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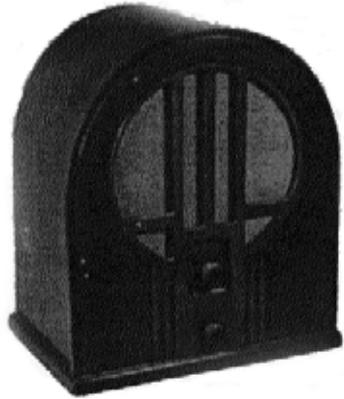
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**Antique Radio**

## Swap Meet

Beaverton, Oregon



**Saturday**

**April 3, 1999**

9 AM until 12 Noon

Oak Hills Recreation Center -- North of Cornell Road, just east of the Cornell road exit from Hwy 26

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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 \$15.00 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 members of the *Call Letter* has continued to be a publication that both informs members of the society's business and that has supported 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).

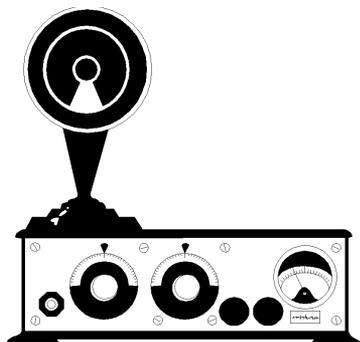
Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio show, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

## Society Officers for 1999:

President	Charles Kent	(503) 281-9335
Vice-President	George Kirkwood	(503) 648-4809
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**On the cover:** This month's cover announces the Swap Meet that is to occur on April 3 at the Oak Hills community recreation center.

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**Call Letter Deadline  
25th of the month  
prior to publication.**

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**Bring your favorite Zenith radio to the meeting on  
February 13 at the Abernethy Grange Hall, 15745 S.  
Harley Ave., Oregon City.**

**Visit the NWVRS web site at:  
<http://www.peak.org/~wren/nvrs.html>.**

The Call Letter is the official publication of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society. Circulation is limited to the membership and guests of the Society. The Society is not responsible for the material contributed for publication, nor the quality, timeliness, or accuracy of the items offered for sale in the SWAP SHOP. By common agreement of the board of directors, the buyer assumes all responsibility for the satisfaction of any transaction.

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# From the Editor

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by *Call Letter* Editor, Rick Walton

I've spent several hours spread across several days testing a piece of demo software that will allow us to print the *Call Letter* electronically rather than from paper "masters." The software works as it is supposed to, so as I write this I hope that the final printing will work as well.

This month's cover points to the Swap Meet coming up next month at the Oak Hills Recreation Center. And speaking of swap meets, President Charlie Kent called me and asked me to announce in the *Call Letter* that starting this month, we'll be having informal "tailgate" swap meets before the regular monthly meeting. The ample parking lot around the Abernethy Grange Hall provides an ideal location. Charlie has also been working with Gordon Phillips to come up with ways to award ribbons at the meetings to the folks who exhibit their radios as part of the monthly feature.

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## NWVRS 1999 Calendar of Events

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- March 13**      8:30 am: Pre-meeting tailgate swap session in the parking lot.  
10:00 am: Regular meeting at the new meeting location, Abernethy Grange Hall, 15745 S. Harley Ave., Oregon City.
- April 3**      NWVRS Swap Meet at Oak Hills Rec. Center. 9:00 am to Noon. Contact Myron White for table information.
- April 10**      10:00 am Regular meeting.
- May 8**      10:00 am Regular meeting.
- June 12**      Spring Swap Meet with Oregon Triode Society.

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# Meeting Minutes

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Liles Garcia, Secretary

President Charles Kent called the February 13, 1999 meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society to order at approximately 10:05 AM. There were 35 members present. Members approved the January, 1999 meeting minutes.

## Old Business

Swap Meet—Our club will have a Swap Meet on April 3, 1999 at the Oak Hills Recreation Center. The Swap Meet will start at 9:00 A.M. and end at approximately 12:00 Noon. Admission will be free. This Swap Meet is intended to be a smaller-scale version of our semi-annual swap meets.

Call Letter Printing—Vice President George Kirkwood checked on a new printing company, Lazer Quick. He thinks that they can do a better job printing our Call Letter. Rick Walton investigated some publishing software, and found a software package that will do the publishing also. Members voted for Rick to buy an appropriate publishing software.

## New Business

**Award Ribbons** Gordon Phillips mentioned that we should again award ribbons to outstanding radios brought in for our monthly programs. We will form a committee to work on this idea.

## Leads and Needs

Ed Charman has a lead on several radios from someone in Clackamas. See Ed for more details.

Larry Tobkin needs knobs for an RCA T-7-5 radio.

Gehard Watzig needs two Knight-Kit C100 Walkie-Talkie radios. He also has two Zenith Transoceanic radios for sale.

Scott Hoke thanked Myron White for his help in restoring some radios.

**Program For March** Our program item for the March meeting will be your favorite Zenith radio.

Members showed and discussed their favorite novelty radios.

The meeting was adjourned.

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# The New Meeting Location

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by Rick Walton



The Abernethy Grange Hall. We meet in the basement. The entrance to the meeting room is in the lower right had corner of the photo.



A view toward the rear of the basement meeting room, including part of the kitchen, in the Abernethy Grange Hall.

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# February Meeting Radio Display

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Photos by Rick Walton

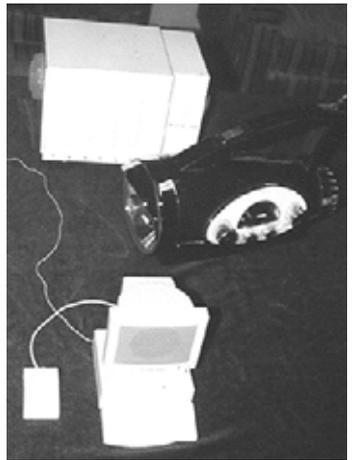
The monthly feature for February was novelty sets, tube or transistor. The many photos show the great participation in bringing in some really wonderful novelty radios. Too bad I missed the Barbie shoe that fell out of Speed's Barbie roadster radio. Here's a complete list of the exhibitors and their radios.

Jerry Talbott	Masterpiece Model 790 oil painting (1) Mary Lee helmet radio (2)
Ed Pittaway	Cheeseburger (3)
Brian Toon	Crosley Musical Chef (4) Flashlight radio (5) Computer radio (6)
Wendy Kent	Mini-TV radio slide viewers (7)
Charlie Kent	Cocker Spaniel radio (8) In-the-ear FM receiver (9)
Tony Hauser	Two "Blabbermouth" radios (10)
Pat Kagi	Wall telephone radio (not a Guild!) (11)
Scott Hoke	Automatic Radio w/ hemispherical dial (12)
Ray Nelson	Guild Town Crier (13)
Gerhard Watzig	Sports car replica radio (14) Toy short-wave set (15)
Art Redman	Emerson set of books radio (Sorry! No picture.)
Dan Howard	Champion Spark Plug in box (16)
George Kirkwood	Ozarka book-cover radio (17)
Speed Feldschau	Calculator radio (18) Barbie roadster (19)
Ron Hershey	"Mark Twain" riverboat (20)
Gordon Phillips	"The Babe" beer drinker (21)

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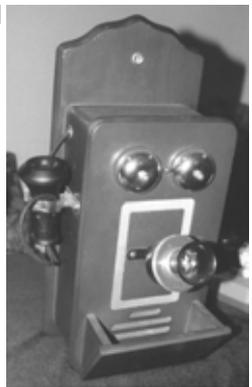


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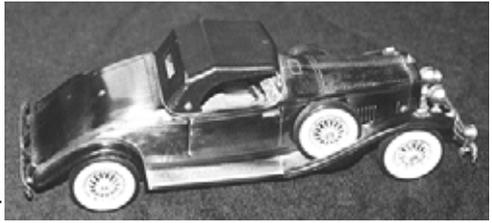
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# A Voice From the Past

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This article and the ads mixed with it are from the *Radio Bulletin* of March 23, 1923. As you see from the masthead shown at right, it was published here in Portland. This issue is Vol. 1, No. 41. *Ed.*

## Radio Troubles

If you have trouble with your set, look to the small fixed condensers or the grid condenser. There are many cheap makes flooding the market today and, sad to say, a great many of them are almost worthless. Some of them do not make any contact at all, and others are short circuited. Look well into the transformer — whether it be radio or audio frequency. It may possibly be burned out or the ratio of the turns may be incorrect. A cheap amplifying transformer will cause more trouble than anything else in the set.

How about the variable condensers? Do the plates touch each other? What kind of contact do the movable plates have? Here is a very important point. Some of the best makes have poor contacts for the rotary plates, with the result that the condenser does not function and spoils the set. The same thing holds true for a variometer. Frequently the rotor connections are poor and the variometer will not work.

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## Radio Bulletin

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S. EMANUEL . . . . . Editor

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### THOROPHONE LOUD SPEAKER

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RADIO AND AUDIO SETS  
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Receiving Sets  
High Grade Parts

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75 SIXTH STREET  
Portland, Ore.

The socket, the receivers, and in fact practically everything that goes into the set must be right or the set will not operate properly and then the poor radio editor will get the blame.

One more point is amateur interference. Here is a subject that would fill a book, but it can only be touched on lightly here. A good radio set of the two- or three-circuit type will eliminate all interference if operated correctly. A set should be able easily to get rid of 200- or even 300-meter traffic if it is tuned to 360 or 400 meters. If you have trouble with your set from interference, do not blame the interfering station. Look into your own cabinet. If you have a single circuit-tuner, remember that it cannot tune sharply. Also remember that while you are complaining of interference, your own receiver is acting like a small transmitter and is interfering with every receiving station within several blocks. In England such sets are not allowed by law. By actual test it has been found that a single circuit receiver, located several houses away caused so much interference that other stations could not be operated on the same wave length. In other words, if this set was tuned to WJZ, none of the other stations could listen to WJZ, but had to go on to some other station.

**SCHAEFFER MFG. CO.**  
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**High Grade Radio Equipment**  
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No Battery required.  
No better horn can be built at any price. Remember, we do not use tin in any of our horns. Deal directly with the manufacturer and save money. We also manufacture Loop Aerials, Battery Chargers, Sockets, Complete Sets and all the Units.  
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Successor to The Sorsinc Store  
310 OAK STREET

**High Grade Radio Supplies**  
**MILLER & SCHOONOVER**  
**1633 East 13th Street**  
•SELLWOOD 3182

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# Swap Shop

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*FOR SALE:* Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 6111 SE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR, (503) 774-6560.

*BUY, SELL, & TRADE:* Vintage Radio, Early Television and Hi-Fi.

Wanted: Tubes, Parts and whatever you might have related to early radio & TV. Visit my web-site at: < <http://www.radiolaguy.com> > or e-mail me at: < [sonny@radiolaguy.com](mailto:sonny@radiolaguy.com) >

Thanks, Sonny Clutter, phone (360) 834-5741

*WANTED:* The Crystal Radio Guy wants crystal sets and toy germanium diode radios. Buy outright, or trade for other radios. Galen (503) 231-9708.

*FOR SALE:* \*Must reduce my radio collection. Need the room. What are you looking for? I can mail a list if you're interested. Jim Broeffle, 1138 SW Ballinger Dr., Grants Pass OR 97526 Call (541) 479-3607.

*FOR SALE:* \*\*Zenith console, AM/FM/RP Model 105599, clean and operating; cabinet needs some work, \$125.00; Vance Daberkow, 956 NW Anjni Circle, Corvallis, OR 97330, (541) 753-3356

*FOR SALE:* \*\*Post Auction Radio Sale (Or how to get rid of all those box lots I bought, etc.) Radiola 25 (1925) with antenna, 6-199 tubes, \$250; Crystal set, using rare "Carborundum" detector, home made, \$75; Large assortment of portables 1939-50's, from \$25-\$150; Plastic and bakelite sets (15), 1930-50's, from \$20-\$75.

**Novelty sets:** Dahlberg coin-op (no mech.) motel bed radio, white, \$150; Mitchell "lullaby" bed lamp radio, model 1250 brown bakelite, \$100; Guild "Town Crier" tube AM-FM, \$150; Globe Trotter, 1930's globe radio, \$300.

**Wood Table sets:** Colonial 658, 6 tube set, 1930's, \$35; RCA 55X 1940 twin speaker, \$50; Angelus large cathedral, \$150; Rola Model 80 (1929) small console, \$125.

**Metal set:** Philco Model 511 and matching speaker (their first AC set) \$100 for both.

**TV:** Philco S.S. projection mini portable "Safari". No hood, plays. Their first S.S. set, \$200; Setchell-Carlson 17" Model P61 portable, 1955 with "unitized" chassis, \$25.

**Assorted** early radio magazines. QST's: 1920's \$10 ea., 1930's \$5 ea., 1960-70's \$3 ea. For more details or complete list call Jerry Talbott (503-649-6717)

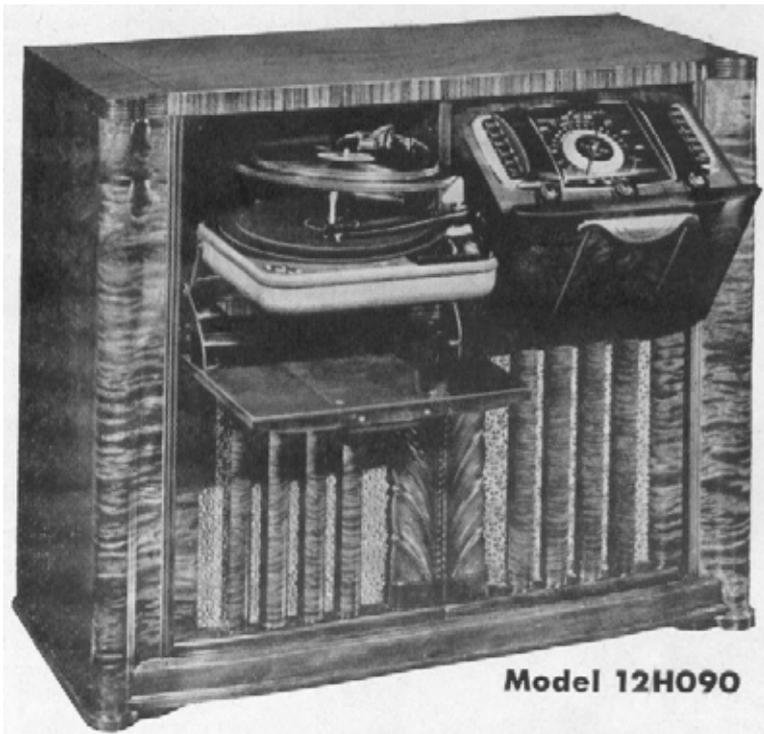
*WANTED:* \*Cabinet and Speaker for Philco Model 90. Also Remote Speaker and Lid for Philco Model 65. Jim Barratt, 26313 SE Leonard Road, Camas, WA 98607 Call (360) 834-4429.

*WANTED:* \*Silvertone, model 8021 AM/FM bakelite table model from 1949.

*WANTED:* \*\*Zenith Royal 7000Y or similar hi-end analog (!)portable. Vance Daberkow, 956 NW Anjni Circle, Corvallis, OR 97330, (541) 753-3356

*WANTED:* \*\*Looking for affordable: 6G5G, 6AD6G, UX-280 (1), UX245 (1), UX224 (2)

Looking for schematics and service data on the following Radios: Ward's Model# 62-476, Zenith Model# 6D525, Colonial Model# 655, Silvertone Model# 1291, Crosley Model# F5TWE, Emerson Model# BA-199, Granco Model# TU160U (?). Contact: Scott Hoke, e-mail: desk.jet@mci2000.com home phone: (503) 646-9392



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# Swap Meet Information

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by Jerry Talbott

The April Swap Meet will take place at the Oak Hills Recreation Center in Beaverton, Oregon. To make table reservations or get more information, contact Myron White, (503) 629-5513, or Jerry Talbott, (503) 649-6717. Table fees will be taken at the meet; pay Ed Charman there.

Since there are no specific table assignments, sellers will have to choose their own areas and set them up, then tear down and put the tables away at the end of the meet.

There will ample room for extra items like consoles around the tables, etc.

Keep an eye out for the ad that Myron will run in the Oregonian. He also plans to try to get some free TV, cable, and radio station ads.

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## Roster Corrections

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Erdman, Thomas (Tom)\*  
9070 SW 180th Place  
Beaverton, OR 97007  
(503) 649-3479  
General Interest

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Nelson, Ray† R  
15014 NE Marquam Rd.  
Mt. Angel, OR 97362  
(503) 845-2897 techray@molalla.net  
20's and 30's consoles, table models, general interest

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\* New member. Our apologies to Tom, whose name should have appeared on the roster in the January *Call Letter*.

† New e-mail address.

# New Meeting Location!

Beginning with February, we are meeting in a new location: 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/MOLLA.
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 onto CLACKAMAS RIVER DR.
4. Turn RIGHT onto S FORSYTHE RD. (appears on the map to turn into PARK PLACE)
5. Turn LEFT onto S HARLEY AVE. The Abernathy Grange Hall is a little past S Taylor Lane.

The written instructions and the map came from “Map Quest” on the Internet, with some additions and editing for the sake of clarity and purpose.

