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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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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.

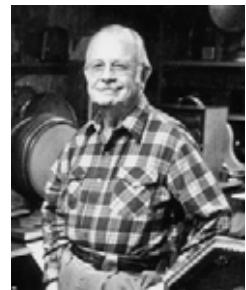
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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 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.

With each issue of the Call Letter, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1999. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the Call Letter.



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On the cover: On the cover this month is the sign in front of the Aurora American Legion hall where the Spring Swap Meet was held.

The next meeting is on June 10, 2006.

**June Features: Items related to the Farnsworth Legacy
or**

Radios that evoke fond childhood memories.

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

Next Call Letter Deadline: June 28, 2006.

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From the Editor

by *Call Letter* Editor, Rick Walton

May was a very special month for your editor this year, offering some wonderful opportunities. The month began with a trip to Hawaii that was everything I had hoped for and then some. I got to spend time and play music with long-time friends and band members, and reacquaint myself with the tropics. Sadly, I didn't get to see NWVRS member Jeff Martin while there.

Shortly after my return, I experienced my first Swap Meet as a seller. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, even if I just made enough to cover my table. It was a real pleasure to see Jerry Talbott make a brief appearance, even though he wasn't manning a table.

After talking with several members about their experience selling in this new venue, I came away with a few conclusions. First, we need to publicize our presence more. A few more signs would help. Second, the signs and flyers we post should emphasize a *sale* more than a swap meet. I think that our presence in Aurora has great potential if we approach it correctly. It is possible that the general public perceives a radio swap meet as an event exclusively for radio hobbyists who get together and trade parts and tubes, etc. We need to play up the nostalgia and history associated with the radios we bring to sell. It could, perhaps, be very helpful at future swap meets to have representatives of the OTR community, and the phono enthusiasts. Food for thought!

Finally, the month has ended with a visit from our oldest daughter who is always a delight to have around.

With all that activity and diversion, it has been hard to focus my attention on the *Call Letter*. Nonetheless, I have pulled together another issue for you. The pictures are of primary interest this month. I owe Sonny Clutter a huge "Thank You!" for taking pictures in my absence at the meeting. With only two exhibitors in the monthly feature, his job was made a bit easier, but I'm still most grateful that he took the photos and then edited them for publication. I also want to add my vote of appreciation to Sonny for compiling the "Voilá" column each month.

Then there is a batch of photos that I snapped at the Swap Meet. I had a few of you smile for the camera, but mostly they are just snapshots of the place and the activity.

Rounding out this month's offerings are "Voilá", a reprint of the September 1996 "In the Shack", and as always, the Swap Shop.

NWVRS 2006 Calendar of Events

- June 2, 3 & 4** Apple City Radio Club Hamfest, Dryden Gun club. Dryden, WA. Contact Judy, ka7zna@msn.com for information. <http://www.qsl.net/w7td/>
- June 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- June 10** Hamfest 2006. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Lions Club, Hiway 53, Rathdrum, ID. For more info contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)667-4915 or email n7esu@arrl.net.
- June 16-18** SEA*PAC, Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, OR Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC <http://www.seapac.org>
- July 8** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- July 14-16** Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest July 18-20, 2003, East Glacier, MT.
<http://www.gwhamfest.org>
- July 29** Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. Contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, k7osk@boatanchor.com
- August 12** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
- August 12** The 10th Annual Greater Portland Insulator Swap — 9999 SE Frenchacres Dr. Portland, OR. 1:00 pm until early evening. No charge. RSVP appreciated so that we can plan the food. Contact Dan Howard (503)659-3520 e-mail: strains@msn.com.
- August 12** Hamfest and Electronics Flea Market, Radio Club of Tacoma; Bethel Junior High School
22001 38th Avenue East, Spanaway, WA
- August 20** Antique Radio Swap Meet — Puget Sound Antique Radio Association. 9 AM to 1 PM. Shoreline museum parking lot. N. 175th & Linden, Avenue, North Seattle.

- September 9** **NWVRS** monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. **September 23** Spokane Hamfest. (ARRL Washington State Convention) University High School, Spokane, WA 99206. <http://www.kbara.org>. Info, contact Betsy Ashleman, N7WRQ, n7wrq@aol.com. (509)448-5821.
- October, 2006** Swap-Toberfest, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. (Ten miles west of Salem). For information, contact n7bud@arrl.net, <http://www.swaptoberfest.net/>
- October 14** **NWVRS** Fall Swap/Sale at Aurora VFW Hall, Aurora, Oregon.
- October 14** North Kitsap Amateur Radio Club Hamfair. Bremerton, WA. Kitsap Fairgrounds. For information, contact Ron Sefton, N7EM, (360)779-5418, rONSEFTON@hotmail.com or Horace Ory, (360)779-2215. ory001@comcast.net. <http://www.nkarc.org/hamfest/index.html>.
- October 28** Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club Flea Market, Lynden, WA. Always the last Saturday in October. For information, contact k7iey@netscape.net
- November 11** **NWVRS** monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30. Nomination of officers for 2007.
- December 9** **NWVRS** monthly meeting and annual Holiday Party 10 am. Election of officers for 2007.

Voilá

...new and recent finds by NVRS members

Compiled by Sonny Clutter

Cliff Tuttle: Atwater Kent model 19, a fairly rare (if Atwater Kents can be called "rare") little brother to the more common Big Box 20. This set is a "two dialer", and was originally a lower cost offering, where one stage of RF amplification was eliminated. The front pannel of this radio has been painted, and the interstage transformers are not original "can" type, but otherwise it is in good shape. It was a fun find!

Sonny Clutter: RARE - 1916 - Haller-Cunningham, Navy type Loose Coupler/Receiving Transformer

NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, NWVRS Secretary

President George Kirkwood called the May 13, 2006 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. Liles Garcia read the minutes from the April meeting, and they were approved as printed in the Call Letter. Ed Charman gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as provided by Ed. There were approximately 25 members at our meeting today. George updated the group about how Jerry Talbott is doing.

Old Business

Swap Meet--Brian Toon said that he had enough help for setting up on Friday afternoon, but he could also use a few more people. He added that we can begin loading our radios into the building at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning. We can park in a parking lot that is across the street on the side of the American Legion Hall. Members gave Brian Toon, Jerry Talbott, and Dick Bixler a round of applause for their work on our Swap Meet.

New Business

Voila Column--Sonny Clutter said that participation in the Voila Column has been sparse, and he asked if someone else would like to manage this feature every month. Members asked Sonny to continue coordinating the Voila Column for our Call Letter, and he agreed. Members gave Sonny a round of applause for his excellent work on this column.

Leads and Needs

- Tony Ranft needs a Philco 38-12 chassis.
- Dick Bixler needs some small size cloth-covered wire. Pat Kagi needs a transistor checker and a logic probe.
- Cliff Tuttle needs a cloth-covered wiring harness that consists of 7 cloth-covered wires.
- Bill Meloy needs 2 donut feet for a Radiola 60.

The program topic for our meeting today is "Novelty Radios". Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought.

The program topic for our June meeting will be "Farnsworth Items" and "Radios That Bring Back Good childhood Memories".

The meeting was adjourned.

Photo Display

Photos by Sonny Clutter

Here are the tube novelty sets that members displayed at the May meeting. Thanks to Sonny Clutter for taking and editing the photos.



Coke and Pepsi bottle radios -
Sonny Clutter



General Radio & Television
Grand Piano Radio -
Dave Brown

Swap Meet Photos

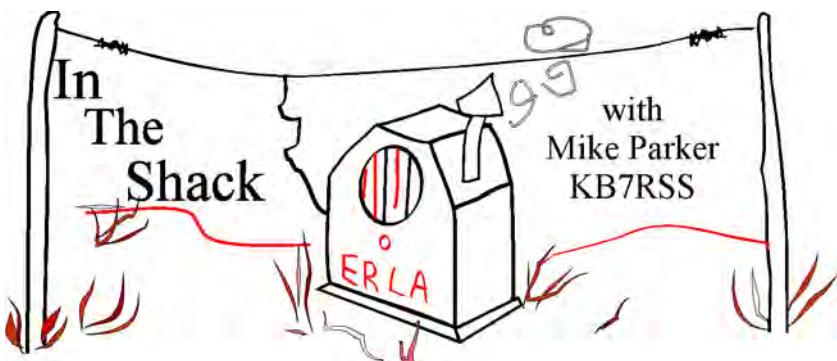
Photos by Rick Walton

Here are several photos of the Swap Meet held May 20th at the American Legion hall in Aurora, Oregon, a new Swap Meet venue for us.









Editor's note: This "In The Shack" article is from the September, 1996 Call Letter. Keep that in mind as you read Mike's request for transmitter crystals. But then who knows, Mike might still be looking for those crystals!

During the summer break last month, I acquired a new "antique" up *In The Shack*. Thanks to your editor and Gordon Phillips of the *Call Letter*, I now have a vintage computer. Now, instead of labor intensive typewritten copies, I can just send these articles to your editor on a disk.



As computers go, this one has definitely earned itself vintage status. A venerable old workhorse from way before the days of the Pentium chip, it is a genuine IBM PC, made sometime in the early 80's. I believe it is an IBM 8088 type computer. If I painted the monitor brown, it would blend in very well with all the old radios up here, since the monitor is shaped very much like an old 1950's table TV!

It is certainly going to be good enough for me for a while. Although I have built and connected cable links to hundreds of computers at work, I have never owned one. But, there may be some hope for me, after a few intimidations and with very little operating experience, I got this article on disk and off to your editor. Why someday, I may be browsing the WEB on a new computer! But certainly not on this one, the only web this one connects with is a spider web in the back of the drive unit!

And I think that I don't have enough time for hobbies now! I might even have to curtail HAM RADIO!.....On second thought. Never!

While we are on the subject of ham radio, I am looking for a couple of Novice frequency, (3700 to 3730 KHz.) transmitter crystals. They are the standard flat, rectangular type, with two prongs. I will pay real money for them Or trade others that I have in the General class frequencies in the 80 and 40 meter bands. Or an interesting trade could be arranged.

If any of you out there can help me in this regard, I would appreciate it. Just give me a call (503-235-7187). I would really like to fire up my old Heathkit DX-20 transmitter using these crystals and send some code. If any of you hams out there have the patience to QSO with an old 5 WPM slowpoke, just for fun, please call me. I truly believe in using this vintage ham radio equipment as it was intended. I think it is an exciting aspect of our vintage radio hobby to actually have your nice old equipment functioning to have it be a hands on experience and not just look neat.

I certainly hope this does not offend anyone, but you folks just keep on having fun with your newfangled ham transceivers and repeaters and packet radio links. I have no quarrel with any of them. They do fantastic things. I do resent the fact that I can't take a rig like that apart and change a tube but that's OK, it was meant to be that way. It's just that apparently, none of that new stuff was meant for me! My respect goes to those few brave hams that I hear on 80 meters at night, cutting through a sea of single-sideband slop with a 1000 watt + AM signal from a lovingly restored big transmitter. There is so much fidelity, that you can hear it oozing out of your speaker!

And, there is no thrill quite like tuning up an old transmitter on a long wire antenna, late at night and pounding out a CQ on an old J-38 telegraph key. Then, tuning in an old regenerative short wave receiver to your frequency and getting a faint reply....all the way from Dallas, Texas.-or Dallas, Oregon! 'Nuff said.

73, See you next time... "IN THE SHACK"

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This Hallock and Watson ad was submitted by Art Redman, who received it from John Terry, editor of *Antique Radio Classified*.

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 tube collection in wood cabinet with glass doors, all my knobs both bakelite and wood-sold as a lot only, Sams "Transistor Service manuals" 1-132. Best offer. Jerry Talbott (503-538-4041)email (lords1st@easystreet.com)

WANTED: **A Pilot Superwasp radio complete. I will pay top dollar. R Campbell hm11cc@aol.com

Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or ranft@saw.net – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 293-7835, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

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Leads and Needs

Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photo's, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy

Visit my vintage radio web site: <http://www.radiolaguy.com>

The Back Page

The occasional item that appears when your editor has run out of other material to publish!

The building pictured here is the American Legion hall in Aurora, OR, the site of the Spring Swap Meet.



Member Information

Just in case we don't have your most current member information, please take the time to send the information requested on this form.

Name*:

Mailing Address*:

City, State, ZIP*:

Ham Call Sign:

E-mail:

Check here if you'd like to be added to the Yahoo e-mail list.

Phone:

Collecting Interest (e.g. Battery sets, consoles, clock radios, etc.):

*Information we must have to be able to send you your Call Letter. The rest is optional, but we hope you'll share it with other club members.

Mail this sheet (or something like it) to Rick Walton at the society's mailing address:

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