

ATTENTION VINTAGE RADIO ENTHUSIASTS
November, 1978

Plans are underway to organize a vintage radio society for the Houston area. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, November 21, 1978, at 8:00 p.m., in classroom # 1 of the Museum of Natural Science in Hermann Park. A short swap and sell session will precede the meeting --- swap and sell from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please limit what you bring to this swap and sell session to a few items - vintage radio, phonograph, parts, books, magazines, etc. You are, of course, welcome to this session if you desire only to look or to buy.

The first meeting will be purely organizational --- selection of temporary officers and a name and purpose. Should the society be strictly vintage radio, or should it include those interested in phonographs or telephones? How often should we meet, monthly or quarterly? What should the name of the society be? Some suggested names are:

1. Historical Radio and Wireless Association
2. Gulf Coast(or Lone Star) Historical Radio Society
3. Gulf Coast Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society

There are many reasons why a society should be of benefit to those interested. Several reasons are:

1. Facilitate exchange or sale of vintage radios, wireless equipment, tubes, parts, books, periodicals, among members through auctions, flea markets, or trade sessions.
2. A resource and information center and library could be established for members. The most basic form would be to establish an index file of manuals, schematics, etc., that members could exchange among each other through the use of xerox for a small fee.
3. Dissemination of information, want and sell ads, through a publication.
4. Place where people interested in the same hobby meet each other.
5. Speakers at meetings of the society could be of service to members and the public. Subjects could range from the technical --- "how to restore and repair;" recollections, "what it was like to operate a spark gap transmitter," "wireless at sea," "communications in the 20's;" demonstration of equipment, listening to old radio programs, etc.
6. Establish displays at museums, schools, shopping centers, etc.
7. Volunteer members could serve as a speaker's bureau for schools, clubs, radio and TV programs, museums, libraries, etc., regarding early history of radio and phonographs.
8. Preservation of the early history of radio and phonographs through collections, and information gathering and exchange.
9. Closest vintage radio & phonograph society is 240 miles distant.

If you desire to see a vintage radio society formed in the Houston area it is especially important that you be at this first meeting. Be a charter member. Unless sufficient numbers of interested people show up a society will not be formed. The Museum of Natural Science has offered us a permanent home and meeting place. If you are interested please attend this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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