

SOUND WAVES

VRPS QUARTELY JANUARY 2010

From the President:

By Jim Sargent



I really like this time of year. January is a time for new beginning and planning for the next 11 months and beyond. But lately, this time of year seems to be filled with memories. I am not sure why, but it seems that when I sit down to write the first column of the year, I do so with a longing look backwards. When I do that this year, I do not have to look too far back to reflect on the events of 2009. Now I do not want to throw a wet rag on all of 2009, cause that would really be a misrepresentation of the facts. However, we lost two stalwarts of the hobby in December—two men, actively engaged in their own local organizations, yet well known and admired by collectors in both organizations. Bob Wood, 84, and Chevie Crandell, 96, both left us in December, just one day apart. Most of you do not know that in the early hours of Saturday morning at our annual VRPS convention, while most of the attendees were still sleeping, there is a joint meeting between the VRPS and the HVRA leadership. The purpose is to jointly share schedules of activities, special events and dates so we would not or, at least, minimize conflicts between our two organization activities. This started years ago when Chevie was

president of the VRPS. Bob and Chevie were always in attendance in the beginning and that continued until recent years when Chevie encountered health issues. But even then Bob was there, so the legacy continued. At the 2009 convention, the early morning meeting went on as it had for many years. Sadly, Bob was not there. We did not know it at the time, but Bob had fallen ill at his home near Houston. Our joint meetings on Saturday morning at the annual VRPS convention will continue in years to come, but they will be different without the input and leadership of Chevie and Bob. It was fun for me to see Bob and my dad, both members of the Greatest Generation and WWII vets, sit and swap war stories. Bob was a B-17 pilot in Europe and was twice shot down and endured capture by the enemy. He carried pieces of shrapnel in his back for the rest of his life, but you would rarely hear him complain. For nearly a century Chevie walked this earth. His technical knowledge was something he willingly shared. At the 2007 Christmas party Chevie, at age 94, eagerly showed off a recent radio acquisition discussing the technical qualities of the item that drew his attention and desire to own. Never one to brag of accomplishments, Chevie headed a team of researchers at the Bell Laboratories in New York during the war years. Both Bob and Chevie were patriots and heroes in my book. We are all better for having known them. Both the HVRA and the VRPS are strong and active organizations today and will continue to be so in the future, due in part to the foresight and leadership of these two men. Just as I finish writing up this letter, I am forced to include mention of another long time friend and member, Walton Denney. Walton lost his battle to a lengthy illness shortly before Christmas. His struggle with diabetes was a lifetime event. Many do not know that Walton was in the initial class of folks selected to take a new diabetes treatment, Insulin. Today's diabetics take this life saving drug for granted. Walton began taking the experimental drug over 50 years ago. Thanks guys.

NOTES FROM THE BENCH

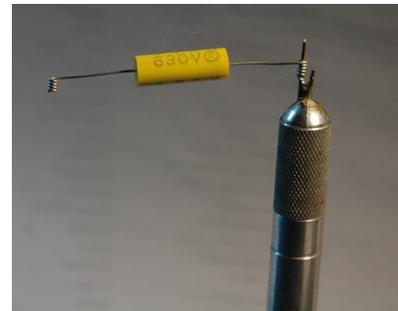
By Randy James

A simpler way to replace parts.....

When replacing components in a radio, it is a common practice after cutting out the old part to make a hook in the leads of the removed part and the new part, joining them together, bending them closed and soldering them. While this is electrically correct, sometimes it is difficult to perform the procedure due to too short leads or cramped space and if you need to remove the new part for any reason it can be tough to unsolder it and open the hooks enough to separate the parts. Also, sometimes it just looks bad and the ball of solder can short out to adjacent wires. I found a procedure on the Antique Radio Forum (<http://antiqueradios.com/forums/>) that makes the job much easier and neater looking, but it requires making a simple tool. I made mine from the handle of an Exacto knife and a safety pin, but you can make



it from a piece of wood and a couple of headless nails or anything else that suits you. I cut two different lengths from the safety pin and inserted them in the exacto handle and soldered them together with an eighth of an inch or so between them (see picture). To replace the capacitor, etc. cut the old part, leaving the stub about 1/2 inch long. Stick the lead of the new part between the prongs of the tool and wind it around the longer prong letting the shorter prong hold the end of the lead. You will form a coil which you can slide over the stub you left when you removed the old part. Apply a little solder and you have a neat looking joint. If you need to remove the new part it is a simple matter to melt the solder and slide the coil off. You may want to experiment with other materials to construct the tool to your personal preference.



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TAG YOUR REPAIR ITEMS

by Jim Sargent

The passing of our friend Kevin Scalley earlier this past summer brings to mind another restoration issue. Kevin, like many of us, was always willing to assist other collectors in restoring their collectables. His specialty was cabinet restoration, primarily painting metal, bakelite and plastics. With his sudden passing came the need to return items that he had been working on to their rightful owners. That process would be made a lot easier for all of us if we remember to tag all the items with the name and contact information of the owner. I like to use the large sturdy paper "dog tag" style with strings for tying on to knobs or through available holes/slots in the item. They are available from many sources and not expensive. If necessary, masking or painters tape can always be used, but be careful where you put the tape. It needs to be visible, but not destructive when removed.

VRPS CONVENTION 2009 CONTEST WINNERS

1. Crystal Sets	Gary Reeves	Federal Jr.
2. Battery Receivers Pre 1928	Randy James	ACE Precision TRU
3. AC Table & Console Radios Pre WWII	Bob Slagle	Crosley 160 Cathedral
4. AC/DC Tube Radios	Walt Zalesky	Detrola 330
5. Transistor Radios Pre 1965	Larry Lamia	Zenith Royal 500
6. Loudspeakers Horn or Cone	Mike Grimes	Temple 20 Air Chrome
7. Military & Amateur Radio Equipment	Tom Burgess	WWII SpyCatcher RDF
8. Novelty Radios Tube or Transistor	Bob Slagle	Crosley Coke Bottle Tube Radio
9. Televisions	Paul Tucker	Western Scanning Television
10. Metal Radios	Mary Caruth	Collection of 3 Abbotwares Horse Radios
11. Tube Portables	Randy James	Crosley 549 w/Original Box
12. Little Known Radio Manufacturers	Larry Lamia	Mason 45-1 Radio
13. Open Category	Mary Caruth	Radio Bank Collection
14. Manufacturers Category- Crosley	Bob Slagle	Johnny Smoker Radio

TOM BURGESS was the recipient of the **BEST of SHOW AWARD** for his mint condition WWII Spy-Catcher Radio Direction Finder

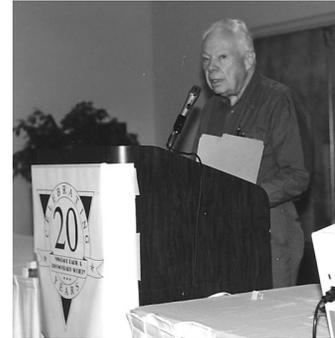


PAUL TUCKER was the winner of the **FOUNDERS Award** for his rare 1932 Western Television Corp. Visionette scanning television

It is with sadness that we report on the loss of three long time members of the VRPS. Chevie Crandell, Bob Wood, and Walton Denney passed away recently. These men were not only members of our radio family but were also our friends and will be missed by all of us.

Chevie Crandell 1913 – 2009

Chevie Crandell, a long time member and president of the VRPS for over 10 years passed away on December 5, 2009. A fixture in this organization for almost 30 years, Chevie will be remembered for his leadership, technical knowledge, love of the arts (especially music) and the manner with which he conducted himself. Always a gentleman, Chevie was never too busy to offer assistance to someone wanting to learn about the hobby of collecting and restoring radios. Born and raised in Nebraska, Chevie was educated at Kansas State. It was there he met his lifetime partner, E.G. They were married 63 years. His work with AT&T took him to many areas of the country, including a stint in New York City with Bell Laboratories during the war years.



Walton Denney 1936 – 2009

Walton Denney succumbed to a lifetime battle with diabetes on December 18, 2009. Walton was a quiet man, but loved to discuss his hobby and his dogs. He was a member of the VRPS for over 20 years. Until health issues began to take their toll, Walton was a fixture at all meetings, flea markets, and conventions. Walton was very proud of two recent accomplishments. In April, 2008 he was recognized by a medical research institute for having been a volunteer 50 years before to begin trialing a new drug, in hopes of extending the life of a diabetic. Today Insulin is considered a normal drug of choice for battling diabetes. However, when that initial small test group of volunteers began taking the drug over 50 years ago, they were pioneers. His second accomplishment occurred in July, 2009 when he and his wife Shirley celebrated 50 years of marriage. She survives him.

Robert D. Wood 1926 - 2009

Col. Bob passed away December 15, 2009. He was born on January 30, 1926 in Lake Forrest , IL. He enlisted in the United States Army ASTP upon graduation from Wilkinsburg High School (near Pittsburgh ,PA) and became a decorated pilot. Bob flew 12 missions in a B-24 and 41 missions in a B-17, was shot down twice and lost a third plane at sea. He was twice a prisoner of war, the last time was for five and a half months and was freed by General Patton and his men at the end of the war and immediately flown to the US for medical treatment.



Bob received a bachelors degree in electrical engineering from Leigh University and later earned a MSAE from MIT. He worked as an aerospace engineer for several companies including W.E Atomic Power, Boeing, and Matsco. He was also a test pilot for the Space Shuttle Program on the 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft.

His love for the B-17 remained strong and was active in the Commemorative Air Force (formally the Confederate Air Force). He has owned several private airplanes , was a member of AOPA, and was one of the pilots on the EAA's Aluminum Overcast B-17 in October 2008 on the flight from Houston to Georgetown TX.

Bob was a member of HVRA , VRPS, MAARC, and AWA for many years and served as a HVRA board member as auction chairman and program coordinator and still found the time to teach electronics classes with Bill Werzner.

2010 VRPS Monthly Meetings

NOTE: Programs will be held at various locations in Irving, Texas. Make note of the location as they will change from time to time. Senter East, 228 Chamberlain St.; Garden and Arts, 906 S Senter Rd; and Heritage Park, 217 S. Main St.; will be the locations.. Refer to the WEB site. Programs start at 2pm. unless otherwise noted. Call us on the cell tellie if you get lost: 972-898-7251 or 972-742-8085.

JANUARY 16, 2010 (Garden and Arts Bldg)

Westinghouse Company will be the subject of our program. We will view excerpts from a History Channel presentation about the man, George Westinghouse, and his company. Afterward we will review any interesting Westinghouse radio or items manufactured by Westinghouse. If you have something to show please bring it to the meeting.

FEBRUARY 20, 2010 (Garden and Arts Bldg)

Hints and Kinks. For the February meeting we will ask for volunteers and members to share hints and ideas for restoration of cabinets and chassis for radios and phonographs. Any idea you have used or know which works to make a project go smoother or accomplish a task, is welcome. No matter how small or even if it is not a new idea, please bring it along with any support items necessary to share.

MARCH 20, 2010

ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION. Location to be determined. 6am to 5pm.

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 need volunteers to organize other programs, so consider presenting a program yourself. Call me anytime or send me an email. Mike Grimes 972-898-7251 (cell), or K5MLG@verizon.net.

VRPS 2010 Schedule of Meetings

January 16, 2010	1p to 5p	Garden and Arts Building	
February 20, 2010	1p to 5p	Garden and Arts Building	Meeting
March 20, 2010	6a to 5p	Location still to be determined	Spring Auction
April 17, 2010	1p to 5p	Heritage Park Building	Meeting
May 15, 2010	8a to Noon	Senter East Building	Swap Meet
June 19 2010	1p to 5p	Garden and Arts Building	Meeting
July 17, 2010	8a to Noon Noon to 5p	Garden and Arts Building Garden and Arts Building	Repair Session (no monthly meeting)
August 21, 2010	8a to Noon	Senter East Building	Swap Meet
September 18, 2010	1p to 5p	Heritage Park Building	Meeting
October 16, 2010	1p to 5p	Senter East Building	Meeting
November 19-21 2010		Hampton Inn, Mesquite	Convention
December 4, 2010	5p to 11p	JayCee Center for the Arts	Christmas Party

SPRING AUCTION - MARCH 20, 2010
Check the web site at www.vrps.org for
details concerning the Spring Auction.

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