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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.

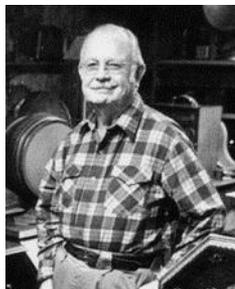
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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 9:30 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 shows, 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

1928 Jewell model 533 counter top tube tester

Photograph by Sonny Clutter

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Announcements

The January Meeting will start at 9:30 AM on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Abernethy Grange Hall in Oregon City. The Spring Radio Sale will be at the VFW Post #6057, 210 Main St. NE, Aurora, Oregon 97013. It will be on April 20th, which is the 3rd Saturday of the month. The January Monthly feature is cone speakers.

Reminder: Please pay dues for 2019

Editor’s Note – Please have February’s Call Letter Contributions in by Sunday, January 27. Articles welcome. (Tube labels too.)

Sonny Clutter has volunteered to be the official Call Letter photographer. Many Thanks Sonny!!

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www.nwvrs.com

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NWVRS Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2018

President Pat Kagi called the December 2018 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 9:30 AM. Attendees pledged allegiance to our nation's flag. The officers nominated at our November meeting were elected by acclamation. Our NWVRS officers for 2019 are the following: President: Pat Kagi, Vice-President: Franklin Ouchida, Secretary: Liles Garcia, and Treasurer: Ed Tompkins. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December Call Letter.

Treasurer Ed Tompkins informed the group that our Treasury is doing fine. Robbie Robinson said that our Spring Swap Meet will be in Aurora at the American Legion Hall. Members voted to approve Robbie's reservation in Aurora; and next voted to have our Fall Swap Meet in Aurora also. George Kirkwood told the group about our Society's first Christmas Party in the mid-1970s. The meeting was adjourned and everybody had lunch and a good time!!

Many thanks to Dave Pidwerbecki for coordinating our Christmas Party today!! Our sincere thanks to the ladies that set up and served our lunch today: Lila Clutter, Naomi Garcia, Jan Kirkwood, Janet McCrow, and Roseann Ranft. Also, sincere thanks to the group that worked to make our Christmas Party a huge success today: Mike and Janet McCrow, Robby and Sally Robinson, Brian and Kathleen Toon, Franklin Ouchida, and Brian Snawder. Many thanks to Dick Karman for entertaining the group with his "Old Time Radio" presentation!!

Recorded by Secretary Liles Garcia

Note from President Pat Kagi

NWVRS 2018 Highlights:

The NWVRS is a great place for radio enthusiasts and like-minded individuals to gather in a safe and fun environment. Members are encouraged to buy, sell and trade radios and related articles for preservation and restoration, while continuing to learn more about this fascinating hobby.

NWVRS Accomplishments for 2018:

Monthly Meetings with an Agenda, low cost donuts with coffee

Tech Talks

No reserve auctions

Monthly Features

Publish and distribute the Call Letter

Library facility and Archives

Club Website, Facebook presence, Google and Yahoo email groups

Maintaining a financially responsible non-profit organization with yearly audits

Radio sale in April

Summer picnic

Trash Bash

Christmas Party

NWVRS presence at the OMSI Maker Faire

2018 NWVRS Survey

Reciprocal agreement with PSARA and CRC

Successfully signed up Harley Perkins for Lift services

YORS project

NWVRS Goals for 2019:

Keep everything the same from 2018 and

Inventory and maintenance for NWVRS Archives

Monthly Call Letter article on NWVRS members

Radio Repair Mentoring and Radio Theory Classes

Host auction for the Feight Estate

Reciprocal agreement with the Dallas and Houston radio clubs

Start converting all NWVRS Call Letters to a searchable Data Base

Launch the "Save the B.S." Project

Calendar of Events

The NWVRS Spring Radio Sale will be at the VFW Post #6057, 210 Main St. NE, Aurora, Oregon 97013. It will be on April 20th, which is the 3rd Saturday of the month.

February 16, 2019. Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet. Rickreall, OR at the Polk County Fairgrounds. <http://www.w7sra.com> .

March 9, 2019. Mike & Key 38th Electronics Show & Fleamarket. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.mikeandkey.org/index.php>

March 23, 2019. MicroHams Digital Conference. Redmond, WA. <https://www.microhams.com/mhdc/>

April. Yakima Hamfest. Yakima, Washington. <http://yakimaamateurradioclub.com/yakima-hamfest/>

April 13th & 14th, 2019. Communications Academy. South Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA. <http://comacademy.org/>

May. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Flea Market and Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact: Fred Laun, w7pig@arrl.net

May 4, 2019. Electronics, Ham Radio and Experimenters Swap Meet, Kennewick, WA. Contact: Dan Durflinger KD7KJJ, DANCAR68@AOL.COM OR KD7KJJ@ARRL.NET

May 18 & 19, 2019. River Radio Campout 2019. Pateros WA. Sponsored by the Okanogan County Amateur Radio Club. Free "dry" camping along the Methow River at Pateros. Always the weekend prior to Memorial Day Weekend. w7orc1@gmail.com . <http://www.w7orc.com/> . Contact Mike W7MCM, skippermike53@gmail.com . (509)689-3164.

May 31-June 2, 2019. SEA-PAC Hamfest and ARRL Northwestern Division Convention. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. info@seapac.org . www.seapac.org/ .

Christmas at the NW Vintage Radio Society

Researched and Written by Dick Karman

In answer to the questions raised at the Christmas Party, history guy Dick Karman searched the Call Letters and found that our own Virginia Ranken and Dorothy James planned the first Christmas party for the society. It was held at the Buena Vista Clubhouse after the business meeting in December of 1977. (It was referenced in the Call Letters of 1978.) The party was basically: "everybody bring goodies" and the Power Supply supplied the punch and coffee. Cookies, cupcakes, and candy were in ample supply. The party primarily was refreshments and gift exchange, with a couple door prizes thrown in. Dick also remembers that a brain-teaser contest with a "wrapped" prize was of general interest. The brief cookies and punch-type parties continued annually during the holidays for some time.

Further history research showed that the society held a no-host banquet in October (starting about 1978). It was our annual semi-formal night out. The first one was at the Sizzler Steak house and later it moved to Saylor's Old Country Kitchen. We eventually up-scaled the banquet and held it in a private room. That way we could have slide shows of personal collections, and decorate the room. The last one that Dick helped decorate was held at the Butcher's Bistro in Aloha where they already used an old radio for decorations on each table. Jerry Talbot arranged that venue and we enjoyed it for a year or two.

It was not determined when the Banquet moved later in the year and when the Christmas Party became a potluck meal. Maybe in the months to come we can learn more of our history. Till then "may the good Lord take a likin' to you" as Roy Rogers always said at the close of his radio show.

Christmas Party Pictures

Photography by Franklin Ouchida and Sonny Clutter









NWVRS Picnic Features:

Sweet Music from the 1930s

Big Band Music from the 1940s

'Happy Days' Music from the 1950s

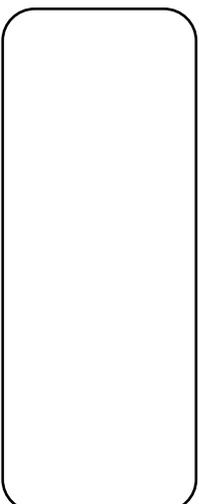
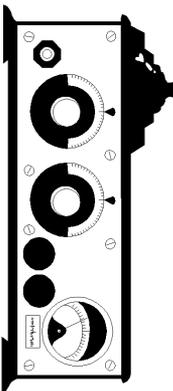
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Dick Karman has been an NWVRS member since 1979

If you would like period entertainment or just music at a special event, indoors or out, call **Reliving Radio** for availability. He brings everything *except the audience*.



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