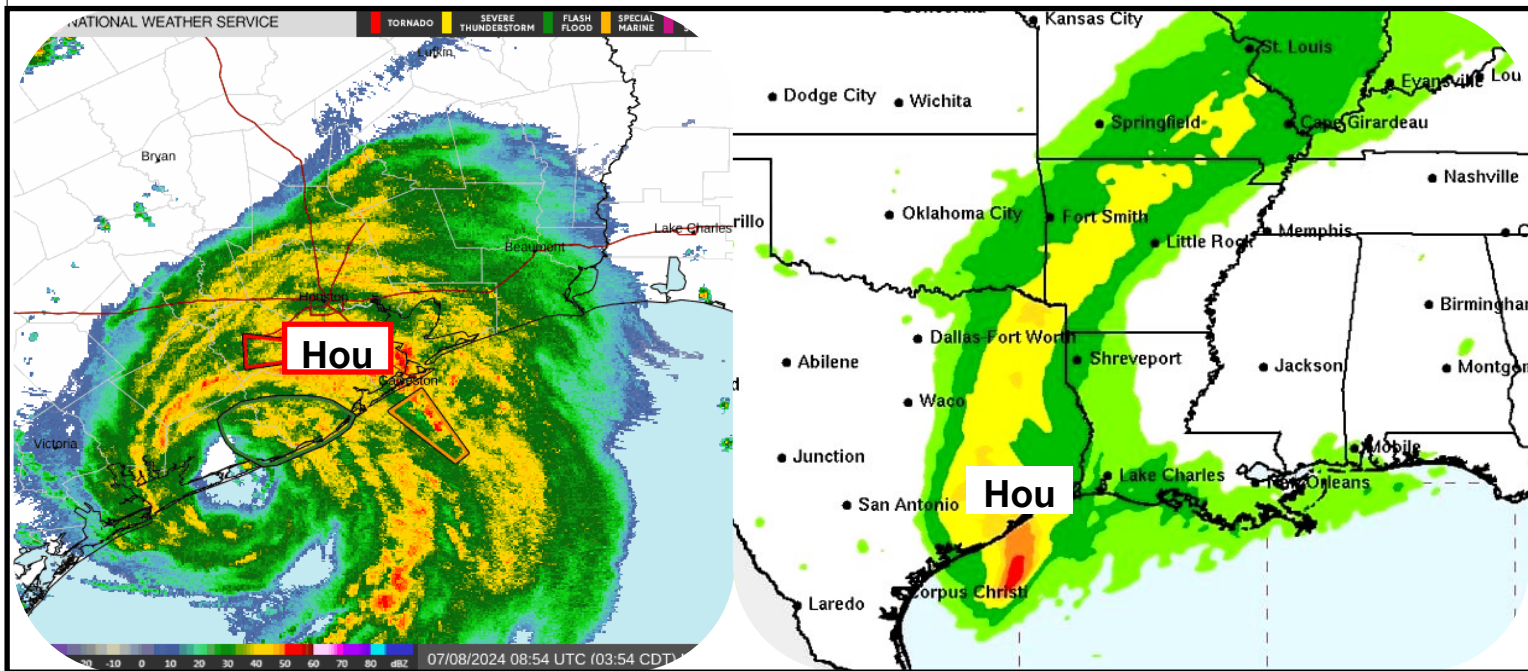


# HOUSTON VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION *THE GRID LEAK*

2024 3rd QUARTER: JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER (and October)

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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.

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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

**HVRA BOARD MEMBERS**

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## President's Message by Joe Gernand



Hi everyone. When the Bayland Community Center was unavailable for two of our monthly meetings this past quarter, EPO allowed us to hold those events in their parking lot. Their willingness to host us was a great relief to us all. Thank you, EPO! Without your help we might have needed to cancel 2 monthly meetings.

Now in the third quarter, of 2024, summer is truly upon us and we will be able to hold all of our events in doors. During this quarter our regular monthly meetings will be held as usual at the Bayland Community Center. The results of the annual Texas City "Mega Auction" on July 13<sup>th</sup> will be discussed later in this Grid Leak. Needless to say, Hurricane Beryl had a large influence on attendance and auction participation. I'd like to thank all members who were able to attend, especial our Mega Auction volunteers. Due to future election activities at Bayland Park, our October monthly meeting will be a swap meet at Mike Payne's Alvin location (details to follow).

For personal reasons, Ric Slater will be standing down as Vice President and as Club Historian. I personally will greatly miss Ric's leadership, help and support. He has been an active participant on the board, the lead organizer of the convention, and record keeper as historian. Ric, Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the club.

In past Grid leaks, I've talked about the club's need for its members to volunteer and those needs still exist. So here are some chances to volunteer:

Elections for board positions will be held during the September meeting. More on which positions and their responsibilities can be found in this Grid Leak.

Handlers and auction support are needed for our monthly meetings. Contact Randy Anderson to Volunteer

Our Treasurer Brett Martin needs an assistant during auctions. If you are interested in assisting Brett during auctions, please contact him or myself.

Because Ric is stepping down this July, we need some temporary support in his positions until elections. If you are interested in in these positions now would be a good time to get started. Contact Ric or myself if you are interested.

Finally, I am going to repeat myself from last quarters Grid Leak:

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 46<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 3RD 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.**

### July

9th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

13th, Sat. Texas City Mega-Auction; TARS Hamfest 8am – 2pm; HVRA Auction 12pm noon – 4pm.

27th, Sat. 8AM – 11AM Mo. Gen. Mtg, **Program: Collecting Records and Tapes, Part 2 by Stephen Truch;** Auction

### August

10th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

24h, Sat. 8AM-11AM: Mo. Gen. Mtg, **Program: Bring Anything You Collect To Talk About (Radio or Non Radio);** Auction

### September

11th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

28th, Sat. 8AM-11AM: Mo. Gen. Mtg, Annual Meeting Reports; Elections (see details in this GL)

**Program: Early Seismic Acquisition Apparatus by Randy Anderson;** Auction

### October

8th, Tue. Board of Directors Meeting

26th, Sat. Swap Meet at Mike Payne's Alvin Location (details to follow in October GL)

## ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTIONS

### SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Each September, we take time, during our General Meeting, to hear annual reports from Board Members and Committee Chairmen regarding their assigned duties as related to HVRA business and events.

**Additionally**, September is the month for electing volunteers to make a 2 year commitment to serve on the Board of Directors. During this September Meeting, the following 2 year term positions need to be filled: President, Treasurer, Historian, At Large Position 2, and At Large Position 4. Also, we are looking for a volunteer to complete the remaining 1 year as Vice President. Please refer to the following descriptions and duties for these positions as per the current By-Laws

#### **President (Term 9/2024 – 2026)                      Current President: Joe Gernand**

Paragraph 1. Shall lead the membership in a manner consistent with the Association objectives (**ARTICLE II**) and these By-laws.

Paragraph 2. Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.

Paragraph 3. Shall appoint all committees and chairpersons, except for those assigned to the Vice President.

Paragraph 4. Shall recommend, appoint, or remove the Association Auctioneer.

Paragraph 5. Shall appoint or be chairman of the program committee.

#### **Vice President (Remaining Term 9/2024 – 2025... 1 yr) Current V.P: Ric Slater**

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.

#### **Treasurer (Term 9/2024 – 2026)                      Current Treasurer: Brett Martin**

Paragraph 1. The Treasurer is the officer entrusted with the accounts and funds of the Association. These funds shall be maintained in a bank account as approved by the Executive Board. Signature authority on this account shall consist of the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer. Checks issued from this account will require one signature of authorization.

Paragraph 2. Shall maintain a detailed record of all transactions, collections, and disbursements of funds, goods, and Association dues. These records will be maintained in a form as approved by the Executive Board.

Paragraph 3. Shall keep an accounting of membership dues and assist the Editor in notifying members at least one month in advance of membership expiration.

Paragraph 4. Shall make records available for audits as directed by the Executive Board and shall make records available within five days for any special audit.

Paragraph 5. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Historian (Term 9/2024 – 2026)                      Current Historian: Ric Slater**

Paragraph 1. Shall maintain all historical records of the Association including one copy of each Association publication.

Paragraph 2. Shall maintain a copy of the Official history of the Association in a "scrap book along with suitable photographs and newspaper clippings regarding the activities of the Association and its members

#### **Representative at Large - Position Two (Term 9/2024 – 2026) Currently: Tom Taylor**

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

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

#### **Representative at Large - Position Four (Term 9/2024 – 2026) Currently: Steve Scheel**

Paragraph 1. Shall be responsible for working with assessment, coordination, and inventorying of estates that HVRA will assist with liquidation.

Paragraph 2. Shall maintain the HVRA policy for terms and condition that HVRA will enter into with estates. Said terms and conditions shall be voted on for approval by the Board of Directors.

Paragraph 3. Shall seek assistance from board members and other club members in the execution of their duties.

### TEXAS CITY HAMFEST and HVRA 2024 MEGA AUCTION RESULTS

This annual event was held in Texas City on July 13th. Unfortunately, this was only 5 days after Hurricane Beryl brought a path of destruction thru the Galveston–Houston– Woodlands metroplex, leaving behind, locally flooded areas, fallen trees, downed electrical wires, damaged residences. Since HVRA members and the general public were left with many days of power outages, boiling water notices, and cleanup from the energy expended by this Category I storm, we greatly effected in attendance and participation at both the Hamfest and the HVRA Mega Auction. Observers noticed that about half of the TARS Hamfest tables were vacant and only about 25 to 30 people participated in the HVRA Auction. Preliminary auction results indicate that HVRA hamfest sales and auction commissions were sufficient to pay our obligated \$250.00 facility charge. Although the results were not as anticipated, several participants found good deals at reasonable prices and sellers returned home with fewer items to take up space in garages, attics and closets.

A big thank you goes out to all of the members volunteering to help make this event successful and enjoyable: Joe Gernand, Randy Anderson, Ric Slater, Bill Werzner, Lewis Brittain, Gilbert Hedge, Mike Slovan, David Herlinger, Konrad Werzner, Stephen Truch, and Jim Angus (apologies if your name was not listed).

Our **NON-AWARD** for the member traveling the farthest goes to Ed Janssen from Lewisville Texas. Ed and his wife, Lois, attended as a stopping point while traveling thru S. Texas and Louisiana celebrating their 55th anniversary. Both Ed and Lois have been participants in HVRA events for decades and always bring warm smiles and friendly companionships on there visits to Houston.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Kritz, Houston

Suzanne Mundy, Fresno

Judy Pushkin, Houston

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

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

## More Radio Clubs

**Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club** www.dvhrc.com

**Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC)** President: Jim Collins, 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. wrightdoug70@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

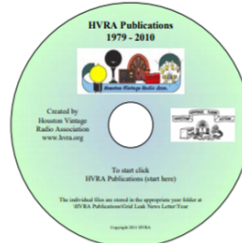
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