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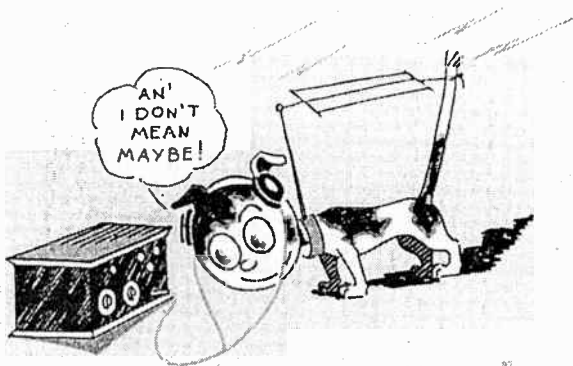


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The INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY is a non-profit organization founded in 1971. Annual membership dues are \$15.00/year or 2 yrs./\$25.00, which includes the quarterly IHRS "BULLETIN". Radio-Ads are free to all members. Please include a S.A.S.E. when requesting information.

Coming Events

IHRS WINTER MEET. Saturday, February 19, 2000 *

Mark your calendars accordingly. Holiday Inn Southeast.

5120 Victory Lane at Emerson Road exit off of I-465. * 7:30AM till ????. Admission: \$5.00 per member and family, Tables are \$5.00 each. Tables may be reserved up until 2/11/00. Send check for the \$10.00, (or add whatever total table costs are involved at the \$5.00 per table to the \$5.00), to Dr. Michael Clark as noted below.

Equipment Contest: 2 categories: 1) Zenith Transoceanic Radios through 1965. 2) My Favorite Transistor Radio.

IHRS Meeting/Lunch:12:15PM, Ponderosa Steak House, 5005 South Emerson, (about 1/2 mile south of the Holiday Inn), good low cost food of your choice. Ribbons will be awarded there for the winning contest entries.

As noted previously, we do not know if the Emerson Ave. exit ramps off of I-465 will be open. See below for alternate approach.

* = Due to DOT construction which may close the exits off of I-465. you can go to I-65 South- bound and proceed to the Southport Rd.exit. Turn left, (east) onto Southport Rd. and then turn left (north) on Emerson Ave. which is on the east side of the I-65 crossover. If you are coming northbound on I-65, note that you will turn right at that Southport Road exit and then turn left onto Emerson Ave. Proceed north to the Holiday Inn, which will be on your right side as you come within sight of the I-465 exit.

Contact: Mike Clark, (317) 738-4649 or Herman Gross, (765) 459-8308). Mail reservations and check to Dr. Michael Clark, Treasurer, 6484 East 350 North, Franklin, IN 46131.

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IHRS/AWA 29TH ANNUAL REGIONAL SPRING FLING RADIO FESTIVAL.

Thurs., 6/8, Fri. 6/9, and Saturday 6/10, 2000 * Same great location as last year. Signature Inn East, Washington St. (U.S. 40) @ I-465.

Details forthcoming. * see "Comments From the Editor".

We may possibly adjust this to being a 2 day event.

(Yes we will have The Charleston Chasers again!)

IHRS Northern Indiana Summer Meet, Saturday, August 19, 2000. High Dive Pavilion, 500 East Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, Indiana. Details to be announced later. Contact Ross Smith, (219) 295-7770 or Terry Garl, (219) 679-4280, e-mail IHRSELK98@AOL.COM . Notice that this has been scheduled ahead of the Notre Dame Homecoming Game so as to avoid the motel booking conflicts that we faced in 1999. Every one has fun at this event so be sure to come. There will be the usual carry-in lunch and Equipment contests.

Member Updates

As a follow-up to the last "Bulletin", we wish to let you know that Marilyn Johnston says that she is doing well and wanted to thank all of you who sent cards or phoned to check up on her. She had broken the ball from the top of the femur and had to have a new one installed. She and Don are looking forward to being at the "Winter" meet unless ice, snow, hurricanes, or tornadoes interfere. Jim Fred is also out of the hospital and doing much better.

Paul Sommer, who had been a member for about 5 or 6 years, died from cancer on October 29th, 1999 at the age of 69. He left his wife and two daughters and had been involved with radios since he was 7 years old, (that makes 62 years in radio). Also noted by his wife is the fact that Paul was a volunteer with Youth For Christ for 12 years. Most of his radios are for sale on E-Bay but he also had an extensive radio collection yet to be dealt with. Two friends of the family, John
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(Member Updates, continued)

Goller and Frank Potaski are helping. The Sommer residence is at 16415 Viberg Road, Leo, IN 46765. Phone is (219) 627-2838. Paul will be missed by all.

Our treasurer, Mike Clark, had some foot surgery performed in December and while in the hospital, the doctors found that Dr. Clark has Diabetes. He is now doing much better and is on insulin but may go onto oral medication after everything "settles down".

On November 22nd, I received word that Ross Smith, our champion of the north, was back in the hospital after some clogged arteries were discovered. He has had open heart surgery before and this time, 4 of the original 6 bypasses were repaired. The report is that he responded like a man some 20 years his junior. Ross had established a routine of swimming every day as part of his exercise regimen and this is what brought him through in such good condition. I spoke to his son, Victor, who said Ross was doing well. You may wish to send Ross your cards and best wishes at his home address. Ross Smith, 1133 Strong Ave., Elkhart, IN 46514. Ross, all of us offer our best wishes and prayers for an excellent recovery.

WANTED!

We are seeking articles for the "Bulletin" that would encompass technical approaches to the electronic repair of antique radios, or the aspects of the restoration of cabinets and/or finishes that would enable the lay person to undertake the project of seeing some example of past radio excellence once again to look and operate as is did when it was new. Share your talents and knowledge with those who have suddenly found the exciting world of collecting radios and need help to bring them back to life.

Please send any and all such material to:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HERMAN GROSS

Hello to everyone. Shirley and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year. Some of you might remember me as being a past president and that Shirley and I ran the three day Spring Radio Festival at Kokomo for two years. Anyway, I hope we can start the last year of the second millennium with a bang. It will require your help. I want to thank all of those people who have contributed to the content of the "Bulletin" and to Bob O'Friel, our illustrious editor, a thankless job if ever there was one, but most appreciated by all. Both contributing and editing are time consuming and that does not go unnoticed. I wonder how many of you read the "Bulletin" from cover to cover? I speak to many people who give me that "glassy eyed" stare when I refer to something in the "Bulletin" and some don't recall even receiving it. If you haven't taken the opportunity to visit our museum, you're really missing something. I got such a kick out of seeing that photo of the Schultz family and friends working behind the counter of the IHRS Museum food booth with its cathedral radio facade....such ingenuity! Many thanks to Fred, Marcella and family.

In the Fall "Bulletin", (vol.28, #3), our outgoing president, Alex Whitaker, outlined several issues that require attention, namely

- 1) Attendance at meets and business meetings.
- 2) Auction interest, attendance and quality of entries.
- 3) Early departure from events.
- 4) Is the 3 day Spring Meet too long? What are your ideas about any of these subjects? Let me know! (Please!)

I understand there are about 350 IHRS members world wide and I wonder.....where are you? I see a couple dozen of the same people at all of our functions, and fewer of them participate in our short business meetings when we have them. It's discouraging to those of us who worry about the future of IHRS. A trite statement here, but this is your organization too. It would

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be nice to see a few new people at our business meetings who care about the future of IHRS and how it's run and not just be concerned about how many radios are sold. (ed. note, originally worded in a stronger manner and I support Herman's feelings on the subject). We've been trying to publicize our meets more but it seems to have little effect. How many of you 350 out there talk it up with your friends or local schools or media to give us a little boost? We surely need help getting people to our meets, especially young people. We need someone to leave this organization to. Certainly every young person can't be so enamored with the Internet or "Play Stations" or what ever that he can't be intrigued with the basics, the roots, the history of radio, given the chance.

Robert Lozier has a good article in the Nov., 1999 issue of the *AWA Old Timer's Bulletin* about disposing of collections. In particular, he dealt with estates, but the article points out many good ideas to those of us who want to thin out our collections. He states that holding an auction in conjunction with a vintage radio conference usually provides an interested audience, but is probably the most difficult to arrange because such conferences are staged by volunteers and it may not be possible to get volunteers to invest the considerable amount of time necessary. One of the easiest methods is to turn over the items to an auction house where the auctioneer will do a good bit of advertising and, as a bonus, your house gets cleared out quickly. (See the write up of the Richmond Auction elsewhere in this issue). He goes on to discuss 5 other methods of disposing of a collection. I think this is **MUST** reading for many of us. Perhaps this article could be printed in our "Bulletin" sometime. (ed. note, I agree). Our next meet is the great IHRS WINTER MEET, Saturday, Feb. 19th, indoors at the Holiday Inn South-East, just off I-465. (see coming events). Come join us, we all have a good time! See old friends, make new ones, and there's always lots of neat old radios and stuff. I look forward to seeing you there!

Herman Gross.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Bob O'Friel

Is the Y2K bug going to wipe out our computers? Actually, at this point, the thing that I fear most is the fact that we are losing members through attrition. In this issue, Herman Gross refers to the comments by Alex Whitaker in his last official letter as the outgoing president of the IHRS and wonders where our hobby is headed. My feeling is that we need to undertake finding and interesting some of the younger generation in seeking to unravel the mysteries of collecting fine specimens of the earlier days of radio. We need these people to maintain the hobby and be available to take over the leadership roles. Only in this manner will we be able to further research the history of the many manufacturers of radios that existed in those early days. In some cases, there are few clues left but, surely, someone knows. I had the occasion to contact the Indiana Museum of History about a brand that was made right here in Indianapolis back in the '30's and no tangible evidence has been uncovered. Mike Feldt is an avid follower of the research on Indiana made radios and, at times, has had to travel many miles and make numerous trips to uncover data of this sort. Incidentally, Mike has a short bit of information about a Radio manufactured in Ligonier, the home of our museum, in this edition. This is one of many Mike has checked into, such as the Showers Radios. We need to be checking with High School instructors/teachers who specialize in electronics, physics, etc., to attempt to canvas some of their students to attend one of our meets. Although we have tried many ways to improve our publicity efforts, we still need to expand this concept. The Lionel Haid auction, covered elsewhere in this "Bulletin" proves the fact there are still numerous collectors. So look around, there are still people out there who have not heard of us. Keep the flags waving and pass the word!!!

One shining light, Gary Behr, a new member, saw my comment soliciting new articles and he responded with a short one I'm sure

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you'll enjoy in this issue. He promises more to come and we look forward to them.

As you will see by Mike Clark's comments in this edition, we have been forced to increase our annual fees. See his comments and explanations in this issue and then, use the envelopes we have provided to mail in your dues payment.

Alex and Terri Whitaker's baby, Jessica, continues to improve and Alex thanks you for your concern, prayers and cards that have been sent.

During the preparation of this edition, I suffered what seems to be a temporary loss of hearing in my left ear. At this writing, I am still on the waiting list at the "Ear Doctor" but some of the hearing is coming back, and I am encouraged. I still have a lot of repair and restoration work awaiting me so, I don't need further complications.

One of our fun events of the year is about to occur. The "Winter Meet" takes place Saturday, February 19th at the Holiday Inn Southeast so don't miss this one. (See details in "Coming Events"). This offers the advantage of being an indoor meet which enables us to see the merchandise in a better light and keep warm despite the temperature and weather conditions outside. The Newspapers keep warning us that the Emerson exit reconstruction project is presenting problems. The "Alternate route" listed in the "Coming Events" section should enable you to get there in case "DOT" hasn't provided the more direct approach. Once again, Mike Clark has arranged to have the "Ponderosa Steak House" available for an after meet lunch and get-together at a very low cost. (You pick what you want to fit the appetite and budget.) There is a Meeting that will take place after lunch there and we do strongly feel that you should attend to discuss some of the club's future directions as noted by the comments from Herman Gross, Alex Whitaker, and yours truly. Your inputs are important!! It's your club!! In the meantime, I'll see you where ever radios live.

Bob O'Friel,
Editor, IHRS "Bulletin"

IHRS Dues Policies for the New Millennium

Dr. Michael Clark, Treasurer IHRS

IHRS memberships are on a calendar year basis only and run from January 1st through December 31st of a calendar year. There are no partial year memberships and we do not prorate the membership fee if someone joins after January 1 of a given year. What we will do, however, is send a new member all of the IHRS Bulletins for the calendar year in which they join. (There are 4 "Bulletins" that are produced each year).

As of January 1, 2000, dues are \$15.00/year or two years if paid in advance. (The discount does not apply to dues paid in arrears.) Members who paid dues for the year 2,000 or beyond prior to December 26, 1999 will receive a membership card and dues receipt with their next "Bulletin". After that date, the mailing label on your "Bulletin" will serve as your receipt. If you look after your last name on the label, your current dues status will appear, e.g., (12/00) which means that you are paid through December 2000. If your label for this Bulletin reads (12/99), that means your membership has expired and you owe for the year 2000 and you should pay now. We have enclosed an envelope pre-addressed to me for your convenience. Please enclose your check, put a 33 cent stamp on the envelope and mail it. If you wish to receive a receipt, please enclose a SASE.

We are adopting the same system used by AWA for membership cards. If you have paid, your card is valid. If you have not paid, you are not a member. You will not receive the next "Bulletin", (#1, Volume 29, Spring edition) if you have not paid by the end of January, 2000. Please pay us now if you owe your dues for the year 2000. (Please note that everyone, paid up or not, has received an envelope and that you need to check your "Bulletin" envelope label for your current dues status.)

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about your membership, please call me at (317)-738-4649 in the evenings, drop me a postcard to: Dr. Michael Clark, IHRS Treasurer, 6484 East 350 North, Franklin, IN 46131, or send an e-mail to maclark@iupui.edu.

Michael A. Clark, Ph. D., MD
IHRS Treasurer

(Ed. note: You have until February 18th to take advantage of the 2 year discount rate.)

Erratum: The first sentence in the 2nd paragraph should state: "As of January 1, 2000, dues are \$15.00/year, or \$25.00/2 years if paid in advance."

Minutes of the Indiana Historical Society

Business Meeting, August 28th, 1999, Elkhart, Indiana

Fred Prohl, IHRS Secretary

IHRS President, Alex Whitaker opened the meeting at 12:40 PM. The following Old Business was discussed:

- 1) The Secretaries report was waived.
- 2) Treasurer Dr. Michael Clark reported membership at 360 but some names will soon be dropped due to failure to pay dues. Dr. Clark reported \$4,200 in the IHRS bank account. Editor Bob O'Friel noted that the account total will be reduced considerably when the billing for the past three Bulletins is complete.
- 3) Fred Schultz gave a report on the Indiana Historical Radio Museum in Ligonier. Attendance for 1999 is ahead of last year. (Have you been there???) Some donated items have been sold to provide support for the Museum. Fred asked members to seriously consider providing radios for display. The Museum still represents a large number of his equipment. Ideally, the display will represent radios and related equipment from all IHRS members. New on display are three (very rare) DeForest spherical audions. Recently displayed are two telegraph keys donated by Fred Lynn and a tube type baseball radio provided by Charlie Miller. The Museum is open 10AM to 3PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Fred ended his comments by referring to the Museum's web page located at the IHRS site.
- 4) Alex Whitaker thanked the organizers of the Elkhart meeting for a job well done.
- 5) Ross Smith announced the contest winners for the Elkhart meet. (See pages 15 and 16 of Vol.28, #3 Summer Edition). The following was discussed under New Business.
 - 1) Alex announced that a nominating committee will be formed to provide a list of candidates for the year 2000 officers. Members are encouraged to contact current officers if they are interested in active leadership in the organization or, if they want to recommend some one. Members were reminded that the October meeting in Greenfield is the date for Officer elections.

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[August Meeting Notes, continued]

2) Due to lessening flea market activity at the IHRS Spring meet, the 2000 event will more than likely be scheduled for two days instead of three as in recent years.

3) This year's Elkhart meeting raised the need to have liability insurance cover the organization at the meetings. This cost plus the rising cost of publishing, (and mailing) the "Bulletin", opened a discussion concerning the IHRS dues. The discussion from the membership tended to be concerned with how much (\$12.00 or \$15.00) to replace the current dues of \$10.00 per year. Michael Feldt suggested a "straw vote" to get a feel from the members concerning an increase in dues. The attending members overwhelmingly indicated, by hand vote, agreement to an increase in annual dues. The issue will be placed again at the annual meeting in Greenfield, (October 2nd, 1999) for a formal vote on an increase in annual dues and the amount of increase.

4) The meeting schedule is currently set as follows:

Greenfield—October 2nd, 1999

Indianapolis—February 19, 2000

Indianapolis—June 8 and 9 and maybe 10th, 2000

Elkhart—August 19, 2000

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at about 1:35PM.

Fred Prohl, IHRS Secretary

IHRS Web Site Updates

Fred Prohl

IHRS now has a more direct access to the Society's Web page. Simply type in:
<http://www.indianahistoricalradio.org>

to check out our meeting schedule, museum news, and Indiana Historical Radio.

Access is still provided if you bookmarked:

<http://home.att.net/~indianahistoricalradio> as a favorite. You do not need to change the address. I am always interested in feedback on our web site.

Fred Prohl, IHRS Web Manager.

The Haid/Carpenter Auction at Richmond

A review by Bob O'Friel

On December 7th of 1996, we lost a good member of the IHRS. He not only was a collector of good taste who amassed a great gathering of some wonderful radios, but he was an important source of information for other collectors such as Bob Snively. At one point, he organized one of the IHRS meets in Richmond. When Lionel Haid became a "silent key", Mary, his wife of many years assumed the role of guardian for this assemblage of historical representations of our hobby. Sadly, Mary passed away on April 29th of 1999 and the collection was still intact. To Carol Carpenter, their daughter, fell the responsibility of what to do with the collection. Fortunately, there were friends such as Bob Snively, who came forward to help, who recommended that an auction would provide the best opportunity to dispose of the collection. He suggested that making a mailing to the members of the IHRS and other organizations would provide an interested audience. This would also enable other collectors to acquire some wonderful
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The auction was well organized and attended. Most all of the desirable items went without a problem. Over 200 bidders were registered from many different states.



Lionel and Mary Haid

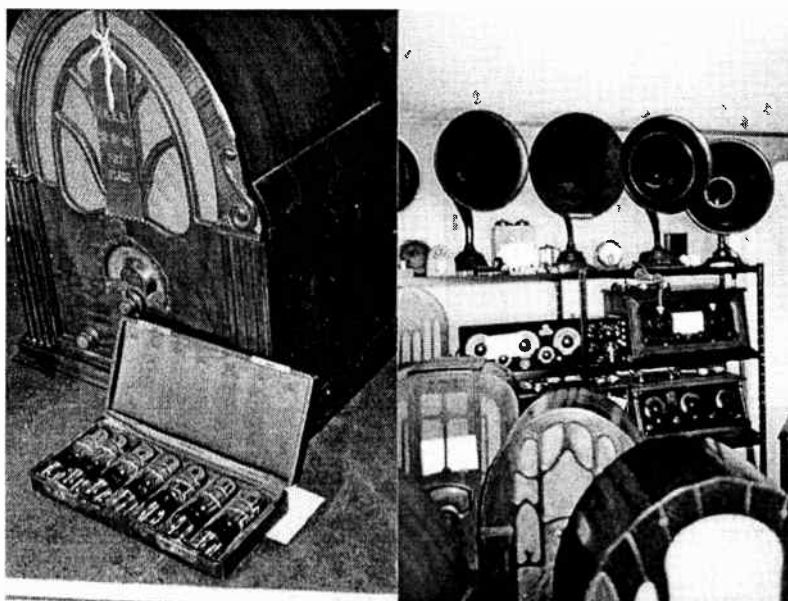
examples of great radios from the 1920's through the 1940's with additional items from the transistor era.

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(Haid/Carpenter auction, continued)

The auction began at 10AM at the National Guard Armory, 1200 W. Main St. in Richmond on Saturday, November 20th. It was well attended by some 200 or more bidders. I saw many taking their newly acquired treasures to the parking lot. I shall list a few of the items to show the extent of the activity. The pictures listed on this page were taken at the Haid home before being brought to the Armory.

As you can see, there is a wide variety of radios including, Atwater-Kent's, RCA's, horns as well as unusual tubes. Some catalins were also on hand.



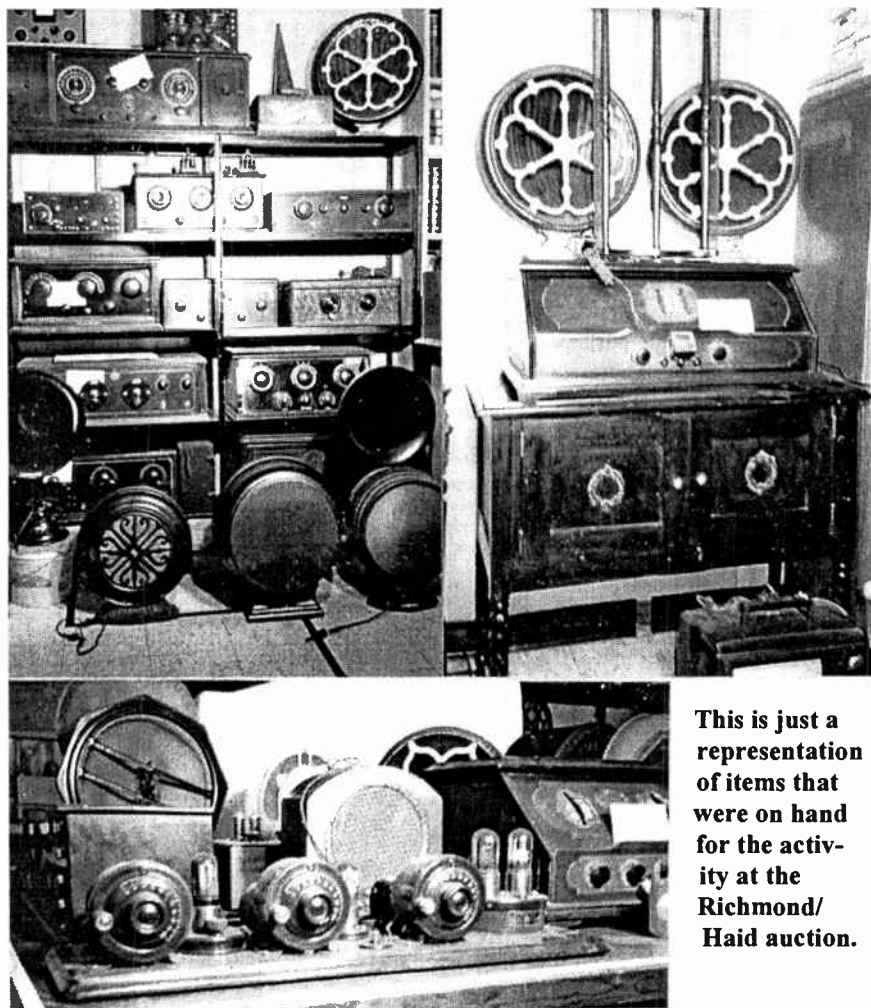
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Tables
were visible.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HAID AUCTION

Bob O'Friel

The weather was good and the turnout was excellent. There were many treasures including a wood table model Radiola that went for \$30.00, a Crosley Troubador that sold for \$80.00, two AK20s that brought \$60.00 each, a Radiola 20 that was purchased for \$160. A Federal D10 found a new owner for \$100.00 followed by a Splitdorf for \$125. An Automatic "Tom Thumb" went for \$210. whereas a Marshall 5 brought \$300.00. The horn type speakers that were sold included a Magnavox at \$225, an AK "H" for \$90, and an RCA unit at \$175.00.



This is just a representation of items that were on hand for the activity at the Richmond/Haid auction.

(pictures courtesy of Carol Haid Carpenter)

Minutes of the Indiana Historical Radio Society

October 2, 1999 Business Meeting, Greenfield, Indiana.

IHRS President Alex Whitaker opened the meeting at 12:25PM. The following old business was discussed.

- 1) Minutes of the August 28, 1999 business meeting were read by the IHRS Secretary Fred Prohl. The minutes were approved as read.
- 2) Treasurer Dr. Michael Clark reported an IHRS account balance of \$5,800.00 with approximately \$1,700 owed on "Bulletin" expenses. An additional \$500.00 is due to reserve the Holiday Inn for the February 2000 meeting.
- 3) Following a discussion on the pro's and con's of an IHRS dues increase, a motion was presented to increase the annual dues to \$15.00 per year, or \$25.00 for a two year membership. A discussion related to the value of 1, 2, and 3 year memberships continued until the motion was called to a vote. The motion was passed with a show of hands, 15 to 0.

The following was discussed under New Business:

- 1) Election of the year 2000 officers. President Whitaker presented a slate of positions and members' names for office as follows:

President - Herman Gross

Vice President - George Freeman

Secretary - Fred Prohl

Treasurer - Dr. Michael Clark

Historian - Ed Taylor

President Whitaker called for additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the ballot as presented.

The list of candidates was presented to the members for vote and was accepted unanimously.

- 2) A discussion followed concerning IHRS meetings, the frequency and location of meetings. Of primary interest was the annual IHRS/AWA meeting in the Spring. Discussed was the length of the meeting, (two vs. three days in length), accessibility of meeting, auction and contest room space, and the considerably diminished auction the organization has experienced in recent years. It was suggested that publishing the auction contents prior to the meet will improve the interest.

- 3) The Greenfield meet contest winners were announced. George Freeman, Ed Dupart, Mike Feldt, Bill Morris and Ross Smith were awarded ribbons.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.

Fred Prohl, IHRS secretary.

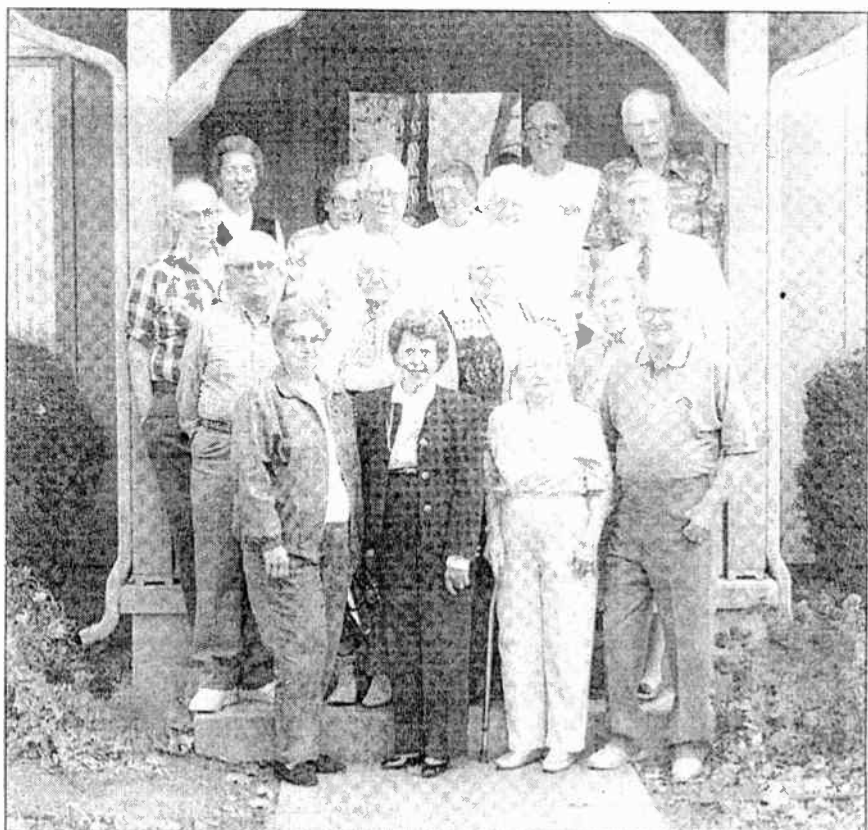
IHRS MUSEUM REPORT

Fred Schultz, IHRS Museum Curator

(ed. comment, Fred and Marcella Schultz seem to always be in the headlines. They do a remarkable job and ask for your assistance in supplying items for display. You can either put them in the museum as a temporary show piece or, you can provide them as a donation. Fred's telephone number and address are on page two.)

Here is a picture and comments that appeared in the local Ligonier paper. (P.S. The poor picture quality results from this having been from the newspaper rather than from a true photo.)

Visitor center, radio museum volunteers honored at lunch



Betty and Elsworth Peterson hosted a luncheon at their home recently for volunteers who worked at the Ligonier Visitors Center in the past year. "It's just one way to say thanks to these great volunteers," said Betty, who is president of the Ligonier Convention and Tourism Bureau. Included in the photo are Morris Barrett, Phyllis Burnworth, Mel Cory, LaVone Cory, Max Coy, Helen Gerke, Glenn Longardner, Joe Miller, Gilda Miller, Margaret Ott, Betty Peterson, Elsworth Peterson, LaDonna Schroeder, Dorothy Stoelting, Dr. Floyd Warren, Ivalou Warren, Helen Wolfe. Volunteers not pictured are Ron Blue, Sylvia Blake, Terry Einsberger, Carol Miller, Ray Nelson, Fred Schultz, Marcella Schultz and Bob Buttgen.

1999 IHRS Greenfield “Fall Meet” Contest Entries

Photos and presentation by Michael Feldt

Once again the IHRS Fall meet had a great turnout of contest entries. This year there were five categories in the contest but only three had entries. Those categories and winners are:

1920s Battery Sets with One to Five Tubes:

1st - George Freeman with the two Crosley tuners and two Crosley amps. (1)

2nd - Ed Dupart with his Klitzen receiver. (2)

1930s Table Model Radios with Seven or More Tubes:

1st - Michael Feldt with his Westinghouse WR-214. (3)

1930s or Later Portable Tube Radios:

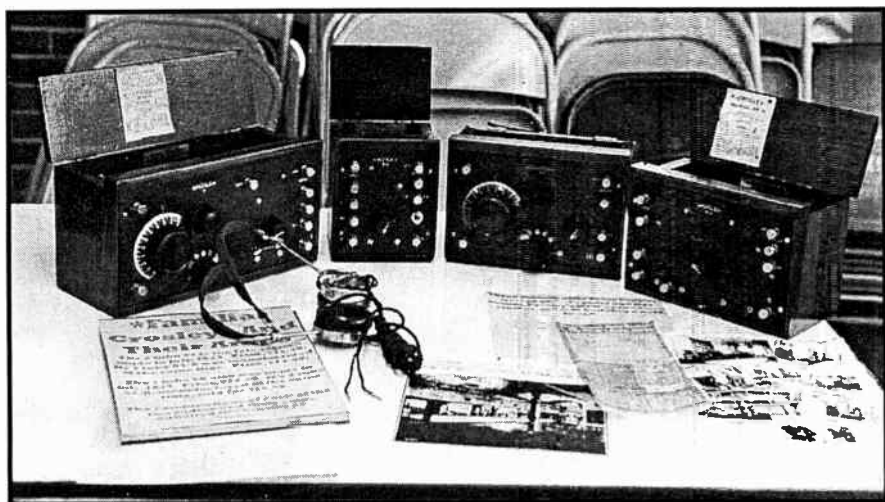
1st - Bill Morris with his Majestic radio. (4)

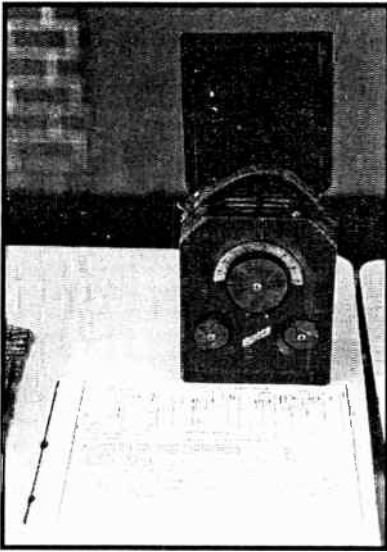
2nd - Ross Smith with his Sylvania radio. (5)



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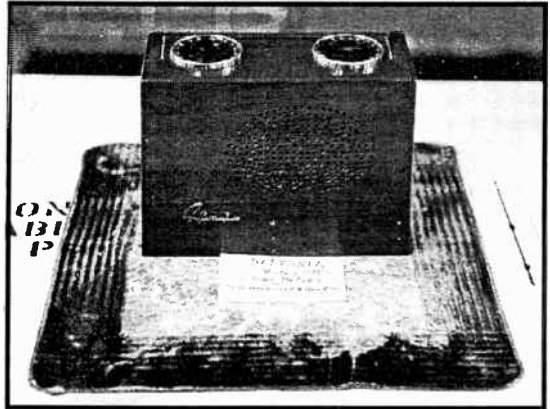




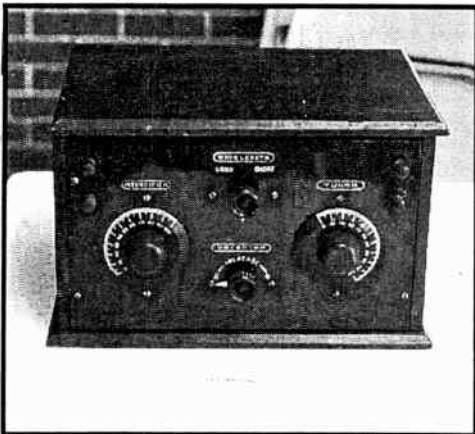
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Bill Morris strikes oil with his first place win with his 1930's Majestic portable radio.

Ross Smith, always a winner, does it again with 2nd place Sylvania in the 1930's or later, Portable Tube Radios.



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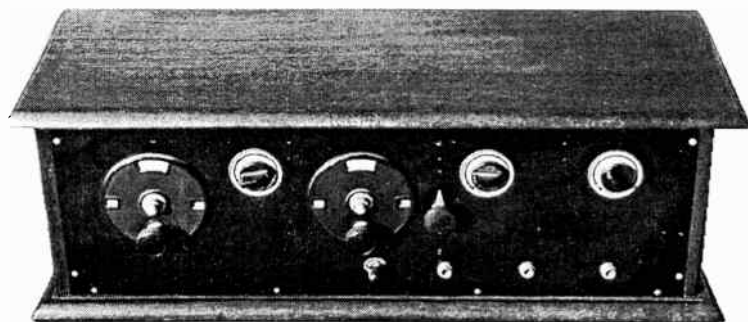
Here's Ed Dupart's second place win in the 1920's Battery sets with one to five tubes. It's his rare Klitzen receiver.

Even Ligonier, Home of the IHRS Radio Museum, had a Radio Manufacturer

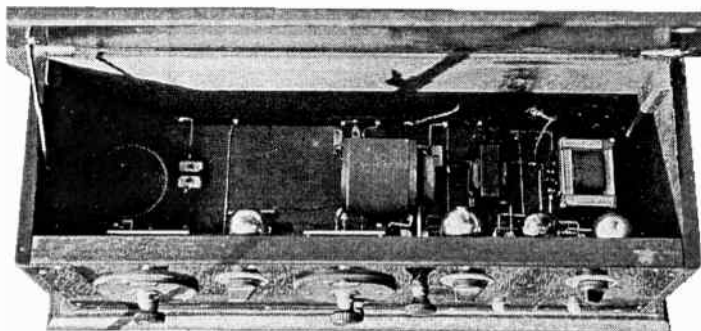
Presented by Michael Feldt

The paragraph below is taken from the identification card that accompanies the set that is in the IHRS Museum's permanent display.

Glen Decker was born in 1896. He and his assistants built and repaired radios in Ligonier from the 1920s to the 1950s. A victim of polio, he was confined to a wheelchair most of his life. This radio and the one at the Ligonier Historical Museum are the only two known to exist. Glen died in 1964.



This set is part of the display at the IHRS Museum in Ligonier, Indiana.



(editor's note, in response to my comments in the last "Bulletin", the author of the following story sent this in as a prelude to future articles relating to his experiences as a Radio/TV repairman)

Debugging a Radio and Circuit Riding Rodents by Gary Behr

After a two year stint in the army, I took a job as a radio/television repair man in my home town of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. In 1960, the home electronics available were pretty simple--I thought! I found out differently as I gained knowledge. My job as an in home repairman taught me that not all repairs involved electronics. A call on an Olympic television set involved no sound on any channel. I removed the set back and found that mice had deftly removed the entire speaker cone!

On another call, an ancient and ornate Philco console had no picture. The home was spotless and had white shag wall to wall carpeting in every room. The lady who placed the call even insisted that I remove my shoes before entering the house. I checked the horizontal sweep section of the set and found a very dead mouse draped over the cap of the high voltage rectifier tube! My boss insisted that I always use diplomacy in my work, so I carefully wrapped the electrocuted rodent in a paper towel and stowed it in my tube caddy. I charged the homeowner for "removal of a high voltage section short."

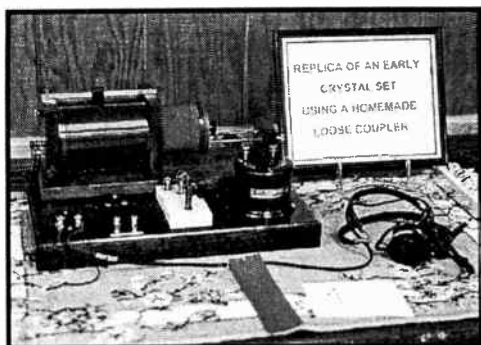
Back at the shop one day, an elderly lady brought a five tube superhet kitchen radio in because of a 'buzzing noise'. I looked in the back of the greasy looking set and saw movement! Taking the set out to the back yard, I grabbed a can of aerosol and placed the set on a nearby rock wall. After a good healthy spray, the set was vacated by hundreds of roaches!! This set hummed even when it was unplugged!

C. A. Hall aka "Grey Behr", 638 S. County Rd. 900W,
Holton, IN 47023

(ed. note, we look forward to hearing from Gary and extend the invitation to others of you to submit items like this and, of course, technical articles. Share your expertise and knowledge!)

1999 Elkhart "Summer Meet" Contest Entries

Photos and presentation by Michael Feldt



CLASS ONE, Crystal Sets:

1st Place ...Ross Smith - Reproduction of an early loose coupler set. (1) **2nd Place**

...Bengt Svensson - 1924 German Post Card Radio. (2)

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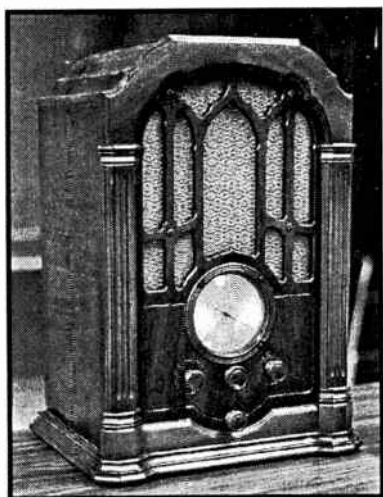
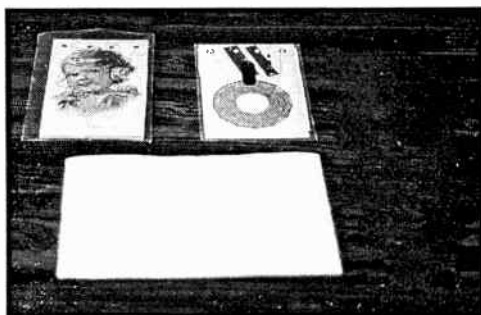
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CLASS TWO, Tube Sets:

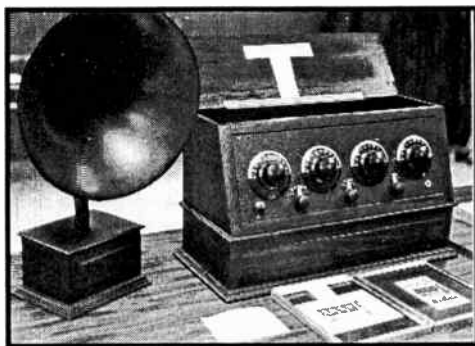
1st Place...Michael Feldt - 1933 RCA 140 tombstone radio. (3)

2nd Place ...Jack Lavelle - Ozarka battery set with Ozarka speaker. (4)

2nd Place ... Walt Sanders - Micro Radio pocket radio made in Peru, Indiana. (Sorry no photo)



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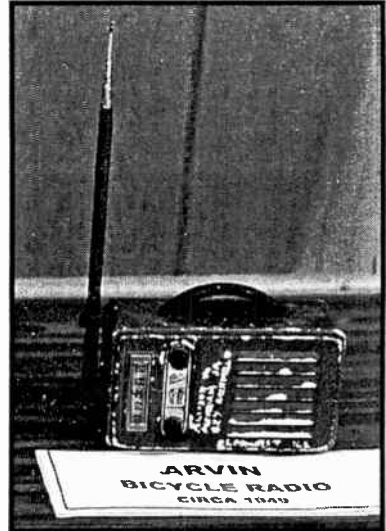


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CLASS THREE, Transistor Sets: 1st Place ...Ross Smith - Zenith T2546 High Fidelity radio. (5)

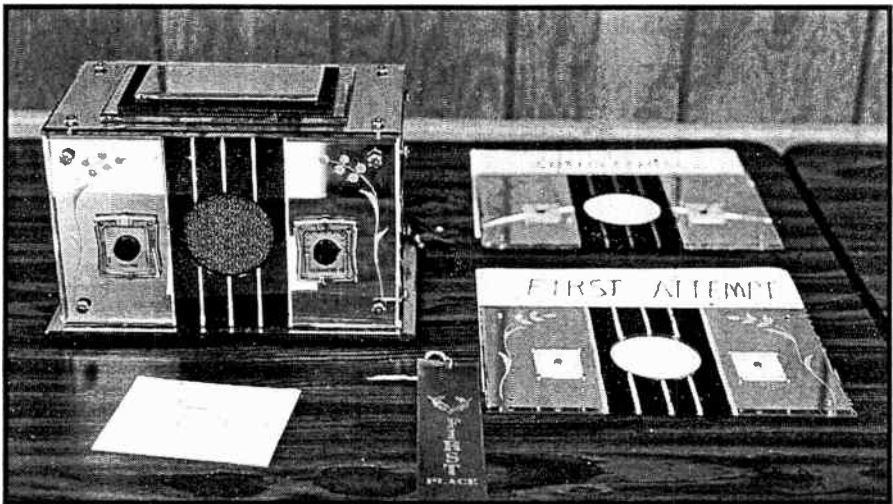
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CLASS FOUR, Novelty Sets: 1st Place ...Jack Lavelle - MIR-RAY radio. (6) 2nd Place ...Chester Michalowski - Bicycle Radio. (7)

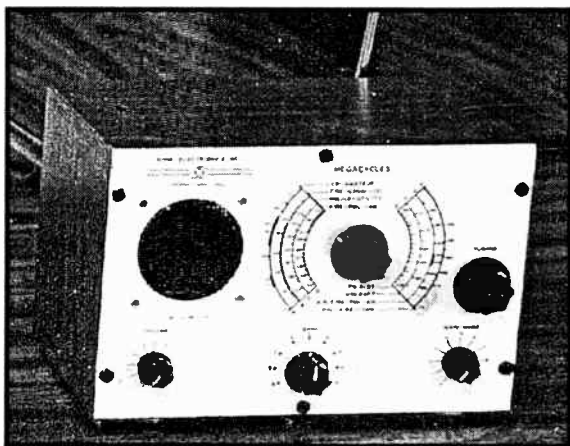
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CLASS FIVE, Favorite Radio: 1st Place...Ross Smith - Tower Ship speaker. (8) 2nd Place ...Andy Pich - His favorite radio. (Sorry no photo) 2nd Place ...Michael Feldt - Kuhn superegenerative receiver.(9)

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Editors Note: Due to matters of both time and space, it has been necessary to drop two of the items planned for this issue. I hope that you have found the material that was included in this issue to be of interest. Be sure to renew your membership so that you will be able to receive the next issue which will contain the tube cross reference and the words and music to the "Little Orphan Annie" theme song that was used on the Radio Program that was covered in a previous issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Bob O'Friel, IHRS Editor

RADIOADS

These ads are free to IHRS members. Please limit them to 100 words. Unless we are advised otherwise, we will run ads for two issues. The exception would be where services, etc. are being listed. Please send your ads to the editor at the address shown on page 2.

Help: I am restoring a Sparton 557 Blue Mirror Sleigh Radio. The wood part of the cabinet has a black finish that is smooth to the touch but has a crystalline appearance. It needs to be re-finished. Can anyone out there do this refinishing, or tell me how to do it and where to get the right paint, lacquer, or whatever it is. I want this to be authentic. Ted Rogers, 6938 E. Waco Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567. Phone 219-457-8886, Fax 219-457-8776. Thanks!!

Wanted: Looking for any Skylark, Imperial, LePilot, and Lyradion battery radios of the 1920's. Also seeking any Wilson and Fairbanks-Morse radios of the 1930's. If anyone has information or literature on these Indiana brand radios or if you have nice examples of these radios that I can use in illustrating future articles, please contact me.

Michael Feldt, 12035 Somerset Way East, Carmel, IN 46033
Phone: (317) 844-0635 e-mail: feldtm@iquest.net

For Sale: Scott 23 tube Imperial, chassis mint, cabinet excellent, plays great, w/manual - \$2,500 or BO. Sorry, pickup only. Don Johnston, 3621 E. 700N, Windfall, IN, 46076
Phone: (765) 945-7735

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For Sale: McMurdo-Silver Masterpiece V in a beautiful inlaid cabinet. Don Patterson and I both think that the cabinet is an Ozarka cabinet that was professionally redone for this set. This is in beautiful condition. (It's for sale because I don't need 3 of these.)

Also, Rock-ola "Super Rocket" model 1434 jukebox, set up for 78's. Needs restoration. \$600.00.

Coke Machine, Cavalier Model CSS173. Refrigeration works and it's all there, including the key. Holds a lot of 12 oz. (or smaller bottles). \$250.00.

These items, including the McMurdo Silver, Rock-ola Juke Box, and the Coke Machine, may be seen by appointment, but bring money. Mike Clark, 6484 East 350 North, Franklin, IN 46131. Tel # (317) 738-4649, e-mail maclark@iupui.edu .

FOR SALE: Radio schematics-\$2.50. Rider's radio and TV manuals, Xerox copies of service manuals, Zenith, 942 pp-\$65, Philco, 300pp-\$30, Crosley, 322pp-\$30, Atwater Kent, 463pp-\$35.00, Rider's Radio Index, 1 through 23-\$25.00. Books, SASE for list. All plus shipping. Philco cabinets, front panels, colonial clock top trim and finials, etc.. Other parts.....inquire. (Plus shipping) Dick Oliver, 28604 Schwalm Dr., Elkhart. IN 46517. (219) 522-4516

FOR SALE: Photocopies: Hallicrafters S-22, Zenith 1000-1, Radiola III, 18, 60, 100A, 103, Majestic 52, and other radio, tube, and Test Equipment manuals. Also some Novelty radios. LSASE for list. WANTED: Good escutcheon for Philco 42-355 or 42-390, (9 pushbuttons) and original (or tracing) of the back for an Emerson EP-375, ("5+1").

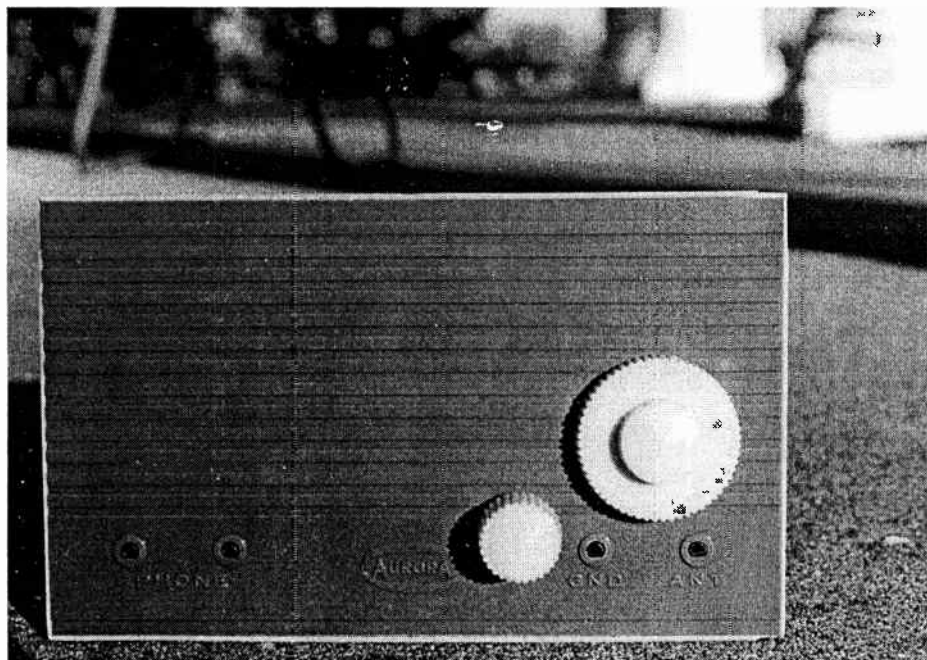
Herman Gross, 1705 Gordon Dr. Kokomo, IN 46902. (765) 459-8308, e-mail w9itt@juno.com

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(RADIOADS, continued)

FOR SALE: Pocket transistor radios. Send SASE for list.
Serge L. Krauss, 141 Homerun Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516-5027.

Wanted: Aurora plastic radios similar to the one shown in the photo. The one I really want is a one tube model in a case identical to this. They were sold as a kit to meet Boy Scout Radio Badge requirements. There are other models that I am also probably interested in so contact me. Mike Clark, 6484 East 350 North, Franklin, IN 46131, (317) 738-4649, e-mail maclark@iupui.edu



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MESSAGE: We have slowed down, but we are still making WD-11 adapters, etc., plug-in coil forms, rebuilding audio transformers and doing all of the things we have done for 21 years. James Fred, 5355 S. 275W, Cutler IN 46920. (765) 268-2214.

SERVICES: Hickok test equipment, repair and calibration. Factory authorized contact person. Wendall E. Hall, 3 Mockingbird Circle, Jeffersonville, IN 47130. Shop phone/fax, (812)256-2090, home phone, (812) 282-9709.

WANTED: Music Minus One (MMO) musicians background LP records. Thanks. Walter Sanders, 15 Todd Drive, Terre Haute. IN, 47803. Tel. # (812) 877-2643.

FOR SALE: Magnavox 15" dynamic speaker, no rust or rips, good 500 ohm field--\$20.00 postpaid. George Hauske, 1922 E. Indiana St., Wheaton, IL 60187. Phone (630-668-3845.

WANTED: Pioneer RT-909 tape deck or any similar deck with 4 track stereo recording/playback capabilities operating at 3 3/4IPS and 7.5 IPS with the ability to handle the large 10 1/2 inch reels. Need ASAP. Bob O'Friel, 7631 Cape Cod Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46250-1844. Phone (317) 849-4028. Would consider Akai 6635D or 6636 or Revox B77. Also looking for Pioneer SA8500 integrated amplifier.

WANTED: Any source of information on Lyradian Manufacturing of Mishawauka, Indiana. Looking for advertising, documentation, or personal knowledge of this Indiana Radio manufacturer of the 20's. Fred Prohl, 3129 Lanam Ridge Road, Nashville, IN 47448, (812)988-1761, e-mail = fprohl@worldnet.att.net