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**Walt Sanders of Terre Haute proudly stands by his display of RCA portable radios that won Best of Show at the Forest Park Meet.**

**Congratulations Walt!**



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## COMING EVENTS

### **IHRS Annual Northern Indiana Summer Meet, Elkhart Indiana**

Saturday, August 23rd, 1997

A separate card with all details has been mailed.

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### **IHRS Fall Foliage Meet, Saturday, October 11, 1997**

7:30AM till ????

Riley Park, Greenfield, Indiana, on Apple Street about 1/4 mile east of State Route 9 and one block north of U. S. 40.

SWAP MEET AND EQUIPMENT CONTEST: 3 categories:

#1) Your Favorite Catalin Radio.

#2) Your Favorite 1930s Paper or Steel Cabinet Radios.

#3) 1920s Table Model Radios.

Noon: A "Pitch in" lunch, Bring a dish to share. Election of officers after lunch. Registration: \$5.00. A large 1920s shelter house with a kitchen, chairs and tables are available in case of bad weather.

CONTACT: Glenn Fitch at (765) 565-6911

Silent Auction with 10% commission going to the club.

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### **IHRS Winter Meet, Saturday, February 14, 1998, 7.30 till ????**

Holiday Inn Southeast, 5120 Victory Lane, (I-465 at Emerson Road, Exit 52). We will have lunch at a nearby restaurant (Your choice of menu and costs etc.). Details, next "Bulletin". Contact: Dr. Michael Clark, (317) 738-4649 or Alex Whitaker, (317) 535-4174.

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### **IHRS/AWA 27th Regional Annual Spring Meet, Indianapolis!**

Signature Inn, I-465 and East Washington Street.

Thursday, April 30, 1998, (set up day for early arrivals).

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, 1998. Details to be announced.

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### **IHRS Special Summer Swap/Contest. Saturday, June 13th, 1998**

7.00AM to 3.00PM. Actual 1920s battery radio performance contest.

Details forthcoming. Location: Forest Park, just northwest of Noblesville, Indiana. Contact: Michael Feldt, (317) 844-0635 in eve.

# Prologue

First of all, I want to introduce our new editors, Chris and his wife, Laurie O' Dell. We are pleased that they volunteered for the post. They have the computer and software needed for the job, the desire to be of help, and, they are collectors. Your articles should be directed to them at 111 W. South St., Argos Indiana, 46501. You, as members, are entitled to free listings in the "Radioads" portion of our club publication, "The Bulletin" and you should mail such material to them. Their phone number is (219) 892-9453.

I felt the following information is important because of the delay in getting this particular edition of the "Bulletin" to you. A number of circumstances contributed to this. My wife Carol underwent major surgery and, for a period of time, I became chief cook and bottle washer. Following that, our water heater decided to release its contents in the shop. Since no plumber was available for a matter of days, I undertook the task of replacement of the unit. Seemingly, the efforts involved in all of this lowered my resistance and the summer cold I caught took me out of circulation for over a week. Other major challenges came along. Now, things have returned to normal and all is looking better especially since Carol is much better. (She fired me as the cook).

The last two months seem to have been a gauntlet to a number of members. Inez Shuck also went through significant surgery with Bob assuming a role similar to mine. Inez is doing well at this point and Carol, my wife, has passed the 6 week point with a good report card from the doctor.

Maryln Gregg is on standby for surgical treatment pending further tests and Paul awaits his role.

Walt and Glenna Sanders made a trip to Montana responding to the report of her brothers serious illness. They stayed there until it appeared that he was headed for recovery. Just after their return to Terre Haute, they were advised that he had passed away. As this goes to press, Glenna is in Connecticut helping her daughter prepare for her forthcoming wedding in October.

On the brighter side, Jim Fred is now out of the hospital, (and is recovering at home), after treatment to relieve water accumulation in his legs.

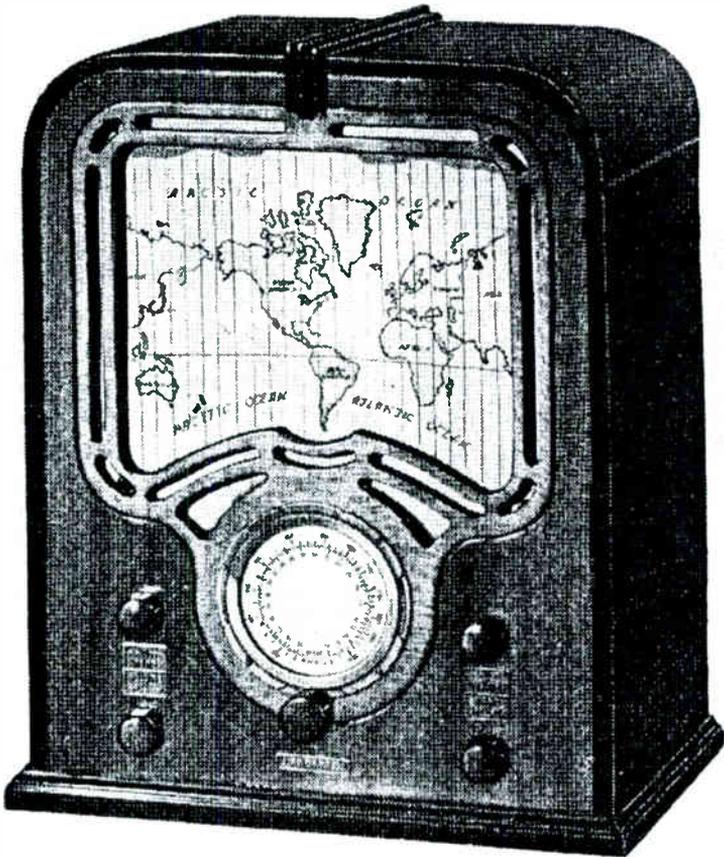
John Foel is preparing to sell his collection that is based near Auburn and you will hear from him.

The next edition of the Bulletin will probably shift back a month for release in October. Plans call for a return to our regular schedule after that. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Robert (Bob) O' Friel

P.S. Due to timing and other needs, this particular edition was prepared by Mike Feldt and yours truly.

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1935 International Kadette Model 65

## *Message From The President*

The 26th annual meet is now behind us. Despite the rains, the feedback has been very positive. The central location of the venue had many advantages and the management and personnel of the Signature Inn were very supportive. Although the threat of rain did attenuate the attendance, we had a good meet and at least 8 states were represented. In the past years, we recognized the fact that there were always groups of “Early Birds” so, Thursday, May 1st was instituted for those hearty individuals. The planned events were actually scheduled for Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. Surprisingly, The Collector/Dealers began filing in on Wednesday. Accordingly, parking spaces began filling up in a somewhat haphazard fashion. It is obvious that next year, a system will have to be in place to obtain better control and assignment of designated spaces. The fact that this was a new venue made it obvious that some minor changes of this type were to be expected. The location of the Signature Inn facilities were great and I’ve received a number of letters and comments stating that we should have next year’s IHRS/AWA 27th Annual Regional Meet at the same location. I have contacted the Signature Inn to reserve Thursday, April 30th, Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd for that event. They have promised even more parking spaces with several more rows on the northside of the site. The ease of finding this location in addition to having many food and other services in the immediate along with the cooperation of the motel staff and management added to the success. Signature Inn would like to know the ratio of single room guests to those requiring 2 or more so your inputs to me would be helpful. A review of the festival appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The next event, the Annual Northern Indiana meet, takes place at the High Dive Pavilion in Elkhart, Indiana on Saturday, August 23rd. Some of the contest details have been changed as compared to our last listing so check the “Coming Events” schedule.

On Tuesday, April 15, Dr. Michael Clark and I were guests on Paul Irwin’s “Indiana Today” program on WICR-FM. We spent the entire 1 hour “When Radio was Radio” segment discussing the

forthcoming May meet. Paul has been a great support to the IHRS cause both this year as well as last year when Herman Gross joined me for a similar “on the air” session which gained us some members.

A reminder too that the annual election of officers takes place at our October meet. The slate of candidates so far includes: for President, Alex R. Whitaker; Vice President, Scott Beard; Treasurer, Dr. Michael Clark. Glenna Sanders would have been in the line-up as secretary but she has announced that she will retire from that post. We will miss her as she has well served the duties. The nominating committee is seeking someone for the secretary’s position. If you would like to serve any of the posts, contact Walt Sanders, the committee chairman at 15 Todd Drive, Terre Haute, Indiana, 48362-2704. His phone number is (812) 877-2643. Both Walt and Glenna are loyal workers and supporters in behalf of our club and deserve all of our thanks. In the meantime, I’ll see you wherever Radios live.

Robert (BOB) O’Friel



Here’s a photograph of a young man making adjustments on a 1935 Hallicrafters Super-7. Judging on the quality of communications gear and the thinly constructed walls of the building, this photo was probably taken at an army barracks in the early 1940s. This photo was purchased for \$5 at an Indianapolis flea market.

## IHR/AWA REGIONAL 26TH ANNUAL "SPRING FLING"

Our big May meet is now part of history. Some 130 attendees signed in from more than 8 states including New Hampshire. The threat of rain kept some away and, eventually, we did see the heavens part to give some moisture. The rainfall here was above the usual average and, there is the hope that we have it out of the way this year in order that the 1998 meet will be blessed with sunshine. The new location and facilities worked out well and plans have already been made to schedule a repeat performance here next year.

The equipment contest yielded some excellent hardware and displays with well planned presentations. The contest winners and their radios or equipment were: (a) INDIANA MADE RADIOS; Michael Feldt, 1st place for his display of a 1925 Slagle model IV and a 1927 Slagle model XX along with supporting material which included: one each of Slagle 1924, 1927, and 1928 advertising folders, an 01-A Slagle tube and two Slagle tube cartons, a photo of Vern Slagle, an original photo of a 1920s Slagle service truck and driver, and other associated historical information. The Slagle XX has a cast aluminum chassis fitted with blue Arcturus tubes. Mike's display was so attractive it also won the "Best of Show" award. George Freeman won 2nd place with his beautiful 1926 Tilman battery set. (b) Communication Equipment through 1948: A first place ribbon was awarded to Robert Drake for his National SW-2 Regenerative receiver. Paul Gregg received a second place ribbon for his FB-7 National unit with the power supply, speaker and coils, (the latter being missing items in most displays). (c) Test Equipment through 1950: First place awarded to Roger Brown for his early Simpson Radio Set Analyzer, the 2nd spot was won by L. Dwight Farringer for his Aerovox L/C checker. (d) Table Sets of the 1920s: Walt Sanders received the 1st place award for his Radiola Senior with the second place ribbon going to Jack Lavelle for his AK-10C breadboard which he had restored. The awards were distributed at the Friday evening banquet and all of the contestants are to be commended for their efforts and entries.

**Photos from the 1997 IHRS/AWA May Meet**



**Margaret Hook**

**Edna Yanczer**



**Chuck Saxton**

**Dick Reeves**

**Photos from the 1997 IHRS/AWA May Meet**



**Bob O’Friel Glenna Sanders Mrs. Clark Mike Clark**

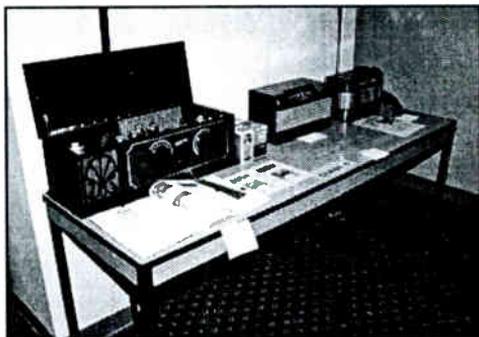


**Wava Smith Walt Sanders Jerry Hueber**

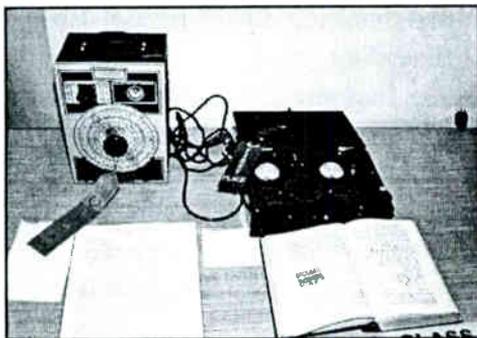


Michael Feldt's display of a 1925 Slatle IV (left) and a 1927 Slatle XX (right) both of which were manufactured in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This display won 1st place in the "Indiana Made Radios" category and also won the "Best of Show" award.

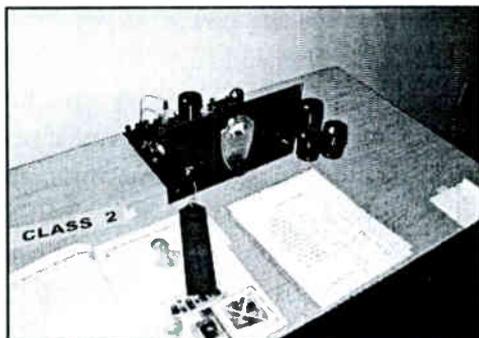
These sets are entered in the "Indiana Made Radios" category. The radio on the far left is a 1926 Tilman made in Lagro, Indiana. It won second place and is owned by George Freeman.



In the "Test Equipment through 1950" category, first place went to Roger Brown for his Simpson Radio Set Analyzer, (right) and 2nd place was awarded to L. Dwight Farringer for the Aerovox L/C checker, (left).



Robert Drake won first place in the "Communication Receivers through 1948" category with this Rare National SW-2 with coils.



Peter Yanczer's seminar/demonstration of the early Mechanical Scanning TV systems was well attended and there were many intelligent questions that were answered. Well done, Pete!

We have found the answer to the poor attendance to past Awards Banquets. Our evening at Laughner's Cafeteria was attended by 79 or more members as compared to the 47 that were on hand for last year's get together. Apparently good food at a reasonable cost at an attractive dining room provided the attraction that brought in the numbers. Besides all that and the comraderie, we also benefited from the excellent presentation given by Kevin Silva about the history of Albert "Duke" Silva. He had worked with Edwin Howard Armstrong as well as Atwater Kent and was chief design engineer for Arvin from 1936 to 1947. Kevin, (who is obviously proud of his grandfather), is to be commended for living up to our club's goal to preserve Radio History. Mr. Silva and his family came to our show the next day and is now a member.

We always try to have something that will make a good attraction for the Ladies Luncheon and, this time, we had another winner that also won points with the men who joined that meeting. "Charlie" Epstein regaled those present with his different experiences as a Network Radio Producer in past years. He had an interesting set of photographs of a number of well known stars that had been taken in their childhood. Many members were stumped when they attempted to identify them. "Charlie" has a wealth of knowledge and all who attended really appreciated the presentation. Later in the day, we assembled for the "Awards" Banquet. A good time was held by all as we closed Laughner's down for the night.

The Saturday auction faced the challenge of a heavy downpour but the tent we had arranged for provided adequate protection. One of the higher bids came for a Zenith table model. There were many bargains too, probably as a result of the dampened enthusiasm brought on, no doubt, because of the rain. All in all, we look forward to doing this again, same time, same station.

P.S. The Friday evening banquet was also honored by the presence of Gary A. Vierk, one of our founding members and our first president. (continued on next page)

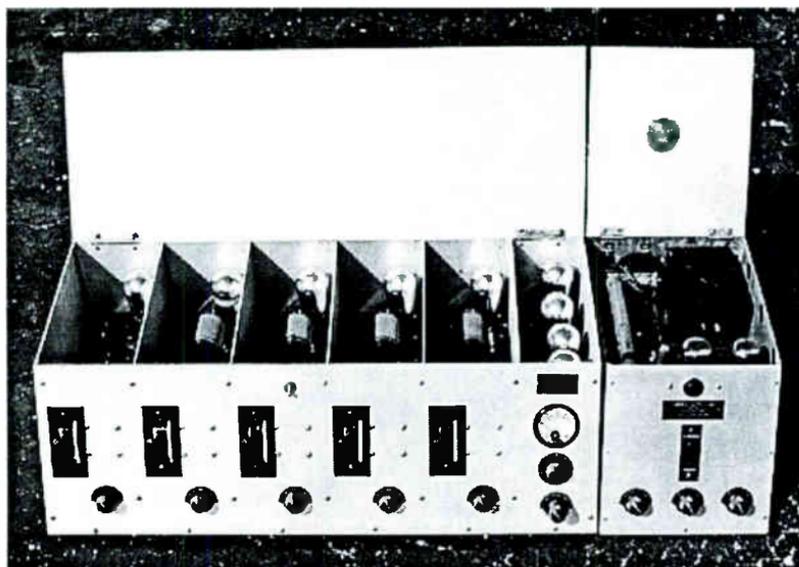
He presented the club with a beautiful plaque on which was mounted his original artwork that was used to develop the logo which we continue to use. This will go on display at the IHRS museum. He told us the early days of the club.

Finally a special thanks to Dr. Ed Taylor for the photographs on some of the IHRS/AWA attendees and the contest.

Robert (BOB) O’Friel

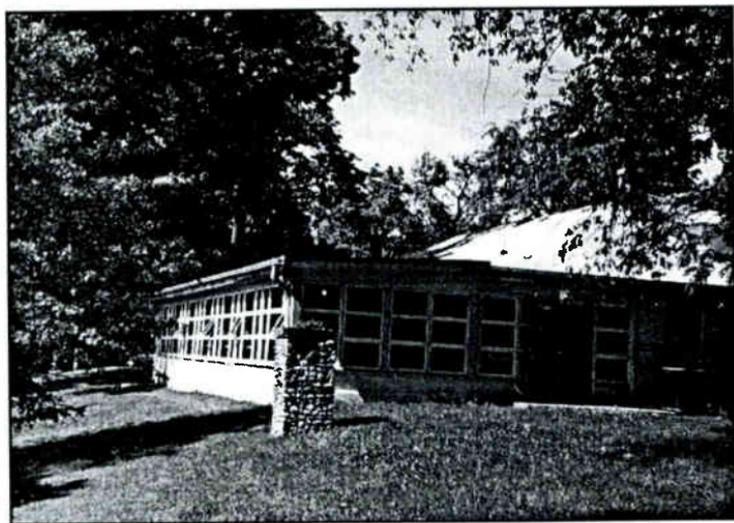
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**1927 Leutz Transoceanic “Phantom”  
Manufactured by the  
Golden-Leutz, Inc.  
Sixth and Washington Avenues, Long Island City,  
New York, U.S.A.**



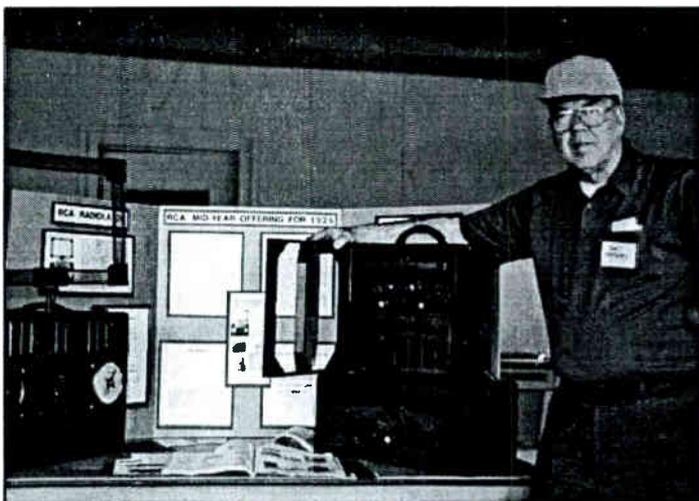
## *Indiana Historical Radio Society's second Special Live Performing Radio Contest and Swap Meet at Forest Park, Noblesville, Indiana*

The Indiana Historical Radio Society held it's second Special Live Radio Performance Contest and Swap Meet on Sunday June the 15th at the Forest Park Inn. The meet was blessed with beautiful weather throughout the day as the swap activities were in full gear. There were slightly fewer attendees this year then last year due to the fact that the meet was on a Sunday which was also Father's Day. The back porch of the Inn was where the Live Performance Contest was held and there was a nice array of rare and exotic 1920s battery operated radio receivers with there tubes glowing and radio programs pouring out from every corner of the room. Curious onlookers and radio enthusiasts got a chance to tune in the various sets and chat with the owners. Around noon, cloth covered tables were lined up along the window's edge of the room and lunch was served. Members and guests enjoyed many delicious home made hot dishes, casseroles and desserts. A short meeting was held after the lunch and then the event wound down about 2:00. The next meet at the Forest Park Inn is scheduled for Saturday June 13th, 1998.

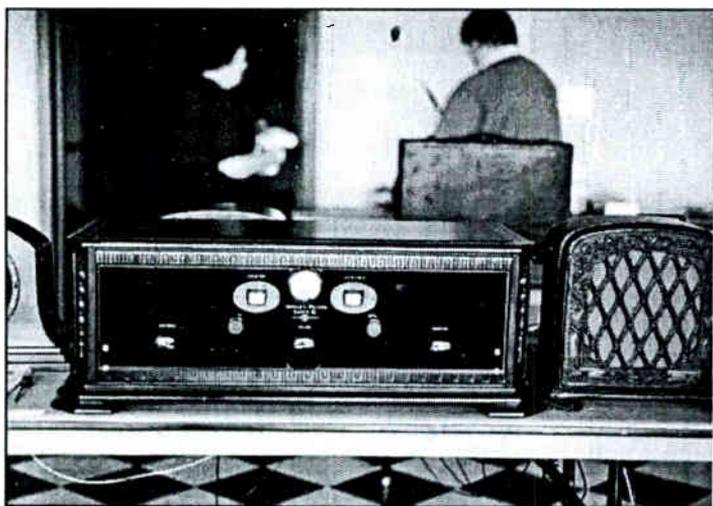


Glass enclosed back porch where the contest and luncheon took place.

## Superheterodyne Category Entries

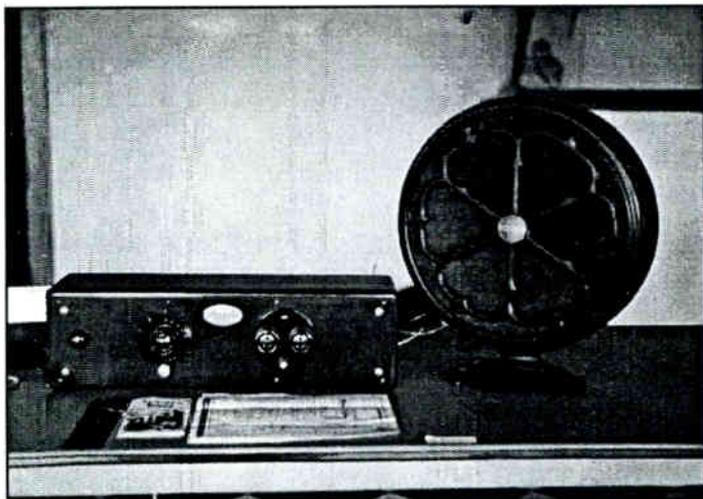


**RCA Radiola 24 and RCA Radiola 26 entered by Walt Sanders  
Power supplied by A, B, and C batteries  
First Place**



**1928 E. H. Scott "Worlds Record Super Ten" entered by Michael Feldt  
Power supplied by a 1925 Muter A power supply and a modified  
Heathkit B-C power supply. Speaker was a rebuilt Kolster speaker.  
Second Place**

## Non-Superheterodyne Category Entries



Atwater Kent 33 with AK model E speaker entered by Alex Whitaker.  
Power supplied by an ARBE-III A, B, and C power supply.

**First Place**



1922 Westinghouse "Aerola Senior" with Brands headphones entered  
by Dr. Michael Clark. Power supplied by an ARBE-III A, B, and C  
power supply.

**Second Place**

## Non-Superheterodyne Category Entries

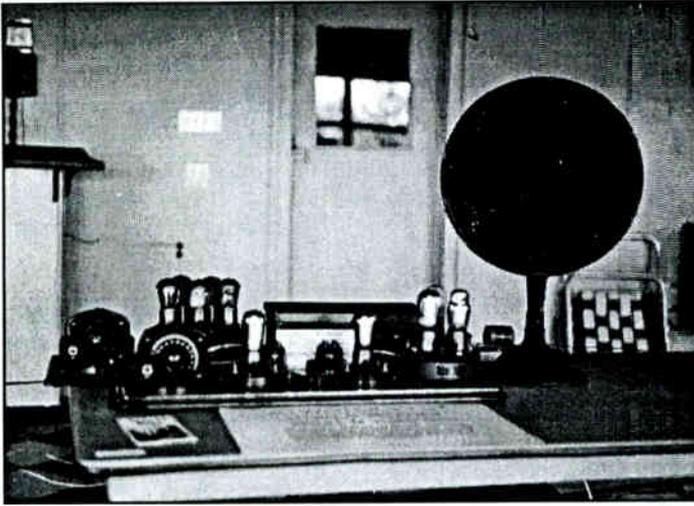


1925 AC Dayton X-L-5 glass cabinet dealers set with Orchestron horn speaker entered by Michael Feldt. Power supplied by a Gary Schnider A, B, and C power supply.



1925 Penn C Special with Pennsylvania Type E2 headphones and Timmons Loud Speaker entered by Walt Sanders. Power supplied by kit power supply.

## Non-Superheterodyne Category Entries



1923 Atwater Kent 5 (4333) and 1923 Atwater Kent 15 (4066) with an AK model M horn speaker entered by Walt Sanders. Power supplied by a home-brew power supply.

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### Want Ads

**For Sale: N.I.B. Beane Weence, Kraft Macaroni and Cheese novelties- \$30 ppd. Enlarged copy Majestic 52 instruction manual, including schematic, parts layout and Ghirardi's Troubleshooting Notes- \$9 ppd. Herman Gross, 1705 Gorden Dr., Kokomo, Indiana 46902. (765) 459-8308. E-mail: [w9itt@juno.com](mailto:w9itt@juno.com)**

## I.H.R.S. MUSEUM REPORT

Fred Schultz, Curator

The museum is now into its summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Having the museum open Tuesday and Wednesday will coincide with the Shipshewana Flea Market and its' thousands of visitors that come each week.

New additions to the museum include a great transistor radio display from Charlie Miller's collection, a Stewart Warner tomb stone with a chrome front, a very early Trans-oceanic with a sailing ship on the front and a unique Dictogram speaker from Serge Krause.

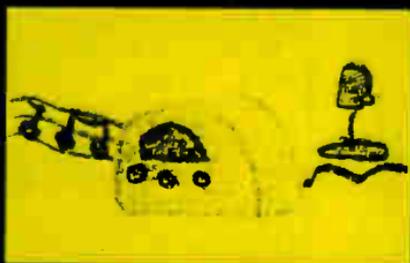
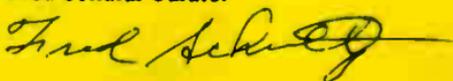
A yard sale was held at the museum with donated items, bringing in over \$200. Many of the items were donated by Ross Smith.

The December 1996 IHRS Bulletin contained a list of its' 13 founding members. One member was Julian Stark. His whereabouts were unknown. On June 4, 1997, his niece Janice Cayot, visited the museum and said Julian was in a nursing home in Crossville, Tennessee. She stated that he still enjoys getting cards and letters and would enjoy hearing from IHRS members. She donated several papers and early radio pictures to the museum. A picture of Julian in his radio repair shop on Fairfield Avenue in Fort Wayne was donated to the museum. Many unique radios and other items are clearly visible in the picture. We have sent the picture to a photo shop to have it enlarged and will have it on display at the museum.

The museum was honored with a visit from the nephew of Alfred Grebe. Alfred was the founder of the Grebe Radio Company. He gave us a lot of information and took a membership application to become a member of IHRS.

Dozens of letters have been received from school children that have visited the museum recently. We thought you would enjoy reading some of the more current ones.

Fred Schultz Curator



Dear Visitor's Center,  
I enjoyed looking at the radios.  
I liked hearing about the history.  
I really liked seeing what it  
looked like inside a radio.  
Sincerely,  
Jessica M.  
Mrs. Brown

# Children's letters to the Museum

Anna Drendall



To: Radio Museum  
Thank you  
for the great  
tour of the  
Cool Radios  
From: Anna Drendall

Thank you  
Radio people.



I had a good time.  
The tour was  
wonderful.  
I loved the  
radios.

Ann W.

Ann W.

Josh Rendall



Thank You  
for the radio  
tour. I liked  
the funk band  
the best.

A person that likes  
the radio,  
Josh Rendall