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The July 8th meeting is at the Philip Miller Library in Castle Rock

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# Plastic Radio Repair By CRC member Merrill Campbell

on the top at each corner, one crack on the

When is it time to trash a radio or fix it? If there is crack or a chunk missing from the case, what can be done to attempt to fix it? If the crack is on the bottom or sides or near the back it can probably be saved. There is no magic to do this and what you do will in the right light be detected. My attitude with a crack or piece missing is that there is nothing you can do to make it worse, so go for the fixing. The radio I will write and diagram about is a Crosley Model 11-101U. This radio has two cracks

dial, one crack running along the fin across where the knob is and across 3/4's of the front. There was also a chunk broken out of the fin on the back side approximately 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in and 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " across. I will put this in 4 categories. 1. Gluing or securing

- 2. Filling voids or missing chunks
- 3. Sanding
- 4. Painting and shining

#### **Gluing or Securing**

The first thing to do is strip case down to bare case. This means removing the chassis, back, knobs, grill cloth, label if loose and anything else there is to take off. At this time I like to wash the case. I wash in cold water with mild dish soap. If there is a label that is stuck totally to the case then I just let it get wet while washing. If the label gets wet it will dry all the same color. At this time the case needs to dry thoroughly. After drying, use an epoxy to secure cracks. I use Loctite Epoxy with a five minute setting time sold at Wal-Mart. Epoxy all cracks from the inside of case working the epoxy into the cracks. On larger cracks use pieces of mesh used for sheetrock cracks. Cut the pieces of mesh to lay over the cracks on the inside of the case and epoxy. If the cracks are not pulling together a clamp with light pressure would be recommended. Let the epoxy dry and cure for approximately 24 hours.

#### Filling Voids or Missing Chunks



To fill voids or missing chunks of the case I use an interior patch-all made by Synko. It is non-shrinking, plastic patching material used for floor leveling. This material is a powder form mixed with water. What I can use in 15 minutes is all I mix up. It



dries rather quickly. When filling a void, I like to use the sheetrock seam mesh. This is laid across the void and the putty is

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# COLORADO RADIO COLLECTORS ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

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# Message from the President

### Hello to all Club Members,

First I would like to thank Mike Cook for filling in for me at the last meeting. Now looking forward to our July 8th

meeting at the Castle Rock Phillip Miller Library we have quite an interesting presentation on the agenda. Fellow club member, and craftsman extraordinaire Don

Andrus will be showing his completed replica of the radio operators desk and included wall back drop of the Titanic's radio room. The exhibit is quite amazing and I'm sure will be the highlight of the meeting. Don will provide a detailed explanation of all of the various components, some of which actually function as a rendition of the real operation. Q & A will, of course, be included in his presentation.

Our agenda for the next meeting will include the usual "Show and Tell", so please bring on those radios or related ephemera. And don't for-

> in-room auction sales. Also, will give a demonstration of Plastic Radio repair. I'm really looking forward

does his magic.

Our new business will include the initial organizing discussion for the September Annual Auction and BBQ. That event will be held on Sunday, September, 30<sup>th</sup> at our usual and

See You All July 8<sup>th</sup>.



get to bring items

for the raffle and Merrill Campbell to see how he

fine venue.

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3/25—CRC Show

**Meeting Locations** (Unless noted otherwise)

Littleton Castle Rock November

#### CRC MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every other month starting in January (except May is 3rd Sunday) at 1:00 pm. The meetings consist of business, "show & tell", raffles, auctions, swap meets, technical discussions and other subjects of

#### **CRC MEMBERSHIP**

Annual membership in the CRC runs from July to June. Dues entitle members to attend meetings, "The Flash!" our newsletter, discount book prices, participation in our spring show and Fall auction. Current annual dues are \$20. New memberships will be prorated to the following June.

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worked into the mesh. This is for extra support. When filling and putting on mesh make sure not to fill to where it will interfere with putting the chassis back in. On some Bakelite cases, I have drilled small holes on each side and added toothpicks across the void to add support. At this time it needs to be formed close to design to reduce sanding. This needs to dry overnight before sanding.

#### Sanding



To start with I take a flat file and get eve-

rything filed down to a rough cut. Then take a 400 grit piece of wet or dry sandpaper and sand it down dry. Then look to see if there are any low spots. I take a bondo glazing and spot putty and fill in. Letting this dry overnight I take 400 grit wet or dry sandpaper. This time using the wet and sanding to a smooth finish. This Crosley radio was painted Bakelite. If a spray paint is used the smoothness is critical. On the brown Bakelite don't be afraid to wet sand it

#### **Painting and Shining**

For this Crosley radio I took a blue acrylic paint and got all the areas to a blue close to the original color. The original paint was a metallic. I went to an Auto Parts store and found a metallic that matched almost perfectly. I gave the affected areas four coats of paint, wet sanding between coats. After the paint was dry I hand buffed the case with Brasso to bring out the shine. There are other products that do the same thing. I have used the Novus Brand on Bakelite. I only use Novus #2 on Bakelite. The

Novus #1 leaves a haze. There is also Permatex plastic cleaner that works well.

#### **Summary**

To sum up what I have done to save some radios from the landfill is taking some products found at garage sales and experimenting. Just remember the radio is broke and cracked - you can't hurt it; just help it.



I will answer any questions and do a show and tell at the July meeting.

# It's Auction Time Again

This year, the CRC Auction will be held Sunday, September 30th at the same location as the past 5 years. The Tectonic Management Group office grounds in Wheat Ridge. Gather up all of your great stuff and bring it down. We will have the picnic as well. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with club members not to mention the tremendous bargains that are available.

# See you there!

# Come one—Come all

See the magnificent recreation of the famous **RMS Titanic's** Radio Room

This beautiful exhibit has been put together by our very own Don Andrus.

It is currently being displayed at the Molly Brown House in Denver, but Don has "borrowed" it back for the weekend so we can all admire it.

# **NOTICE:**

# Come on guys—Who's got this stuff?

Charlie Brett loaned his collection of back copies of the Flash so they could be scanned. He would like these returned, but can't remember who he loaned them to.

Larry Weide and Rich Kuberski are planning to create a complete electronic copy of all back issues of the Flash and include it on their CRC Show video disk. They will need these copies to complete this project.

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Mike Cook fills in for Pres. & V.P who are MIA's



New member Gregory Malanowski



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Larry Weide with Denver Post Sept 1929 Radio Ad



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Merrell Campbell with Crosley 11-101U



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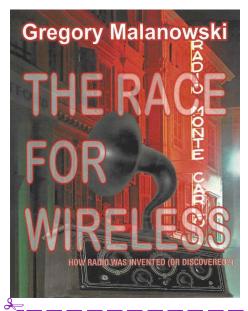
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The building is towards the back of the parking lot, past the Dairy Queen.

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