

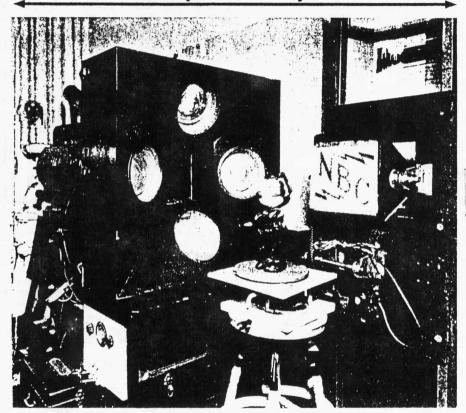
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Famous Feline First To Face The World

In 1928, our first television star, Felix The Cat, posed in front of an RCA camera, which was behind the square opening surrounded by the four floodlights. The papier-mache doll stood on a crank phonograph turntable that gave "life" to our talented performer as it rotated. A photograph of Felix as he appeared on a primitive sixty-line scanning television system is shown on page six. Today, Felix is alive and well, living in the museum of a private Radio/TV collector. (An RCA photo)

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It's the intention of this Editor to broadcast our journal bi-monthly just prior to the CRC meetings. Articles about and especially pictures of your treasures are welcomed as are wants/4-sale ads or any letters and comments about our great hobby. Pictures will be returned promptly if so requested. All materials used are copyrighted (©) property of the Colorado Radio Collectors' club.

The Editor will be happy to put together articles about your best finds, restoration and electrical repair techniques, or your recollections and stories about radio. Just provide a handful of information; you don't need to be a writer...get the information in!

Our club can only succeed when we share our talents, our needs, and our adventures; you're being asked to contribute in whatever way you can, as soon as possible, please. Thank you!! - Editor -

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(Radio News • October 1945)

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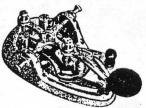
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(Radio & TV News . Nov. 1940)

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Dick Hagrman, C. R. C. President

Happy New Year!!

1 hope 1992 will be a good year for all of you...

The club wishes to extend a very large thank you to Bruce Young who has devoted three years to club offices; two years as President and one year as Treasurer. Bruce also set up and ran the very successful "Third Annual Antique Radio Show and Swap Meet" which was held last April. I know Bruce will continue to be involved in club activities. Again, thanks, Bruce, for your time and effort over the past three years.

We welcome Larry Weide as the club's new treasurer and I know you will all provide Larry with the same cooperation you gave Bruce. Should you have any questions about dues, etc., feel free to call Larry at 758-8382. Welcome aboard, Larry.

Riggs Smith and Rick Ammon continue to serve as Vice President and Journal Editor/Secretary, respectively, and I thank them for their efforts last year and look forward to working with them again.

Thanks, Contributors, For Your Support!!

Riggs Smith, Jerry Tynan, Dick Hagrman Our next scheduled meeting will be held at the Jefferson County Library on Sunday, January 12th at 1:00. Some of the items on the agenda are:

A report from the Rigg's Committee.

We'll try something new...like a raffle.

Dave Boyle's show and tell on restorations.

Discussion on what you want your club to be.

Upcoming events such as the April Show and Swap Meet.

Lee Bruton will give us a few words on the SCARS meet he recently attended in California.

And, of course, a swap meet after the regular club meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our first 1992 meeting. So, Happy New Year and maybe this will be the year when your long lost Uncle will call and say "I just found 23 old Philco cathedral radios in the basement of my hardware store. Come get them, if you want'em!"

(We'd like to thank Dick for volunteering again to be the leader of this mottly crew in '92. Some Presidents are born masochists. Your Editor)

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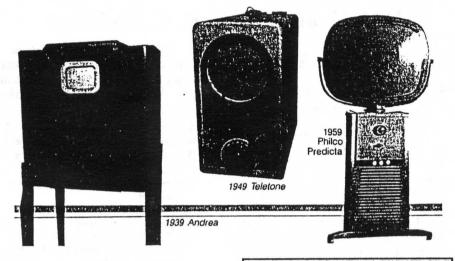


MEMBERSHIP NOTICE



The month and year next to your address on the back cover is your membership expiration date. Where appropriate please renew at this meeting or see the inside front cover of this journal.

(More) Pictorial Essay of Television





Felix's first TV appearance in 1928

Next Issue's Features

More TV Pictures and Stories....
Long-delayed feature about a
Computer Bulletin Board
devoted to Radio collectors...
A "Titantic" Wireless Story...

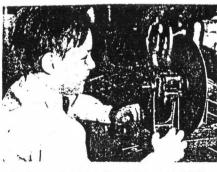
Here is more history of Television...

1897 Germany's Karl Braun makes first CRT scanning device

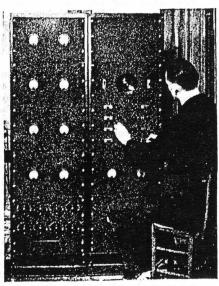
1907 Image reproduction using electro-magnetic scanning developed simultaneously in Russia and England

1927 Philo Farnsworth applies for patent on electronic TV system. Bell Telephone Labs demonstrates wireless TV between Whippany, N. J. and New York City

1928 First experimental TV station permits issued by Government



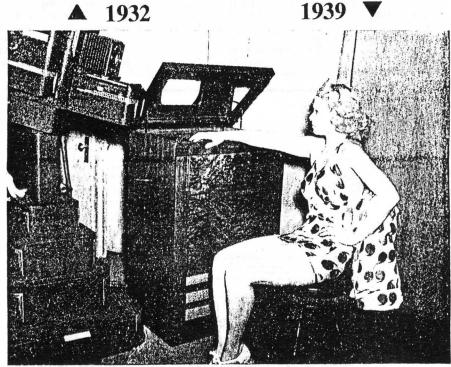
Lad uses Jenkins RadioVisor in 1929



An engineer watches the flying disc at old W2XCR-WGBS in New York City.



Just before the collapse of the pioneer efforts, this was the home set.



When Toby Wing was televised by Philco, she was the first person who was able at the same time to see just how the received picture looked.

C. Francis Jenkins "A Genius"

Held 300 Lucrative Patents

Devised Television, Radio. Aviation, Telephotography Aids

Motion Picture Projector Pioneer, Sold Rights for \$2500 in 'Failure'

C. Francis Jenkins, inventor of the Jenkins Radiovision, died in 1934 of a heart attack at the age of sixty-seven. Even though he'd been in ill-heath for three years prior to his death, he was still endeavoring to continue supervision of laboratory experiments in connection with his most recent development. a home motion picture and sound-recording camera.

Jenkins was one of the poincers in the motion picture industry. He devoted his early years attempting to turn the motion picture into amusement, failing so utterly in 1894 that he sold his patent for a mere \$2500. About the same time Thomas Edison was working on various other phases of the new device.

Born of Quaker parents in Dayton, Ohio, Jenkins intently studied wireless and aviation in their earliest days, going on to provide many benefits for television more than thirty

years after his death. During the 1960's and 70's, NASA utilized the basic considerations of Jenkin's scanning disc TV on the Apollo moon shots due the improved clarity it presented over the "flying spot" CRT principles of contemporary commercial television!

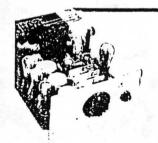
His inventions were various from a motor-driven lawn mower, automobile tire chains, and a check protector. The invention that probably brought him the most money was the spiral-wound paper container for liquids, being one invention, he admitted in

later years, least interested him.

After the Great War, Jenkins devoted most of his time to radio and aviation. He became a pilot and while flying during a pleasure trip came up with the solution of transmission of pictures by wireless. First to produce photographs by radio and first to perfect a mechanism for viewing distant scenes by radio, Jenkins developed a highspeed motion picture camera by which pictures would be taken of fast-moving objects invisible to the eye. He patented a mechanism by which weather maps are sent to sea by radio. The radio beacon was another device Jenkins created which is largely responsible for aviation safety today.

For a number of years Jenkins Laboratories of Washington, DC, was the only radio station in the country specializing in television. Jenkins freeley predicted that "in a few years people will be able to see far-

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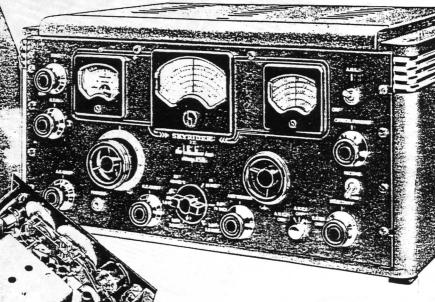


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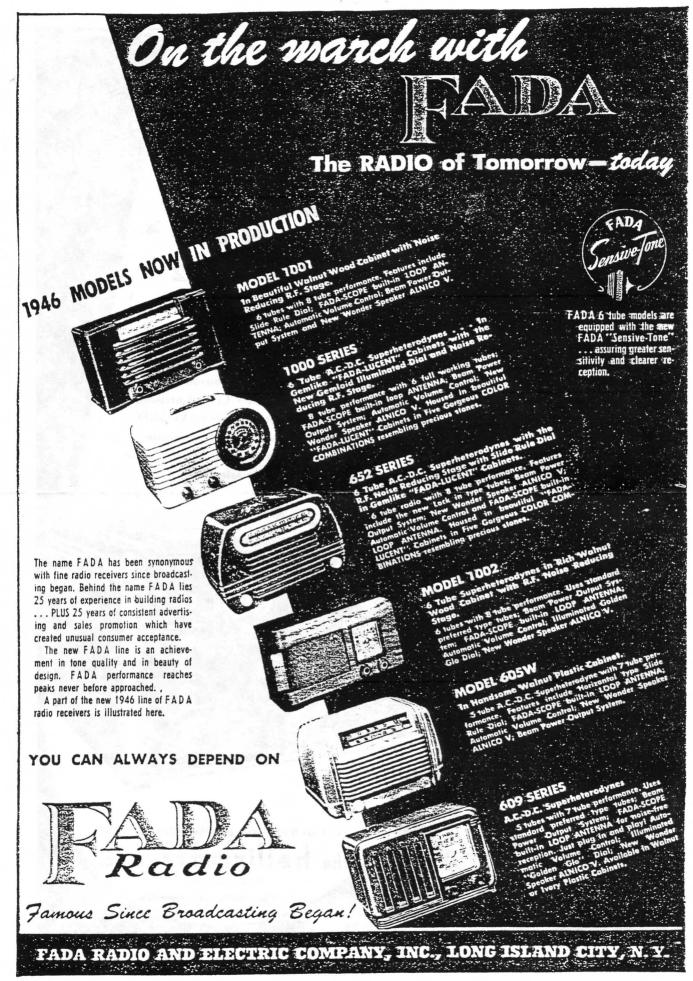


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Introducing....

Riggs Smith of Littleton

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The Smith family, including wife Bobbi, son Brian, and daughter Kerri,

has been very afflicted by this radio hobby only since June 1989. But the one hundred eighty sets and two thousand tubes have assumingly taken over his home and his basement where Riggs invites us to see his museum pieces.

Riggs defends his radio craziness by the fact he likes to restore wood work. Old consoles and table models fit the bill and present other challenges, too. "Just the appearance of nice, old radios" and meeting "some nice people who collect" are the reasons Smith started and is motivated enough to keep collecting. "I saw old radios, part of a collection, in one of my customer's offices and decided I wanted one!", Riggs reflects. (He did not tells us what he does for a living.)

Cathedrals, tombstones, and consoles are his favorites. About Zenith, Atwater Kent, Philco, Crosley, and Scott radios, Riggs tells us, "I like these because they are the classics, and the hardest to find".

As far as restoration of his sets is concerned, he says "I enjoy working with woods. In fact, for two years after graduation from college, I taught woodworking in junior high and high schools. I enjoy stripping and refinishing old cabinets".



His best find? "A man called me with eight radios for sale. Most were in nice shape and worked. One of those was a Scott twenty-three tube All Wave in nice a cabinet. required no restoration as it was found

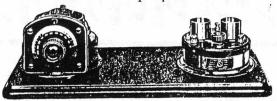
covered with a tarp in a chicken house. I bought all eight at bargain prices!"

Riggs is one of the most active members of our club, having been Vice President during the past year and recently volunteered for another VP term for the coming year. He's given club presentations and contributed to the CRC Journal numerous times.

Riggs concluded the questionaire with the following statement: "Though my wife doesn't understand my addiction for radios. She's very supportive of my hobby. I thank her for that!"

ATWATERKENT

Radio Equipment



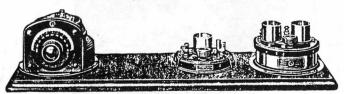
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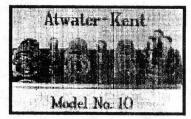
Most Interesting Finds

This feature needs your support. We all have these "Best Find" stories and the CRCs would like to know yours! Don't be shy or humble! Get all the details to your C. R. C. Editor now.

It was very disappointing, after having collected wireless and early battery sets exclusively for six years, that I hadn't even been close to getting an Atwater Kent breadboard. It was 1975 and I lived in an area of the U. S. rich in old radios. I attended auctions week after week and got lots of stuff, but no AK BBs!

At every sale, I would talk to anyone who wanted to listen to a would-be old

radio collector. auction, I began to tell about an old radio wooden cabinet, set had tubes which off a wooden base. Of assured me he'd never crazy looking as what said he'd call if he did. thought, as confused



During one boring an antique dealer without the typical illustrating that the stuck straight up course, this dealer seen anything as I described, but "Sure, sure!" I as he was he'd

probably call me if he found a light bulb in a porcelin socket and because I was

looking for this particular set, he'd want a mint if he ever found one!

Surprisingly, the very next week he called saying he'd found not one but two of those "funny looking" sets. He said they had "Model 5600" (or some such strange numbers) printed on them. I looked through every source I had (pretty limited in those days) and, yet, could find no AK reference number even close to that except for the 1930s sets. But, he was sure they were what I wanted, even though his description was lousy. I figured maybe he'd found an old cathedral chassis or two in a junkyard. When I got to his house, you can imagine my glee as I eyed two mint AK 10C breadboards on his table along with three matching AK gooseneck speakers and several other old miscellaneous accessories!

I bought everything for an amazing \$35! Wait! There's more! The dealer admitted he'd made money, getting both sets and all parts at an auction (one I couldn't attend) the very next day after I'd talked to him. He'd paid "under \$10" for all because other dealers wouldn't even bid. The punchline? He said they actually laughted at him for wasting his money on junk radios without cabinets nobody'd want. He was really concerned I wouldn't either for the same reason! Oh, if he only knew!! Your Editor.



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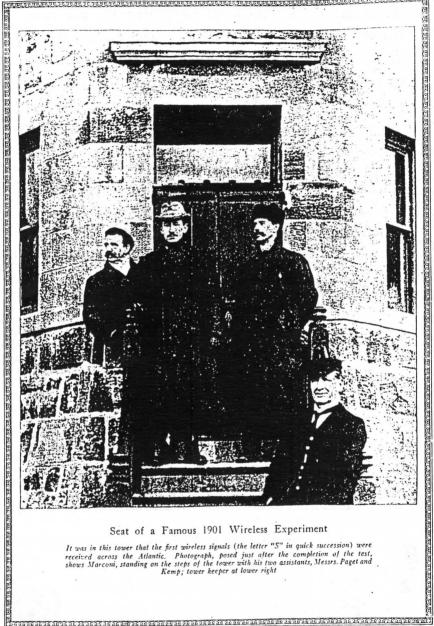
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Seat of a Famous 1901 Wireless Experiment

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Electrical Men of the Times

Guglielmo (William) Marconi

(Taken) in part, from an article in Modern Electrics dated 1909, allowing us to step back in time and see how a then contemporary hero was viewed. Editor)

"Marconi did not invent the wireless telegraph, as is popularly believed. He did, however, perform the great service of making the first practical application of the wireless telegraphy to commercial uses. In other words, Marconi is a human benefactor by actually leading the way in the development of a new art which is becoming increasingly useful to man inn its practical applications.

"Wireless simple in its principle...(the) sent flying out of by the generator of spark, in a storm elements, to be the antennae or attuned receiving But it took a even dare to these ether which others had could be generated

"Guglielmo born only thirty-[in 1875 Ed.]... menting in boy...was but he began to devise show an electric in any given



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follow an undeviating course without need of a wire.

"He continued his electric work for his love of it, and he received his greatest reward on that memorable day, December 12, 1901, when he received, at Signal Hill, Newfoundland, three little clicks, the dots of the letter "S", signalled by prearrangement from the coast of England, two thousand miles across the waters of the Atlantic.

"The inventor is a man of medium stature, high strung, yet deliberate and of great nervous and mental activity....a practical business organizer, being the controlling head of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company now operating for the conduct of business in the United States and leading countries in Europe.

"Marconi is a quiet man, of a keenly sensitive disposition. He doesn't speak much. But he uses the power of direct thought upon the work in hand. He overcame great material obstacles, laboring faithfully into mastery at last, and a new application of knowledge has been made to add strength and zest to the life of man."

(Picture on the opposite page is from Radio News • Jan. 1932)

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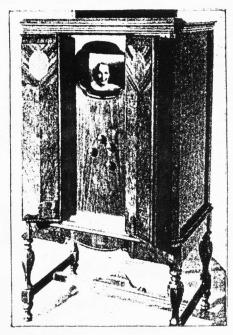
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