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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.

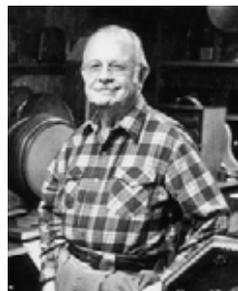
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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:** “Santa sends a jolly wireless greeting in this postcard image (one of several) sent in by club member Mark Moore, who is also president and editor of the Webfooters Post Card Club of Portland.

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**The next meeting is on December 13, 2008.**

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**Annual Holiday Potluck and  
Election of Officers for 2009**

**No Monthly Feature for December,  
but the January Feature is  
Tube Televisions.**

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

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**Next Call Letter Deadline: January 1, 2008.**

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## From the Editor

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by Call Letter Editor, Rick Walton

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you, one and all!

This is a super-skinny issue, partly because your editor managed to lose all the pictures from last month's meeting. Were it not for the timely appearance of Mark Moore's selection of vintage cards and a colorful Christmas radio ad, there would be hardly any graphics in this issue. Look for them in the centerfold pages.

As my wife and I have been trying to get re-established in our home after having many of our belongings in storage, I came across a December, 1996 issue of *The Call Letter*. In it was the *second* reprint of a Christmas poem by Tom James, a charter member who was very active in the club until his death in 1984. Now I have reprinted it on "The Back Page."

As for WRNO, Vancouver, its transmitter (aka Blake Dietze) seems to be off the air temporarily. We'll look for WRNO to be back next time.

# Sinatra, Bennett, Norah.

Portland's only station for classic American standards  
of yesterday and today. Sunny 1550 KKAD.

Listen online at: [www.sunny1550kkad.com](http://www.sunny1550kkad.com)



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# NorthWest Vintage Radio Society Meeting Minutes

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submitted by Liles Garcia, Recording Secretary

President George Kirkwood called the November 7, 2008 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 10:00 AM. George mentioned that he was glad to see fellow members Don Iverson, Charlie Kent, and Mark Moore at our meeting today. He thanked Rick Walton for his great work on publishing our Call Letter; he thanked Brian Toon for all of his efforts on our recent Swap Meet; and he thanked Sonny Clutter for his help with our Society's exhibit at the recent Antique Show at the Expo Center. Members gave all of the recognized members a round of applause. Peter and Maggie Watkins attended today as guests. Welcome Peter and Maggie! John Cushing joined our Society today. He is a member of the PSARA, and has recently moved to Bend. Liles Garcia read the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes were approved as published in the November Call Letter. Cliff Tuttle gave the Treasurer's report; it was approved as provided by Cliff. John Bucholtz said that the library is doing well. Sonny mentioned that Ed Westfall is getting better after having more heart valve surgery. There were approximately 54 people at our meeting today.

## **Old Business**

Swap Meet--We briefly discussed our Swap Meet. Some people are concerned that sellers are leaving our Swap Meet too early. Some members felt that sellers should stay until the published closing time so that customers in other Aurora shops can attend a complete Swap Meet.

## **New Business**

Christmas Party--Our annual Christmas Party will be at our December meeting.

Nomination Of Officers--The following members were nominated for officers for Year 2009:

President--George Kirkwood Vice-President--Dick Bixler Secretary--Liles Garcia Corresponding Secretary--Tony Hauser Treasurer--Cliff Tuttle

## **Leads and Needs**

Ed Charman's Estate--Ed's son-in-law is selling radios on Craigslist. Call Rian at (503)867-7621 for more information.

## Program Topic

The program topic today was “Northwest Manufactured Radios And Related Items”. Members showed and discussed the radios that they brought. The program topic for the January meeting is “Tube Televisions”.

The meeting was adjourned.

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## Antique Radio Christmas Cards

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Submitted by Mark Moore



# RCA RADIOLA

Wherever this window cut-out was displayed it attracted the favorable attention that wins sales. There's an idea to it—the idea of all the wonders of the year's programs coming from Santa's Bag. A typical example of U. S. methods—"Art for Sales' Sake."

This Christmas  
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR  
RCA Radiola

10,000,000  
in Radio Programs for 1931

Get your *full* share with an RCA Radiola

Our Product helps sell Radios  
We can help sell your Product too

The advertisement features a large illustration of Santa Claus in a red suit, holding a sack that says "10,000,000 in Radio Programs for 1931". To his right is a black RCA Radiola radio set. The background is a festive scene with people and a sleigh. The RCA logo is visible in several places.

Although not a Christmas card, this is a delightful color ad from 1931.

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## NWVRS Calendar of Events

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Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from:  
PNW Hamfair web page at [www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm](http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm)

**December 13** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.  
Officer elections, annual Holiday party.

### 2009

**January 10** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**February 14** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**February 14** Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet.  
Rickreall, Oregon at the Polk County Fairgrounds. <http://www.w7sra.com>.

**March 7** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**March 7** Mike & Key Swap Meet. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition  
hall, Puyallup, WA. Contact [mwdink@eskimo.com](mailto:mwdink@eskimo.com).  
<http://www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm>.

**April 11** NWVRS monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.

**April 24-26** Idaho State Convention. Voice of Idaho ARC. Idaho's  
FIRST Section Convention! This is an ARRL Sanctioned  
event. <http://www.voiceofidaho.org/>

**May 9** NWVRS Spring Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion  
Hall, Aurora, Oregon.

**May 9** Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) Ham-  
fest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Always  
the second Saturday in May. Contact Vic, N7KRE  
(360)387-7705). [nwecop@tgi.net](mailto:nwecop@tgi.net)

**June 5-7** Sea-Pac Hamfest. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside,  
Oregon. This is an ARRL sanctioned event.  
[ai9q@arrl.net](mailto:ai9q@arrl.net) [www.seapac.org/](http://www.seapac.org/)

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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, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

*FOR SALE:* I have 3 radios I am offering for sale. (1) Packard Bell 1939 Wood table radio that works great with tuning eye and bass and treble controls. (2) Setchell Carlson portable AC Radio that works great and (3) A Traveler bakelite that works, but needs filter caps. James Harper 503-432-0607

*FREE:* SAMS Photofacts 1 through 500 in two metal filing cabinets. These came from Jim Mason's estate. Please contact Pat at (360)694-6149.

### 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](mailto:wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com)

Todd Ommert – (503) 246-4141, website [www.burlingame-radio.com](http://www.burlingame-radio.com)

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or [ranft61@msn.com](mailto:ranft61@msn.com) – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 648-0897, [david\\_wise@phoenix.com](mailto: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>

Jay Johnston is looking for a Kilbourne & Clarke horn speaker. Contact him at [withat@msn.com](mailto:withat@msn.com) or 503-226-4181.

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## The Back Page

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### *Christmas Greetings*

*In years gone by, I would  
Have sent to every member,  
A Christmas card with greetings  
On the twenty-fifth, December*

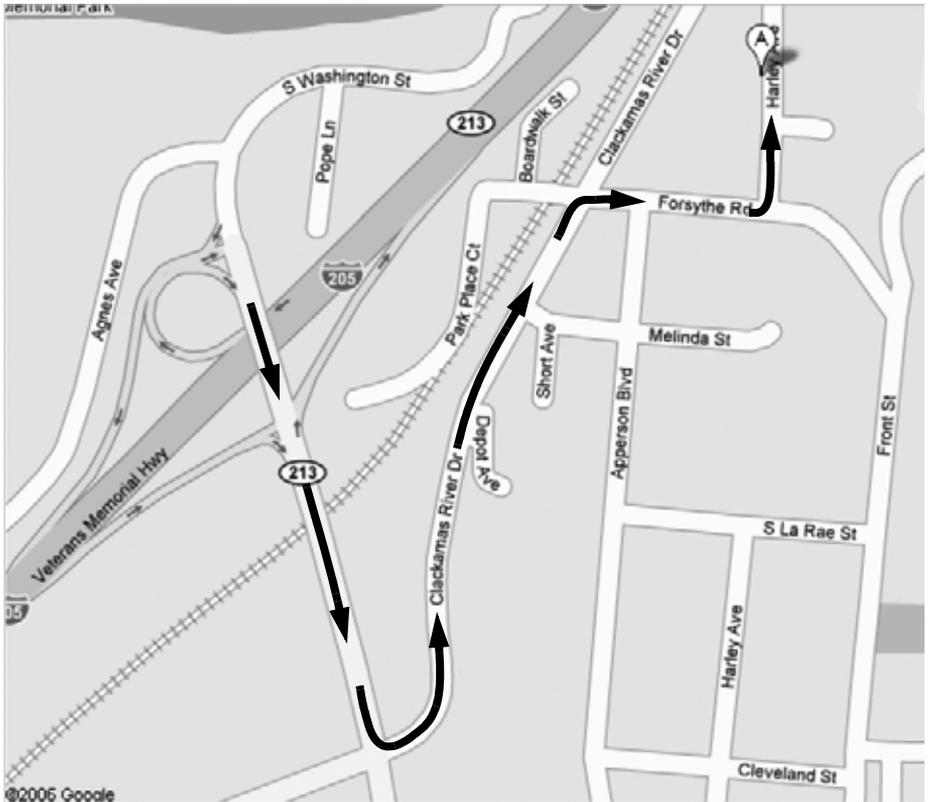
*But Christmas cards are now so poor  
With greetings cold and trite;  
And the postal system, a-lick a-miss  
It makes a problem, quite.*

*So I'll just say my greetings here,  
To members far and near,  
And hope you have a holiday,  
That'll last throughout the year!*

This first appeared in 1978, penned by Tom James. Editor Dick Karman reprinted it in 1985 and again in 1996. Now, twelve years later, it makes a timely reappearance.

# Meeting Location

Here is a map (thanks to Google Maps) to the Abernethy Grange Hall (the pointer marked “A”), where the Northwest Vintage Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Just follow the arrows on the map.



To get to the Abernethy Grange Hall:

1. Exit I-205 at SR-213 (Exit 10 to Molalla) and head south on 213.
2. At the first intersection (the traffic light), turn left onto Clackamas River Dr.
3. Turn right at Forsythe Rd.
4. Turn left onto Harley Ave. The Grange Hall is on the left about a block and a half.