THE FLASH!

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Castle Pines Library Event Hall - 1PM

CRC Auction 2026

It was a cool start to the morning at the Techtonics site, but it would turn out to be a beautiful fall day. Upon arrival at 8:30, there was already a good assemblage of free equipment lining the curb.

Picnic tables began filling up as vehicles were emptied of their cargo. Eventually everything was tagged and moved to the staging area. We ended up with 198 lots to sell.

Of the 198 lots, 48 of them came from longtime club member Bill Dial's collection.They had been stored nearby and were tagged and moved over to the staging area as well.

Karen Clarke helping tag Bill's radios

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"Dedicated to the preservation and education of wireless, antique radio, television, and associated equipment"
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CRC MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every other month starting in January (except May is the 3rd Sunday) at 1 :00 pm. The meetings consist of business, "show & tell", raffles, auctions, swap meets, technical discussions and other subjects of interest. Visitors are welcome!!
CRC MEMBERSHIP: Current annual dues are $20 and membership in the CRC runs from January to January. New memberships will be prorated to the following January. Members are entitled to attend meetings, participate in our Spring show and our Fall auction, and receive our newsletter, **The Flash!**. Submit dues payable to: ***Merril Campbell - 4723 Woodbury Dr. - Colorado Springs, CO 80915***

UPCOMING EVENTS: ***CRC Meeting November 8 at the Castle Pines Library 1 pm***

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Message From The President

Hello everyone. I opened this flash and immediately noticed how good it looks. I think you will find the same. Bill is doing a great job. Be sure to send him your thanks,

September was a really good month, We had a very good meeting and our auction was another success. For me, the highlight of the meeting was the show and tell, especially the presentation by Bill Thomas. His stories about working at the Zenith plant in Chicago were a lot of fun. Thanks to all the great demonstrations at the show and tell.

The auction had a bit of panic at the start: the sprinklers had come on and the tables were nowhere to be found. But, as always, we solved these problems quickly. We had a lot of work this year to set up the auction, and you all helped as needed. Thank you.

Oh, and the Catalin radio that sold for $1025 was absolutely stunning. I am sure the new owner will treasure this for a long time to come.

I hope to see you at our meeting in November.

Paul

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Wayne Russert, Scott Thomas and Dan Houfek

Radios and equipment soon filled every nook and cranny

The stage was set. The tables were arranged and the sound system tested.

Various Sub sandwiches were provided as well as drinks, salads, and desserts

Wayne, Merril, and Tom manning the Auction Table

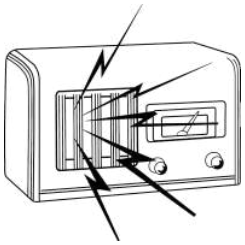
In the end, we grossed $1142 from commisions and donations from the auction, minus expenses. Thanks to all that helped, Steve Touzalin and Scott Thomas on the computers, Wayne Russet,Merril Campbell and Tom Pouliot, our autioneer, on the auction table. Thanks to John Atherton, Ralph Brands, and Jerry Stone who kept the radios coming on the 'conveyor belt' . Thanks to Don Andrus for bringing the drinks, and all who provided the sides, salads, and desserts. Thanks to Merril and Donna Campbell for handling the checkout process.

Special thanks to Rich Kuberski who arranged the venue once again, arranged the subway sanwiches, and did much of the setup and teardown afterwards.

My personal thanks to Bill Kohl for helping with the photos.

If you haven't seen Jerry Stone's video you can view it here
https://youtu.be/KFzcw6lJWoU?si=xXqLJXLvsHcCdgNt

The auction results start on page 12. Thanks to Steve Touzalin for compiling them.



The Latest CRC Club News

We met September 13th at the Castle Rock Library. Paul Heller officiated. 20 members were present.

The Lucille Henry sale held in August was successful with around 30 members visiting.

Our business card design is being worked on by Bill Lettow, and should be finished soon.

Merill reports that we have $8315 in the treasury.

Steve Touzalin has added a DATA Center (not a controversial one) to the website. It contains articles , manuals, databases...If you haven't seen it, check it out. Steve is always looking for items to add. If you have anything to add or would like to see something there, let Steve know.

We spent some time talking about the auction (now passed - results later in this issue). Food was the biggest issue. We didn't have a cook for the traditional BBQ, as well as issues with sanitation (grill cleaning and so on). Rich Kuberski did some inquiries with Subway, and we decided to go that route after determining how many subs to order. We would provide the drinks and sides.

Bill Potorti made a flyer to put on some Facebook radio groups for advertising, and Steve Touzalin updated the website to reflect the final details.

Dave Boyle is once again teasing the idea of a demonstration of his Tesla coil, possibly in January. Further discussion will be at the meeting in November.

Jerry Stone volunteered to produce a video of the auction (a link to the video is provided elsewhere in this issue as well as on the website)

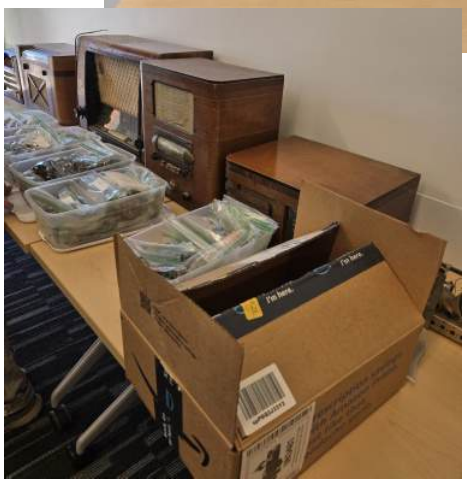
Paul left us with some thoughts to ponder. What do we want this club to be? Outside of the occasional presentation, our meetings don't provide a lot of information to younger members in how to do repairs, troubleshooting, etc. We have a lot of older members, present company included. How do we offer our knowledge in a way that appeals to younger people to get them interested in joining our club?

A parting thought: if you haven't yet joined our e-group on Groups.io, drop me a line and I'll send you an invitation to join (I can't add you directly). It's a great way to keep up to date on what's happening between meetings as well as having a copy of the Flash emailed to you when it comes out. It's also a good way to communicate with other members with questions and/or answers.

Onto the raffle...

It's Raffle Time

Radios and meters and speakers, oh my, made up the bulk of the raffle table this time.

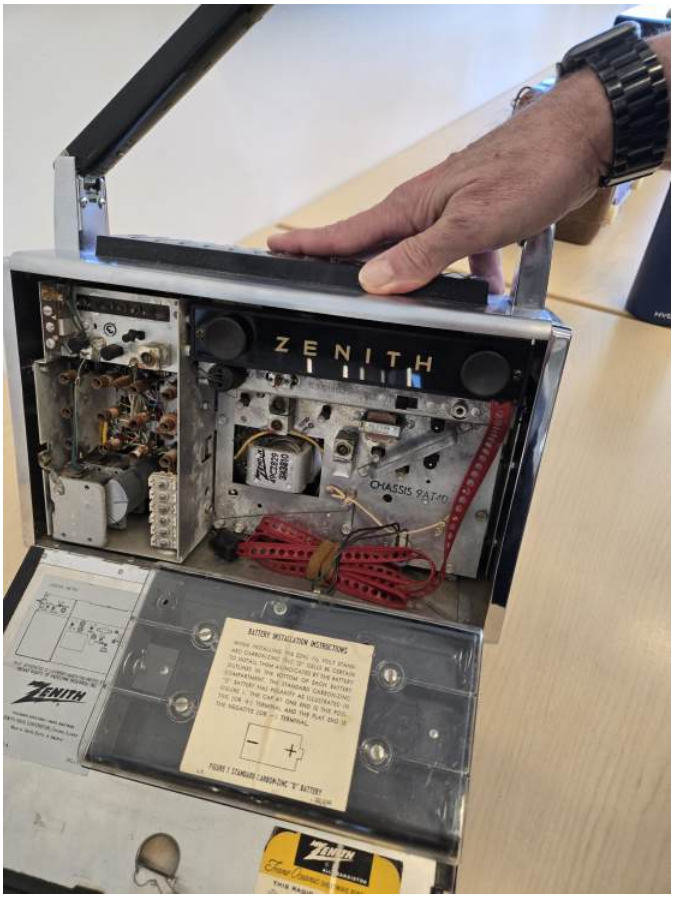


SHOW AND TELL

We had the privilege of having Bill Thomas, WT0DX, join us with some of his Zenith radio collection. Bill once worked at the Zenith Plant 1 in Chicago, and regaled us with some stories of his time there.

Unusual transistor set could be plugged into 120v AC

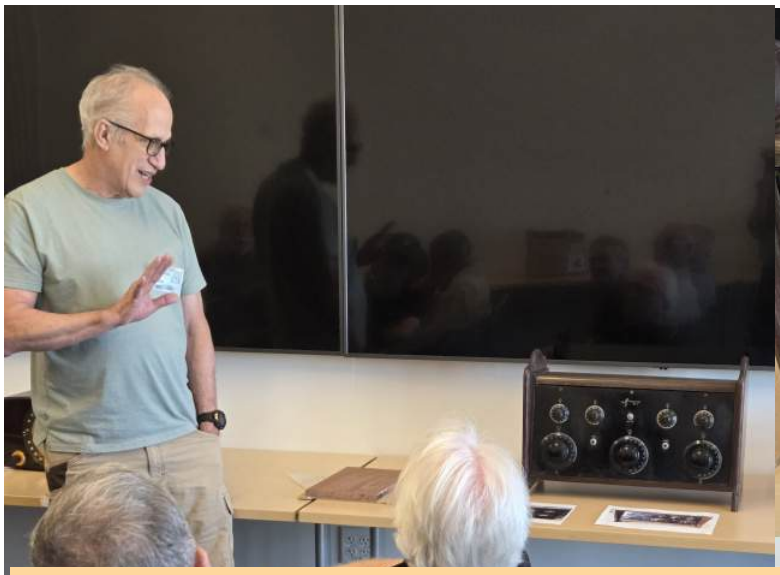
The Zenith Royal 500 was a popular series of radios first introduced in 1955. They sold for $75



Of course, what would a discussion on Zenith be without a mention of the Transoceanic series. Pictured here a TO Royal 1000.
Thanks, Bill for showing some of your collection, and the stories.

Merill brought in a Sonora radio with a very interesting "Catalin like" finish

Dan Beckman brought in his Zenith G725. Dan used 3D printing to make new set of knobs.



Bill Potorti described the process of producing a set of sides for his Marathon MC-5. It originally had no sides and Bill just had 1 photograph to go by.

Bill Lettow brought in an unusual set labeled 'Golden Bear'. It was determined to have been made by Gilfillan around 1934

SPIRIT RADIO

BY BILL POTORTI – FLASH EDITOR

This story isn't about Uncle Joe trying to tune a 3 dialer after tossing back a fifth of Jim Beam. No, nothing so commonplace as that - and not that kind of spirits. The subject matter of this story is more ethereal (cue the Theramin).

In the early 1900's, spiritualism and parapsychology were in vogue. Was it possible to communicate with the late Aunt Nellie? Thomas Edison thought it might be.

In an interview (October 1920 in The American Magazine) , Edison said "I have been at work for some time building an apparatus to see if it is possible for personalities who have left this earth to communicate with us…I hope to be able to finish it before very many months pass."

There are also accounts of Nickola Tesla attempting to develop what some called Tesla's Spirit Radio. However there is no evidence to support this. There is a quote from him in 1901 while listening to a crystal radio. He thought he heard voices. "My first observations positively terrified me, as there was present in them something mysterious, not to say supernatural, and I was alone in my laboratory at night; but at that time the idea of these disturbances being intelligently controlled signals did not yet present itself to me." Some have run away with the idea that he was talking about spirits, but most authorities believe he thought he may have contacted extraterrestrial beings. There is also no evidence that Tesla attempted to build any device to communicate with spirits. The myth persists on the internet nonetheless.

Tesla was quoted in the *Lima News* in 1926 “As for myself, I have read thousands of volumes of literature and thought for years in the hope that I might get some kind of evidence to show that death is not the end. But all in vain. To me the universe is simply a marvelous mechanism, and the most complex forms of human life, as human beings, are nothing else but automatic engines, controlled by external influence.” In John J. O’Neill’s 1944 Tesla biography *Prodigal Genius*, “But we are all meat machines,” replied Tesla, “and it happens that I am a much more sensitive machine than other people and I receive impressions to which they are inert, and I can both understand and interpret these impressions. I am simply a finer automaton than others”

However, Edison did believe in the hereafter and attempted to design a means to communicate with them. He experimented with a "necrophone". Edison’s reasoning for believing that such a device was possible was rooted in science. He argued that people were composed of incredibly small units. These small units, of course, had mass, and as the famed scientist Albert Einstein recently proved with his theory of special relativity, mass could be converted into energy. Together, these small units would combine in incredibly large bundles, which Edison believed acted as “swarms” of energy. Thomas argued that upon a person’s passing, these swarms of energy would move elsewhere, with that “elsewhere” being the afterlife.

This idea alone is insufficient to justify the development of the necrophone in Edison’s view. He also believed that a person’s personality survived within these swarms of energy and argued that it could influence matter. Thomas stated, “Therefore, if personality exists after what we call death, it is reasonable to conclude that those who leave this earth would like to communicate with those they have left behind. " Thomas Edison, an inventor and scientist at heart, needed to design an experiment to test his hypothesis. He focused a beam of light on a photocell connected to a meter

hypothesizing that any forces or objects passing through that beam, see or unseen would show up on the meter. Needless to say, it was unsuccessful, and the necrophone faded into history, as did Edison's hopes of communicating with the spirit world.

So the next time you're tuning your radio late at night and hear some weird noises and wonder if you're communing with dearly departed Uncle George or Zabok from the Crab Nebula, relax, it's ~~probably~~ just a distant thunderstorm.

Learn more:

Dialing the Dead-Edison's attempt to communicate with those in the afterlife by Dillion Liskai
https://www.tomedison.org/blog/dialing-the-dead-edisons-attempt-to-communicate-with-those-in-the-afterlife#:~:text=Additionally%2C%20many%20experiments%20often%20had,mysterious%20as%20the%20invention%20itself.

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https://www.messagesfromspirit.ca/whitby-psychic-medium-reiki-jasontroy-695224/the-history-of-teslas-development-of-a-spirit-radio-purpose-and-connection-to-loved-ones

The Myth of the Edison-Tesla Spirit Phone Rivalry by Arthur Shattuck O'Keefe
https://medium.com/@arthurokeefe_33302/the-myth-of-the-edison-tesla-spirit-phone-rivalry-8d441ae76f75

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Turn The Page For Auction Results

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Lot Description	Minimum Bid	Hammer Price
"Big Glass" tubes and CRTs		$0.00
"Blabber Mouth" Transistor Radio	$10.00	$20.00
"One Dial Receiver" Kit ca. 1926, 6 tubes	$40.00	$0.00
"Radio Control" AC Antenna Connector	$10.00	$10.00
(2) good Zenith 45 tubes		$25.00
(2) new Jenson soldering irons		$5.00
(8) good 01A tubes		$60.00
{5} parts trays		$10.00
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1 Box #45 Tubes (Qty. 11)	$45.00	$70.00
1 Box 1900-1940 Radio/Elect Books		$50.00
1 Box 5U4GB Tubes (Qty. 12)	$25.00	$25.00
1 Box 6SN7 Tubes (Qty. 18)	$40.00	$40.00
1 Box Misc 1920/30 Radios		$0.00
1 Box Misc Elect Parts		$10.00
1 Box Misc Vacuum Tubes		$35.00
1 Box Transistor Radios	$20.00	$20.00
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12" BW tube TV (works), TV freq & sync tester, TV test CRT		$15.00
1922 AC Gilbert Set	$450.00	$0.00
1924 AK Console Model 10C in Pooley Cabinet (Rare)	$425.00	$425.00
1924 Radiola III w/tubes, works	$60.00	$90.00
1927 Crosley LoWave	$80.00	$0.00
1933 Majestic 381 (Treasure Chest, works)	$100.00	$100.00
1937 Zenith 5J217 Restored, plays	$100.00	$130.00
1938 Zenith 6-D-311 Plays good	$40.00	$90.00
1940 Silvertone Model 6407 works	$20.00	$35.00
1941 Radiola Model 510 Plays great	$25.00	$30.00

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1947 Emerson 540A "Emersonette" Midget radio works	$50.00	$70.00
1947 Sparton Model 100 Plays good	$25.00	$25.00
1949 Bendix Model 55L3U Plasticon, needs recap	$25.00	$30.00
1951 Zenith H-615 Plays great	$25.00	$0.00
2 Capacitor testers(work), VTVM, Early Antique Volt Meter (1910?)		$30.00
2 Dial Kingsbury Battery set		$20.00
2 Radio Lamps, one olderlamp, one green		$40.00
2 RF generators, Knight w/manual, work		$10.00
2-tube Kit radio 1920's (handle on top)		$25.00
3 tube testers w/charts,work.Knight,BK Precision,EICO		$30.00
48 books: Collector and Vacuum Tube Electronics		$30.00
4sets:1924 RCAw/WD-11s,Emerson(40's),20's mystery set,clock radio		$40.00
6L6 Tuber Display (1st place CRC 2000 show),Display tubes & boxes		$40.00
8 Tube Kit Superhet		$20.00
Admiral 7P34 Portable		$5.00
Aeriola Jr Crystal Set w/documents		$135.00
Air King wood radio Model 701		$25.00
Air Way Model 61 TRF 6 Tube		$20.00
Airline "movie dial" radio - works		$60.00
Airline 62-274 (Black)	$30.00	$30.00
Airline 62-274 (Brown)	$30.00	$30.00
Airline 62-425 (Indian Head) Plays well	$25.00	$55.00
Airline 62-502	$15.00	$35.00
Airline 94BR-1535A Plays on AM		$5.00
Airline Model 14BR-734A AM Works	$30.00	$0.00
Airline Movie Dial 62-337 6 Volt set		$10.00
Airline Movie Dial 62-318 AC set		$45.00
Amrad Neutrodyne Model S522		$20.00

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Arborphone 5 Tube		$20.00
Argonne AR-45 Brroadcast Transmitter	$15.00	$20.00
Arvin 540T		$10.00
Atwater Kent Model 145 w/325 chassis		$30.00
B&K model 600 Dyna Quick Tube Tester with data books		$15.00
Black Front - 8 Tube		$70.00
Box #1 of Table top radios		$20.00
Box #2 of Table top radios		$10.00
Box Misc. parts		$30.00
Box misc. Parts		$5.00
Box misc. tubes		$10.00
Box of Transistor Radio Service Manuals	$25.00	$25.00
Box of VOM's		$25.00
Boxes (approx 4 xerox size boxes) Radio Tube Collection		$95.00
Branston R99 1924 8 Tube Superhet		$25.00
Brunswick Speaker		$40.00
Butterfly		$90.00
Complete Set of Riders Manuals, Vols 1-14		$10.00
Coronado table top radio, non-working		$10.00
Crosley 11-101U 1951 works	$40.00	$50.00
Crosley 5V2	$45.00	$50.00
David Grimes Type 40		$25.00
Delco AM Tube radio		$5.00
Echophone EC-1 Communications Rcvr		$25.00
EICO model 315 Signal generator		$10.00
Emerson 108 Mini Tombstone Bakelite with back 1935	$50.00	$230.00
Emerson 31 Cabinet and knobs	$20.00	$0.00
Emerson 602A FM ONLY Works	$10.00	$45.00

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Emerson Aristocrat 400	$450.00	$1,025.00
FADA 790B Plays on AM and FM	$20.00	$0.00
Federal Orthosonic Round Top		$15.00
Firestone "Air Chief" BC receiver AC table model	$20.00	$50.00
Firestone "Narrator" Model 4-A-12		$15.00
Firestone Roamer radio		$5.00
GE AM/FM set		$0.00
GE Model 410 AM Radio - restored	$25.00	$30.00
General Electric table top radio, non-working		$0.00
General SuperoDyne L1		$60.00
Globe Transistor radio	$50.00	$0.00
Grebe Synchrophase 1924		$60.00
Grundig Model 3192U		$20.00
Hallicrafters S-38EM (Maroon) receiver	$20.00	$35.00
Halson 35 BC/SW receiver ca 1935	$50.00	$0.00
Heathkit AM/SW set Model GC 1A w/Manual		$80.00
Heathkit Audio Generator AG-8 Working on all bands	$15.00	$15.00
Heathkit IT-11 capacitance checker		$15.00
Homebrew receiver, battery, missing tubes		$5.00
Howard 268-T	$60.00	$90.00
HP Audio Generator 200CD Working on 3 high frequency bands		$5.00
Imperial Eight		$20.00
Industrial Devices Voltmeter	$10.00	$0.00
JC Penney small bakelite radio, non-working		$0.00
King 6 Tube		$20.00
Kit built early superhet, 8 tube, battery	$45.00	$45.00
Knight (Allied Radio) tube tester, portable		$10.00
Lear 6618 Working radio	$15.00	$0.00

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Madison Moore Superhet 1926		$160.00
Majestic 1946 Model 5A430		$10.00
Majestic 44-B	$40.00	$60.00
Marconi 104	$40.00	$0.00
Matsushita 8 transistor set		$10.00
Metal Arvin	$10.00	$25.00
Metrodyne Model SuperSeven		$45.00
Mickey Mouse clock radio		$45.00
Midwest Model HH-7 1935	$200.00	$200.00
Minerva table top radio, non-working		$0.00
Mini Zenith Model K412-Y		$60.00
Motorola 56M1 BC receiver AC/Battery, Portable		$10.00
Motorola AM/FM 67XM21 1947-48		$10.00
Motorola Portable Model 55M2		$10.00
NO SHOW		$0.00
Norelco (Holland) Am/Fm set		$10.00
Olympic 7-421W Bakelite		$20.00
Ozarka 4 tube 2 dial radio w/battery box works		$20.00
Penncrest Phonograph		$0.00
Philco "Hippo" model 48-460		$5.00
Philco 45C "Butterfly" Restored, plays great	$100.00	$220.00
Philco Bullet 610		$20.00
Philco Model 40-125 Wood table radio		$50.00
Philco Model 40-150T 1940	$125.00	$0.00
Philco Model 48-461 Faux finish, rosewood cabinet 1948	$20.00	$20.00
Philco Transistone (nice)	$25.00	$30.00
Philco Tube Portable		$10.00
Philco Wood Portable w/Rolltop dial cover model 48-360		$15.00

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Phillips "Philetta" German set		$5.00
Phillips 1950's Radio Player (Australia)	$50.00	$0.00
Philmore Cat's Whisker Detecor	$15.00	$25.00
Pierless Speaker, original, works		$40.00
Popular Mechanics Super Hederodyne		$90.00
Powerstat		$20.00
Precise GM/EM Tube Tester		$55.00
Radio 18 works		$20.00
Radiola 20		$25.00
Radiola RC 1058		$5.00
RCA CR111 picture tube tester/rejuvenator WT-333A w/manuals		$10.00
RCA Model 4QR64X		$10.00
RCA Senior Voltohmist		$10.00
RCA Serviceman case, with tubes		$45.00
RCA Tapestry, original and working		$70.00
RCA Victor Model 4RC84 1960's	$40.00	$0.00
Remler Super 8		$90.00
Royce CB model 607 - New in box.		$25.00
Sentinal 82A		$35.00
Sentinal Radio Model 294-T tabl top radio, non-working		$0.00
Setchel-Carlson 427		$10.00
Sherwood S-3000V Receiver		$5.00
Simplex P Dual Band Plays. Needs veneer work		$10.00
Sivertone Model 6911 Portable Battery and AC powered		$5.00
Sonora RDAU-209 Plays, needs recap		$15.00
Sonora RZU-248 BC receiver AC table model		$20.00
Stewart Warner 01-53 Battery		$10.00
Stewart Warner 205GA Wooden set		$5.00

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Straight 8 Priess		$40.00
Stromberg-Carlson 1500-H Restored, plays great	$30.00	$45.00
Stromberg-Carlson 228H Plays		$10.00
Superior Instruments Tube Tester		$25.00
Sylvania TV-Radio Serviceman case, with tubes		$40.00
Tube sockets (4,5,6,7,Octal,9pin)Analog meters,tuning caps,transf		$25.00
Two Lafayette Receivers		$5.00
Two Zenith Transocean 5H40 chassis		$5.00
UltraDyne Superhet L-2		$35.00
Unique 1920's Speaker - Loud, clear sound	$40.00	$0.00
Vacuum tube lot #1: >480 tubes, old 4-pin thru Nuvistors		$90.00
Vacuum tube lot #2: >700 tubes, old radio, AA5, Audio,TV		$90.00
Vintage Insuline Hand Mike	$30.00	$30.00
Webster Electric Teletalk Iinterco speaker?-works)		$0.00
Westinghouse 1922 RA/DA Radio - Tubes & Docs, Exc condition	$185.00	$185.00
Westinghouse Table top radio, non-working		$5.00
Woolaroc Radio		$5.00
Zenith 5L03 Am clock radio - excellent reception	$35.00	$35.00
Zenith 6G001Y Transocean		$10.00
Zenith 6-G-601M Non Working		$10.00
Zenith 6S-147 Chairside Zepher	$50.00	$50.00
Zenith 78529 BC/SW 3 band auto tuning	$30.00	$50.00
Zenith 8G005YT Transocean		$10.00
Zenith Chairside 6-S-239		$70.00
Zenith H500 Transocean		$35.00
Zenith H500 Working. Good 1L6 tube		$20.00
Zenith Portable BC receiver AC/Battery		$30.00
Zenith Royal 3000-1		$20.00

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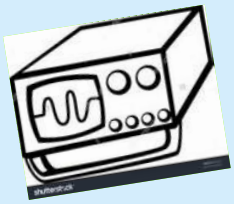
Zenith Royal 3000-1		$20.00
Zenith Y513 - doesn't turn on		$5.00

Total Sales : $7,550.00 ***CRC Commission :*** $722.00 ***Donations :*** $420.00



Classified Ads

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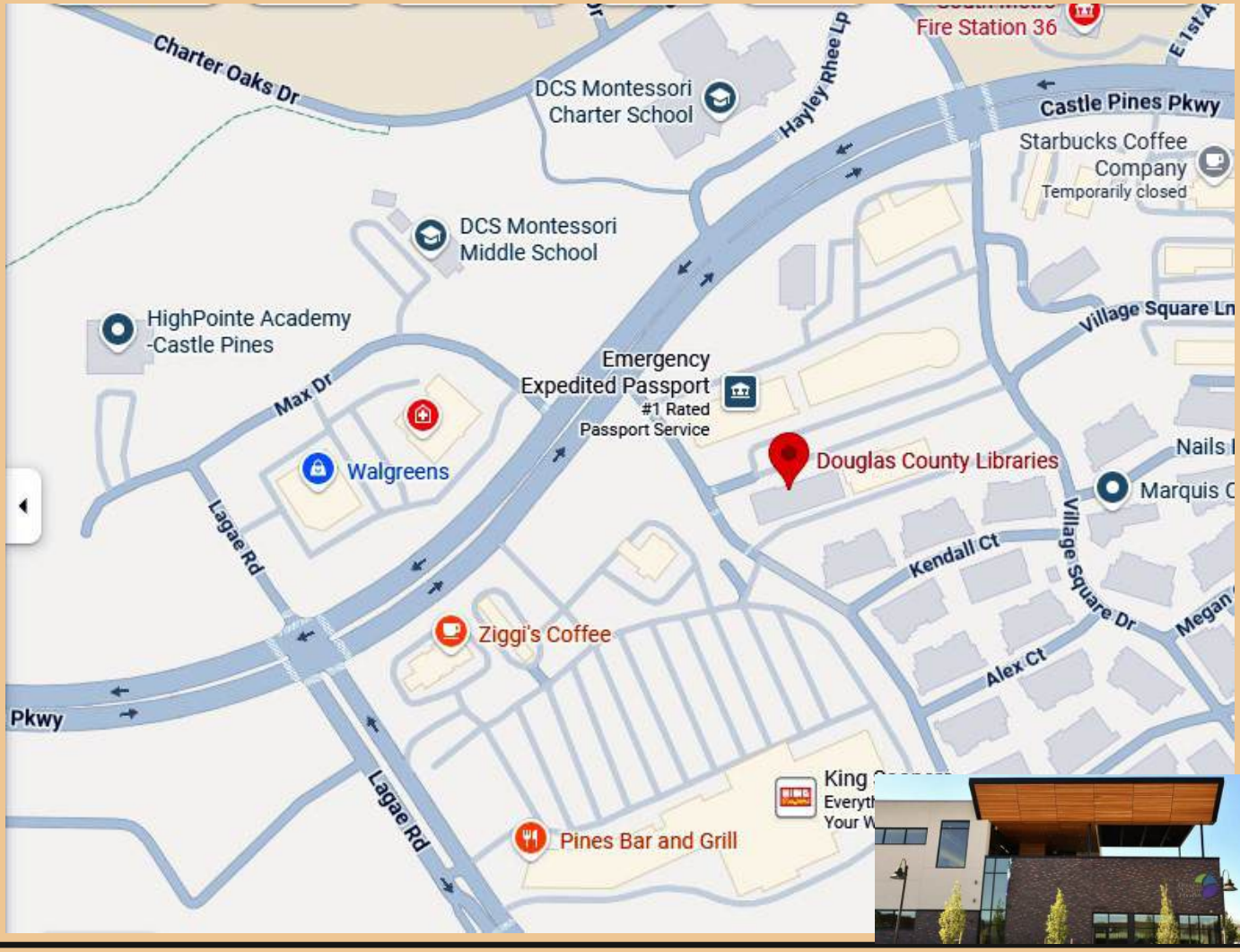
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