

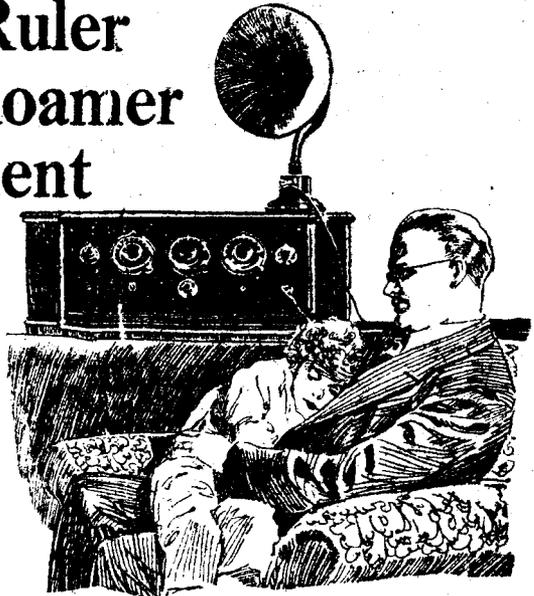
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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of “Vintage radio” and wireless equipment.

Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$20.00 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 (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.

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On the cover: This ad for Kilbourne & Clark of Portland and Seattle was scanned from a section of very old newspaper that came from Jim Mason’s collection. Unfortunately, the name of the newspaper and the date of publication were carefully trimmed from the paper, leaving us to guess that this came from the 1920’s.

The next meeting is on September 14, 2002.

Monthly feature: Your best “project” radio and its story.
Tailgate swap meet starts at 8:30!

Visit our web site at <http://nwvrs.org>.

October Call Letter Deadline: October 1, 2002.

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.

From the Editor

by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

Perhaps you are wondering why I didn't put something on the cover having to do with the 9-11 tragedy. I am sure that by the time we meet on September 14, we will already have seen, heard, and read numerous remembrances of that sorrowful day, and many eloquent tributes to those who died and to those who performed heroic deeds that day and during many days that followed. I would not presume to try to do any better.

For many radio collectors and enthusiasts, the location of the World Trade Center in New York brings up earlier memories of the area called "Radio Row." The September issue of *Antique Radio Classified* has an excellent article about Radio Row and the political and economic forces that replaced it with the World Trade Center.

Early in August I found myself in Bellingham, Washington, after a weekend in Canada. I took the opportunity to pay a brief visit to John Winter's American Radio Museum. It was fun to meet John and to finally see in person the museum that I've visited on the Web since 1994. Be sure to stop in if you are up that way.

Leading off this issue is one of Art Redman's historical pieces about an early demonstration of television here in Portland, followed by the monthly "Remembering Radio" and "Voilà." The Swap Shop has some new items, and the Swap/Sale flyer closes out this issue.

Don't miss the meeting on September 14. It's the only meeting before the Fall swap/sale in October.

NWVRS 2002 Calendar of Events

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| September 14 | Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. |
| September 14 | Hamfest, Radio Club of Tacoma, Graham, WA
http://w7dk.org |
| October 12 | NWVRS Fall Swap/Sale, 9 am to 2 pm. |
| October 26 | Swap-toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.
http://www.qsl.net/w7oem/swaptobe.html |
| November 9 | Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. |
| December 14 | Regular monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. |

Television Is Shown At Store Here

From The Oregon Journal July 13, 1931. Page 3.

Submitted by Art Redman

Portland's first television demonstration was made this morning (July 13, 1931) before the newspaper in Lipmann Wolfe and Company radio department.

Operated by E.J. Rapp, radio department manager of the department store, a television and receiver were hooked up for the broadcast and the delegation saw two tiny figures roller-skating across a five inch lens on the receiver.

Insuline Corporation of America equipment was used, the apparatus being shipped from the radio manufacturers shown in Chicago. It arrived Sunday.

Rapp placed film in a projector a beam of light played on a scanning disc which broke it up into fine lines which in turn were projected on a photo electric cell.

In broadcast television this impulse as transformed by the photoelectric cell would be amplified and broadcast, but since there is no television broadcast license here Rapp connected the transmitter directly by wire to the receiver and the demonstration took the status of wired television. The demonstration was in progress against a red background. The dark picture flickered. There was no mistaking what was going on. A figure skated past lampposts for a minute or so, then joined another in doing stunts.

The words "Fannie Farmer falls fast and furious" were clear.

Rapp emphasizes that television in no way replaces the present radio receiver and that when it does arrive on a broadcast basis the pictures will be transmitted on short waves.

J.J. Becker of the Insuline Corporation accompanied the equipment here. Final adjustments have not been made and it is expected that as operators become familiar with the equipment demonstrations will improve. As far as it is known, the Lipton Wolf demonstration will be the first in the West.

According to the Radio Collectors Guide Insuline Corporation of America offered five television models for sale in 1931. Model 1254 sold for \$200.00 was one of two complete television receivers offered. Their model 1256 was a scanner and amplifier and sold for \$99.50. Model 1257 was television receiver only and sold assembled for \$69.50 or as a kit for \$59.50.

Remembering Radio for September

by Dick Karman

Remembering Radio for September has some interesting twists and turns. Way back in September of 1915 the first transcontinental radio telephone message was sent. Five years later Jack Dempsey knocks out Billy Miske in 3 rounds for the heavyweight boxing title. It was the first prize fight broadcast live on radio. Some sources record September 9th, 1926 as being the day that the National Broadcasting Co was created by Radio Corporation of America.

In 1929 New York station WOR ends its affiliation with CBS radio network, only two years after it signed with the network. (9/18/27). The network which began with 18 stations continues to grow.

It was September 29, 1930 that Lowell Thomas made debuts on CBS Radio replacing Floyd Gibbons. Lowell Thomas spent the next 40 years in your living room. That same day New York City College offered the first recorded college course in radio advertising.

In September, 1936 it is recorded that radio was used for the first time in a presidential campaign. Politics and radio have never been the same since.

New to the airwaves: 09/13/1928 - KOH-AM in Reno Nevada begins radio transmissions 09/15/1921 - WBZ-AM in Boston Massachusetts begins radio transmissions 09/29/1940 - "Double or Nothing," a radio quiz show, 1st heard on Mutual Radio Net 09/29/1946 - "Adventures of Sam Spade" debuts on CBS Radio 09/28/1936 - Bachelor's Children debuts on CBS radio (at 9:45 am)

Also: 09/18/1942 - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) is authorized for radio service 09/28/1939 - A radio favorite, The Fleischmann Hour was heard for the last time

That's a glimpse of September in Radio History.

Voilà

...new and recent finds by NVRs members

Compiled by Sonny Clutter

Dave Brown: 1923 Trego 2-tube crystal radio - you heard right! This truly rare regenerative set, manufactured by Trego Radio Mfg. Co. of Kansas City, MO, uses a crystal detector, and I believe probably originally used WD-12s in what I believe to be its one RF stage and one AF stage.

Sonny Clutter: An unusual 2-tube portable from the mid twenties from Sweden in near mint condition by "Baltic Radio". It's a very small "suitcase" style portable complete with original headphones and instructions in the lid. Anybody read "Swedish"? Pictures will be posted on my web site, "Showcase" page.

Rick Walton: Zenith clock radio, model Y733, 7-tube AM/FM. Motorola 7-transistor portable, model 76T2, with swiveling handle antenna. The transistors are socketed, and it uses two huge 9-volt batteries. Even without the batteries, the radio is unusually heavy due to the steel cabinet.

BC Telecon 9-transistor combination AM receiver and 27 Mhz CB transceiver. Made in Japan by TOA Musen. Complete with leather carrying case!

Dick Bosch: Rare GE model L573, "Catalin" radio. One of only two "Catalin" radios by GE, the other was the "Jewel Box".

George Kirkwood: Crosley model 50 with the matching 2 stage amplifier (a rare find!) plus a Crosley model 51 and a Federal "Jr" crystal set.

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

FOR SALE: 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

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

WANTED: The INGRAHAM man wants radios with wood Ingraham cabinets. If you're not sure if it's an Ingraham, call Ed Cook in Vancouver, (360) 573-1439, or e-mail "hopopcol@attbi.com".

FOR SALE: A wide variety of radios at <http://radiogallerykent.com>. Charlie Kent

FOR SALE: *Radio collection, 40 sets, about half are wood and half bakelite table sets. A few are pre-WWII. Also 2 tube testers, VTVM, VOM, misc. tubes, knobs, speakers, etc. Sold only as a lot - \$700. Call Art at (503-690-7909)

FOR SALE: *18" paper cone speaker by Leaf-Burkhard of NY

1927 Factory Browning Drake 5 tube

1925 Fada Neutrolette 192a

1925 Howe crystal set

1949 RCA 9X641 6 tube plastic table model

1947 Mantola 92506 6 tube plastic table model

Eico Tv-Fm sweep and marker generator model 368

Sico cap tester

Heath sine-square wave gen IG 5218

Heath cap tester IT 28 condition ??

Heath Transistor tester IM 30.

All items sold as a lot \$500 Robert Campbell 503 648 7331

FOR TRADE or SALE: Up for trade or sale is my 1939 Zenith 12S370. Will consider trade for a catalin radio of similar value. This console has been beautifully refinished, and the chassis has been completely restored. It plays beautifully. Value is approximately \$1200. Call Ed Cook at Vancouver 360 573 1439 or e-mail "hopopcol@attbi.com".

FOR SALE: 250 Watt AM Broadcast transmitter made by GE. Two sets of tubes.

Working when replaced y newer transmitter. \$250. L.G. Hegsted,

W7QW@AOL.com, 360-491-6642.

(more on the next page)

FREE: I have some color TV sets available that need new homes. These items are FREE for the taking for a limited time. I could bring some to our next meeting, if more convenient for you to receive them there.

1964 RCA console model # 213G215-MV (ch. CTC-12). I bought this set new. Cabinet is near excellent condition, and it plays well. Original CRT is getting weak, but still OK. The CTC-12 color chassis was one of the better ones of the early round tube series.

RCA table model # ET213G166-MV (ch. CTC-12) Set does not work, but excellent parts source for above console.

A CRT (21FJP22) for above sets by Clark.

RCA 14" portable / table set. Works but tired.

Toshiba 15" portable / table set. Works with bright CRT.

GE 10" table / portable model # 10AB1405K. Works so-so.

Thanks---Rudy Z. 503-255-2227



Leads and Needs

Radiolaguy's web page is full of lots of information on early radio, TV and also provides lots of links to other valuable info resources relating to the radio collecting hobby; it's not just a "for sale" site. Be sure and visit the site often. One of the services offered is pictures and information on the entire RCA "Radiola" line from 1921 to 1931 and my "show and tell" page.

VINTAGE RADIO SALE

and



SWAP MEET

9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday, October 12

**Salvation Army Rose Center
N.E. 18th Ave. and Sandy Blvd.
Portland, Oregon**

**For information contact:
Cliff Tuttle, 503-666-7005**

www.nwvrs.org

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Meeting Location!

Our monthly meetings are held in the Abernethy 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/MOLALLA.
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** at the first traffic light onto **CLACKAMAS RIVER DR.**
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto **S FORSYTHE RD.**
5. Turn **LEFT** onto **S HARLEY AVE.** The Abernethy Grange Hall is a little past S. Taylor Lane.

The written instructions came from “Map Quest” on the Internet; the map is scanned from a AAA map with much detail removed for the sake of clarity.

