

# The Lure of Vintage Radio – Jim Pope-KG0PP

## Why the attraction?

Amateur radio has a rich history of innovation that spans back more than a century. It is important that we keep alive not only the memories of historic rigs, but keep the rigs themselves operating and on the air.

For many hams, we now can find the means to acquire the radios that were simply too expensive when we were younger. For some it may mean a classic Hartley transmitter from 1926, while for another the special vintage rig may be a Kenwood TS-520.



## Vintage Radio Nets

Times listed are winter standard time. In the summer some of the nets stay on the same UTC time, but others stay on the same local time.

Vintage SSB net	2000Z	Sunday	14.293
Collins net	2000Z	Sunday	14.263
Drake net	20000	Sunday	7.238
Hallicrafters net	1500Z	Wed	7.280
and	1800Z	Sunday	14.293
Heathkit net	2130Z	Sunday	14.293
Swan User net	2200Z	Sunday	14.251
Swan Tech net	2300	Wed	14.251
And	2300	Sunday	14.251

## Resources

### Periodicals

Electric Radio  
Old QST's

### Books

ARRL's "Vintage Radio"  
ISBN 0-87259-918-3  
lots of good info on cleaning and refurbishing old radios

"A Family Affair-The R.L. Drake Story"  
by John Loughmiller KB9AT  
ISBN 1-88212-326-3

"Heathkit-A Guide To The Amateur Radio Products" by Chuck Penson WA7ZZE  
ISBN 0-94301-623-1

"Radios By Hallicrafters" by Chuck Dachis  
ISBN 0-76430-807-6

### Websites

[www.colinsradio.org](http://www.colinsradio.org)

Collins Collectoors Association

[www.collinsra.com](http://www.collinsra.com)

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[www.wb4hfn.com](http://www.wb4hfn.com)

A good site for both Drake and Collins information  
[hug-a-bug.com/hallindx.html](http://hug-a-bug.com/hallindx.html)

Hallicrafters information

[www.vintageham.com](http://www.vintageham.com)

A terrific website showcasing transmitters from the 1920's and 30's