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Dedicated to the Preservation and Education of Wireless, Radio, Television and Associated Equipment



You say you gave away grandpa's old TV set? Oh dear, maybe you shouldn't read Bob Cofer's great article on page 5 after all.

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COLORADO RADIO COLLECTORS ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I've been steeped in to this hobby for over 20 years. When I first began collecting I bought almost every kind and condition of radio I could get my hands on. Each acquisition was laboriously restored including refinishing. You guys know the drill! I continually advocated this restoration philosophy to fellow CRC members for quite some time. The focus of my old radio hobby was, after all, repair and restoration so this approach was both appealing and satisfying throughout the years.

Call it maturity, awareness, or maybe old age but I have evolved to the almost universal position that old radios are **OLD** and in the antique trade this aging affect is known as the object's patina. Value is related to "originality" with perhaps a little historical character thrown-in. I no longer strive for that "new" look but give more thought to originality. If a radio cabinet needs physical repair then go ahead and do it. Try to leave it as original as possible. Under chassis repairs are fair game to me; some even dispute this! Enough said.

I'm looking forward to heading up the hamburger flipping and hot dog turning contest at our September 9th. auction and BBQ. *Please one and all...* dust off those radio closet queens begging for new homes and bring them out to play at our auction.

Elections will be held at our November 11th. meeting to be held in Castle Rock. Installation of the new club officers will commence in January 2008.

Thanks for listening, David

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CRC MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership in the CRC runs from **July to June**. Annual dues entitles members to a full year (6 issues) of the club publication "The Flash!", 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 and excellent discount prices on current hobby publications

Current annual dues are \$12. New memberships will be prorated to the following June.

CRC MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd 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 other subjects of interest.

THE CRC 2007 ANNUAL AUCTION

Once again, through the efforts of club member Rich Kubersky, we are privileged to hold our annual action in a park-like setting. In addition, we will also be continuing our tradition of combining the auction with a pot luck barbecue. That is, the club will provide the burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and soft drinks while the members bring side dishes to share with all.

So plan on not only on being part of the auction, by both buying and selling radio treasures, but also by bringing your family where they can enjoy the picnic and the surrounding park facilities.

WHAT:

An auction of radios, television, documentation, parts, test equipment and associated items. The public is encouraged to participate in *both* buying and selling.

WHEN:

Sunday, September 9th at 1:00p

Seller's Registration ♦ 10:00a - 12:45p

Buyer's Registration ♦ 10:00a until end

Viewing ♦ As items are delivered

Auction ♦ Starts at 1:00p **SHARP**

Barbecue Lunch ♦ Served 10:30a-11:30a

***Bring a side dish to share with everyone;
Slaw, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Desserts,
Chips, Beans, Your favorite recipe, etc.***

WHERE:

Tectonic Management Group Inc.
Office grounds and picnic facilities

AUCTION RULES

- ♦ There is no cost to register as a buyer or seller.
- ♦ There is a seller's commission that will be equal to \$1 or 10% (which ever is greater) of the "hammer" price on each lot sold to any buyer - including the sellers who may elect to "buy back" their lots.
- ♦ Sellers may optionally indicate, **at registration time only**, an unannounced minimum bid (reserve) on any lot.
- ♦ No commission will be incurred on any lot that is not sold.
- ♦ All seller commissions will be deducted from and before the payment to the seller, and these commissions will become the property of the Colorado Radio Collectors Antique Radio Club's treasury.
- ♦ Buyers can not take possession of any lot(s) until the total cost for all purchases are paid. Collection of buyer fees will commence at the conclusion of the sale of the last lot offered in the auction. A buyer's receipt is required for pickup of purchased lots from the lot/item display area.
- ♦ Buyer fees will be collected before sellers are paid. Identification may be requested for those paying for their purchases by personal check.
- ♦ Sellers are encouraged to participate in buying as well, but payment for these purchases will be paid and accounted for separately from the C.R.C. settlement check for any sales.
- ♦ Sellers will be paid only by C.R.C. check, and may elect to be paid by mail for a \$1.00 surcharge.
- ♦ The C.R.C. assumes no responsibility for the condition or ownership of any items and/or lots offered for sale in this auction, nor does the CRC assume any responsibility for items entered in the auction and/or left unattended.
- ♦ This auction is limited to radio and electronics related items as described above. The CRC reserves the right to reject items deemed inappropriate for sale at this auction.
- ♦ Any item registered for sale by auction may not be sold outside of the auctioneer's control, and can not be removed from the sale once the auction commences.
- ♦ **Auction participants are solely responsible for the conduct, actions and safety of themselves, their family members and guests. The CRC and TMGI only provide the auction space and facilities in good working order.**



I'll see you at the CRC auction!

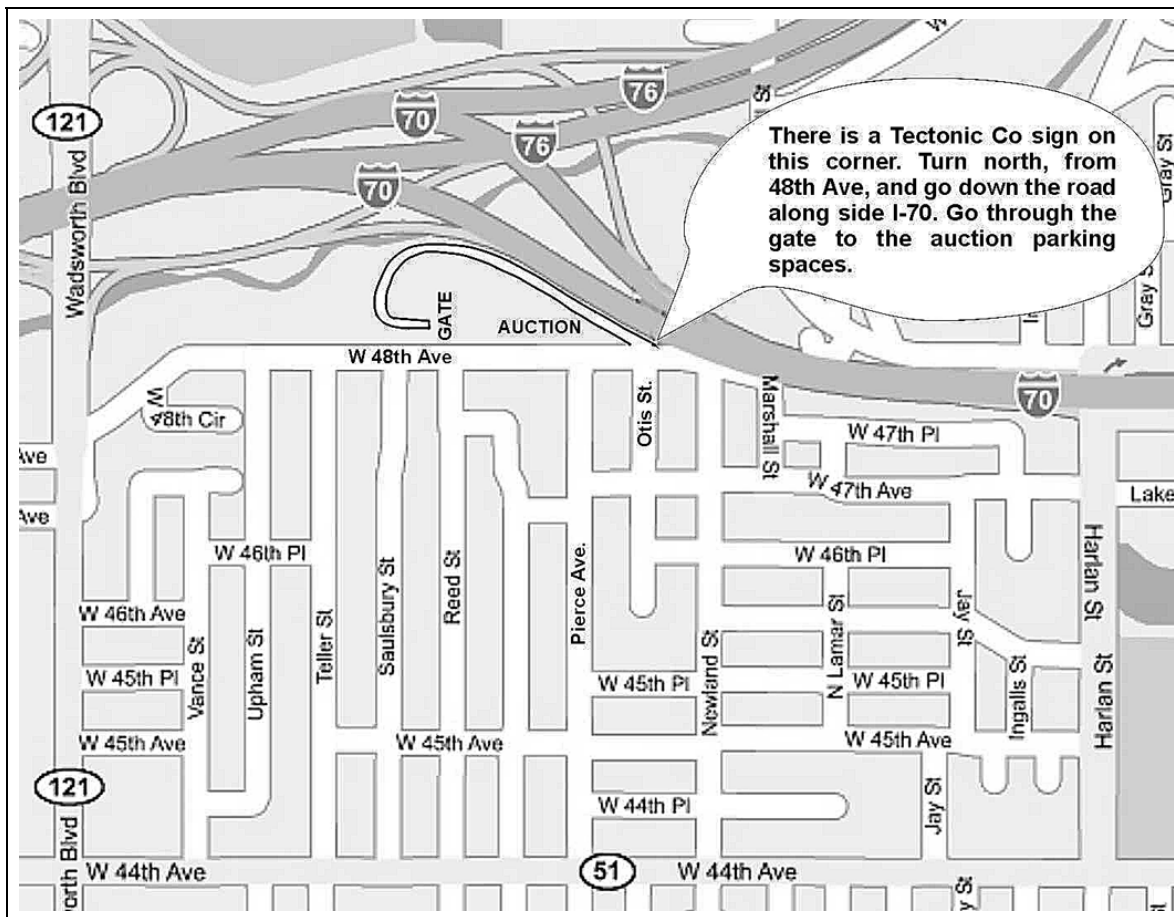
The CRC 2005 Annual Auction - Information and Directions

Tectonic Management Group Inc.

6695 W. 48th Ave.

Wheatridge CO 80033

From your location, use I-70, Wadsworth Bl, Harlan St and/or 44th Ave. and follow this map



AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF, REGISTRATION:

After driving through the entrance gate you may unload auction items at the drop-off area, then please quickly park your car in other ample parking spaces. All auction lots **MUST** be registered by **12:45p**. Lot numbers and a receipt will be issued to each seller, and it's the **seller's responsibility to affix a lot number to each lot entered into the auction.**

There is a rising, winding walkway from the drop-off area to where the auction items will be staged - under a shaded and rain protected pavilion. If you have heavy items to carry you may want to consider bringing a **cart** of some kind. There will be picnic tables available for eating and seating on a grassy area around the auction but, because of attendance, you may want to bring your own **lawn chairs and/or blankets.**

BARBECUE:

The CRC is providing a complimentary BBQ of burgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments and drinks for CRC members and family. Non CRC members can purchase a BBQ plate for only \$2.00. Everyone should bring their own side dishes - various salads, beans and fruit dishes. Potluck sharing with serving utensils is requested. The BBQ will be served from **10:30a to 11:30a** with cleanup by **12:00p**. **Dave needs volunteer help!**

FACILITIES:

There will be a bathroom available as well as trash containers and a large adjacent grassy area that is suitable for ball games and other "noisy" fun. There's also a walking and biking trail that starts at the most northern point on the road leading to the entrance gate.

We are guests at this location, and everyone is asked to help keep the area clean

Vintage Television: Take Another look

by Bob Cofer, CRC Member

About twenty years ago, I developed and interest in early television. The sets were very inexpensive, but as my electronic repair abilities are marginal at best, I was rarely able to get one in working order. No one with any expertise was willing to work on them at any price, so I resorted to bribery with rare radio sets that I had acquired to trade for repair services. All the time I kept thinking: These are so cool and rare, yet no one will work on them. Some day these are going to be worth a lot of money. Getting one in working order was such a hassle for me I eventually gave up.

It turns out, this is one of the few times in my life that I was right. In the last five years, Vintage television prices have gone through the roof. The advent of the internet, e-bay, and the formation of various vintage television clubs and web sites have effectively brought people with appreciation and/or fascination with these sets together.

Pre-war sets, which have been valuable for quite some time, were previously selling for three to five thousand dollars. They are now selling for upwards of twenty thousand dollars. Early post war sets that could not be given away, are now hot collectibles.

With the prewar sets now nearly unobtainable for the average collector, early post war deco sets, projection sets, and almost all other "port hole" television sets are hotly traded. Even some later "Space age" looking sets from the mid fifties to the early sixties are gaining a lot of attention.

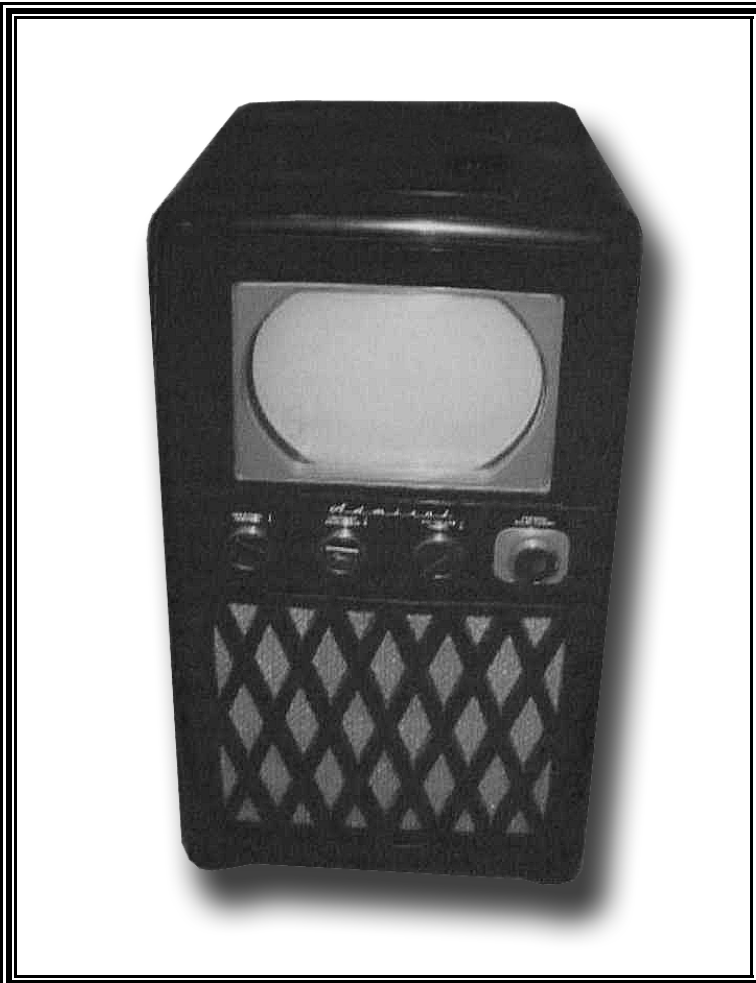
Preditcas have actually gone down a little in value, as E-bay has shown us they are much more common than it

would seem from local availability. Port hole sets, however, are gaining by leaps and bounds.

There are two television price guides available (that I am aware of). Both were written in the 1990's and the prices are totally outdated. The ability to ship a television affects the final price, and we all know a collectable is worth what you can get for it, but I will share some of my recent experiences with prices.

\$650.00 for an incomplete, non working set, to \$2700.00 for a very nice restored set. Blonde sets have started at \$700.00 and range to \$3000.00. I have not seen a mahogany set listed. The RCA 630 is a larger version of the same vintage (10" CRT) but weighs 90 lbs. and is more difficult to ship. These go for \$200-\$700 on E-bay depending on condition and working order.

As might be expected, Zenith table top port holes rarely go for less than \$500 in any condition.



The RCA 621 ts is one of three sets produced by Radio Corporation of America in the last few months of 1946. These sets weigh 66 lbs and can be shipped for under fifty dollars. It is a pre-war, Vasso design with post-war technology. The set was available in a walnut, a Mahogany, and a blonde cabinet. In the last year I have seen the walnut set (the most common) sell from

The seven inch, electrostatic sets are the most common. The Motorola and admiral versions of this set flood the market and rarely go for more than \$300 restored. \$250 is average for a working example. Other less common models with more interesting cabinets sell for a few hundred more. More rare examples like the Air King and the Meck can sell for \$700-\$800 restored.

Last year I acquired a 1949 Admiral 10" console in the Bakelite cabinet. locally on Craig's list for \$75 dollars. I have recently found a couple of people who were willing to work on the sets for only money. (I will not rat them out, but you can ask at the meeting if you are as inept as I am. They are in the club) The set needed minor work and it cost me \$150 to get it fixed. I sold it a few months later on E-bay for \$735.

Willingness to ship is a huge factor. This set is on E-bay from time to time, but the owners are never willing to ship. Local pick-up only on these sets.

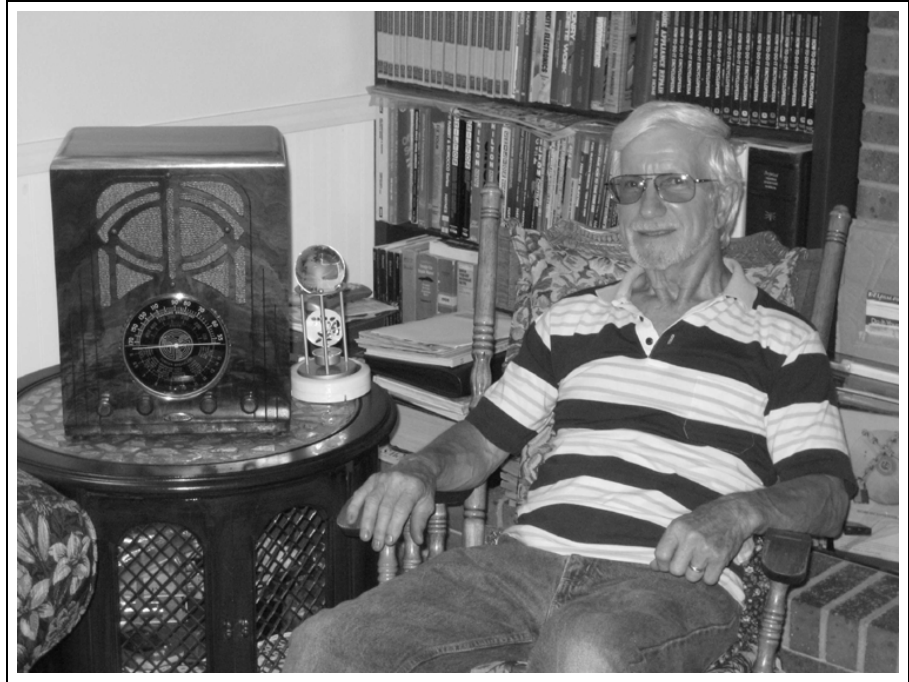
Meet the Collector - Jim Johnson

by Mike Cook, CRC member

This new section will appear in future issues of the CRC Flash and will feature members of our club that volunteer to present their radio collecting as well as radio related interests and accomplishments.

For this issue we are featuring club member Jim Johnson, AKA "Mr. Fix It" to his friends and family. Even his e-mail says so, fixitjim@peoplepc.com. His 1930's wood radio collection and his wife's doll collection are all displayed throughout their lovely home - you immediately know the Johnson's are incurable collectors.

Jim acquired his first radio 3 years ago and immediately knew this was something he would enjoy. First, it satisfied his interest in refinishing projects / working with wood and second, the electronics presented a new challenge - Jim admits when it comes to the electronics that he is self taught. When he runs into a new problem, he looks for guidance in various books and literature to learn new techniques and avoid the pitfalls that others have made. In addition he enjoys the discussions and advice from the other club members. Just as for most of us collectors, Jim is finding replacement parts often presents a challenge.



Jim has nearly 100 wood sets from the 30's and 40's. Some of his favorites are a 1934 United Allied farm set, which he completely restored, various RCA tombstones, as well as the Radiola 60 and 103 Tapestry speaker shown in this article.

Jim is retired from the City of Denver Transportation Dept. and besides working with radios enjoys vintage computers, collecting and refinishing old furniture as well as working on cars.

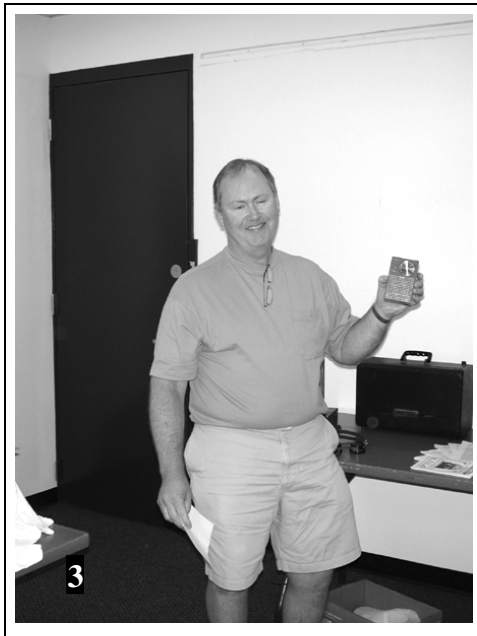


**Jim's going to be
at the CRC
auction.**



How about you?

JULY '07 MEETING - SHOW N TELL



1. Don Andrus shows us his newly built early 30's 5M transceiver.
2. Joe Kiser explains the complexities of his replacement Zenith Transoceanic antenna design.
3. Mike Cook proudly displays a Regency TR1 that he bought at a yard sale.
4. Mark Dittmar exhibits a home brew 20's portable receiver.
5. Dave Boyle auctions off Barney Wooters's Westinghouse RA-DA (bought by Mike Cook).

Collector Books for Sale

Special CRC prices. Order at club meetings. Mail order shipments: add \$2.00 postage for each book ordered. Info/order: Charles Brett, 5980 Old Ranch Road, Colorado Springs 80908, (719) 495-8660, brett3729@aol.com. void all other listings	Retail	Club				
RADIOS, (GENUINE PLASTIC) OF THE MID CENTURY Jupp & Pina, hard bound, 219 pgs, 1998 PG, 450+ color pics			\$39.95	\$28.00		
ANTIQUE RADIOS, COLLECTOR'S GUIDE - 4th EDITION Bunnis, 1997 values, revised & updated, new photos, 248 pgs			\$18.95	\$15.00		
GUIDE TO OLD RADIOS, POINTERS... - 2nd EDITION Johnson, 277 pgs, 1995-96 prices			\$19.95	\$15.00		
ANTIQUE RADIO RESTORATION GUIDE - 2nd EDITION Johnson, 144 pgs, repairing, refinishing, cleaning			\$14.95	\$12.00		
RADIO, EVOLUTION OF THE - VOLUME ONE 227 pgs, 118 in color, More than 800 radios pictured, 1992			\$22.95	\$18.00		
RADIO, EVOLUTION OF THE - VOLUME TWO 226 pgs, Radios of the 1920s to 1960s, with 93-94 values			\$24.95	\$19.00		
TRANSISTOR RADIOS, COLLECTOR'S GUIDE VOL II Bunnis, 1996 prices, Full Color			\$16.95	\$13.00		
ZENITH TRANSISTOR RADIOS, 1955-1965 Smith, 1998 PG, 160 pgs, 226 color pics, info, descr.			\$29.95	\$22.00		
THE ZENITH TRANS-OCEANIC (THE ROYALTY OF RADIOS) Bryant and Cones, 160 pgs, 1995			\$29.95	\$22.00		
ZENITH RADIOS THE EARLY YEARS 1919-1936, Cones 1997-98 Price Guide, 223 pgs, 100's Photos, Desc., Hfst.			\$29.95	\$22.00		
RADIOS BY HALLCRAFTERS, revised 2nd edition Dachs, 1999 values, 220 pgs, 1000+ pics, id's, history			\$29.95	\$22.00		
CLASSIC TV'S, PRE-WAR THRU 1950'S 86 pgs, color & b/w pics, descriptions, etc.			\$18.95	\$15.00		
Machine Age to Jet Age, Radiomania's Table Radio Guide 'III, 33-62 Stein, 256 pgs, 100's of b/w photos			\$29.95	\$24.50		
TRANSISTOR RADIOS, 1954 TO 1969 Norman Smith, with prices, 160 pgs, 1000 photos, 1998			\$29.95	\$22.00		
PHILCO RADIO: 1928 - 1942 Ramirez & Prosisie, 160 pgs, 828 pics & drawings, 1993			\$29.95	\$22.00		
RADIO AND TV PREMIUMS Jim Harmon, 256 pgs, 200+ photos, 1997			\$24.95	\$19.00		
RADIO MANUFACTURES OF THE 1920'S VOL I Alan Douglas, 225 pgs, 1988			\$24.95	\$19.00		
RADIO MANUFACTURES OF THE 1920'S VOL II Alan Douglas, 266 pgs, 1989			\$29.95	\$22.00		
RADIO MANUFACTURES OF THE 1920'S VOL III Alan Douglas, 285 pgs, 1991			\$29.95	\$22.00		
CRYSTAL CLEAR VOL I Maurice Sievers, 282 Pgs, 1991			\$29.95	\$22.00		
CRYSTAL CLEAR VOL 2 Maurice Sievers, 252 Pgs, 1995			\$29.95	\$22.00		
RADIO TUBES AND BOXES OF THE 1920'S George A Fathauer, 112 Pgs, 1999			\$26.95	\$20.00		
70 YEARS OF TUBES AND VALVES, 2ND EDITION John Stokes, 264 Pgs, 1997			\$29.95	\$22.00		
RADIO DIAGRAM SOURCEBOOK Richard Gray, 264 Pgs, 1996			\$18.95	\$15.00		
THE RADIO COLLECTOR'S DIRECTORY AND PRICE GUIDE, 2ND ED. Robert Grindler, 524 Pgs, 1995			\$26.95	\$21.00		
COLLECTOR'S GUIDE TO VINTAGE TELEVISION Durbal & Glenn Bubenheimer, 200 Pgs, 1999			\$15.95	\$13.00		
NOVELTY RADIOS, VOLUME 1 Marty Bunnis & Robert Breed, 223 Pgs, 1995			\$18.95	\$15.00		
NOVELTY RADIOS, VOLUME 2 Mary Bunnis & Robert Breed, 199 Pgs, 1999			\$19.95	\$15.00		
COMPLETE PRICE GUIDE TO ANTIQUE RADIOS: PRE-WAR CONSOLES Mark Stein, 235 pgs, 100's of b/w photos			\$29.95	\$22.00		
TUBE TESTERS AND CLASSIC ELECTRONIC TEST GEAR Alan Douglas, 166 Pgs, 2000			\$25.95	\$19.50		
COLLECTOR'S VACUUM TUBE HANDBOOK, VOLUME I Robert T. Millard, 196 Pgs, 2001			\$25.95	\$19.50		
SILVERTONE ANTIQUE RADIOS 1930 - 1942 Stein, 239 pgs, 2001			\$34.95	\$25.50		
ANTIQUE RADIOS COLLECTOR'S GUIDE 5th EDITION John Slusser, 264 Pgs, 2001			\$19.95	\$15.00		
RADIOCRAFT JUBILEE - REPRINT OF 1938 EDITION Hugo Gernsback, Vestal Press			-----	\$12.00		
CLASSIC CONE SPEAKERS Buford & Jane Chidester, 122 Pgs, 2001			\$25.95	\$19.50		
TUBE LORE Ludwell Silbey, 186P gs, 1996			\$29.00	\$15.00		
ARTHUR COLLINS RRADIO WIZARD Ben Sterns, 394 Pgs, 2002			\$18.95	\$14.00		
MACHINE AGE TO JET AGE - VOL I Mark V. Stein, 256 Pgs, 1998			\$24.95	\$21.00		
MACHINE AGE TO JET AGE - VOL II Mark V. Stein 358 Pgs, 1997			\$28.95	\$23.00		
TABLETOP RADIOS - Vol I Mark V. Stein, 240 Pgs, 2002			\$29.95	\$22.00		
A. ATWATER KENT Williams & Wolkowitz, 108 Pgs, 2003			\$25.95	\$19.50		
THE WOOD FINISHER Bruce Johnson, 341 Pgs, 1993			\$12.00	\$10.00		
THE WEEKEND REFINISHER Bruce Johnson, 296 Pgs, 1989			\$12.00	\$10.00		
THE PLATING MAN'S MANUAL Johnson			---	\$10.00		
THE FABULOUS VICTROLA "45" Phil Youniss, 176 Pgs, 2002			\$29.95	\$22.00		
ZENITH RADIOS THE GLORY YEARS 1936 - 1945 Cones, Bryant & Blankinship, 256 Pgs, 2003			\$34.95	\$25.50		
ZENITH ILLUSTRATED CATALOG AND DATABASE 1936 - 1945 Cones, Bryant & Blankinship, 182 Pgs, 2003			\$29.95	\$22.00		
THE ALL-AMERICAN FIVE RADIO Richard McWhorter, 92 Pgs, 2003			\$19.50	\$15.00		
E.H. SCOTT...THE DEAN OF DX, 2ND EDITION Marvin Hobbs, 240 Pgs, 2003			\$29.95	\$27.50		
ANTIQUE RADIOS 6TH EDITION John Slusser, 320 Pgs, 2004			\$24.95	\$19.50		
OLD TIME RADIOS Joseph Carr, 256 Pgs, 1991			\$19.95	\$15.00		
The Early Development of Radio in Canada 1901-1930 Murray Editor, 154 Pgs, 2005			\$26.95	\$19.50		
Plastic Radios Stein, 255 Pgs, 2006			\$37.95	\$26.25		
Novelty Radio Handbook Weaver, 160 Pgs, 2006			\$29.95	\$22.00		
Philco Radios 1928-1942, 2nd Edition Ramirez & Prosisie, 192 Pgs, 2006			\$29.95	\$22.00		

The Open Trunk

Member submitted
advertisements



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

Robert Baumann, (303) 988-2089

rgbdenver@aol.com

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FOR SALE: Heathkits; all excellent, restored, and calibrated:

O-12, 5" scope, \$50

SG-8 Rf signal generator, \$30

QF-1 Q multiplier, \$15

IG-52 TV alignment generator, \$70

ALSO FOR SALE: Eico #324 Signal generator, restored, repaired, and calibrated, \$45, Sylvania #620 Tube tester, mutual conductance, professional model; restored and calibrated. \$85, RCA #WA-44A Audio generator, VG, \$40, BK Picture tube tester and rejuvenator, \$18.

David Boyle (303) 681-3258

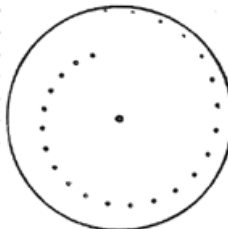
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WANTED: Broadcast reception letters and/or EKKO stamps.

Wayne Gilbert (303) 431-6774

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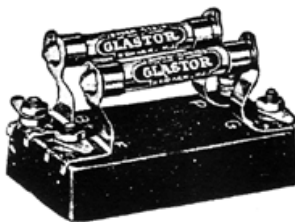
Daven Scanning Disk



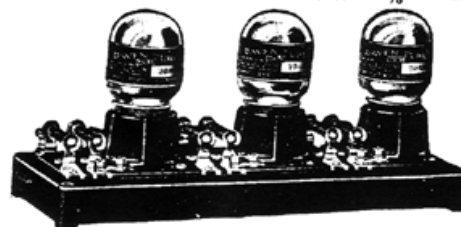
Television Tube



(ACTUAL SIZE)



Television Coupler



Television Amplifier

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For use with 210 Tubes—2 stages of Daven Power Television Amplification complete with Daven Super Davohms and Complete Instructions for Building. . . . \$10.00

Daven Television Apparatus

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36 apertures for WRNY 7.50 "	Daven Television Resisto-
45 apertures 10.00 "	couplers, complete for
48 apertures 10.00 "	stages 1, 2 and 3 2.15 "
Daven Special Television	For stages 4 and 5 4.65 "
Amplifier (3T) 12.50 "	Daven Mu-20 Tubes for
Daven Television Lamps—	Amplifier Stages 2.25 "
20 to 80 milliamperes	Daven AC-71 Tubes for
striking voltage 150.	output tube in series
Plate 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 ins. 12.50 "	with Television Lamp 3.50 "
Daven Television Motor. 25.00 "	Daven AC-10 Tubes for
Daven Bushing to fit 1/4,	output tube in series
5-16 and 3/8 inch motor 1.00 "	with Television Lamp. 9.00 "

Write for Television Booklet

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