

HOUSTON VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION

The Grid Leak

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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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President's Message by Joe Gernand



Hi everyone I hope you all are doing well. The club has had a number of events this year and more are coming. In addition to our monthly meetings we will be scheduling more swap meets later this year. More information on these swap meets will be coming out in individual blasts as the dates are firmed up.

We just completed our annual Mega-Auction in Texas City. This annual event is held in conjunction with the Tidelands Armature Radio Society (TARS) Hamfest. I thank them for allowing us to share the Doyle Center in Texas City with them. We had a great auction and our auctioneers banged the gavel on 200 lots.

The club is holding a series of classes on basic electronics at EPO in July. The classes will include basic electronics knowledge, tools, tips and techniques. More information on these classes is included in this issue. The classes are underway but it isn't too late to sign up for the remaining classes.

Coming up at the September Annual Meeting will be the election of officer to serve 2 year terms on the Board of Directors.

Please give serious thought to either volunteering to serve or nominating someone qualified and willing to serve.

This year we have the following board positions opening: Vice President, Secretary, and At Large Position 1 (Auction Chair), and At Large Position III (Program Chairman etc). I am now calling for nominations to these positions. Nominations can either be a self-nomination or the nomination of a fellow club member. If you are nominating someone, please be sure that they will serve if elected before you nominate them. **More information about the responsibilities of these positions is on page 5 of this grid leak** Please send in your nominations by August 31 to: gernandjoe793@gmail.com

This election process is very important for the club since the officers are key to success and long-term viability of the club. Please give serious thought to either volunteering to serve or nominating someone qualified and willing to serve.

3RD QUARTER 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings at 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.

July

8th, Sat. HVRA Mega Auction in Texas City Doyle Center (in conjunction with TARS).

11th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

22nd, Sat. Monthly General Meeting. Program: **Collections** Bring any collection, radio or non radio related, to show to members. **Award For Best Collection – One Year (2024) Membership and Certificate.** *In order to allow enough time, please contact Stephen Truch if you plan to enter (stephen@truch.net)*

August

8th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

26th, Sat. Monthly General Meeting. Program: **Shelf Life of Vacuum Tubes** by Jimmie Stewart

September

12th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

23rd, Sat. HVRA Annual Meeting and Elections. Program: **The Demise of "The Last Battery Your Car Will Ever Need"** by Bill Werzner

October

10th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

28th, Sat. Monthly General Meeting. Program: TBA

HVRA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Hank Obidzienski	06/24/2023	Katy, TX	Martin Denning	04/21/2023	Houston, TX
Stevern Halverson	03/11/2023	Pasadena, TX	Mo Mortazavi	05/26/2023	Austin, TX
Jim Bloom	07/10/2023	Seabrook, TX			

HVRA WELCOMES BACK

David Holder	07/08/2023	Atlanta, TX	Victor Garcia	06/24/2023	Houston, TX
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SILENT KEY Leo Scott Rodkey



Dr. Scott Rodkey passed away unexpectedly in College Station due to heart complications on May 31, 2023. Born in Topeka, Kansas on January 18, 1941, he spent his K–12th grade years in Kiowa, Kansas. His collegiate and post graduate experiences began at the Un. of Kansas in Lawrence (B.A major in Microbiology, 1964 and Ph. D. 1968) and later continued at the Un. Illinois Medical school. Scott married Dixie Lee Croft in 1963 and they later had a son, Travis in 1976. Scott's professional career carried him to Houston where he became a well known and highly respected and published professor and researcher in the field of immunology.

While in Houston (and later College Station), Scott was an active HVRA member from early 1983 until his last event at the 2023 Convention. He not only participated in the Annual Conventions and at the mid year Mega auctions, Dr. Rodkey also contributed several articles to the Grid Leak newsletter during the late 1990s. His major interests in vintage radio collecting included several manufacturers but mostly focused on Zenith.

Past President Bill Werzner shares these thoughts:

It is with deep sadness that I sit here this evening sharing with you the news of having lost a long time HVRA member and good friend of many years. Dr. Scott Rodke passed away on May 31 following a routine heart procedure, the details of which I do not know at this time. This came as a shock to those of us who received the news from his family several days ago. I met Scott one evening at Jerry and Trudy Walick's home in SW Houston sometime around 1981 or 82. Several of us gathered there around the living room table to assemble and mail our monthly newsletter. The "Grid Leak" consisted of a few typewritten pages that were folded, stapled, and packed into envelopes for mailing. We used an old Selectric typewriter that was purchased at a surplus auction to write the main draft, photos and diagrams were hand pasted or taped onto the draft and taken to a printer for reproduction. I remember those evenings very well as if it was just yesterday. Scott and I became friends that evening as we were both involved in the field of medicine; me, as a pre med major in college and later a med tech in the US Army Pathology Department at Fitzsimons in Denver, CO. I also worked weekends and nighttime emergencies on call at a hospital in Wood River, IL near where I lived. True, I was also working full time in Shell Oil Company's research laboratory, so chemistry, I can say was my true calling, along with electronics. Well, Scott and I had a lot to talk about whenever we got together. My apologies to anyone whom we may have grossed out who may have overheard some of our dialog! In the field of pathology we deal with things that were often of the weird, bizarre, and unusual. Yes, we shared some crazy stories and laughs I will always remember. Sometime I will share the barbecue, cadaver, and joint pain stories that Scott and I renewed during the convention this last March. That was the last time we saw each other and laughed ourselves silly there at the registration desk. Maybe some of the folks around us thought we were nuts, but we had our unique sense of humor most folks couldn't understand. What can I say, but R.I.P. to an old friend whom I will cherish, and we all will dearly miss!

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

ARTICLE VI of the HVRA BYLAWS describes the following Officers' Duties

Section 2. Vice President

Paragraph 1. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve in the President's place.

Paragraph 2. If the Presidential post is vacated, the Vice President shall become interim President.

Paragraph 3. Shall assist the President.

Paragraph 4. Shall be responsible for the Annual Show and Auction

Section 3. Secretary

Paragraph 1. Shall take minutes of the Association meetings.

Paragraph 2. Shall coordinate the official membership roll.

Paragraph 3. Shall make minutes and records available to members upon request.

Paragraph 4. Shall maintain the record book(s) in which the Bylaws and minutes are entered with any amendments to these documents properly recorded and to have the current record book(s) on hand at every meeting.

Paragraph 5. Shall act as presiding officer at meetings of the Association and the Executive Board in the absence of the President and the Vice President.

Paragraph 6. Shall report the minutes of the Executive Board to the general membership upon request.

Paragraph 7. Shall act as assistant to the Treasurer as needed.

Paragraph 8. If the office of Treasurer is vacated, the Secretary, with approval from the Executive Board, shall become interim Treasurer.

Section 6. Representative at Large - Position One

Paragraph 1. Shall serve as Auction Chairperson at the Annual Show and Auction.

Paragraph 2. Shall perform other special tasks as assigned by the President.

Section 8. Representative at Large - Position Three

Paragraph 1. Shall serve as the Program chairman responsible for coordination and enablement of the Monthly meeting programs both in-person and virtual. Shall seek input from the board and gain approval from the board for the schedule of programs.

Paragraph 2. Shall assist with the execution of the monthly and convention auctions in the capacity of electronic records keeping (auction software).

A complete set of the HVRA Bylaws is available upon request. Contact:

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or

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TEXAS CITY MEGA-AUCTION RECAP by Jerry Sirkin

The 2023 HVRA Mega Auction, July 8th at the Texas City Doyle Center, was held in conjunction with the TARS Hamfest; 35–40 HVRA members attended; bidding began at noon for approximately 200 lots. By the end of the auction, HVRA successfully sold 156 lots (plus 43 passes) for a net profit of \$370.00. Estate sales accounted for \$228 while 15% commissions from member sales accounted for an additional \$142. Below are some photos of the impressive radio and radio related items sold. The tables were full, the audience was supportive and the HVRA volunteers were tired after hours of bidding and comical dialogues while trying to interpret bid slip descriptions and “does anyone know what this thing is?” If I’m not mistaken, David Holder from Atlanta, TX (between Marshall and Texarkana) traveled the furthest (300+ miles) and brought some magnificently restored items and Derek Ross (Katy) sold some beautiful Philco and Zenith radio/record players. Frank Haecker made the 230 mile trip from Converse (near San Antonio) while Johnny Knight and I only had modest trips from Humble and Spring (60 and 65 miles).

This event would not have been successful, or even fun, without the attendance of the HVRA members and their families. A big thanks to the volunteers for their hard work. President Joe Gernand coordinated this event with TARS and (with the help from his wife – Pat) contributed time and muscle assisting me with transporting estate lots from our storage unit, arriving early, setting up tables and equipment, and coordinating the handlers. Treasurer Bret Martin took care of the pre-auction registrations and, with the assistance of Historian Ric Slater, tirelessly recorded the auction and took care of the check-out process. Past President Bill Werzner again picked up the gavel as auctioneer and was assisted by auction writer Webmaster Steve Scheel. As has happened many times during these events, Walter Mosley stepped up to share the auctioneering duties. Rounding out the auction table and keeping the lots moving across the turntable were Gilbert Hedge and Jordon Lagrone. All these efforts at the auction table fall flat without the handlers who feed in the lots and the handlers who very carefully place the sold or passed lots on the correct tables for easy pickups by the winners. So lets give a big round of applause to handlers Joshua Polman, Mike Slovan, Konrad Werzner, Randy Anderson, and Jordon Lagrone. A big thanks to Randy Anderson for helping me transport many items from Vintage Sound and the HVRA storage unit. If I omitted anyone, I apologize.



THE TROUBLESHOOTER

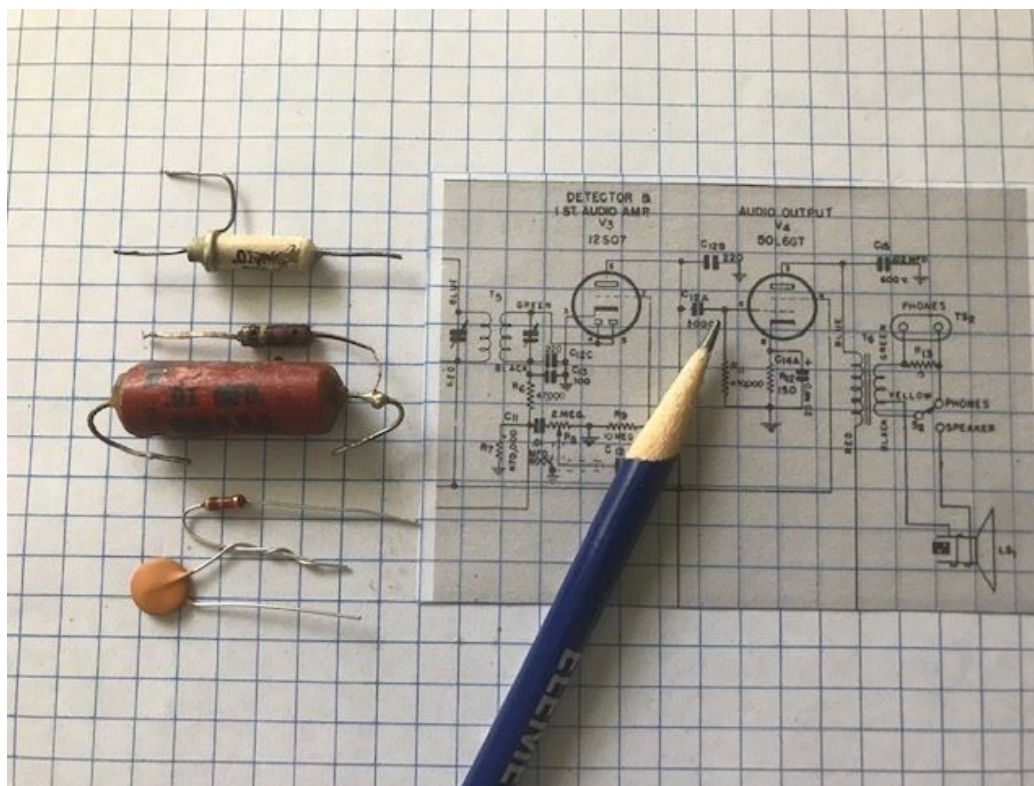
by
W.F. "Bill" Werzner

Recently, I was restoring a 1952, Hallicrafters "All American Five" AC DC model 5R34, and in the audio stage I saw something that sparked an "epiphany" in my mind - if that is an accurate way of describing it! In the sixty plus years I have been restoring vintage radios, there were only a few times in which I encountered a component like this. A half century ago when I had a radio repair shack next to the alley behind our family restaurant, with no source of schematics, and not much more than a cheap VOM; I pondered what this component was in a radio I was salvaging for parts. Well, let's skip ahead to now as I reminisced about being my puzzled late teenage self so long ago. The purpose of this article is to acquaint some of our new HVRA members about the white, cylindrical object with three wires, you might encounter if you work on radios of that vintage long enough.

I don't know what name was assigned to it by the manufacturer, but whatever it is called, it is the top one to the left in the photo. It is a capacitor/resistor combo in which the wire to the right joins one lead of the 0.01 uF capacitor and one lead of the 470 K resistor together and connects to the grid of the 50L6 tube (in the diagram where the pencil point indicates). The resistor supplies negative grid voltage potential to the 50L6 grid while the capacitor also couples the audio signal from the plate of the 12SQ7 tube to that grid. Without it, the radio would be "dead as a hammer" as the old saying goes. As for the other two wires, the one circling the cylinder (which is from capacitor C 21 A in the diagram) connects to the plate of the 12SQ7 and yes, there will be some B+ voltage on it, so keep it insulated. The third of the three wires, coming out the left end of the cylinder, is the wire connecting (resistor R 11) to ground.

Most radios like this one will have a capacitor / resistor combo like the second example where a wax molded capacitor, and a half watt resistor, are connected in similar fashion. The black ring on this non polarized capacitor toward the left end, indicates the wire closest to it connects to the outside foil of the capacitor. Wax molded coupling capacitors, including newer plastic and ceramic ones too, should be isolated from the circuit by unsoldering one lead and checked with an ohmmeter set on highest scale for any electron leakage. Even the slightest leakage can, and will cause serious distortion in audio output as positive plate voltage will leak over to the output tube's grid. Sometimes the leakage can be serious enough to cause the output tube's plates to turn red hot. This will not only damage the tube, but output transformer as well. The last example shows how a modern 0.01 uF ceramic capacitor and half watt 470 K resistor can be soldered together to replace either of the above two vintage component examples. Test the vintage grid bias resistor too and if its tolerance is much greater than 10 %, replace it.

In closing good luck with your repairs, watch out for those wayward electrons, and don't step in anything you shouldn't!



SOLDER BITS

by

Tom Taylor

- For noisy controls consider running a string around its knob twice such that each of your hands holds an end of that string. Then alternately pull from left to right such that the knob quickly does a CW to CCW sweep until you hear the noise subside.
- You should have on hand a solder flux including one that is liquid (EPO -Liquid Solder Flux by GC OR the hardware store Datey product by a similar name) so that ANY time a wire or component lead does not quickly draw up and hold solder you can go immediately to it thereby insuring you don't wire in the next problem.
- IF you are having unexplained ghost performance on a circuit using any aged circuit board material {be it NOS OR NOT}, assume the material itself is leaking current between adjacent conductors. The closer the conductors or the higher the differential voltage the more suspect an area is. Recently a one IC circuit was installed on an unused 'Vector' board which was then inspected for bridging under a magnifier and brushed for insurance but still found to act erratically. Correction was attained by soaking the board with components on it in rubbing alcohol followed each time by brushing it twice with a tooth brush. Note: That same circuit on a white (assumed fiberglass) material easily showed under magnification a carbon tracking and in both cases 12 VDC was used for circuit operation. Had it been a higher voltage in use the "evidence" would have been much more dramatic.

E P O ELECTRONICS CLASSES RESUME JULY 5. Still Time to Register For Classes 3 and 4

Here is your chance to improve your technical skills on your job, as a student, a hobbyist, or to make some extra money repairing electronic items in your spare time. There will always be a need for people who can master trouble shooting skills in the field of electronics. Here is your chance to learn in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with hands on demonstrations of diagnostic equipment and how to use them in performing tests and making repairs. This will include both vacuum tube and solid state equipment.

We are scheduling four Wednesday classes that will be held starting July 5 and continuing on July 12, 19, and 26 at Electronic Parts Outlet (EPO), 3753 Fondren Road, Houston, TX 77063. Class time will start at 10 AM and end at 2 PM with a lunch break in between. You may bring a noontime snack or enjoy the lunch items, coffee, and drinks that will be provided. Instructors include a NASA and Shell Chemical retiree, both of whom have extensive background experience in electronics. Bring writing material and feel free to photograph and record class material if you choose to do so. Take home, study material, will be provided that includes class related problems to be solved at your leisure. These you can return the next class to be checked yourself during a discussion session. We have held classes like these at EPO in previous years and are being brought back by popular demand. A \$17.00 fee, per student, per class, will be charged payable on site. Class size will be limited to a total of twelve due to seating limitations, so please sign up by Wednesday, June 28, and choose which classes you plan to attend. Bring the attached form, mail, or e mail a copy to EPO at www.operations@epohouston.com to reserve your seat for classes you choose to attend. We welcome attendees 12 years old and up!

CLASS 1 July 5. Electronic symbols, basic math, identifying components, basic test equipment and use, Tools, work bench set up, locating, reading and interpreting schematic diagrams, vacuum tubes & transistors. batteries, transformers audio and power, AC and DC, wiring basics and safety, "History" Edison v.s Westinghouse, Nikola Tesla's work and more!

CLASS 2 July 12. Understanding basic electronic circuits, power sources, primary and secondary batteries, current drain and voltage measurements, testing resistance, coil, and capacitors. Circuit modifications to accommodate new components, mounting and soldering considerations Power supplies full wave half wave etc. Series and parallel circuits. Plus more!

CLASS 3 JULY 19. Oscilloscope basics how they operate. Testing and troubleshooting a vintage scope, basic oscilloscope schematic, single and dual trace oscilloscopes. Trouble shooting audio amplifier and radio circuits with an oscilloscope, interpreting signal traces, sine and square wave generators, types and uses of test probes. Audio and RF signal generators as troubleshooting tools.

CLASS 4 JULY 26. Last class of the series. Questions and answers, bring your projects, test equipment, diagrams for analysis. Solid state circuitry, transistors, diodes, Zener effect, integrated circuits, etc. Voltage multiplier and divider circuits, advice on equipment you may wish to purchase and restore.

EPO JULY CLASSES... PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CLASSES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. DEADLINE WED. JUNE 28
Please sign me up for the following class or classes - FEE \$17.00 PER STUDENT - PER- CLASS.

NAME _____ E MAIL or PHONE NUMBER _____

PAYMENT INCLUDED \$ _____. DATE _____ 2023. CHECK CLASS(ES) BELOW:

[] CLASS 1 [] CLASS 2 [] CLASS 3 [] CLASS 4

REASON I WANT TO ATTEND THE EPO CLASS OR CLASSES: _____

VRPS 2023 CONVENTION

- The 49th Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS) Convention will be held November 17 – 19 at the Double Tree Hotel 1981 N. Central Expressway Richardson, Texas.
- The theme for this year is Emerson Radio
- There will be 4 auctions: *Two Live Auctions on Friday, Silent Auction on Saturday, and a Main Live Auction on Saturday.*
- Judged Contest (opens early Friday and continues into Saturday)
- Awards Banquet Saturday Evening
- Flea Market Sunday Morning

Go to <http://www.vrps.org> for reservations and more information

The theme for the 2023 Convention contest is Emerson Radio. Here is the list of contest categories.

1. Crystal Receivers Pre 1940
2. Ham, Military, or Telegraphy Equipment
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- Emerson
8. Novelty Radios-Tube or Transistor
9. Radio Related Ads, Ephemera, and Accessories
10. Test Equipment Pre 1950
11. Table Top Art Deco Radios (Includes Catalin, Chrome Front, Others)
12. Battery Radios Pre 1928
13. Foreign Tube Type Radios Pre 1960
14. Spark or Wireless Equipment
15. Reproducers Includes Microphones and Loudspeakers
16. Open Category (Radio Related Items Not Belonging In Other Categories)
17. New Category- Ugly Radios (Must be as it came from the factory- no repaints or modifications)

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. wrightdouglas70@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 Vice President---

The 2023 Convention now is a fairly distant memory, but already efforts are well underway for putting together the 2024 Convention.

In many ways the 2023 convention was quite a success—registration, auctions, and banquet went very smoothly; although the contest was well run, it had fewer participants than 2022.

However, money wise the results were very disappointing. We did not have as much estate material as last year, and overall the items were just not bringing in very good prices. Hotel expenses were up considerably. Our organization suffered a substantial financial loss with this convention.

Nevertheless we had the usual outstanding dedication of all those who volunteered their time and effort into the convention. Joe Gernand served concurrently as President and Auction chair. Tom Taylor did his usual fantastic job of organizing the old equipment contest. Bill Werzner took the podium as auctioneer once again, though he may not be President for Life he is certainly Auctioneer for Life. Jeff Heller gave a most informative presentation on the RCA Corporation as well as donating a very fine item for the raffle. Many thanks to our friends from Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society for their help—Jim Sargent gave assistance to Bill with the auction and Lois Janssen was there at the registration table getting everyone checked in. And so many others assisted with the registration, auction handling, and auction recording. A big shout out to Brett Martin for his job as treasurer—that is probably the most demanding task of the convention. Jerry Sirkin sure put in a lot of work running around gathering estate items and preparing them for the auction. And special thanks to our guest Duane Bradley for his interesting and entertaining banquet presentation.

I regret to add that I will not be available to serve as Vice President for the next few years. I'm finding that full time work does not leave me with much energy to devote to a number of volunteer activities, as well as the hobby of old radio restoration. I guess that's the reality of getting older. It is my sincere hope that upon retirement I will have the energy that I see in so many members of the organization, and that I will once again be able to participate more actively.

Lewis Brittain
HVRA Vice President

NEW HVRA MAILING ADDRESS

HVRA
2951 MARINA BAY DRIVE
SUITE 130 BOX 168
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS 77573

Buy, Sell, Trade, & Services OfferedWANTED

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.

I am trying to help others by providing a service that will help those who are trying to acquire items that have become no longer or un-sourceable. As I would like to help build a collection of items that can help you to return a radio back to a working condition. If you are needing an item that is needed to complete a radio maybe I can CAD design, and 3d print it. Currently I have 21 items listed on the website, and have been printed and used on radios like, Bulova, Grebe, RCA, Philco, Delco, Silvertone, Tempo-Tone, and others. There are more items but I have not added them. I do not intend to be in competition with those to sell knobs as a business but I have also created about 100 knobs which are not posted, but will provide a list to those who are interested. Some items can and some cannot be reproduced, but I am willing to try. If we are successful in creating an item, I will when offer for sale on my website.

This is my website address: <https://www.ebay.com/str/antiqueradioreplacementparts>

Ron Carroll (lottaradios@gmail.com)
Lott, Texas

From Brian Rogers, Author

Dear Houston Vintage Radio Association,

Please allow me to call your attention to my recently published book, "Adventures in Old Time Radio, Revised Edition."

It is a collection of broadcast radio history articles I have written over the past decade for "Great Lakes Monitor," the six-times-a-year publication of Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts (MARE).

A previous edition was published in 2016. The revised edition contains all the material in the 2016 edition plus nearly double more.

The text, laid out in 500- to 800-word chapters, has received good reviews.

I enclose a link to the publisher's website, xlibris.com. It is also available at Amazon.com

Sincerely,
Brian Rogers

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Vintage Sounds is located in the Market Place Antique Center, 10910 Katy Freeway, Houston, they service and repair vintage phonographs, radios, telephones, in addition to selling phonograph records, radios, phonographs, telephones, vacuum tubes, books, light bulbs, parts, and so much more.

Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10 AM - 6 PM. HVRA members 10% discount on radio items.

(713) 468-4911 www.vintagesoundshouston.com

Borden Radio Company website: <http://www.xtalmann.com> Antique Radio Schematic Service included in web-site. Crystal radio kits for sale. (281) 620 - 6692

Sargent Auction Service: www.sargentauction.com, Jims@sargentauction.com Jim Sargent, WA5QBR, Auctioneer, TX license 16135 Location: 200 Thomas Road, Granbury TX 76049

Allen Speaker Service: Speaker re-coning and repair, 919 W.19th St. Houston, (713) 862-2747.

Tom Granger Restorations, radio and phono cabinets. (281) 338 - 8277 (www.tomgranger@mac.com)

Ace Electronics: 3210 Antoine Drive Houston, TX 77092 713-688-8114 (www.ace4parts.com)

Electronic Parts Outlet (EPO): 3753 B Fondren Rd Houston, TX 77063 713-784-0140 (www.epohouston.com)

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