

HOUSTON VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION THE GRID LEAK

2024 2nd QUARTER: APRIL, MAY, JUNE (and July)

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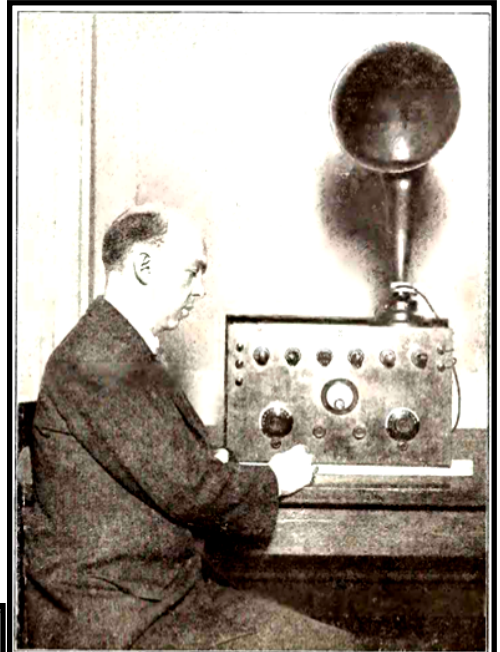
- An efficient Super-Heterodyne.
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A DISTINGUISHED RADIO FAN
HUDSON MAXIM, noted inventor, whose nephew Hiram Percy Maxim is President of the American Radio Relay League, listening in to the address of President Coolidge, from Hotel Belcaire.



ARMSTRONG'S SUPER-HETERODYNE
Maj. E. H. Armstrong, designer of the famous regenerative radio circuit, is here shown with the six-tube super-heterodyne outfit which he demonstrated at the Engineers Society of New York. The outfit uses dry cells and a tiny loop enclosed in the cabinet. He has heard 71,000 London, with the receiver. See other photograph.

No Monopoly in Broadcasting Says Secretary Hoover

I AM in receipt of many requests for my views as to issues now before the courts bearing on the control of radio broadcasting. While it is impossible for me to express any opinion on particular issues that are before the courts or the Federal Trade Commission I can state emphatically that it would be most unfortunate for the people of this country to whom broadcasting has become an important incident of life if its control should come into the hands of any single corporation, individual, or combination. It would be in principle the same as though the entire press of the country was so controlled. The effect would be identical whether this control arose under a patent monopoly or under any form of combination, and from the standpoint of the people's interest the question of whether or not the broadcasting is for profit is immaterial. In the licensing system put in force by this department the life of broadcasting licenses is limited to three months so that no vested right can be obtained either in a wave length or a license. I believe it is safe to say, irrespective of claims under patent rights on apparatus, that broadcasting will not cease and neither will our public policy allow it to become monopolized.

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SUIT CASE RECEIVER

Demand for good portable sets is going to be heavy from now on. The photograph shows Miss Claire Patton with a six-tube receiver which is exceptionally compact. A loop aerial is contained in the small case. With head phones the outfit picks up stations 800 miles distant. The receiver was exhibited at the recent radio show in New York.

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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. As we enter the second quarter of 2024, we can look back on a successful 2024 Convention. This convention instituted a number of changes from previous years. The most significant was the new location. Additionally there were changes in auction layout, awards dinner, and in the competitions. While there were some "bumps in the road" with all of the changes, the majority of the feedback I've personally received has been very positive. There is more on the 2024 convention in this Grid Leak.

Due to facility unavailability, we will not have our April 27 and May 25 meetings at the community center. Instead, Houston's Electronic Parts Outlet (EPO) is graciously allowing us to have a combined Swap Meet and Auction in their back parking lot on those dates. As those dates approach, we will be sending reminders to the membership. So, if you intend bring items for swap or auction consider sending photos to our Editor Jerry Sirkin, for distribution to members.

Once again, in July. we will have a Mega Auction in Texas City in conjunction with the Tidelands Amateur Radio Society (TARS) Hamfest. The event will be held on Saturday July 13 at the Doyle Convention Center 2010 5th Ave. N. Texas City, TX 77581 from noon to 4PM. The TARS swap meet on the same day goes from 8AM to 2PM.

One final thought, as a nonprofit club we rely completely on the involvement of our members. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help the club. Without your help and commitment to the club, there wouldn't be a HVRA. So, as we go into what is now our 46th year, volunteers are still needed because you are the backbone of this club. Calls for volunteers, will be going out to the membership during the course of the year so please volunteer if you can.

2ND QUARTER 2024 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.

April

9th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

27th, Sat. 7AM–Noon. **SWAP MEET AND GENERAL MEETING and AUCTION AT EPO** (no program). Swap Meet begins at 7AM followed by Gen. Mtg and Auction approx.9AM.

May

14th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

25th, Sat. 7AM–Noon. **SWAP MEET AND GENERAL MEETING and AUCTION AT EPO** (no program). Swap Meet begins at 7AM followed by Gen. Mtg and Auction approx.9AM

June

11th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

22rd, Sat. Monthly General Meeting. Program: Record and Tape Collecting, Part 2, by Stephen Truch

July

Four Wednesdays in July....Oscilloscope Classes at EPO. Refer to page 4 in this GL.

9th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

13th, Sat. **HVRA MEGA AUCTION at TEXAS CITY. Doors open at 8AM, Auction 12 Noon – 4pm. Tidelands Texas City Hamfest in adjacent room 8am – 2pm.** Refer to HVRA Mega Auction later in this GL.

27th, Sat. Monthly General Meeting. Program TBA

HUMOR FROM THE SENIORIFIC NEWS (April 5, 2024)

A customer walked into my pharmacy asking for a particular nasal spray. "You know, that brand is very addicting," I warned her. "If its used for a prolonged period of time, your congestion can come back worse than before, prompting even further use.

"That's ridiculous", scoffed the woman. "I've been using it every day for years.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP?**DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST GRID LEAK NEWSLETTER.**

- In order to continue as an HVRA member and participate in HVRA activities, all members must have renewed their 2024 membership prior to or at the February 2024 Annual convention.
- New members joining HVRA during the 4th quarter (Oct – Dec) of 2023 will have their membership extended thru 2024 at no additional cost.
- After the February 2024 convention, all members will be on a universal membership expiration date that expires the day prior to the 2025 convention date.
- In order to remain on the current HVRA rolls and retain the same bidder number, you are requested to renew your 2024 membership prior to May 31, 2024.

Questions concerning your membership status or renewal date please contact Brett Martin, HVRA Treasurer, at bmartin@tilsonhome.com or 713-408-2505; or Jerry Sirkin (GL Editor) at gsirkin@aol.com or 281-844-4124.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Bernard	Katy	Jennifer Eppel	Willis, TX	Anthony Jonek	Houston
Ryan Manninen	Katy	Keith McManus	Lewisville, TX	Sam Saenz	Katy

WELCOME BACK

David Cox Tulsa, OK

OSCILLOSCOPE CLASSES AT EPO**FOUR WEDNESDAYS IN JULY**

In case you missed the first round, an HVRA club member will again present the basics of using an oscilloscope at EPO during the four Wednesday's of July. The course starts at 2 PM and is intended to be progressive from the scope basics through its use on digital and analog circuit performance as well as radio alignment.

An early lesson will demonstrate basic Cathode Ray Tube, CRT, performance where there are no signal amplifiers nor trigger functions just to insure we have a foundation regarding this unique tube capable of a focused delivery of electrons towards a surface that glows in their presence.

This class is open to others in Houston as well as the HVRA members and questions are welcomed. Due to room size the class count may be limited to about 15 so make a plan and please let Chris Macha know your intents whether it be to attend OR to cancel. Of note is the fact that EPO has on hand scopes for sale some of which are known to have been refurbished and occasionally a few vintage pieces that just beg for replacement high voltage caps and the usual once over we provide on radios.

Watch the EPO website for details: www.epohouston.com

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

TEXAS CITY HAMFEST and HVRA 2024 MEGA AUCTION
DOYLE CONVENTION CENTER TEXAS CITY JULY 13, 2024



The Texas City "HAMFEST" hosted by TARS will be held in the Doyle Convention Center, 2010 5th Ave. North, Texas City. HAMS, DX'ers, collectors, tinkerers, and curious individuals will be on hand, swapping and selling throughout the center. You will find just about anything electronic among the many tables. HVRA will also have a table inside the air conditioned auditorium distributing newsletters and club brochures to all who stop for a visit, as well as selling a WWII vintage aircraft communication equipment. Plan to arrive around 8 AM or possibly earlier, to get a good place to park as the lot fills up fast. Food and drinks will be available inside. There is an admission charge of \$5.00 to enter the Hamfest area.

The HVRA Summer Mega Auction will start at 12 Noon in the adjoining Exhibit Room.

- All Mega Auction attendees not paying \$5.00 for the Hamfest must enter the Mega Auction room through the side hallway door, not through the Hamfest area.
- Set up of the Mega Auction will begin near 8AM; sellers may begin staging their items at 9AM. Please bring your items through the side hallway door, not through the Hamfest area.
- The Mega Auction will begin at 12 Noon.
- All items to be auctioned must be placed in the pre-auction area prior to 12 Noon. No late or last minute entries after 12 noon will be accepted for the auction. Ask auction handlers for assistance, if needed.
- Selling and bidding at this HVRA Auction is free to all active HVRA members.
- Everyone anticipating selling or bidding must register and receive a bid card with a bidder (seller's) number.
- All items presented for auction must be labeled with an HVRA seller's auction control form and contain the seller's number, lot number, an anticipated minimum acceptable bid, and a brief description. No item will be auctioned for less than \$10 unless declared as a donation to HVRA (by the seller).
- No items (bought, sold or passed) can be picked up until the conclusion of the auction, approximately at 4PM, when the check-out process begins.
- At check-out, all sellers will pay HVRA a 15% commission on each successful sale. Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card.
- For those attendees not active members of HVRA on July 13th. the Board has approved a "One Day Membership" for \$5.00. This will allow Hamfest and other non-member attendees to participate in the HVRA auction as buyer and/or seller.
- As in all HVRA events observers are always welcome.

Now is the time to round up those items that may be languishing in your attic or garage, (NO JUNK, PLEASE). If you have questions, contact Joe Gernand at 281-723-1984 or at gernandjoe793@gail.com. Additionally, we will send an email blast (in early June) showing a manifest of items HVRA controls from estates that we intent to auction. If you would like any of your auction items to appear in this manifest blast, please contact Jerry Sirkin at 281-844-4124 or gsirkin@aol.com.

2024 HVRA Convention

Convention Chairman's Report by Ric Slater (HVRA VP)

The 2024 HVRA Radio Club Convention is now behind us. The event was very successful though we were forced to eliminate some of the parts we have enjoyed in the past, like free snacks, a room for the presentations, a formal banquet and a second room for swap meet tables for our members. We needed to avoid losing \$4300 like the previous year. The process started last summer, when Joe had asked me to put a committee together to discuss what parts of the convention would be critical to its success and what parts were not as critical. Lance Borden, Randy Anderson, David Brown and I got together for lunch and came up with a list that was discussed at the following board meeting. Randy came up with a few possible locations, on the west side of town, that might keep the travels to a reasonable trip for members coming from outside the Houston metroplex, such as Dallas, San Antonio and Baton Rouge. The two of us spent a fun day scoping out his list and came up with the Marriot West Chase as a pretty good candidate. After a few meetings with the Marriot, we came up with what we thought would do the most for the club at a price we could afford. Compared to the 2023 Greenspoint location, we were able to drop the hotel price by about \$3000, which we hoped might let us break even. As it turns out, we did not have as many higher priced items or estates as in past years and we still lost about \$2000. As a first-time convention chair, I had no idea what went into putting a convention together. My thanks to Lewis Brittain and Jerry Sirkin for helping me navigate the obstacles.

That said, there were a lot of positives that came out of the convention. Nicer hotel and better security were some of the comments. The rooms for the convention area were slightly smaller, but still worked well. We were contracted to have 40 room nights without any penalty, and we ended up with 68 which also got about \$120 refunded to the club. The transition to this hotel had a few missteps and we will correct those in the future, but overall things went well. The contest room was a great success with 4 new members entering exhibits while Ed Mustoe entered ten (count them ten) categories! Here is Tom Taylor's (contest chair) quote that appeared in the HVRA Facebook page. *"Congratulations fellows. You brought this club the best variety, quality, and preparation WE may ever see. I DON'T recall a time when visitors crowded contest room aisles NOR when table surfaces were so well covered with your presentation material. Even Jim Sargent had positive similar comments."* There wasn't a square foot of table space after the room was setup. Photographs of the exhibits can be found in this GL and on the HVRA facebook page.



TECHNICAL PROGRAM FRIDAY AM

Jim Sargent, VRPS President, presented the technical program to about 35 attendees on Friday morning. If you know Jim, you are aware of his passion for collecting vintage radios and communications equipment and his impressive knowledge about the history of the development of these items. Jim’s opening remarks characterized his deep interest in the development of the battery and its influence on the progress of 19th century communication. Jim’s presentation: “A history of batteries primarily used for telegraphy during the last half of the 19th century” was supplemented by his detailed battery jar exhibit and the understanding of the development of the chemistries designed by researchers as batteries became the support system for the growth of telegraphy and early radio.



Thanks To All The Volunteers

There was a lot of hard work done by many to make this convention a success. It is no small feat to make this type of event happen in a volunteer organization. So, a big thank you to the following members and non-members

Reception Table	Handlers	Recorders	Auctioneers	Contest	Project Leaders	New Location Committee
Joe Gernand	Randy Anderson	Joe Gernand	Walter Mose-ly	Tom Taylor	Randy Anderson	Randy Anderson
Pat Gernand	Jim Angus	Brett Martin	Jim Sargent		Joe Gernand	Lance Borden
Brett Martin	David Bertinot	Ron Soyland	Bill Werzner		David Herlinger	David Brown
Jessica Slater	Steven Best				Brett Martin	Ric Slater
Ric Slater	David Cox				Jerry Sirkin	
	Gilbert Hedge				Steve Scheel	
	Jordon Lagrone				Ric Slater	
	John Schmitt				Tom Taylor	
	Jerry Sirkin				Stephen Truch	
	Mike Slovan				Bill Werzner	
	Phillip So					
	Eric Stehl					
	Pat Zapalac					

Sunday Morning Swap Meet

The Sunday after the event had our usual Swap Meet which had a few members saying goodbye before heading home.



HVRA 2024 Convention Contest Results

Best of Show: Tom Burgess

Exhibitor's Choice: Tom Burgess

People's Choice: Joe Gernand

Best collection and Artifacts: Ed Mustoe

Best Vintage: Herlinger/Slater

Best Restoration: Ed Mustoe

Crystal Receivers

First – Ed Mustoe

Pre1928 Battery Receivers

First - Keith McManos
Second - David Brown

Prewar Consumer Radios

First - Ed Mustoe
Second - Jordan LaGrone

Post War Consumer Equip.

First - GE Stover
Second - GE Stover

Ugly Radios

First - David Cox
Second - Ed Mustoe

Vintage Computers/Computing

First – Ed Mustoe

Collectable and Historical Electronica

First - Dave Herlinger

Vintage/Antique Electronica Pre-1960

First - GE Stover
Second - Frank Haecker

Tube Type Televisions

First - Ed Mustoe

Kit Radios and Equipment

First - Lance Borden

Hi-Fidelity Equipment

First - Joe Gernand
Second - Ed Mustoe

Amateur Radio Equipment

First - Ed Mustoe

Military Electrical and Electronic Equipment

First - Ed Mustoe
Second - Tom Burgess

Crosley Convention Theme

First - Slater/Herlinger
Second - Burgess

Components/ Vacuum Tubes

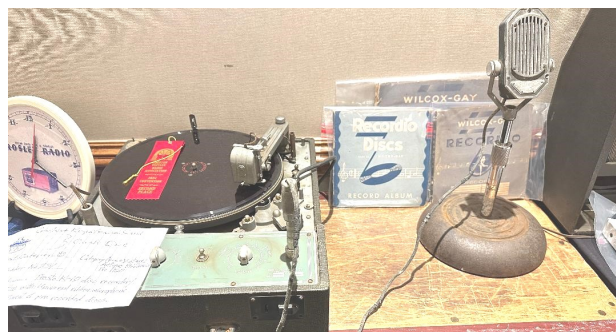
First - Tom Burgess

Open Display

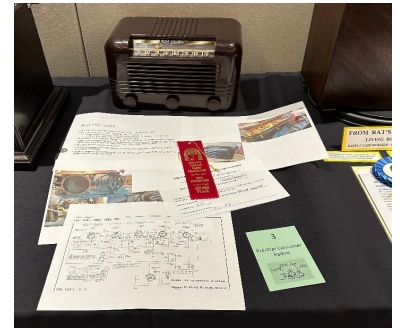
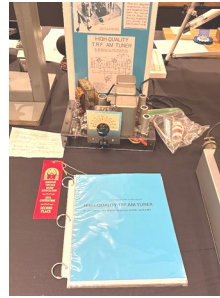
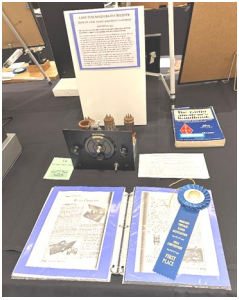
First - Reid Shipp
Second - Burgess/Herlinger

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS REPRESENT SEVERAL OF THE WINNING EXHIBITS
(NOT IN ANY SPECIFIC ORDER)

APOLOGIES IF WE OMMITTED ANYONE'S WINNING ENTRY



ADDITIONAL CONTEST PHOTOS



Enjoying some break time during the HVRA 2024 Convention



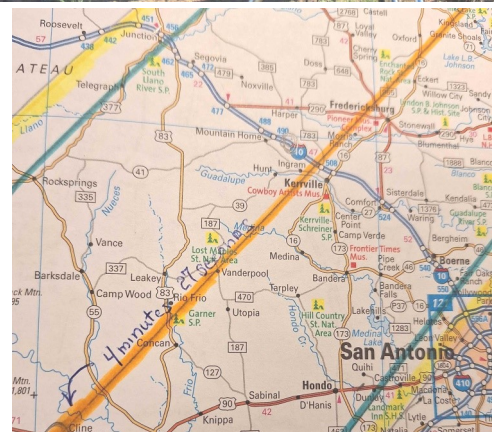
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VRPS Brd Members: David Seymour;
Mike Grimes, HVRA President Joe Ger-
nand ; VRPS President Jim Sargent

L – R:
Ed Janssen, John Schmitt, Gilbert Hedge

1st QUARTER 2024 EVENTS

JANUARY 27th GENERAL MEETING

In preparation for the anticipated Solar Eclipse on April 8th, David Herlinger gave a presentation showing his experience with friend Bob Menius, during the August 21st, 2017 event, in Wyoming. Using their telescopes in 2017, they captured several phases of the eclipse which David explained in great detail during our meeting. Several minutes were spent discussing the details of Totality along the path shown on the attached map.



See Next Page
For David's
2024 Eclipse
Update

MARCH 23rd GENERAL MEETING



Joe Gernand presented the beginning steps he took to develop his 3-D printing skills. The discussion included comments and questions from several members regarding printing time, materials, and costs. The Saturday morning auction followed



Did You See the Great Eclipse of 2024?

By Dave Herlinger



If you attended the January HVRA meeting, and didn't doze off when the lights dimmed and the slide show began, you saw my presentation regarding how and where to safely observe the total solar eclipse when it would pass through Texas. I have been an amateur astronomer since childhood in the 1950's, and as an adult, I have made attempts to view a total solar eclipse four times (1970, 1972, 1979, and in 2017). The first was a solo motorcycle trip to Florida from Ohio, another to Prince Edward Island in Canada, one more from Oklahoma to Manitoba, Canada, and the last from Texas to Wyoming. The first two were obscured by clouds. The second two were cloud-free and truly amazing experiences. So, in case you were wondering, what happened to me on April 8?

As my wife Nancy and I were driving east to Del Rio from remote Sanderson on the edge of the Chihuahuan Desert, the blue skies of arid west Texas were rapidly cloaked in low clouds spitting a wet mist on the bug-spattered windshield. At that point, I had pretty much resigned myself to being shut out of an astronomical spectacle. Bummed, but not giving up hope, I stopped the truck and pulled up a satellite cloud imagery sequence for Texas. I noticed a possible clearing in those clouds to the south that was streaming toward Bracketville, a town in the path of totality. Once there, we spotted a sign for Kickapoo Caverns State Park, 22 miles north of town. My wife of 50 years, Nancy, said that if we weren't able to see the eclipse, we might as well visit a state park we had never seen. I had proposed to her on that 1972 cloudy eclipse trip to Canada. Clearly, I married the right woman. Following her suggestion turned out to be a most excellent idea!

After being stopped at two Border Patrol checkpoints on a lonely road, we arrived at the park office, showed our park pass, and joined a small group of campers, park staffers, and a couple of the Border Patrol officers. It was an impromptu gathering of folks with their eclipse glasses, tee shirts and hats, lawn chairs, and a telescope manned by a young woman in a park service uniform. I assembled my 8-inch Celestron Schmidt Cassegrain telescope with its solar filter securely taped on with blue masking tape, hooked up a battery to the drive, and tried to find the Sun in the eyepiece. I saw nothing! The low clouds were racing by as the last few minutes of the partial eclipse phase wound down. Although I had a means of attaching my phone camera to the scope, I decided not to squander the fleeting moments of totality fiddling with a camera. Suddenly, with literally only seconds before the solar disc was completely blocked, a hole in the clouds appeared and I watched through my telescope as the last sliver of the brilliant photosphere disappeared and twilight turned into night. Even though there was a thin film of high cirrus clouds, the brilliant "diamond ring effect" quickly gave way as the corona appeared and the "dayglow pink" of prominences could be seen with the naked eye. The prominences, loops of hydrogen following immense magnetic fields, give off a single wavelength of red hydrogen alpha light, and they looked like tiny fiery pink spikes below the blue-white halo of the corona.

When this happened, the crowd of young and old simultaneously began cheering, and laughing (and perhaps, even a few tears shed) at this incredible mesmerizing and emotional experience! Some had to be reminded that the eclipse glasses could now be taken off and that everyone could safely look up. I was yelling myself, not believing the stroke of luck after enduring two hours of dense cloud cover. Looking away from the spectacle for a few seconds, I was able to see Venus in the dark sky. I know I had the biggest grin on my face. I just kept saying that I can't believe it. The clouds went away. We are really seeing this!

Then, as I knew had to be, the end came after what seemed a much too short period of time. I yelled out "Look west, here comes the daylight back!". The clouds on the horizon began to brighten, and totality was ended. Everyone was smiling, laughing, patting each other on the back, little kids were running around, and this group of strangers in a remote Texas state park, giddy with what they had witnessed, were briefly bonded by a few moments of wonder and amazement that would leave a memory for life. I hope that some of you were able to see it too!

WANTED

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.

Ron Carroll (lottaradios@gmail.com)

Lott, Texas

REMINDER

NEW HVRA MAILING ADDRESS

HVRA

2951 MARINA BAY DRIVE

SUITE 130 BOX 168

LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS 77573

Sitting at home with nothing to do? Are all of your restoration projects completed? Do you still have questions about difficult electrical repairs to your prized radio(s)?

Well, fear not Mr. Collector. The HVRA CD - ROM awaits your attention. Indexed for easy use and filled with 31 years of HVRA Grid Leak articles your answers and vast amounts of general vintage radio information is just a small investment away. Each CD is \$10

Please contact Ric Slater, HVRA Historian and you will be rewarded with more information than one man should ever know.

SERVICES OFFERED

Vintage Sounds

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.xtalan.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)

Electronic Supply Company of Texas City 1524 Texas Avenue, Texas City. 800-451-7532; 409-945-4401; www.electronicssupply.com

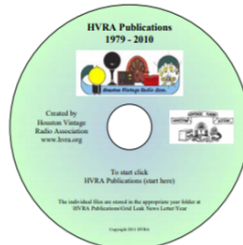
Every nature of major brand wire and associated interconnects for data for video/audio signal transfer; handheld instruments for troubleshooting and process monitoring as well as both digital and analogue panel instruments; Unique items include the Fox n Hound Circuit Tracer, Insulation Tester, IR Thermometer, RTD measurement and communications diagnostic; variable lab quality power supplies for the bench and fixed voltage for remote location.

Lonesome Frog Records Market Place Antiques 10910 Katy Freeway #208 Houston, TX 77043 Bill Syrell, Owner 832-724-0634; wsyrell1@gmail.com



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A matrix that allows the single click access to any HVRA Publication
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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, jjpanthes@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 Editor

I began collecting vintage radios in 1968 and soon became interested in the radio clubs and the publications available through mailouts from several organizations. With only minor subscription fees or dues, I was able to keep my postman busy stuffing my mailbox with literature designed to teach me restoration techniques, meeting notices, auction results, and more advertisements and classifieds than I could digest.

Fast forward 56 years and here I am still reading some of those ancient articles and newsletters. Over the past 20 years, the radio collecting community has seen an increase in digital formats of early radio and communication magazines, electronic books, manuals and repair guides, newsletters, etc.

But another format has entered our collecting universe and has influenced our ability to expand our collections, improve our knowledge, meet other collectors, provide a way of spending our savings quicker than ever before.....
THE ONLINE AUCTION. Yes, TOA, or as my wife has labeled AYKM (Are You Kidding Me).

These auctions have given us a national and worldwide connection to others with similar interests; with the quick touch of a computer key or cellphone screen, we can spend money quicker without much forethought and planning as our emotions take charge of our muscle movements and render us the euphoric feeling of success or the emptiness of "Buyer's Remorse."

The fantastically enjoyable part of these electronic auctions and sales is that we find expertly run events with well described items by knowledgeable auction staffs and a sufficient auction periods for the participants to do their research before bidding.

So if you haven't had much exposure to these opportunities, here are some examples:

- Sargent Auction Services
- WARDLOW auctions Inc.
- Texas HiBid Auctions
- A.R.C. (Antique Radio Classified) Books and DVD sales
- AWA (Antique Wireless Association)
- LiveAuctioneers
- Rogers Auctioneers
- Cledis Estes Auctions

and many more.....yes...including Ebay.

Enjoy your collecting experiences and let me know of your successful purchases, discoveries, and disappointments.

Regards,
Jerry Sirkin