

Colorado Radio Collector News

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val-ue (val yoo),-n. 1. attributed or relative worth, merit, or usefulness. 2. monetary worth. 3. equivalent worth or return,

But what's it really worth. In our case I refer to radios. I've often wondered if I could cross Denver offering an AK bread-board, door to door for the price of \$25. Don't expect me at your door soon.

I recently visited an individual who collected post office mail dohrs. He has the largest collection, I didn't ask what the rarest one was worth, I did enjoy the collection and his pride.

In our group there is a lot of diversity. Some collectors wouldn't desire any of another radio collector's collection and certainly wouldn't pay the price he or she does.

It is my hope that we can share the pride of collecting and when there is an opportunity help each other with the different goals.

NEXT MEETING---- Aug. 26, 1989. 1:00 PM. at Bruce Young's home, 4030 Quitman, Denver, CO. ph. 303-458-7408. There will be a swap meet, a report on the meet in Elgin, and a business meeting to plan the future.

MEET THE COLLECTOR

Lee and Carolyn Bruton

We have been collecting radios for about 18 years, and seem hooked. Radio collecting offers that opportunity to collect an

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interesting collection by choosing just one period or type.

We began with the find of a Kolster treasure chest, 1928. Then as we looked we met a member of the Rocky Mountain Antique Wireless Association. Was that meeting ever an eye opener!!

Earlier in the collecting the only radios of interest to the mainstream collectors was the wireless sets. When we entered the field the collecting interest had moved up to 1925 or before, with some interested in cathedrals.

I remember a meeting at the Johnson's, it seemed sad that he didn't have any black fronted sets. Times change.

We began to pick up novelty transistors for our son, but he never was interested so they were packed away about 7 years ago. As we began to concentrate on them for ourselves about 3 years ago, it was a real treat to "find" that box.

Today we pack away early transistor sets, looking forward to "finding" that box as our interest changes.

Carolyn and I collect novelty transistors, novelty AC, deco, cathedrals, and one breadboard. We trade and deal across the USA and Canada. We helped with a novelty transistor book due out soon. And believe we have the largest collection of novelty transistors today.

We wish you all good luck in your collecting.

MEET THE COLLECTOR will be a regular feature in the CRC News, looking for volunteers. If not I will make up stories about you.

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WANTED

Cathode Ray Tube, 3-AP1, Manuals for Hammerlund HQ 129X, Hammerlund HQ 110, and National HRO-60. Barney Wooters, ph. 303-770-5314.

Plastic sets, even with cracks, odd shapes. Bruce Young, ph. 303-458-7408.

Novelty transistors, Bozo the Clown, miniture grandfather clock (transistor radio), etc. Lee and Carolyn Bruton, ph. 303-651-0254.

Novelty AC, any colored plastic knobs in your knob box? Johnny Johnson, ph. 303-455-3421.

Scotts, Silver Marshall, and other chrome chassis sets, and chromed amps such as McEntoch. Brian Dunlop, ph. 719-531-7920.

In order to help as Editor, I need your ad. Maybe the club can help find parts, or sets, or information. But without your ad we'll never know.

As Editor, I need your contribution, I will quickly tire of writing what I think, as a club we need to know what you think, or have found, or missed, or were told, or wish.

LAST MEETING

Picnic in the park on a beautiful day overlooking Denver, ten members there, missed you if you didn't.

Great radio collector's T-shirt designed by Cindy Buseti, She will do one with your design idea, call or write for more info. ph. 303-644-4202.

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Bruce Young, the vice president, contributed this letter;

At the next meeting we would like to discuss some of these questions. Please think about answers and/or opinions about them. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting please write down your responses and mail them to me, or call 458-7408. Thank you.

- 1) Do you feel there is a need for more organization within the club, if so what would that organization be like?
- 2) What do you want from the club?
- 3) What can you give to the club?
  - a) Fill a position on the Board?
  - b) Serve on a planning committee?
  - c) Hosting a meeting?
  - d) Attend as a member only?
- 4) How often should we meet? Is it now ok?
- 5) What days, time, and location is best?
- 6) What activities should the club be involved with?  
-swap meets, club sales, shows, history and museum developing?
- 7) What are your radio collecting interests?

We are open for any other input that you may have, to improve the participation in club activities, and membership.

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Editor's note; This is the largest the Colorado Radio Collectors group has ever been. I hope that some format can be organized to keep this group working for ourselves and others into the future.