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# From a Winter Project to a Prize Winner The Saga of a 1925 Music Master Radio

by Wayne Gilbert, CRC Member

When Mark Dittmar offered to sell a part of his radio collection on the CRC reflector a few months ago, the entry for a 1920s battery set was not high on the list. Other radios virtually crowded it out, and pricing the radio at \$35 was Mark's diplomatic way of informing everyone that it was a winter project radio, not to be confused with the good radios listed above. I'm not a very talented restorer, and I have

winter projects still on the shelf from past years, but for some reason I could hear the radio calling out to me.

When I called Mark, he assured me that he had acquired this radio from a very respectable family, who had tuned it only to legally stations in licensed Denver metropolitan area, on Sunday evenings. To say I was skeptical would be an understatement. but when Mark assured me that electrons of rock and roll music had never flowed through this radio's circuits, I

knew, without a doubt, that this radio was meant to live at my house. We agreed upon a time and place for the transfer of ownership, and I started digging through my sock drawers looking for squirreled away quarters and other coins of the realm.

I arrived at Mark's house the following Sunday morning, cash in hand. Initially I was a little concerned at the sight of the pealed veneer and the abundant accumulation of dust, but Mark assured me that these small defects were only the patina that masked the fact that this was a one-owner radio, and a prize winner just waiting to be restored. Not too sure that others would see this radio in the same light, I left it stored in the garage, behind a cardboard box of Xmas decorations. For the next several weeks I visited it only on those days when no one else was around. None of us had forgotten my last radio bargain, a Boulder radio whose only connection to Boulder turned out to be that was where it had been repaired in the early 1940s. I still maintain it would have been a good buy, if it had been a Boulderadio.

While removing 25 years of patina dust, I noticed that my new radio lacked tubes, and not just

any tubes, but those very expensive short pin 199s. Never having had a radio that used 199s before, it came as quite a shock to me to learn that there were two varieties of 199 tubes, the UX199 with long pins, and the UV 199 with short pins. Both have the same pinout arrangement and same electronic characteristics, so neither can be replaced by an 01A, nor one of common, less expensive. modern triode substitutes. Although I had some misgivings about the availability and cost of these tubes, I soon found several

CRC members who offered to sell me a set of tested UV199s at a fair price, and Bill Grimm was even gracious enough to give me with a dud from his box of surplus tubes.

After arranging for the tubes, I next began looking for information about, and maybe even a schematic for, a Music Master radio. I quickly found **Continued on Page 3** 



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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Open Trunk Classified Advertisements

Hello to all CRC members,

Well, it is springtime in the Rockies, so that means spring-cleaning. So clean out your workrooms, basements, garages and bring these goodies to the raffle for the May meeting in Castle Rock. Of course there is always the possibility of bringing home more than you brought to the meeting!

I am writing this before the April show, but I am going to assume that we had a very successful show and everyone had a good time, and congratulations to the winners this year. I also want to thank all of those who helped with this year's show. The show results and photos are included in this issue.

I am not going to make any specific reference to my age, but it sure seems like the time is flying faster than usual. It is not too early to start thinking about the auction and what you might like to sell or try to buy.

As usual I am always looking for interesting programs, demonstrations, or other activities to have at the club meetings so please continue to look or work on things that we might be able to do.

As I will with every letter, I encourage you to provide articles for the flash!

See you May 15th!

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Annual membership in the CRC runs from <u>June to</u> <u>June</u>. Annual dues entitles members to a full year (6 issues) of the club publication "The Flash!". Membership provides participation in club events such as the annual April Show, mid-summer picnic, October auction as well as our semi-monthly meetings and swap meets. Dues also entitle you to club officer elections, excellent discount prices on current hobby publications and the Antique Radio Classifieds annual subscription raffle every May!

Current annual dues are \$12. New memberships will be prorated to renewal on the following June, i.e new members joining in May should submit \$12, in December \$5, etc.

#### **CRC MEETINGS**

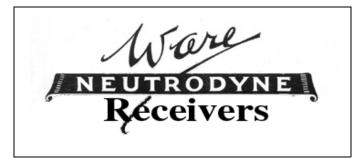
Meetings are held on the second Sunday of every other month starting in January (except 3rd Sunday of May) at 1:00pm. The meetings consist of business, "show & tell", raffles, swap meets, technical discussions and

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a notation in Bunis' books that the Music Master Corporation had gone out of the radio business in 1926, after several years of mismanagement, but it was Alan Douglas who had more to say about the Music Master Corporation, and it was from his books that I learned the Music Master name was originally a trademark of the Sheip and Vandergrift company and used on their wooden phonograph horns. As the demand for external phonograph speakers decreased, the company fell into financial difficulties.



In 1924, a Mr. Walter Eckhardt purchased the company, revived the trade name and began to sell horn speakers for radios. Eckhardt, whose personally stated goal in life was quoted as, "I am after fame.....", seems to have been somewhat of a wheeler-dealer, who soon renamed the company to the Music Master Corporation, and set about expanding the company into the radio manufacturing arena. His expectations and plans were very grand, but he soon found that in reality he would have to subcontract the actual radio construction to other, smaller companies, whose products were often delivered late, and too often delivered defective.



Some of the Music Master Corporation radios were manufactured by the Ware Radio Corporation, but most, if not all, of these radios were never delivered. Finally, in frustration, Eckhardt canceled Ware's contract, forcing Ware to sell 15,000 undelivered model 50 Music Master radios to Gimbles Department Stores at a huge discount. The loss of the contract ruined Ware financially and the loss of the radios ruined Music Master, forcing both corporations out of business.

A picture with a description of one of the Ware model 50 radios sold to Gimbles at a discount confirms the identity of my radio, enabling me to

find a copy of the radio's schematic. Now the real restoration work could begin.

Bob Stutzman agreed to restore the cabinet, and



had to began by re-gluing it back together. Dave Boyle contributed a piece veneer large enough to re-do the cabinet's top, and the rest is a story of sanding, staining, toning, more gluing, lacquering, and rubbing. Few can equal the quality of Bob's work, nobody has more patience and gives more attention to detail. The

result shows in a beautifully restored cabinet!

Larry Weide was bribed with a lunch, and the



electronic restoration began. Since all the battery wire leads were factory identified as to their purpose, the radio chassis was quickly connected

to power, and measurements showed all voltages in order. Further tests showed that all pots and switches made good contact, and no transformers were open or shorted. A signal generator quickly identified the location of several local stations on the tuning dials, (which were not calibrated in frequency) but when a long wire antenna was attached the radio it immediately began to play foreign music! The Mexican language stations that bracket KEZW were bleeding out of their assigned frequency ranges that afternoon, causing the first words to be spoken by my 1925 Ware radio, in 50 or more years, to be in Spanish!

After a bit more cleanup and retouching of the radio's front panel, the radio was ready to be reassembled and put on display. This radio had truly been transformed, by the work and generosity of many people, from a winter project to a prize winning radio.

### The CRC 2005 Annual Show and Contest Results by Larry Weide, CRC Member

On April 30 and May 1 the CRC held it's annual show and contest at the Southglenn Mall. Despite miserable weather, there were many visitors that enjoyed one of our best shows ever. This year there were 20% more contestants and 31% more entries than last year! In addition, this year's show space was twice as large and better lit than last year.

I want to particularly thank Dan Becker for preparing and printing the show ads that were

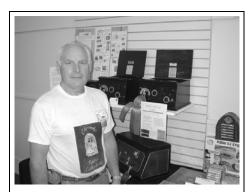
placed on every single table in the mall food court, and Rich Kuberski for printing the show posters that were place around the mall. I also want to thank Jerry Tynan and Barney wooters for their invaluable help in getting the show space set up on the previous Friday. **And, by all means**, I want to thank all those that participated and made this show a really worthwhile CRC activity.



**People's Choice** - Tom Puloit Zenith 12S265



**Best of Show** - Jerry Waterman Atwater Kent 509W



**Best Restoration** - David Boyle Crosley 52SD, 1924



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### Repairing Magnet Coils - Amazingly!

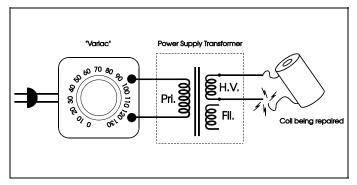
by Larry Weide, CRC Member

[This is an edited reprint of an article originally published in the CRC Flash, November-1998]

I wish I could tell you that I invented this practically miraculous procedure for repairing fine wire magnet coils, but in fact I'm only the bearer of good news. This information came down to me from discussions with CRC member Tom Pouliot and Mr. Dave Gonshor. Dave actually repaired a Radiola "Super 8" horn speaker magnet coil for me using this technique.

It's a good bet that many of you folks who collect some of the older "stuff" have run into the situation of having a collectable horn speaker or earphone with an open coil inside of it. The brave of heart will cannibalize another less precious unit to make the repair, and the completely zany will attempt a re-wire of the 1000' or so of #40 wire on the coil bobbin - ugh!

Basically, the Pouliot/Gonshor procedure applies a momentary high voltage to the coil which apparently causes a welding together of the broken wire ends. I say apparently because, in fact, no one I know has ever dissected a repaired coil to see exactly what has happened. In any case, since this short and simple procedure has such a high success rate I thought you really should know about it.



The above diagram shows how you would connect your Variac, or other similarly variable AC supply, to a power supply transformer. The basic idea is that the open circuit output of the transformer's high voltage winding will be considerably higher than it's rated voltage at specified circuit loads. This high voltage is what's applied to the coil you're attempting to repair.

In the example I witnessed, it took a little over 1000 volts to accomplish the fix. You may have to

experiment with more than one transformer to find one with a sufficiently high unloaded output voltage. The test procedure worked out by Tom and Dave is as follows;

1. Setup your Variac and transformer as in the diagram. Connect one end of the coil to the transformer winding. Leave the other leads of the transformer and the coil free to be momentarily touched together.

Remember, your dealing with high and potentially lethal voltages here and you must be extremely careful to observe all safety cautions and procedures concerning such voltages.

- 2. Next, set your Variac output voltage to about 20% of input, turn on the power and momentarily touch/strike the free transformer lead a couple of times to the free coil lead. What you're trying to do is deliberately create a spark at these leads. If there is a spark, this is telling you that current is passing through the coil, but possibly just across the gap between the broken wires rather than through an induced weld of the wires. Be very careful not to let the coil current flow for more than just an instant you wouldn't want to burn your coil out!
- 3. So, if you don't get a spark, then you'll need to repeat the above process with the Variac turned up another 20%. If you do get sparks, then the next step is to shut off the power and measure the resistance of the coil. Presumably you know what the resistance of a good coil should be and this is the value that you're looking for or at least fairly close. Number 40 enameled wire has a little over 1000 Ohms per 1000 feet. Typically the resistance test will be all or nothing, but do watch for some resistance as the weld begins to form.
- **4.** If your resistance check proves negative, then turn up the Variac by another 20% and repeat steps 2 & 3 **again, be very safety conscious of the high voltage present**. Do this routine until you've achieved the fix or it's apparent that this procedure is not going to work. If it doesn't work, you may want to check your transformer's output capability before giving up.

Well, that's all there is to it. I know at least three guys who are believers in the "zapping method", and I bet that soon you will be too!

### March/05 CRC Meeting & Show N' Tell



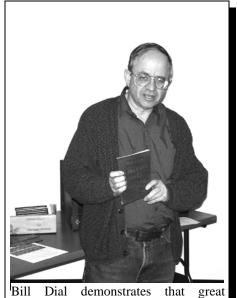
CRC members at the Bemis Public Library in Littleton



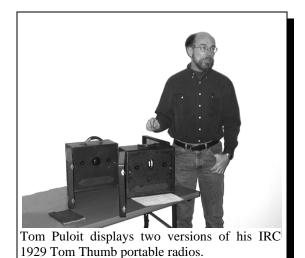
Dennis Laurence show us the crystal set kit he found in England

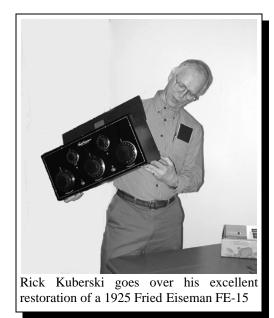


Dan Becker describes his technique for creating very fine glass dial



Bill Dial demonstrates that great documentation can be found on eBay.





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\$15.00	THE ALL AMERICAN FIVE RADIO Richard McWhorter, 92 Pgs, 2003 \$19.50	\$15.00	\$18.95	RADIO DIAGRAM SOURCEBOOK Richard Gray, 264 Pgs, 1996	\$28.00	\$39.95	RADIOS, (GENUINE PLASTIC) OF THE MID CENTURY Jupp & Pina, hard bound, 219 pgs, 1998 PG, 450+ color pics
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**WANTED:** Info wanted regarding the Victoreen Radio Company and/or the A & M Radio Company of the 1920's. If anyone can help, please contact,

Wayne Gilbert, wagil@aol.com 05/05

**WANTED:** Morse keys/bugs/paddles, Allied Radio/ Knight Kits, "heavy metal" communications gear (Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, etc.).

**Robert Baumann**, 303-988-2089

rgbdenver@att.net

05/05

**WANTED**: Two tube shields for Zenith 7S242 (1938), 5905 Zenith shutter dial chassis, Good cabinet for Westinghouse "columnaire" deco grandfather clock radio, Tuner chassis and a volume control knob and one band switch knob for Sparton 1568, Working or restorable Zenith port hole television, Good 7JP4 picture tube, small working phonograph to play 78's - electric or acoustical. Please contact,

**Bob Cofer**, 303-257-9598 **05/05** 

**WANTED:** Repairable 32 volt farm radio to run from my 32 volt farm lighting system. Also, LS-3 military speaker to go with my BC-348.

Mark McKeown, 303-278-3908

mmckeown@direcway.com

03/05

WANTED: 1954 Telefunken radio/phonograph. Radio is a lost family heirloom, model number unknown. It is approx. 50 inches wide, 18 inches deep, and 40 inches tall with a dark brown finish. There are tall rounded doors on each end to hold records. A front panel opens with the push of a button located near the top-center to expose the phonograph. Above the panel are the two large

tuning knobs and push-buttons. The front panel has horizontal boards running across the grill. The radio was last seen in September in Colorado Springs. Anyone with any info please contact,

Chuck Schultz, 303-492-9072

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#### **Notice of CRC Member Collection Auction**

On Saturday, June 4 Otis Chartier, a long time CRC member, will be holding an auction sale of his entire collection.

Included in his collection are many antiques & collectibles including antique radios, parts, and test equipment. Some of the radios included are: Radiola Model 18 w/speaker model 100-A, Radiola Model 25, Majestic Model 50 Cathedrel w/stand, 3 - Phico Cathedral's, Zenith Transoceanic Model 3000, Atwater Kent Model 55 w/F-4 speaker, Columbia Victrola Record Player and an Atwater Kent Model 60 Console. There are many more collectable radios that cannot be listed from cabinet models to table models including brands by Scott, RCA, Zenith, Freshman, Philco, Motorola, Hallicrafters plus more test equipment and parts.

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**Location/Directions**: South I-25 to Lincoln Ave. go east about 3 miles to 3rd street, take a left, go 1 block North to Birch Ave, take a right, then go East 1 block to sale site.

The auction starts at 9:00 am. Inspection: 2hrs prior to sale time. Terms of sale is cash, checks or credit cards.

Information available at;

http://www.linneburauctions.com/page7.html

## For our May 15th, 1:00pm meeting .... We will be meeting at the Castle Rock Public Library Building

From I-25, take the Plum Creek Pkwy exit
Turn East onto Plum Creek Pkwy
Turn LEFT/North onto S. Wilcox St.
Go to the CR Public Library building at 100 S. Wilcox St.
The meeting is at the back of the lot, past the Dairy Queen.



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