

NWRS NOVEMBER CALL LETTER

From Interim Call Letter Editor Charlie Kent: Editor Tony Hauser is taking a well-deserved month off from producing *The Call Letter* to care for his wife, Jean Louise, during her medical recovery. This document is a replacement for the November *Call Letter*.

October NWRS Meeting Minutes

By Recording Secretary Charie Kent

President Sid Saul Called the October 11, 2014 Northwest Vintage Radio Society meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed. New member Jim Sewart and his sister, Kathy, were in attendance. Belen Saul and her aunt, Leann, jointed the meeting, as well as Ron Knapp and Wife Sandy from Olympia. Special guest Marilyn Sebens and her neighbor Connie were also in attendance. The meeting had 45 attendees.

Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary Charlie Kent asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2014 meeting minutes as they appeared in *The Call Letter*. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and approved.

October 11 Charter Member Auction

Club Auctioneer Charlie Kent outlined how the auction would go. Members who wanted to participate in the auction obtained bidding numbers and the fun began. The ensuing fast-paced auction culminated in selling approx. 80 items netting the club its 10% split in excess of \$300.

The overall condition of the auction lot was very good. Bidding on many of the items was competitive, and everyone walked away with a good deal. It was evident by the smiles on members' faces that all were having a great time. The auction and the meeting ended at 11:50 am.







September 27 Lombard Swap Meet

By Co-coordinator Charlie Kent

I wish to thank you for your support in attending the first Lombard Swap/Sale. A special thanks to the vendors and buyers as without them the success we had would not have been. While this is still fresh in our minds I wanted to make some observations. We will have a lengthy discussion in our upcoming November meeting with plenty of time for member comments. We had more public than at any of our Swap Meets in the last 10 years. We had twice the amount of vendors than before and twice the size building.

With this goes the need for twice the amount of public and any kind of buyer in general. Many vendors did quite well while others not so much. It really depended to a fine degree on what you were selling and what the buyer was looking for, combined with price. Advertising is going to be needed to bring in more public. Already there have been ideas as how to make that happen. Fine tuning this event will happen with each future Swap/Sale.

I welcome your ideas so Rick and I can implement changes. Our ending time continues to be a major problem as public at most of these types of events are gone by noon. At last member vote, 3:00 pm was voted as the ending time. Please think about scaling this back to open at 7:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm with the auction at 1:00 pm. Eight people showed up before 3:00 pm and my radios were the only ones on the tables. If you have sold or nearly sold out of course you have the right to leave. However, in saying this I also point out that more vendors stayed until auction time than ever before. Thank you so much for your doing that. I believe the first NWVRS Lombard Swap/Sale to be a great success and may we have many more even better.

Unexpected Discovery
A Lifetime Has Passed

By President Sid Saul

The word "Alberta" is what caught my attention. Before our Marilyn Sebens Oct. auction had begun last month I overheard our auctioneer Charlie Kent telling Dick Bixler something about Alberta. Could this be what I was hoping for? I walked over to Charlie and asked him if he had just said anything about Alberta. He said that it was in regards to the Atwater Kent radio over on the auction table. One glance at the chassis revealed the familiar phone number I had heard reference to from my oldest sister Marilyn throughout my life, (Trinity) TR 8731. This was my grandfather, Peter Goldbaum's, radio shop (Portland Radio Repair Co) on 19th and Alberta Street. One of the first such stores in Portland in continuous operation from the late twenties through the late fifties. Seeing this label brought a chill, as it was the first time I had ever seen such a sticker. I hated to have to bid high, but there was no way I would go home without this family treasure. The biggest surprise came after the auction when I looked inside my newly acquired AK 145 for the manufactures label and discovered an even bigger surprise. The actual date the set was serviced or sold was written in pencil 9-17-37 along with my Uncle Larry's name listed as manager. My mother told me that her brother Larry was the head troubleshooter in the shop. Grandfather Peter died in 1973, and his son Larry in 1995, the same year as did my mother. It had taken over seventy seven years from the time a pencil had touched that label to the time my eyes first saw it.

I have only a single memory of that shop as I was only about five when it closed. I mostly remember the smell of fifty years of warm tubes and solder smoke. My sixth birthday present from Grandpa was an old 78 turntable wired to a table radio for amplification. This was the day my love for electronics began.

Your Aspiring Radiotrician, Sid



