tubes into  
the holes of an old radio, black side down, no less. Built by A.C. Gilbert of  
American Flyer and Erector Set fame. Joey Tomkins thought he could do it,  
but he got three of the tubes in upside down and didn't even know it! (this  
is probably why his Grebe don't work, but don't tell him!) Just teasin', Joe..

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Sure feel good, they took the cast off today and doing this old newslett-  
is fun, compared to last month!

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Our apologies to Al Blake. It seems that he has not received all the latest newsletters which we will take care of immediately. Sorry Al, hang in there!

This was taken from RADIO WORLD of May, 23, 1931;
The Radio Census

Nevada-the Director of the census announced the results for the State of Nevada. The whole number of families in the state on April 1st, 1930 was 25,730, as compared with 21,862 in 1920. The number of persons per family in 1930 was 3.5, the same number as in 1920. The number of people reporting radio sets in 1930 was 7869, or 30.6 per cent of the total. (now we understand your problem, Gil!!)

Did you always feel that radio was on honest endeavor? Not so! According to Radio World in 1932, hundreds of unlicensed radio operators were arrested for aiding the "rum-runners" during Prohibition! Proof then as today that you cannot legalize or regulate morality, huh? (hic)

There is an awful lot of hard work going on behind the scene in preparing for our first BIG swap meet and we want to thank everyone who is engaged in this. We just know that this one is going to be a success. Before this is mailed out we will inform you as to the progress being made. We hope to get this done and out with all information contained herein before the actual SWAP MEET, so stand by, gang.

Fellas, this little sheet is one of the best sources you have at your disposal, are you using it to best of your advantage? It got me a WD II which I really wanted in my collection. Ask and you shall receive! It also got me a Crosley chassis I have needed for quite a while. Let me know what ya'll need and maybe I can reciprocate by helping you find it, who knows.....

How can we over emphasize the value of radio tubes in our hobby? In our club we have approximately 50 members and just (and just) on pure conjecture we'll say that each has about 30 old radios, averaging somewhere around 6 tubes each. Lets see...hmm...thats 30 x 50 x 6, which figures out to 9000 very scarce tubes!! You will all probably agree that these figures are really quite conservative since there are several members whose collection contain 100's of radios, then we begin to see that we had better grab up all the tubes we can lay our grubby little paws on! Have you tried to get a # 59 or say a rare old 3V, lately? We think that in time as our hobby progresses, the old tubes will be more valuable than the radios, since the demand is far exceeding the supply. So.....don't be picky when it comes to tubes or it will be too late by the time you need them!

Woody Woodruff informed us the other day of an apparently little known historical fact. He claims that had it not been for his great-great uncle, Ben Franklin would not be famous today. It seems that Mr. Franklin wanted to borrow some money from Woodys' uncle and he was promptly told to "go fly a kite!" So there you are, a little known fact restored for the Bicentennial Year.....

We have been informed that we can all meet at the Canby Swap Meet at 7AM the morning of Oct. 25th, which although not a lot of time, should help us somewhat to get ready and set up our tables & display of vintage radios.
REMEMBER - 7AM - OCT. 25TH, 1975 ----- 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am 7am

Seems as though we are running out of room on this page, think we ought to turn over a new leaf.

COUPON
Bremer-Tully Mfg. Co., 520 S. Canal St., Chicago, Ill.
Send full information on Counterphase Radio.



Name:
Address:



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Gentlemen;

This is the important thing we were holding the press for and I'm sure that it will be good news for all of you.

We contacted the organization called LOAVES & FISHES who have kindly consented to providing refreshments for all those who attend our big SWAP MEET. We feel that their cause is an important one too. Those of you who are not familiar with what they do, we will fill you in. This group of fine people provide lunches for the disabled & elderly, all paid for out of donations and what they earn on their own. Our country could use more people like this, who work hard, and are compensated for their efforts only in the satisfaction of knowing that they have made someone less fortunate than ourselves, a happy day. Your editor feels that anything earned by this organization should be theirs for the effort expended. You gals may like to know that they will also have a BAKE SALE, the same day, so here is a chance to get away from the oven & make your family happy at the same time!!

O.K. lets go over all the details once more:

TABLES WILL BE THERE WHEN YOU ARRIVE WITH YOUR GOODS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY LOAVES & FISHES

TABLES ARE \$3 PER SELLER

ARRIVAL TIME IS AT 7AM - please be there so you can help with any set-ups

ANTIQUA RADIO DISPLAY TO SET UP BETWEEN 7am & 9am ALONG WITH MERCHANDISE

ALL THIS HAPPENS ON OCTOBER 25th, SATURDAY AT ,1975 at 7AM

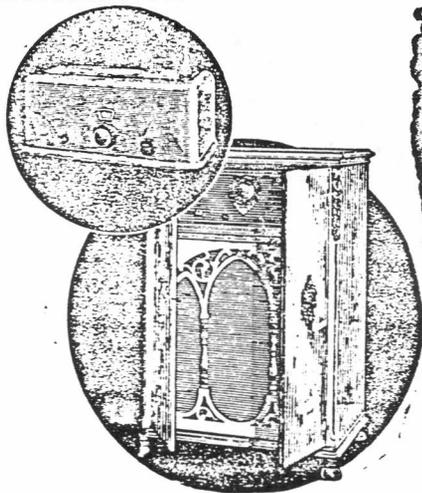
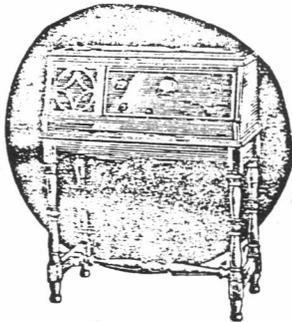
Fellows, we have the utmost faith in you, please be there to help those who have worked so hard to see this MEET come about. Your performance in the past has been beyond reproach and we know you are not going to let our GREAT club down when we really need you most. Thank you all.....SEE YA'LL THERE!!!

Our thanks to Mrs. Chas. Tolley, of Loaves & Fishes for kindly consenting to helping with the refreshments-We all hope you do well!

The only other thing of importance is that our next regularly scheduled club meeting will be on NOVEMBER, 8TH, 10AM, BUENA VISTA CLUBHOUSE, ORE. CITY, ORE.

TO GET TO THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS----TRAVEL SOUTH ON RT. 99E TO - WARD CANBY.....OUTSIDE OF CANBY YOU WILL COME TO THE ONLY BRIDGE CROSSING 99E. CONTINUE ON 1/4 MILE AND FAIRGROUNDS WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT. IT IS VERY EASY TO FIND! SIGNS ALONG THE WAY SHOULD HELP, TOO.....

First one to correctly identify these old gems will win an all expense paid guided tour through Radio Shack in Portland!



NEW HOUSEHOLD UTILITY



Announcement, in RADIO News for December, of "The new DUOFOMER 5-TUB circuit" offers a boon, no doubt, to housewives. The family wash is done by this versatile receiver, while the necessary bluing is contributed by jazz. Does the electricity foam, however, or do we need Lux?

Contributed by B. M. Bergin.

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