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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.

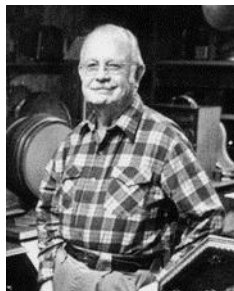
Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are \$25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

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

To help market its blank recording wire for the Christmas season, Webster Chicago wrapped their boxes in this seasonal paper. From Dick Howard's Collection - Photograph by Dan Howard

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Announcements

2019 Christmas Party will start at 9:30 AM on Saturday, Dec. 14

December Monthly Feature none this month

December Tech Talk none this month

December Tube of the Month none this month

Leads and Needs - The Swap Shop has returned to the Call Letter. Member ads are free and can either be permanent or temporary.

Editor's Note - Please have January Call Letter contributions in by Wed. Dec 25. Articles & Ads welcome (Tube labels too).

Visit our web site at: www.nwvrs.com

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/nwvrs

President's Message December 2019:

Thanks to Sonny Clutter for volunteering to be the new NWVRS club photographer. This is another much needed position to be filled for the benefit of the club.

As another public outreach, we are planning to set up a third radio repair clinic at the ReTales store in Vancouver from 5 pm to 7 pm on Tuesday, January 14th. At the last repair clinic, Ed and I successfully repaired several items and the response was overwhelming. Five different individuals each donated boxes of radio tubes to help us in our cause. We need one more technician for this event!

We will have our first open house in early 2020 when the weather cooperates. Stay tuned for details.

Be sure to pay your dues for 2020 and don't forget to fill out the NWVRS 2020 Survey!

Merry Christmas to all!

Pat

Vice President's Message December 2019:

All Members,

Please submit your ideas for feature of the month and a tech talk you would like to hear with it. As well as a tube of the month that would coordinate with them.

Franklin

NWVRS Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2019

President Pat Kagi called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There were 66 attendees. All veterans of military service were recognized. Pledge allegiance to our flag. New members Scott Thomas, and Daniel Wells in attendance. Welcome!

Leads and needs: James Harper has a 1931 Crosley grandfather clock radio, and an Atwater Kent Kiel table radio. If interested contact James. George Kirkwood has a collection of 78 records from the 1920's to 1950's. Free. If interested contact George. Esteban Mendoza is looking for an isolation transformer. Vice president Franklin Ouchida has name tags available for those who want them, free of charge. Contact Franklin. Old business: Blake Dietze spoke about the Galen Feight Auction, and the committee. A local auction company Nielson Auction Company met Blake and the committee to inspect the Feight collection. The owner Dale Nielson fell ill and could not continue. McLaren Auction Company was contacted to take over the auction. The Club will host a teaser auction of about 125 items from the estate prior to McLaren taking over the rest of the estate. This auction will be held at the Oregon City grange at our regular meeting in January 2020. After that McLaren auctions will begin auctioning off the estate in 350 item lots. We need volunteers to help with the unloading of the items in the house. Jerry Hertel is going to keep track of all items as they are removed and will create a manifest. Blake and Warren Wright will be taking pictures. Currently Blake Dietze, Warren Wright, Rick Ryan, Tom Hoskins, Pat Kagi, Robbie Robinson, and Mike McCrow are on the core committee. A real advantage to volunteering is that anyone helping will be able to view the items as they are coming out of the house. Please contact Blake Dietze if you would like to volunteer.

New Business: Mel Sutton suggested that we have a 50-50 drawing at our regular meetings. Format would be 2 tickets for \$1.00. The winner would win ½ the amount collected, and the society would keep the other ½. The members voted to have the drawing on a trial basis starting in January.

Christmas Party: Dave Pidwerbecki spoke about our upcoming Party. We will use the same format Ham, drinks, and potluck. Dave said that a list of potluck categories will be sent out divided alphabetically. Dick Karmen suggested having a gift exchange at the Christmas Party. If you want to participate you can bring a gift ranging in price from \$10 to \$20. Bring one gift, get one. Bring two gifts, get two. Dick had flyers with the rules passed out.

President Pat Kagi suggested that the content of the Call Letters be put on a database for members only to access an article or subject using a search engine. Discussion followed. Motion to have a data base, second, Motion carries.

Nomination for officers for 2020. No nominations. All officers present stated they would continue in their present positions. Mike McCrow by proxy stated that Liles Garcia said that he would continue as recording secretary for 2020.

We have three console radios and several table radios to auction. The table radios were donated by the Bill Meloy estate.

Treasurer Ed Tompkins gave the report. We now have \$41,559.98 in the Jim Mason account. We have made \$1745.00 from auctions this year.

Librarian Jeff LaDoe stated that the library was doing well. Not too many books are checked out right now. John Livingston is our new club Archivist.

Radio sale coordinator Robbie Robinson said that we broke even on our sale in October. There were five people that did not show for the meet. Robbie said the handicap ramp for upstairs was being rebuilt. New starting in April, downstairs tables will cost \$10.00. Upstairs will remain at \$15.00. Arlene Cuisine will continue doing the food.

Monthly Feature: Clock radios. Members brought their radios for the feature and had discussion about them. The monthly features for 2020 will be announced at the Christmas party.

Call Letter Editor Don Hanson reported no new updates. Don will meet with Pat Kagi and Sonny Clutter after the meeting.

We had three guest speakers at the meeting today. Dennis Wright and his wife of the Radio Days Museum. David Koff of the Fake Radio show. And Lorene Bay of the USS Oregon Commissioning Committee.

Tube of the month: The Wunderlich Detector. Mike McCrow showed an example of the tube of the month, the tube was brought to the meeting by Pat Kagi. Sonny Clutter brought two examples of different types of the Wunderlich Detector. Sonny gave some interesting details about the different versions of this early tube. Sonny mentioned a very good book on early vacuum tubes. The Collectors Vacuum Tube Handbook, by Millard.

Meeting Adjourned

Recorded by Board Member at Large Mike McCrow

Christmas Party Information

By Dick Karman & Dave Pidwerbecki

Howdy Folks,

The NWVRS Christmas Party will be at 9:30 am on December 14, 2019
Abernethy Range Hall at 15745 S Harley Ave in Oregon City.

Please be sure to put this on your calendar and come and have some fun.
We will start to set up at 7:00 am at the Grange. Please come and help
us set up. Unless you are listed below, please bring the following items:

Members whose last name starts with -

A-H: Bring Salads

I-Q: Bring Deserts

R-Z: Bring Side Dishes

All: Please include serving utensils

Mike and Janet McCrow: Linen, silverware, plates, glasses

Dave Pidwerbecki: Drinks - 12 Pepsi, 12 Diet Pepsi, 12 Ginger ale, 12

Martinelli's, blister pack of Costco water

Entertainment: Dick Karman

Honey Ham: Liles Garcia (please remember to bring serving
utensils/knife, etc)

Coffee: Jeff LaDoe

Tiny Meatballs: George Kirkland (please remember to bring serving
utensils)

Big Door Prize: Blake Dietze (Can't tell you what it is...it's a secret!)

Call Letter Card: Blake Dietze

Poinsettia: Janet McCrow

Table Candy and etc.: Janet McCrow

BOGO - How it works: Bring One = Get One

1. Everyone who brings a gift, gets a gift
2. Gift Wrap a gift that "you would like to get." Bring it to the party
3. When you drop off the gift get a ticket with an exchange number
4. The anonymous gifts will be given to the final recipient by drawing the EXCHANGE ticket at random.
5. All gifting is final – put it under your tree- unwrap it on Christmas day (or open it at your convenience)

Rules:

- a. This is not a White Elephant gift
- b. This is something you'd like to receive

- c. The gift needs to be "somewhat radio related"
 - d. If you and your spouse each bring a gift, each will receive one
 - e. The perceived value of the gift should be between \$10 and \$25
 - f. Gifts need not be new – (something from your collection?)
 - g. Gifts are wrapped anonymously (no card – nothing showing)
 - h. The order of the gift exchange drawing is at the discretion of the MC
 - i. If you received “your gift” another gift will be drawn for you and your gift will return to the pool
 - j. This gift exchange is separate from the Door Prize drawings, or any other contest awards, gifts, or prizes which are club sponsored.
- Please let me know if we're forgetting something. There is still time to make adjustments.

This should be a ton of fun!

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - NWVRS Annual Christmas Party at the Abernethy Grange Hall in Oregon City, OR. – Starts at 9:30 AM

February 15, 2020. Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet. Rickreall, OR at the Polk County Fairgrounds. *This is an ARRL sanctioned event.* <http://www.w7sra.com> .

March 7, 2020. Mike & Key 39th Electronics Show & Fleamarket. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. <http://www.mikeandkey.org/index.php>

March, 21 2020. (Tentative Date) MicroHams Digital Conference. Redmond, WA. <https://www.microhams.com>.

April 18, 2020. Yakima Hamfest. Yakima, Washington. <http://yakimaamateurradioclub.com/yakima-hamfest/>

April 25 & 26, 2020. Communications Academy. South Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA. <http://comacademy.org/>
 May 2020. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Flea Market and Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Contact: Fred Laun, w7pig@arrl.net

Silent Keys – Ed Westfall and John Bucholtz

By Sonny Clutter and Blake Dietze



Ed Westfall

Ed loved the hunt, his collecting included all types of interesting antiques and collectables especially vintage TVs & radios. But more importantly, he loved sharing his knowledge with others and enjoyed the many friendships he made over the years with those who shared his passion for collecting.

He was soft spoken, a kind and a very generous man, he didn't offer a lot of his items for sale but would often give things to his friends and acquaintances. It made him happy to share the things he loved. He treasured his collection, home, wife Bonnie (who passed away in 2016) and his children.

He would spend many hours alone in his garage where he stored his items spending hours arranging and re-arranging his collections. He loved getting in the car and taking cross country trips to hit up every antique mall and swap meet he could find along the way.

His daughter Melissa stated: "He was a wonderful dad, and would sacrifice anything for his family. He even sold his beloved 1966 corvette in order to pay for my college education". He loved my mom, Bonnie. They were married almost 55 years."

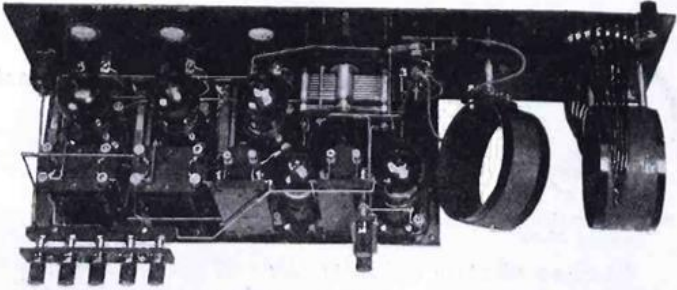
For those of you that did not know Ed, you missed out knowing a "peach" of a gentleman and good friend. - C. E. "Sonny" Clutter

John Bucholtz

I did not know John very well, but like you, I always bought trinkets and tubes from him at the radios shows and sales. There is no obituary or service listed online or in the Columbian Newspaper. All I can contribute is that he was born on November 8, 1938 and passed away on November 19, 2019, he was 82. He was always present at the radio shows and sold tubes, parts and ephemera - and had a kind disposition. I know he had been battling cancer the last several years (prostate, I believe) but don't know it that was the cause of his death. I know he had a lovely home with a detached shop where he performed his restoration work. John passed the last of his tubes (about 3 boxes) to me in trade for radio restoration services about 3 years ago. I have no information on his spouse, family and I have no pictures.

Sorry I have no more than that. - Blake Dietze

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Monthly Feature: Clock radios – Photos by Sonny Clutter



Bendix Radio
Baltimore MD
Model 753F
"The Cascade"
Mfd 1953



Bendix 753F - Dick Howard

GE 1931 clock Radio - Ray Nelson



Tube of the Month - Wunderlich Tubes - Sonny Clutter



Telechron - Al Shaddock



Motorola 56C2 - Dan Howard



TV Clock - Dan Howard

Radiolaguy's Monthly Showcase for December 2019



Unusual *Laboratory Volt-Ohmmeter J-Omega 217A*

[http://radiolaguy.com/Showcase/RadiolaguyMonthlyFeature\(12-19\).htm](http://radiolaguy.com/Showcase/RadiolaguyMonthlyFeature(12-19).htm)

Swap Shop

Ads are free and can be permanent, or 3-month, with an asterisk added each month for tracking. Contact editor to extend.

Please contact the following members to be trained in Radio Repair

Bruce Baur	503 708-4537	Milwaukee
Blake Dietze	360 944-7172	Vancouver
Mike McCrow	503 730-4639	Aloha
Sid Saul	503 869-5280	Hebo
Ed Tompkins	360 573-3895	Vancouver



I wish to purchase a 1942 Model 985866 Portable radio as pictured. Please contact me at 360 695-6349 or (C) 360 989-5981. The radio is ID'd by the Model # and the GM under the dial. - Ray Holland ***

For Sale - B.F. Goodrich Model R459 AM + SW (big console) \$20
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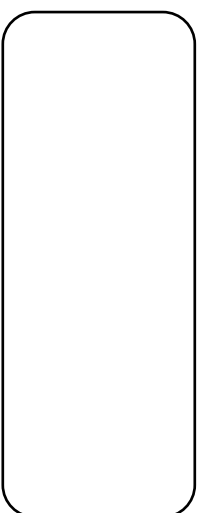
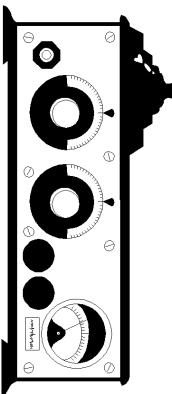
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