



The Grid Leak

4th QUARTER: OCT., NOV., DEC. 2022; (INCL. JAN. 2023)



Bill Werzner has decided to step down from his President position, handing over the gavel to Joe Gernand. Bill was one of the initial members at the first HVRA meeting in November, 1978. From that first day he became active in HVRA and served in several positions on the Board of Directors, several times as President. Bill's last tour as President began in September, 2003 and continued thru September 24, 2022.

To say that Bill donated a great deal of his personal time to HVRA activities would be a vast understatement. From the beginning, his ideas, knowledge, and energy molded HVRA into the strong organization that stands today. Certainly Bill would be the first to argue that the original founding members and many others (including several still present at events) were the sources of the energy needed to annually carry the burdens of maintaining HVRA over the years.....but we can all agree that Bill (and several others like him) set the leadership examples of dedicated service thus making it easier for the rest of us to enjoy our membership with HVRA.

And yes, Bill plans to continue as an active contributor to HVRA ongoing efforts. Who else could you ever find to spend 44 years as our auctioneer, educator and story teller.....*Thanks Bill.*

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HOUSTON VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION

Since its founding on November 16, 1978, the Houston Vintage Radio Association has been dedicated to the preservation of vintage radios, electronics, and phonograph equipment.

Our members across the USA have varying backgrounds and experiences but are brought together by a common interest in electronics. Many interests represented in our organization include: preservation and restoration of vintage electronics including tube and transistor radios and TVs, phonographs, telephones and cellular communication equipment, telegraph equipment, HAM radios, amplifiers, PCs, relevant literature, recordings, etc.

HVRA COMMUNICATES WITH MEMBERS ACROSS SEVERAL PORTALS:

- The Grid Leak is the official Newsletter, currently published quarterly, distributed primarily by email (and by USPS as necessary).
- HVRA maintains a website, HVRA.org, used for information regarding future events, current activities, contact and operations information, and historical data including photo libraries and past newsletters. Additionally, HVRA information and activity descriptions can be found on Facebook.
- Our normal means of face to face communication is through monthly Board of Directors' meetings and monthly General Membership meetings located at the Bayland Park Community Center;. We have also used Zoom sessions for Board Meetings from home (as necessary) as well as offsite swap meets at alternative locations.

DISCLAIMER

The sharing of information pertaining to restoration and repairs, of any items, appearing in any form, contained in any of the HVRA communication methods, is contributed by members hoping to help and/or assist others in efforts to advance the education of collecting vintage electronics. Therefore, the reader or listener is advised to contact the contributor for a full understanding of the electronic, mechanical, and chemical risks involved in the information of interest. HVRA is not responsible for the accuracy and safety of any repair or restoration topics presented in any format.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues: \$20.00; normally payable prior to the HVRA Annual Convention
Membership Applications available at General Membership Meetings or on HVRA.org

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Introducing New President..... Joe Gernand

The Grid Leak takes great pleasure in introducing the new President of HVRA, Joe Gernand. Joe has contributed much time and knowledge in his efforts to be an active member since joining in late 2019.



How I came to be a member of HVRA.

I have always had an interest in electronics, particularly in radio and HiFi; but, professionally, I found my true calling in rocket propulsion and space systems engineering. I was privileged to be part of the team that designed and developed the Space Shuttle and was present during the first launch and most subsequent launches. But, even the best of times come to an end and after retiring from Boeing I began looking for a hobby. A hobby that would continue to challenge my mind and be fun.

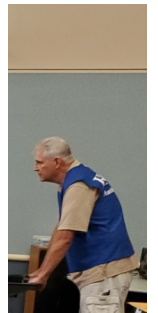
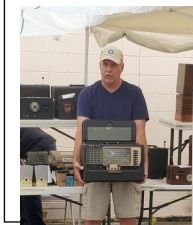
My old interest in radio and HiFi was restimulated in part by the internet and by my wife's interest in antiques. Finding an old radio or two in antique shops gave me the restoration bug. The more I learned the more interested I became. I've had many furniture build and restoration projects over the years and am completely comfortable with case restoration. However, it was the electronics that was really stretching me. I am not an electrical engineer or tech by training. I had one class in electronics in collage and that was a long time ago. I was pretty successful with some simple restorations on "All American Fives", but more complex restorations seamed over my head.

In the fall of 2019, my wife took me to an antique store just off Interstate 10 near Katy. There we found "Vintage Sounds" and met Mark White. We chatted with Mark for a few minutes and he gave me info on HVRA. After looking over the HVRA website I decided that this would be a lot of fun and I joined. And now, I'm no longer hesitant to tackle difficult restorations because I have a place to ask questions when I am stumped.

My first meeting was the "Post-Holiday Party" in 2020.... Just before covid. Since then, I've tried to be an active member and volunteered to help whenever I could. I've given a couple of talks on wood case restorations and I've written articles for the Grid Leak on the same subject. In 2021, there was a need for someone to substitute as the auction chair. I volunteered to help fill in and Bill Werzner took me up on it (my first mistake). I've continued in that role at the monthly meetings, at two Mega-Auctions and at the 2022 Convention. Prior to the board elections in September, Bill asked me, if nominated would I accept the nomination for President. After hesitating, I said yes (my second mistake).

So, here I am now President. I will continue to be as active as I can in this wonderful club that has honored me with this responsibility....and I'll try to not make any more mistakes.

Joe Gernand



4th QUARTER 2022 and Jan. 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

Monthly Brd Mtgs 7:30 PM via ZOOM; Monthly General Meetings 8 – 11 AM at Bayland Park will include a Program and an Auction: donuts, coffee, juice and snacks will be available.

October

- 8th, Sat. HVRA Swap Meet at EPO
- 11th, Tue. Board of Director Meeting
- 22rd, Sat. General Meeting. **Program: "Setting Up an Audiophile System" by Stephen Truch**

November

- 8th, Tue. Board of Director Meeting
- 18th – 20th Fri. – Sun. VRPS Annual Convention and Auction (see details in this Grid Leak or VRPS.org)
- No General Meeting in November; HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December

- 3rd, Tue. HVRA Swap Meet at EPO
- 13th, Tue. Board of Director Meeting.

January, 2023

- 10th, Tue. Board of Director Meeting.
- 14th, Sat. Post Holiday Party, Hobby Doubletree Hotel (see details in this Grid Leak)
- 28th, Sat. General Meeting. **Program: TBA**

Swap Meets & Auctions Saturday Morning, October 8 and December 3, 2022

WHERE : Electronic Parts Outlet rear parking lot, 3753 Fondren Road, Houston 77063.

WHEN : Trunk and tailgate swap meets starts 7:30 AM, Auctions begin at 9:00

HOW : HVRA membership is required for participation in all HVRA events as per our liability insurance coverage.

Swap meet rules...pretty simple: (HVRA membership required) 1. park in rear parking lot, 2. open up trunk (use your own tables if necessary, 3. sell or trade (swap) as needed, 4. all transactions are directly between seller and buyer (no fees to EPO or to HVRA), 5. Remember to attend the HVRA auction at about 9AM.

Auction Rules: 1. HVRA Membership required, 2. auction registration required (see Brett Martin and also receive drawing tickets, described below, 3. all of your auction items must have an attached auction control form, completed with your name, registration number, the correct lot number and condition and description of lot, 4. No sold or passed items should be removed from auction area until participants settle their accounts with the treasurer....HVRA will retail a 10% commission from all sold lots (seller's fee).

What will be there? EPO will host our event as they have so generously done in the past. Annual membership dues can be paid on site and we should have HVRA caps and CDs for sale too. Coffee, juice, kolaches, etc. will be on hand for a small fee, so don't despair over missing breakfast! EPO will open their back door for access to their restroom. EPO will also provide auction tent coverage, chairs, coffee, and sound system.

There are very few estate items up for auction (i.e., used tubes, books, paper products, etc.). This is your chance to bring everything you want to sell (but please no junk).

So, load up your truck, trunk, rickshaw, or whatever and join the fun. **Also**, during the auction, \$120.00 in gift certificates will be awarded by drawing, to lucky ticket holders. The gift certificates include: two \$30.00 certificates, and one \$60.00 certificate, all redeemable for purchases at EPO. Again, club membership is required to obtain a ticket for prizes. There is no telling what items the members will bring for swap or sale. This is what has made previous events there so much fun. Here is your chance to buy, sell, trade; or perhaps find that long sought after "thing – a – ma – jig" you've tried to find since you were a kid. Look forward to seeing you as we swing into fall on Saturday morning!

Bill Werzner, HVRA President and resident auctioneer, will be unavailable at the October 8th event and V.P. Lewis Brittain will sub as auctioneer and, along with Joe Gernand and Bett Martin, will be in charge of the this event. Any questions can be directed to these three officers (contact information in Grid Leak or at HVRA.org.

WELCOME NEW TEXAS MEMBERS

Richard Fraser	Katy	Laura Garret-Estes	League City
Dennis Postel	Friendswood	Suzanne Runner	Richmond
Len Ward	Pearland		

HVRA Annual Post Holiday Party and Banquet Jan. 14

To all HVRA members and friends, we will celebrate the New Year at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX. The hotel is located just east of the Hobby Airport main entrance at the Ruthby St. intersection stop light. Turn north on Ruthby St., and enter the parking lot on the right. Drive past the front of the hotel and park and enter on the east side of the hotel (the side toward I-45). Our Party will be there, in the Tampico Room!

For only \$25.00 per adult, \$12.00 for kids 10 and under, you will enjoy a fantastic buffet featuring the hotel's famous Southern Comfort Dinner that includes: Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Green Salad with assorted dressings, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, Beef Tenderloin, Rosemary Baked Chicken, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Green Beans with Black peppered Bacon and Pearl Onions, Honey Glazed Biscuits, Wheat Rolls, Butter and Fruit Preserves, Peach Cobbler, Pumpkin Pie, Coffee and iced Tea. Beer, Wine, and mixed drinks will be available from the bar nearby. There will be drawings for door prizes, music and entertainment, a nostalgic video presentation of "HVRA, Down through the years"! I know you will enjoy the video scenes of bygone years that will conclude with scenes of the Battleship Texas, and her departure from San Jacinto., plus a fun auction. You could make the buy of your lifetime on Jan. 14! Plan to arrive between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30. Family and friends are welcome too!

Please fill out the form below in order to receive the \$10.00 discount (yes, your cost will be only \$25), otherwise ticket prices will be \$35.00. We must have a head count by midnight Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. Thanks to your support over this last year, our treasury will subsidize a major portion of the cost for this event. However, we ask that you help defray our expenses by bringing one radio related item for our donation auction, (that could be tools, test equipment, tubes or parts, radio literature, etc.) and one non radio item (new or used items welcome, but NO JUNK PLEASE)!

Please send checks made out to HVRA to: Bill Werzner, 11402 Endicott Lane, Houston, TX 77035 - 2912 . As a reminder, you must make reservations before midnight Dec. 31 for the \$10.00 discount, otherwise ticket prices at the event will be \$35.00 each.

Bill Werzner 713-820-1778; werz1943@gmail.com

HVRA ANNUAL POST HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM JANUARY 14, 2023 HOBBY DOUBLETREE HOTEL

Please complete and send to Bill Werzner, 11402 Endicott Lane, Houston, Texas 77035 - 2912
Before midnight, Dec. 31. **Make checks payable to HVRA.**

YES I PLAN TO ATTEND: HVRA MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY : _____.

PHONE , E MAIL _____.

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN GROUP: _____

NUMBER OF AGE 10 & UNDER CHILDREN : _____

ADULT BANQUET TICKETS PURCHASED FOR \$25.00 each TOTAL \$_____

CHILDREN'S BANQUET TICKETS PURCHASED FOR \$12.00 each TOTAL \$_____

After Dec. 31, the adult banquet cost will be \$35.00 per ticket at door.

Complete and return this form with your check payable to HVRA sometime between now and December 31, 2022. Mail to Bill Werzner, 11402 Endicott Lane, Houston, TX 77035 - 2912.

If you have a question about your membership status, please contact Brett Martin (see page 2 in this GL.)

HVRA 2023 CONVENTION

From the Vice President---

Half a year has passed since the 2022 Convention and planning is under way for the 2023 45th anniversary event. This should be a great opportunity to clear off your shelves of those unwanted items and acquire new treasures. We are not anticipating a large amount of estate items, so the auction should really open up for the membership.

As has been the case for so many years the event is to be held at the Houston Marriott North on March 10 and 11, with a swap meet on Sunday morning, March 12. Room rates are \$95 per night, plus all imposed taxes and fees. Reservations can be made from now until mid-Feb 2023. Here is the link (copy and paste into your browser)

www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1664471095864&key=GRP
or you may call 281-875-4000 and mention the HVRA Convention

The reservation link and other convention information will be posted on HVRA.org

Once again the auction process will be organized by President Joe Gernand and the Old Equipment Contest by Tom Taylor-- their dedication is greatly appreciated. Joe will be needing extra assistance with the auction since he'll be carrying the duties of President as well, so please step up to help. As in past years, Bill Werzner, past president, is planning to take on the task as "Auctioneer".

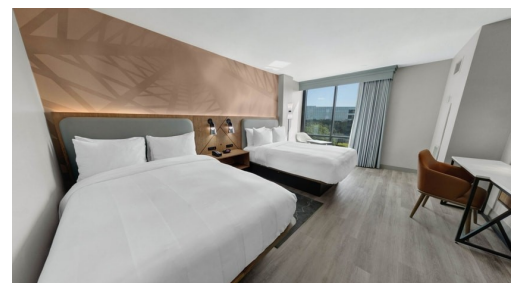
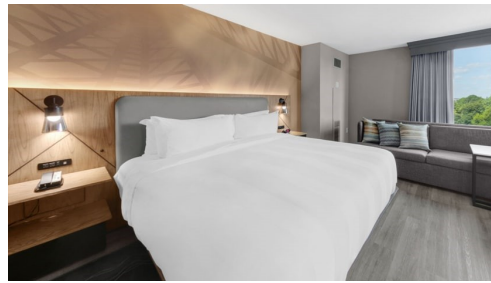
Duane Bradley, former station manager of KPFT Pacifica Houston, has accepted to be guest speaker at the banquet.

Featured manufacturer this year is RCA, so be sure to pull out your nicest RCA sets, whether they be battery sets, transistor radios, or CR-100 color TVs, and enter them in the contest. Jeff Heller has agreed to give a Friday morning technical presentation related to RCA—his presentations are always entertaining and informative.

The convention registration form is attached to this issue of the *Grid Leak*, so please feel free to fill 'em out and send 'em on in.

If you have any questions concerning the Convention, Old Equipment Contest, Auctions or Marriott Hotel Reservations, please contact me at 713-517-8722 or britfam1@juno.com.

Lewis Brittain, Convention Chairman
 HVRA Vice President



HOUSTON MARRIOTT NORTH
 255 N Sam Houston Pkwy East
 Houston, Texas 77060

King Bed

2 Double Beds

HVRA 2023 CONVENTION

OLD EQUIPMENT CONTEST CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES

1. WIRELESS/SPARK EQUIPMENT
2. CRYSTAL RECEIVERS AND RELATED CRYSTAL EQUIPMENT
3. BATTERY RECEIVERS (1920s)
4. WOOD CATHEDRALS, TOMBSTONES, AND CONSOLES
5. WOOD TABLE RECEIVERS (TUBE)
6. NON-WOOD TABLE RECEIVERS (TUBE)
7. PORTABLE RADIOS (TRANSISTOR AND TUBE)
8. "MODERN" ELECTRONICS, 1980s TO THE PRESENT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRONICA (EXAMPLES INCLUDE VINTAGE COMPUTERS, MODERN RADIO EQUIPMENT AND RECENT UNIQUE ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTING ITEMS)
9. SCRAP YARD/FABRICATED RADIO (WORKING – MUST BE HEARD 10 FT AWAY)
10. MISCELLANEOUS VINTAGE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (EXAMPLES INCLUDE TELEPHONES, TELEGRAPH, SCIENTIFIC TEST EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL DEVICES, TELEVISION)
11. KIT RADIOS AND EQUIPMENT (AT LEAST 10 YRS. OLD)
12. HI-FIDELITY EQUIPMENT
13. AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT (AT LEAST 10 YRS. OLD)
14. MILITARY ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENTS
15. REPLICAS AND VINTAGE STYLE CREATIONS
16. FOREIGN RADIOS
17. SPECIAL CONVENTION THEME: [RCA](#) AND ALL ITEMS CARRYING THE [RCA](#) NAME
18. COMPONENTS (INCLUDING VACUUM TUBES)
19. OPEN DISPLAY

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TOM TAYLOR 281-229-2970 or ihcrally@yahoo.com

HVRA 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION and MEMBERSHIP FORM

(For Questions Please Contact Lewis Brittain at 713-517-8722 or britfam1@juno.com)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Ham Call: _____

E-mail: _____

All Bidders and Sellers Must Register and Be Active HVRA Members

Mar. 10–12, 2023 Houston Marriott North	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Advance Registration: ** \$20 (Postmarked by 2/20/2023)		\$
On-Site Registration: ** \$25		\$
**Annual Membership \$20: (3/1/2023 – 2/29/2024) NEW		\$
**Annual Membership \$20: (3/1/2023 – 2/29/2024) RENEWAL		\$
Awards Banquet Dinner: Sat. Mar. 11 @ 6:30pm
Chicken Dinner: \$30 per Adult		\$
Child Plate (12 and under): \$15.00		\$
Vegetarian Dinner – \$30.00 per Adult		\$
Vegetarian Dinner - \$15.00 per Child		\$
Swap Meet: 1st Table Free ; Additional Tables - \$10 each; Any member needing a table(s) must contact Lewis prior to Feb. 20		\$
Grand Totals	\$

- ****Only One Registration Required Per Family (One Bidder Number)**
- **HVRA Commissions: Individual Sellers at 15%**
- **Tables available for Sunday Swap Meet-no charge, no limit**
- **Buyers and Sellers Settlements at Conclusion of Each Day’s Auction Activities (Numerical Order)**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: CHECKS, PAYABLE TO HOUSTON VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION (HVRA), or CASH MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 20, 2023 to:

Lewis Brittain 3722 Xenophon Dr. Houston, TX 77082

ON-SITE: AFTER FEB. 20, 2023, BRING REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK/CASH TO CONVENTION

HVRA USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____ **CHECK NUMBER:** _____ **CASH:** _____

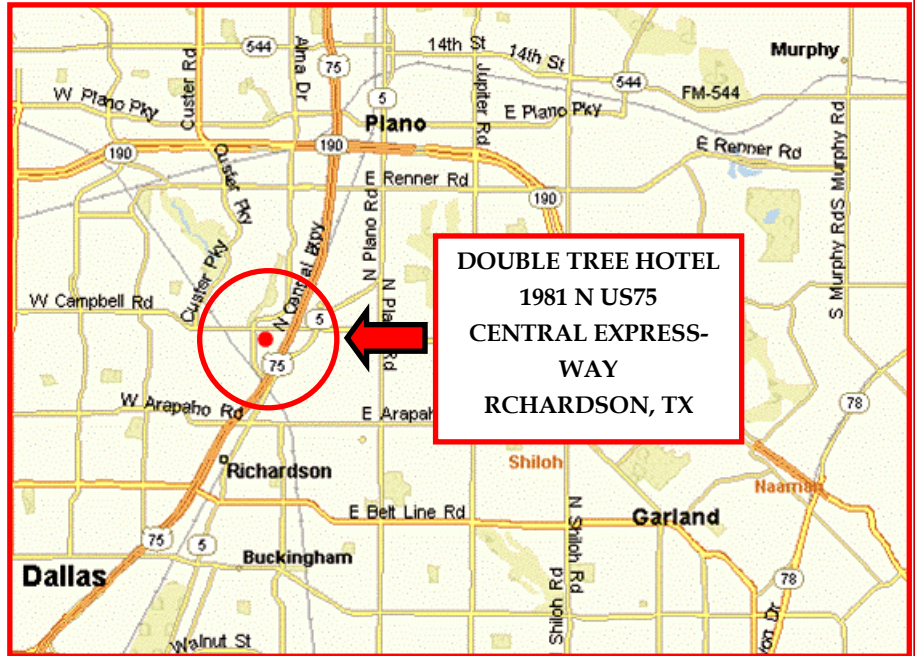
REGISTRATION (BIDDER) NUMBER: _____

THE FOLLOWING FOUR PAGES ARE USED FOR PROMOTING THE UPCOMING VRPS 2022 CONVENTION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.VRPS.ORG

**VINTAGE RADIO AND PHONOGRAPH SOCIETY, INC
ANNOUNCING THE 48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 18th thru 20th, 2022**

VRPS is happy to announce that our 2022 Annual Convention will be held in a new, improved venue with additional space and updated facilities (i.e., contest room 1500 vs 650 sqft). Make plans now to attend and support VRPS for the convention that promotes preservation and restoration of vintage radio and phonographs.

- **WHERE:** Double Tree Hotel 1981 North Central Expressway (SH 75) Richardson, Texas
- Easy to find from Houston: I 45 to SH 75 to Campbell road exit in Richardson, TX.
- Three auctions for buying and selling parts and equipment.
- A technical session on Friday will precede the auctions.
- An Old Equipment Contest will be held in various categories for projects and collections.
- An awards' Banquet dinner will follow on Saturday night to honor contest winners and presentation of a program.
- The Awards Banquet guest speaker will be George Douglas Gimarc, an American disc jockey, radio program producer, and author, based in Texas. George is also a member of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame and is known for his extensive and authoritative knowledge about the classic rock radio format, recorded music in general, and specifically the era of punk rock.
- A raffle of two excellent radios and door prizes will awarded.
- Sunday morning we will host a "flea" market for those surplus items.
- Best of all is the opportunity to meet and visit with fellow Collectors/Restorers.
- This year, we will honor WBAP radio for their anniversary of 100 years of broadcasting.



A room accommodation at the Double Tree Hotel includes breakfast for two at the VRPS discount rate of \$109 per night. The direct link for Friday and Saturday nights: Use the following hyperlink (press control key and click arrow)

[Available Rooms - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas - Richardson](#)

OR call direct local call 972-644-4000.

If you want additional nights at the VRPS rate, call Jenny at 972-808-5386.



VRPS 2022 CONVENTION

The theme for the 2022 VRPS Convention contest is 100 YEARS of WBAP. Here is the list of contest categories.

1. Crystal Receivers Pre 1940
2. One Tube Radios Pre 1928 (No Crystal Detectors)
3. AC Table Receivers Pre WWII
4. AC/DC Tube Radios Pre 1960
5. Transistor Radios Pre 1965
6. Phonographs and Related Accessories Pre 1940
7. Featured Brand- CROSLEY
8. Novelty Radios-Tube or Transistor
9. Radio Related Ads, Ephemera, and Accessories
10. Television Receivers Pre 1970
11. Table Top Art Deco Radios (Includes Catalin, Chrome Front, Others)
12. Battery Radios Pre 1928
13. Foreign Tube-Type Radios
14. Kit Radios Pre 1930
15. Microphones Pre 1960
16. Contest Theme- 100 YEARS of WBAP (Any Items Pertaining to WBAP)
17. Open Category (Radio Related Items Not Belonging In Other Categories)



VRPS, INC.

2022 Annual Convention Registration



Check if New Member

Check for Address, etc. change

Mail by November 5, 2022 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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES
 (Membership always expires November 1st)

AWARDS BANQUET
 Saturday November 19th

ADVANCE	\$20
AT DOOR	\$22
USA	\$20
FOREIGN	\$25
ADVANCE	\$40

# OF PEOPLE	\$ TOTAL DUE

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

_____ Regular (Champagne Chicken with salad, vegetables, rolls, dessert)

_____ Vegetarian (includes Vegetable Lasagna in lieu of chicken).

Total Registration, Membership, & Banquet

Make Checks Payable to VRPS

PAST EVENTS

MEGA-AUCTION

On July 9th, HVRA conducted its mid-year Mega Auction, held annually in Texas City's Doyle Center along side the TARS Hamfest. A large combination of estate and members' items resulted in a net profitable \$1000.00 event. Our auction was attended by about 30 members and we also added three new members. In addition, we gained exposure as HVRA and met with many TARS attendees seeking information about our activities.



Bill Werzner took on the task of auctioneer with relief from Walter Mosley and assistance from Gilbert Hedge, Steve Scheel, Brett Martin and Ric Slater.



Joe Gernand and Jerry Sirkin transported many estate items from the HVRA storage unit. Along with help from several auction handlers including Mike Slovan, Steven Pena, Jimmie Stewart, Randy Anderson, and others, several radio items, test equipment, books and manuals found new homes.



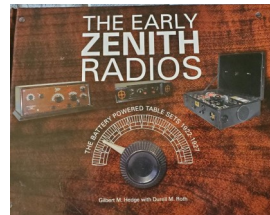
MONTHLY MEETINGS

REPRODUCING AUTHENTIC LOOKING AND WORKING BATTERIES

by
Gilbert Hedge
August 27, 2022



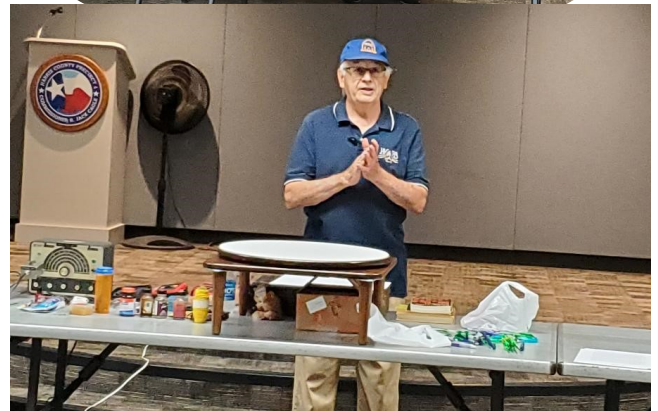
Gilbert presented the art and craftsmanship necessary for reproducing vintage batteries including A, B and C batteries. For additional information and other restoration tips, please refer to Gilbert's book



SETTING UP A REPAIR BENCH

by
Bill Werzner
September 24, 2022

Bill gave a demonstration and explanation of tools, test equipment, and other items necessary to repair and restore vintage radios. A more detailed report will be available in a future Grid Leak.



THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS

HVRA and The Battleship USS Texas



Some of our newer members have asked, "why is our club involved with the Battleship Texas, I don't understand the connection?" Let me explain:

Sometime around the year 2001, former HVRA President Frank Cooper and I were approached by ship staff regarding several types of radio equipment, aboard the one hundred year old ship. The equipment in question was from the mid to late 1930's and through the WW II era. During 2001, a group of HVRA volunteers moved several truck loads of era radio gear from a storage building near the Houston Ship Channel into a third deck radio room for public viewing. In later years, my son, Konrad, and I restored two WW II receivers to working order; more HVRA volunteers installed a working transmitter near the ship that advertised both the ship and San Jacinto Battleground on 770 KHz AM for about a five mile radius. Later, several volunteers, including myself, restored WW II era 1MC and RBO sound systems so announcements could be made aboard the ship via the public address system and era music played via the RBO reproducers. Yes, this involved a lot of work but was well worth the effort. The ship staff also provided a HAM shack on the second deck where HVRA operators and other HAM clubs could go on the air several times a year.

The Battleship attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors each year and was a venue for promoting interest in vintage radio electronics. Thousands of scouts spent overnight events on board - a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with the younger generation. Here is where we needed HVRA members to lend a hand.

During special events such as "Christmas Aboard the Battleship" in early December, I would dress up as a WW II sailor (I'm really a US Army vet), in the mail room, and I would telegraph messages to Santa for children lined up for me to send their wishes to the North Pole - this was fun! Across the corridor the HAM shack was abuzz with people lining up to get in to see and hear the folks on the air.

Yes, we were also raising money for restorations in our auctions, your HVRA auction donations even helped purchase replacement Marconi antennas. Now you see, this is how and why we were involved there.

More restorations await us as the ship undergoes badly needed repairs in the Galveston dry dock where she will remain for the next two to two and one half years. Where she will end up after the 35 million dollar repairs are completed, is anyone's guess at this time.



This photo was taken on August 31, 2022 as the Battleship was being towed down the Houston Ship Channel on her way to the dry dock in Galveston, Texas. Notice the differences in the two photos.

The cage masts were removed and replaced with the two tripod masts, during renovations probably in the late 1920's. One of the two smokestacks remained for use after she was converted from coal to an oil burner. Now six boilers replaced the previous fourteen coal fired boilers to provide the twelve thousand horsepower needed for the ship's propellers. Nineteen of the second deck 5 inch guns were removed and the six that remained were moved to the main deck, of which you can see three in this port side mid ship view, three others are mounted opposite on starboard. However, the ten fourteen inch guns, and their five, six hundred ton turrets remain in the same positions as in the above photo. Additional historical and restoration information is available at Battleshiptexas.org.

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Hopefully the battleship HAM call NA5DV will penetrate the ether again in a few years. So until then 73. Bill Werzner, past-president, HVRA

SILENT KEY

Joseph Daniel Wileman, 75, of Texas City passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022.



Joe was born March 26, 1947, in Texas City and lived there all his life. After graduating from Texas City High School in 1966, he worked for White's Stores before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1967. He served aboard the USS

Jouett DLG-29 as a radioman during the Vietnam War.

He married Brenda Joyce Haskin in 1970, and they made their home in Texas City. He was employed by Marathon Oil Company and retired as a Products Distribution Foreman in 2002.

Joe was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Texas City Masonic Lodge #1118. He was also a long-time amateur radio operator (callsign AA5OP), receiving his first License while in junior high school. He was very active with the Tidelands Amateur Radio Society.

Many HVRA members remember Joe as the TARS Board member who worked closely with HVRA's Bill Werzner (over the past many years) to assure that HVRA would have affordable auction space at the Texas City Doyle Center for the HVRA summer Mega-Auction.

SILENT KEY

Benjamin Franklin Koudelka, 83, of Bellville, passed away on September 7, 2022



Born on January 9, 1939, in Fayette County, Texas, he was the eldest son of Adolf and Lillie Koudelka. He was a successful entrepreneur

who owned and operated several small businesses, including a Shell gas station, C & E Auto Repair, and an RV boat and storage facility.

He is survived by his children: Danna and her husband Warren, Beverly, Paige and her husband Johnny, Ben, Jr and his wife Christina, Eric and his wife Kathy, Barrett and his wife Jennifer, Kenny and Karl and his wife, Jill. Survivors also include his sister Evelyn Weisheit, his brother Bernard Koudelka, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bette Koudelka, sister Darlene O'Neal, and son-in-law Ralph "Bucky" White.

Ben joined HVRA in June, 1986, served as a board member, and was active on several committees.

SILENT KEY

(Buford) Miles Simpson March 1, 1954 - August 20, 2022 . Miles lived in Cleveland, Texas, and at this writing the cause of his death may be associated with a house fire. If additional information becomes available, I will inform the membership.

As many of you know, Miles joined HVRA in the 1980s and became quite popular for his interests in vintage electronics, vintage automobiles and tractors. I remember speaking to him during several HVRA events and I was always inspired with his general construction knowledge and his interests in anything vintage. Please pass along to me your memories of Miles and I will try to include more info if a future newsletter.

Derek Ross is liquidating his radio collection. Below are a sampling of some of the fine examples to be sold. For additional information, please see the HVRA website HVRA.org or contact Derek at allenross04@yahoo.com.

1937 Art Deco Radio Bar



1951-2 Zenith Radio/Phono Model J644



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1939 Hickok Radio Service Panel Model 60



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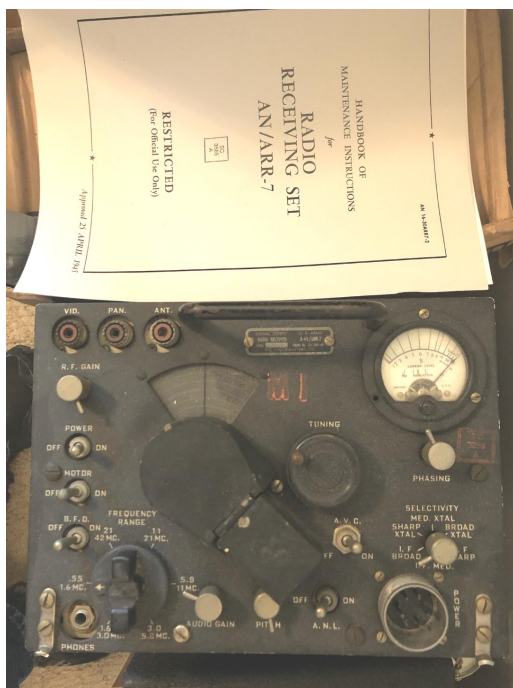
Buy, Sell, Trade, & Services Offered**WANTED**

Need to refurbish and service a Knight KN735 stereo tube amp. 20W per channel. This is my Dad's stereo amp that he bought new in 1963. I think the last time it was powered up was in the late 1970's. I've cleaned the chassis and I am looking for someone to refurbish the amp, re-cap, tube check, and electrical check. If you're interested in doing this project, please contact me at Rande10493@gmail.com.

Thank you, Randy Anderson

Wanted: Atwater Kent Model 36 radio with matching type "Y" power supply in working condition. Will purchase either early or late versions (or both if available).

Wanted: Atwater Kent Model K speaker in working condition. Jerry Sirkin 281-844-4124; gsirkin@aol.com.

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Contact Tom Taylor 281-229-2970, ihcrally@yahoo.com

George Wilder has two separate FOR SALES

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2. One bound Atwater Kent service manual. Price TBD

Please contact George at 630-334-3232 or radiodoc@comcast.net

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Other Radio Related News

Texas Broadcast Museum: 416 E. Main Street in Kilgore, TX. Phone:903-984-8115.

There are hundreds of pieces of vintage paraphernalia related to radio and TV broadcasting.

Admission is \$6.00 (\$5.00 for seniors and military vets).

Edington Family Museum of Atwater-Kent Radios: 550 Roosevelt in Silsbee, TX. Please contact Jimmy Edington for appointment at 337-476-4328 (atwaterkentsrus@gmail.com).

Jimmy, a long-time collector and original HVRA member, has re-purposed a beautifully restored hotel to display his outstanding collection of Atwater-Kent radios and related products. See his website, www.atwaterkentsrus.com.

More Radio Clubs

Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club www.dvhrc.com

Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC) President: Jim Collings, PO Box 50625, Midwest City, OK jcradio@cox.net; \$15 annual dues. Monthly meetings, annual show.

Antique Radio Club of Illinois (ARCI)

www.clubinfo@antique-radio.org

Collins Radio Association (CRA). David Knepper, PO Box 34, Sidman, PA 15955. No dues. www.collinsra.org

Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC). Don Colbert, MARC, Pub: The Michigan Antique Radio Chronicle, quarterly. Dues: \$20. membership@michiganantiqueradio.org. Annual Extravaganza and other quarterly meets. www.michiganantiqueradio.org

New Mexico Radio Collectors Club (NMRCC). Monthly newsletter and members meeting (with flea market, auction and theme program). Dues: \$20. For more information contact John Anthes, jpanthes@comcast.net Club website: <http://newmexicoradiocollectorsclub.com>

Texas Antique Radio Club (TARC), Doug Wright, Canyon Lake, TX. wrightdougglas70@yahoo.com

Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS), Dallas / Ft. Worth, TX. George Potter vrps@sbcglobal.net, website: www.vrps.org

Texas Panhandle Vintage Radio Society (TPVRS). Contact: Elroy A. Heras, 4086 Business Park Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110

Canadian Vintage Radios Society (CVRS) Contact Gerry O'Hara 226 Dallas Road Victoria V8V1A5 Canada (gerrycohara@gmail.com) 604-671-6062; CVRS Website: canadianvintageradios.com

FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you have enjoyed all of the previous content of this 4th Quarter GL.

Its difficult to imagine that so many folks have worked so hard, over the past 44+ years, to create an organization that could retain members year after year and offer an exciting format to newer generations of collectors. Your task is to volunteer to assist the Board and Committee members as they plan, prepare and execute the events that you wish to attend. Get involved, give a talk at a General Meeting, run for office next September, and continue to support HVRA with your attendance.

As editor, I like to take photos during events that show our members participating and having fun. Over the past years I have seen many young, new members gaining knowledge in the hobby of collecting and restoring these vintage electronics that seem to survive 100 years.

The success of this organization is definitely sharing knowledge and educating others on topics they seek to learn. In order to continue the longevity of HVRA, I ask that if you have an interesting subject to share (one paragraph or two pages, whatever) send me a note and lets put it in a future Grid Leak. Join with the many active members that have conducted classes and contributed technical articles that benefit our ongoing search for information that will allow each one of us to maintain our hobby and increase our knowledge of repairing and restoring our vintage collectables.

So, **WHAT YOU GOT??** Show me what you just bought, what you just repaired, what you just told your wife you would sell ASAP. Tell me about your restoration and repair experiences as you blow a fuse, short circuit the house, or solder your wedding ring to a chassis while trying to replace a capacitor. Lets share our experiences with other member whom, because of age or time, have not yet gained the knowledge that you now enjoy and might even take for granted.

It doesn't have to be complicated....even the best restorers will admit (sometimes) that some of their greatest repairs had to do with remembering to plug the thing in before turning it on (yes into a variac or circuit protector).

So I need your help to continue publishing an interesting newsletter with articles that others will find informative, challenging, and entertaining.

Thanks for listening,
Jerry