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Colorado Radio Collectors,

Next Meeting; March 11, at 1:00 PM, in the Lakewood Public Library. Jim Berg will talk on the difficult job of replacing condensers that were sealed in tar.

As always if you have something to sell consider bringing it, there will be more buyers than sellers.

Thanks to Rick Ammon for the layout for the membership apps, name tags, and membership cards.

Three weeks ago, Carolyn and I were in California when SCARS (Southern California Antique Radio Society) had a swap meet. It was outdoors, lots of people came to buy and sell in the RAIN!!! Nothing looks as miserable as radios sitting out in the rain, unless it is the next day when the veneer lifts.

We protected what we had for sale by leaving it in the van and still sold a RCA console. Like every where, people wanted new sets for their collection. What a mess.

If you want to learn about radio collecting consider Antique Radio Classified. John Terry's publication is the largest to deal with the broad interest of Radio Collectors. If you want to buy, strongly consider first class mailing. ARC, Box 2, Carlisle, MA 01741

Want Ads-----NOthing, wow everyone has all they want???

How is your collecting, most say it is getting tougher. In my opinion----

Wireless gear and sets-----rare, sold when owners die.

Early 20's-----good sets rare, sell for good prices, owners sell infrequently.

Late 20's-----not as desired, but still sell to new collectors, unusual sets as always get a premium.

Cathedrals----some are hitting the \$500 barrier (Philco 90)

Consoles---None collectors will pay more, until you get to the Scotts, Zenith, or unusually good sets.

Plastics---Catalins maintain high prices, must have no damage (If you don't know what catalin is, it could cost you)

Shapes of interest are rising.

Novelty AC---WOW prices are higher every time I hear of a sale, with people upset they missed.

Transistor sets--a number have passed the \$75 barrier, this includes the transistor novelties.

I wish you all luck in your interest, try to be aware of other's interest.

Best O'luck
Lee Bruton