

ANNOUNCING THE 52ND VRPS ANNUAL CONVENTION

**October 23, 24, 25, 2026
GRAPEVINE CONVENTION CENTER
1209 SOUTH MAIN STREET
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS 76501**

For updates go to www.VRPS.org



**Convention Theme
Stromberg Carlson
Setchel Carlson**

**CONTEST, 3 AUCTIONS, DOOR PRIZES,
RAFFLE, BANQUET,
DONATION MARKET \$5/item, Tech Talk, & Social**



SILVERTONE Mo.6120

**RAFFLE RADIOS
SATURDAY 2pm**



RCA Mo. 111

THE CONVENTION CENTER IS LOCATED NEAR DFW AIRPORT ON THE NORTH WEST SIDE. THERE IS A NUMBER OF HIGHWAYS IN AND OUT OF THE AREA. PERHAPS YOUR GPS SYSTEM WILL BEST GUIDE YOU.

If you are planning to stay at one of the near-by hotels, here is a list of accomodaions

<u>SPARK BY HILTon</u>	<u>SUPER 8</u>	<u>HOLIDAY INN EXP</u>	<u>HILTON GARDEN</u>
301 Capitol ST.	250 E. HW 114	309 S. HWY114 W	205 W State HWY114
Grapevine, TX	Grapevine, TX	Grapevine, TX	Grapevine, TX
888-250-2782	888-250-2782	888-465-4329	800-445-8667
Ask for the VRPS Convention discount.			

THERE WILL BE TWO AUCTIONS On FRIDAY AND ONE On SATURDAY. Tech talk on Friday and raffle will be held on Saturday. A fixed Price DONATION MARKET WILL BE HELD IN LOBBY ROOM II. HOURS will be posted. MEMBERS MAY PLACE DONATED ITEMS IN THIS SALE, **BUT MUST BE TAGGED, and IN A BOX.** UNCLAIMED ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED BY SUNDAY. PURCHASERES PAY THE GUARD AND REMOVE THE ITEM.

AUCTION RULES

1. Each item must be clearly tagged using the Auction Control Form. The form has places for Seller Number, Item Number, minimum bid, and condition. If an item is not tagged properly, it will not be presented for auction.
2. Registered members will be allowed to enter 20 items per day - 10 will be guaranteed to move and the rest as time permits. Generally, sets-for-parts, junkers, and non-vintage radio/phonograph related items can be rejected and removed from the auction area.
3. A minimum of 10% of the selling price of each lot will go to the VRPS to support the auction for this convention. Any auction lot withdrawn to sell after entering in the auction will be subject to a 10% charge. Sellers are not allowed to up bid their own items. A 5% Buyers Premium will be assessed on all purchases.
4. There will be no one allowed in the auction equipment room or storage area other than the auction staff. This is to protect YOUR equipment, and keep the aisles clear for the set handlers. Viewing will be before the auctions..
5. Payment may be made with VISA, MasterCard, Discover, cash or check.

VRPS 2026 CONVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

A registration badge is required for participation in activities.
Visitors are welcome to observe.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Registration, donation market open \$5 per item

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Contest Registration and Viewing

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auction #1 and #2 Check-In

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Technical Session – SPEAKER CONES

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch

2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Auction #1- Tubes and Paper followed
by auction #2, \$10 minimum

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Registration

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM donation market open \$5 per item

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Contest Registration: Viewing & Check In.

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Contest Judging- Contest room will be closed
for viewing during judging!

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Contest Viewing - Please remove your contest
entries after Banquet.

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Auction #3-Main Auction-\$20.00 minimum.
Auction Stops 1:00 -2:00 PM. BBQ sandwiches will be available.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Social and lunch hour.

2:00 PM Raffle Drawing- **Must Be Present at Auction to Win!**
Auction 3 resumes after Raffle.

2:00 PM - 5:00 Auction 3 Resumes after Raffle.

6:00 PM - 7 :00 PM Reception - Social Pre-Banquet

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Annual Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

7:00AM- Noon Indoor Open Flea and Donation Market

VRPS CONVENTION VINTAGE RESTORATION AND COLLECTABLES CONTEST

1. A contest participant must be a VRPS member in good standing at the time of the contest entry.
 2. Equipment must be properly registered and paperwork completed to be eligible for judging.
 3. A contestant may enter no more than one entry in any one category, but may enter in as many categories as desired.
 4. Any piece of equipment entered in the 2021, 2022, or 2023 Convention Contests and winning 1st place will not be allowed to compete .
 5. There is no fee or charge to enter or display an item. Decisions of contest officials are final. Judges will be qualified collectors.
 6. Judges and contest officials may have contest entries, but may not act as a judge or attempt to influence judging in those categories.
 7. Dud tubes, of appropriate type and dating may be in-stalled for display purposes without penalty. Restored equipment will be judged on the similarity of restored items to the original when known. Equipment will be judged based on the following guidelines;
 - a. General appearance - is item restored, cleaned, and generally presentable, or just "as found".
 - b. Item rarity - not as important as authenticity, but it counts for the item to be relatively hard to find.
 - c. Authenticity - how much of the item is demonstrably authentic? Documentation may be crucial.
 - d. Documents - ads, journal articles, books, news clips, photos.
 - e. Entrant effort - how much was done by entrant based on appearance and documentation?
 - f. Qualitative bonus based on judgment and experience.
 8. Accessory items such as accompanying external speakers are encouraged for display.
- The theme radio manufacturers for the 2026 VRPS Convention Contest: Stromberg-Carlson and Setchell Carlson.

Here is the list of Contest categories

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| 1. Crystal Radios | 9. Art Deco Radios |
| 2. Non-Radio Electrical Equipment | 10. Table Battery Radios |
| 3. AC Table Radios Pre 1940 | 11. Foreign Tube Radios |
| 4. AC/DC Tube Type Radios | 12. Microphones and Speakers |
| 5. Transistor Radios Pre 1965 | 13. Amateur and Telegraph Equipment |
| 6. Phonographs and Related Accessories | 14. Open Category |
| 7. Novelty Radios Tube and Transistor | 15. Portable Radios |
| 8. Radio Related Ads, Ephemera, Etc. | 16. Stromberg-Carlson and
Setchel-Carlson Receivers |

2026 CONTEST AWARDS The top five awards and the 1st place winners will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet: Best of Show, Best Restoration, Founder's Award, First Time Contestant Award and People's Choice Award. Awards for 1st and 2nd place winners will be displayed on the contest entries.

The last event will be Saturday night for the Annual Awards Banquet at 7:00 pm. Preceding the Banquet will be a reception. The drawing for door prizes will be awarded during the Banquet. Must be present to win. Banquet meals are \$35.

Banquet Entertainment.....Speaker: Mike Rogers, a radio personality of KRLD Texas Radio hall of fame, will speak "the other side of the story, and more."



Mike Rogers



BANQUET MEAL WILL BE DELICIOUS 2-MEAT BUFFET from Bartley's Bar-B-Que. OR AN OPTIONAL VEGETARIAN PLATE IS AVAILABLE.

VRPS, INC.



2026 Annual Convention Registration



Check if New Member

Mail by October 1, 2026 to:

Beverly Sargent
Registration Chairman
200 Thomas Rd.
Granbury, TX 76049

**PLEASE
WRITE
LEGIBLY**

BID NUMBER
(For Club Use)

Member Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

To participate in the Friday/Saturday auctions and contest, you must be a member of VRPS, Inc. and have a bidder number. Membership sign-up is available at the registration desk.

REGISTRATION - Do not pay registration for your guests, unless they want their own bid # -- in which case they would also pay membership dues.

ADVANCE	\$25
AT DOOR	\$30

OF PEOPLE

\$ TOTAL DUE

MEMBERSHIP DUES

USA	\$25
FOREIGN	\$35

(Membership always expires
Convention date)

AWARDS BANQUET

\$35

Saturday October 24th

ADVANCE

Please choose Regular or Vegetarian below & how many of each one:

_____ Regular (Meat with salad, vegetables, rolls, dessert)

_____ Vegetarian

Total Registration, Membership, & Banquet

Make Checks Payable to VRPS

