

SOUND WAVES

Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society, Inc.

January 2008

From the President.....

Jim Sargent

Wow! Another year is already in the archives and a new one has begun. Thanks to all of you who helped make it a great year for the VRPS. Our annual convention was another great success. I've made the comment several times over the years that these conventions just don't happen; a lot of folks do things behind and in front of the scenes. Thanks to all of you who assisted in any way. My thanks to Mike Grimes who has done an excellent job of lining up presentations, speakers, and subjects at our monthly meetings. Approximately 100 members on the active roster live in the DFW metroplex. If you are not making it to our monthly meetings, I think

you are missing a great benefit this organization provides. I believe we need to see a resurgence in the desire to repair, refinish, and restore the radios and phonos we love so much. Those who attended the technical session at the convention heard Bret Menassa talk about restoring Bakelite cabinets. Don't be afraid to tackle these projects.



We can assist each other as we learn and apply these techniques. Our swap meets and auctions are excellent places to move items you no longer have room for...or to pick up new items of your affection. Share your love of electronics, repair, refinishing, and collecting with someone. You never know when the seed you plant might become an oak in the hobby. Look in this issue for a calendar of meeting dates for 2008. Note that, with few exceptions, the monthly meetings will be held at the Garden Center and Arts building located on Senter Street in Irving. It is only about one hundred yards north of the Senter East building. Many may remember this as the place in which we met for years in the late 80's and early 90's. On a related subject, in our recent directors' meeting, we discussed ways to spur our hobby. Displays at historical settings, museums, libraries, and malls were discussed. Several of us have been involved in radio, TV, and newspaper interviews showcasing our

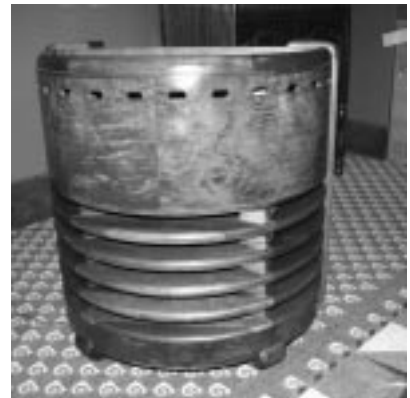
collections. This is a wonderful way to introduce radio/phono collecting to a large audience. I believe we need to be out in the public promoting our hobby and expertise in radio. Perhaps showing Boy (and Girl) Scouts how to build their own crystal sets is a start. I remember doing a Saturday afternoon seminar on building crystal radio sets at a museum in Arkansas several years ago. Who among us has contacts that will open the doors we need to get the word out about our old radios and phonographs? Our friends in the Houston Vintage Radio Association, in cooperation with the Houston Arts Alliance, have had a display at the Heritage Society for several months. Thousands have become aware of the hobby and the HVRA because of that display. We need that kind of exposure. We want your input. No, we need your input. Until next time, good hunting.

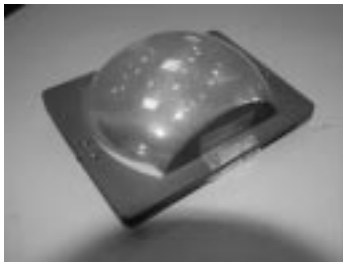
Sometimes it is necessary to report on unhappy events that happen to our fellow VRPS members. This is one of those times.

Judy Baker, wife of Stan Baker, passed away on December 22. She had been ill for some time. Also we are sorry to hear that Pat Story, Ray Story's wife of 58 years passed away on January 7.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Stan and Ray.

PICTURES FROM THE 2007 CONVENTION





2008 MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS

NOTE A CHANGE IN OUR MEETING LOCATION. January, February, and April meetings will be held at the Garden & Arts Building; 906 South Senter, Irving, Texas; 2pm. This is just North of our usual meeting place at Senter Park, Irving (TX). Call us on the cell *tellie* if you get lost.

JANUARY 19, 2008

Mike McCarty, our own in-house theory “expert,” will present a practical introduction to impedance and impedance matching. Often we are puzzled about impedance matching and substitution of parts which require matching. Mike will attempt to enlighten us to solving these problems, which should be informative and interesting to all.

FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Radio broadcasting during the early days was exciting and experimental. Small power stations were the norm and antenna design was not well understood. Richard Kearley will present our program recalling his personal experiences while working at stations such as WSM, of the “Grand Old Opry” fame.

MARCH 15, 2008

Spring Auction in Grapevine. 7am...’till.

APRIL 19, 2008

“Where do all those chips come from?” will be the subject of this program. Tubes, to transistors, to integrated circuits has been quite a journey. Even though we are all mostly interested in tube-type equipment, we cannot but marvel at the power of these devices. This general presentation will explore the process by which chips (integrated circuits) are designed and fabricated.

Programs are subject to change, contingent on scheduling conflicts.

As always, your suggestions for programs/content are welcome. If the programs do not fit your needs and you want something different, let me know. I will need volunteers in organizing other programs, so consider presenting a program yourself. Call me anytime or send me an email.

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PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE

Our video projector has become an important part of our monthly meetings and now our auctions. You might have been in the audience at the convention auction when 10 minutes before the final gavel sounded, the bulb in our video projector gave up the ghost (with a loud bang!). When we have needed A/V equipment in the past you folks have been a great resource. I hope that is true this time. We need some assistance finding another bulb at a “reasonable” price. Our projector is a Mitsubitshi Model LVP-X70UX and the lamp is a SHP 150W. The best price we can find so far is nearing \$300. If you know of a source for these bulbs, please contact Mike Grimes.

HVRA's 29th Annual Convention

February 1, 2, 2008

Convention, Equipment Contest, Three Auctions, Banquet and Saturday Morning Swap Meet!

The manufacturer's categories for 2008 are Atwater Kent and Crosley. Call the Houston Marriott North at Greenspoint at 1-800-228-9290 or 281-875-4000 today and tell them you are with the Houston Vintage Radio Association.

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PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



WINNERS OF THE 2007 VRPS OLD EQUIPMENT CONTEST

The VRPS Old Equipment Contest always makes the judges' job difficult and this year's entries did not make their job any easier. Picking out a winner from the many excellent items in this year's contest was a tough job. I want to thank all the volunteers who agreed to be judges- it is a tough job but as radio collectors we want to give recognition to the members who make these unique items available for our viewing pleasure.

| <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>WINNER</u> | <u>ENTRY</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.WIRELESS APPARATUS | TOM BURGESS | DEFOREST REPLICAS |
| 2.CRYSTAL RECEIVERS | PAUL TUCKER | CRYSTAL RADIOS |
| 3.BATTERY RECEIVERS | BOB SLAGLE | JONES SYMPHONY |
| 4.AC RECEIVERS 1929-30 | DAVID COX | RADIOLA 17 |
| 5.HOMEBREW BAT. RECEIVERS | NO ENTRIES | |
| 6.ART DECO RADIOS | PAUL TUCKER | TRUTONE 62 |
| 7.RADIO ACCESSORIES | MARY CARUTH | ELECTRO BAT. ELIM. |
| 8.TABLE RADIOS-AC | BOB SLAGLE | STEWART-WARNER 91-51 |
| 9.AC/DC RECEIVERS | MIKE GRIMES | DISPLAY OF 7 RCA RADIOS |
| 10.LOUDSPEAKERS | SAM LUSCOMB | SYMPHONIC-GLOBE |
| 11.CONSOLE RECEIVERS | RANDY JAMES | CROSLEY CHAIR SIDE FIVER |
| 12.PHONOGRAPHS | ART & JUNE CLARK | ENDLESS GRAPH FAIRY PHONOGRAPH |
| 13.TEST EQUIP.-PRE 1950 | MARV HERRING | ASSORTED TESTERS |
| 14.MICROPHONES | JIM COLLINGS | SHURE CR80D |
| 15.VACUUM TUBES | ART & JUNE CLARK | LARGE GE DISPLAY |
| 16.NOVELTY RADIOS | BOB SLAGLE | TUBE BASEBALL RADIO W/ORIG.BOX |
| 17.AMATEUR & MIL.RADIOS- PRE 1950 | GARY REEVES | NATIONAL SW3 W/COILS |
| 18.TRANSISTOR RADIOS-PRE '65 | TIM LAMIA | EMERSON COLLECTION |
| 19.OPEN | JIM COLLINGS | DISPLAY OF CATALIN ITEMS |
| 20.REPLICAS | LARRY LAMIA | CROSLEY CATH. REPLICA |
| 21.TEXAS RADIOS | GEORGE POTTER | DISPLAY OF TEXAS RADIOS & EPHEMERA |



Sam Luscomb's
Symphonic Globe
Speaker

BEST OF SHOW

ART&JUNE CLARK

ENDLESS GRAPH FAIRY PHONOGRAPH

W/ STATUE OF LIBERTY LID

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

ART&JUNE CLARK

ENDLESS GRAPH FAIRY PHONOGRAPH

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Although not a winner in the contest, Eloy Heras' Texas football radio display was a very rare and interesting item.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BOB SLAGLE

JONES SYMPHONY RECEIVER



Paul Tucker's crystal
radios



Art & June Clark's
Endless Graph
Fairy Phonograph



Randy James' Crosley
Chairside Fiver



Bob Slagle's Baseball
Radio W/Original Box



Bob Slagle's Jones
Symphony Receiver



George Potter's Exhibit of
Texas Radios



Art & June Clark's
Exhibit of GE items



John Cowart, Scott Kennedy, Randy James, Vince Dulweber, Rich Robey, Marvin Herring, E.G. Heras, John Butz-Fiscina, Rich Klarr, Bob Diggs, John Selvidge, Mike Grimes Not pictured are Ed Janssen, David Cox, Alan Haile, Larry Lamia, and Bill Jewell

VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE THE AUCTIONS A SUCCESS!

We want to express our gratitude to the auction workers for their help in making the convention auctions a success. Each piece of equipment must be moved, perhaps four or more times before it gets into the hands of the buyer. We appreciate their hard work.

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