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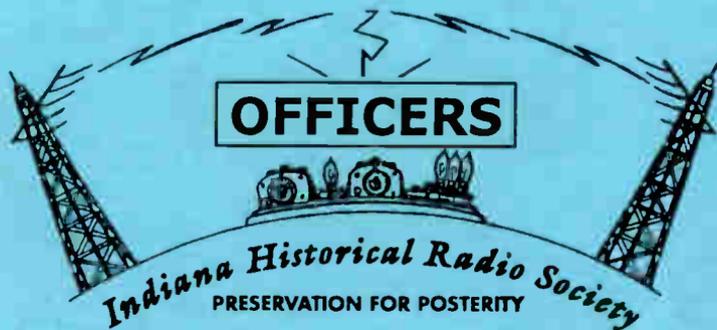
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The INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY is a non-profit organization founded in 1971. Annual membership dues are \$10.00, which includes the quarterly IHRS BULLETIN. RadioAds are free to all members. Please include a S.A.S.E. when requesting information.

COMING EVENTS!

IHRS "FALL FOLIAGE" MEET:

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Riley Park, Greenfield, Indiana, on North Apple Street, approximately ¼ mile east of SR 9 and one block north of US 40.

Registration: 7:30AM to ?. \$5.00/member/family.

Swap/sell meet in parking lot and inside park building.

Coffee and doughnuts for the early arrivals.

9:00AM: Registration for contest entry.

Contest categories: 1) Table Radios of the 1940's, (both pre and post WWII).

2) My favorite Transistor Radio.

11:30AM Close of contest for judging.

12:30PM Pitch-in luncheon. Bring a dish, dessert, or rolls and your table service. Extra silver and paper plates will be provided.

1PM Contest results will be announced followed by the IHRS business meeting and election of officers. (See Letter from the President).

2 PM to ????? Swap meet continues.

For more information, contact Mike Clark at (317) 738-4649

Or Alex Whitaker at (317) 535-4174, (after 6PM Mon-Fri.)

e-mail: ehscott@iquest.net

MSARC FALL SWAP MEET

Saturday, October 3, 1998

Wyndham Garden Hotel, exit 115 off I-75/I-64, phone (606) 259-1311

7:00AM, registration and swap meet, 9:00AM Old Equipment contest, 12:30PM auction. Contest categories: Crystal Sets, (manufactured), Battery Sets, (tube), post 1931

(all styles), Tombstone Sets, (wood), Table Sets, Catalin, tube, Advertising, Radio Mfg. And Broadcasting in MSARC Area, Ugly Radio and Miscellaneous. For more information contact: Terry Layman, (606) 269-4544 or Joe Zahnen, (615) 690-5833.

IHRS WINTER MEET 1999

Saturday, February 13th, 7:30 AM till ??????

Holiday Inn Southeast, 5120 Victory Lane, I-465 at Emerson, Exit 52. Details TBA, call Dr. Mike Clark (317) 738-4649 or Alex Whitaker, (317) 535-4174 (after 6 PM) or Sat./Sun..

IHRS/AWA 28th REGIONAL ANNUAL SPRING MEET

Indianapolis, IN Signature Inn, * I-465 and East Washington Street * May or June *. (The Big One).

*= This depends on your vote that should have been mailed.

See "Message From The President".

"BROCKARAMA 5" Antique Radio Swap Meet

Sunday, October 25, 1998, Dawn until ????????

Free setup located at 1908 Madison Ave., Covington, KY.

Take the 5th St. exit off of I-75 to Madison.

For information, call (606) 441-2548

Next Year's Elkhart Meet:

Saturday, August 28, 1999

Don't forget!!!!

Elections this year at the Greenfield Meet coming up on Saturday, October 10th, 1998, 7:30AM till ????

Message From The President

Alex R. Whitaker

Greetings to the membership of the IHRS. Well, summer is almost over and fall is near. It's hard to believe that in less than a month, we'll have our "Fall Foliage" meeting in Greenfield along with the election of officers. I feel that I've only been IHRS president for around 3 months or so, instead of a year.....and that summer started around 2 weeks ago. Time does fly.

Short summers aside, to date we have had only about 1/3 of the IHRS membership vote on whether to move our May meeting to the first week of June. So far, the vote is tending heavily toward moving the meet to June. I'll be counting votes until the end of September, when the Signature Inn will be contacted to confirm the date of the event. I would like to take longer, but the longer we wait, the less chance of getting the Hotel.

Fred Prohl heads up our nominating committee for the slate of Officers for the 1998-1999 term. Unfortunately, Scott Beard, our Vice-President, and Lou Moses, the Secretary, could not continue in their offices due to personal reasons. The nominating committee has candidates for all offices except Vice President. If you know someone who would like to serve in this capacity, or if you would like to serve, contact Fred Prohl at (812) 988-1761. Nominations can also be made for any IHRS office by calling Fred, or, you may announce same during the business meeting on October 10.

Your IHRS officers have, for some time, been coming up with ideas to make our business meetings more streamlined and efficient. IHRS business meetings have, in the past, gotten bogged down on one or more issues. This often made them too long and drawn out. I believe, as I have said before, that business meetings need to be short and to the point, so that more people will stay for them. The IHRS Constitution and Bylaws state that the IHRS President is entrusted with keeping a feeling of harmony between club members, and maintaining order. Keeping with this general idea, any one item of IHRS business now has a time limit of ten minutes on the floor. A timer will be set by the club secretary when a subject is introduced. After ten minutes, said item will either be brought to a vote, or tabled to the next meeting if it is not

ready for the vote. This new rule of order was enacted at the Elkhart business meeting on August 22, 1998. Your IHRS officers hope that this will allow for shorter, more efficient meetings. Also, due to less time being devoted to a single issue, more items may be introduced for consideration.

If you have an idea that you think can help the club, please don't hesitate to bring it up to an IHRS officer, or to the IHRS membership. When bringing it before the club, make sure to have your plan well organized and ready for presentation.

Remember, the IHRS is your club and it needs YOUR input.

Business aside, I would like to say thanks to all of those who had a hand in setting up and running the Elkhart meeting. This includes: Ross and Wava Smith, Ty Gregory, Terry Garl, Doug and Clo McIntosh, Bob and Carol O'Friel and several others. I thought this year's Elkhart Meet was the best one I had been to in my three years of attendance at this location. Weather was temperate, and some great pieces were exhibited. There also was a large amount of entries in the contests. We need to see more participation like this at all of our contests!

I hope to see you all at Riley Park on October 10 for our "Fall Foliage" meet.

Don't forget to stay for the business meeting and elections.

Alex R. Whitaker, IHRS President.

COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS

From a letter sent to Alex Whitaker on August 24th:

Dear Mr. Whitaker,

My wife and I just returned home from the IHRS meet in Elkhart. I just wanted to drop you a note about the meeting. My wife and I both thought it was fantastic. We met so many friendly people, had a beautiful lunch after the swap meet, and then a nice trip to our home here in Dearborn, MI.

I don't remember the names of the people that sat across from us at the luncheon, but they both sure made us feel at home. Say thank you to all the club members who were in attendance.

The most interesting thing the wife liked, (she is not too crazy over

antique radios), was the house we saw at the end of Cassopolis Street where we made our left turn on to Beardsley. She thought that was the neatest home she had ever seen. I told her that if we sold enough crystal radios, etc., I'd buy her the house, (ha! ha!).

We were at the last meeting in Indianapolis too, but I guess we all got rained out, (ed. com., did you attend the Awards Banquet at the MCL?,). I was at the one earlier in the year at the Holiday Inn in Indianapolis, and had a terrific time there also, met so many interesting people.

I am just getting into this hobby of antique radios and started with a crystal set that I had seen a picture of on the internet. I had had one as a young boy, and it really brought back old memories. After obtaining all the books, photos, and literature on crystal radios, I started constructing my own. Have over 30 different sets made up now. Of course my wife said-"Hey, maybe you can sell some of them". I have participated in 5 Antique Radio shows now and have sold over \$2,000 of my kits, assembled parts and accessories. Really have enjoyed the radios since I started.

I am also a ham radio operator, (KG8BG), and have had my license since I was in Jr. High School in the 1950's. but nothing has excited me as much as these antique radios. I hope to start collecting the tube models soon, but I promised the wife I would only use the money from the sale of the xtal set stuff.

Thanks again to everyone concerned for a wonderful time at the meet in Elkhart.

Roger and Glenda Snyder, Dearborn Michigan

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Bob O’Friel

With this edition of the Bulletin, we are drawing closer to the desired publication schedule. The contractor just completed the construction and repair to the damage we suffered as a result of that tremendous storm and downpour that happened in June just as we were helping Mike Feldt prepare for that great Noblesville Meet. Hopefully, I’ll be able to move some of the radios back in and begin the restoration process that has been delayed for so long on quite a few sets. I look forward to organizing the “Bulletin” prep area so as to allow for a better flow, (of the production, not the rain water).

At least the rain did not happen on that Saturday event and we all had a good time. A number of issues are covered in this edition including the proposal for changing the May meet to June as I covered in the “Message From The President”. Ross Smith has a fine review here about the Elkhart meet as well as a good article on a recent restoration and I know you’ll find some great tips. I did manage to add to my collection with radios that I purchased at the Elkhart meet as well as the show in Elgin so I have more work cutout for me. Bob Piekarz did an excellent job in organizing the annual ARCI “big show” and we enjoyed the visit. One thing was evident, there were lots of volunteers working this event, something for which we have a great need. If you are able to give a helping hand, call Alex Whitaker. We are especially always short handed for the Annual “Spring Fling” that will be taking place in May or June this coming year. The most ideal situation would be that that has enough volunteers so that each would only have to serve 2 hours. We received a lot of positive feed-back about the show that we had earlier this year in May along with sympathy for the Deluge that hit at that time. (Obviously, the further proof that we need to switch to early June).

We were saddened to learn of the death of Lou Moses's son in an airplane crash. He was a young man well headed into a medical career and Lou was very proud of him. I know that we all offer our prayers and sympathy.

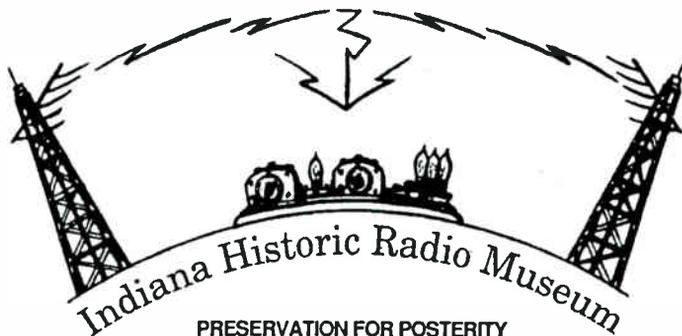
We had planned, for the last two issues, to have an in-depth article from Mike Feldt on "Showers" Radios, a line that was built in Bloomington as another one of the "Indiana Made Radios" that Mike makes his specialty. He is still working on this feature story and needs some more photos from the original site. It is planned for release in the #4 edition that will come out in December. Speaking of the December issue, we need to post a different deadline than the standard 15th of the month goal for any stories, articles, or ads. The articles, ads, etc., **MUST** be in by ***December 1st***.

In the meantime, I'll see you wherever Radios live.
Bob O'Friel, Editor

REMEMBER:

The big Fall Meet takes place in Greenfield on Saturday, October 10th.

BE THERE!



IHRM Museum Update

Several items have been added to the museum since the last bulletin. Charlie Miller of Elkhart, In has brought back his baseball radio collection to be displayed through out the World Series. Several battery sets from Serge Krauss including a Radiola II with Brandes headphones and a spring microphone from Ross Smith.

A couple of remarks about articles in previous bulletins, in regards to the 1933 remote control Grunow, Charles Mancini was on the mark. The museum has the same set in excellent condition on display. Visitors are amazed to hear it play the old radio programs with such sound quality. On the passing of Julian Stark, his daughter has visited the museum several times and donated some items of Julians. A 1930 photo of Julian and a coworker in their radio repair shop on Fairfield Ave. in Fort Wayne, In was enlarged and now hangs on in the museum. Several battery sets are visible in the background including an Atwater Kent and a Neutrowound.

Alfred Grebes grandson, who lives in Michigan very generously donated 250.00 dollars to the museum matching fund drive. He has been to the museum several times.

On November 1st the museum will return to its winter hours of being open on Saturdays from 10-2pm.

Our museum restoration tip this time was an idea from of my wife Gladys. Masking over something you want to paint can be a messy job. Next time try using facial mask that can be purchased at the beauty section of any drug or department store. I brush it on screw heads and escutcheons. It will dry to a rubbery seal. Paint or stain right over it. The mask can then be removed with the push of the thumb nail. I have found it to work over Magnavox speaker decals also and besides protecting the decals it cleans it slightly. I would not recommend its use on flaky lose decals as it might damage them. With a little practice I have found it to work wonders.

IHRM Curator
Fred Schultz

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IHRS HONORED

Seventy-five years ago on April 21st, Purdue University's WBAA took to broadcasting. It was the first licensed broad-casting station in Indiana. It can be found at 920 on the radio dial as an AM station. It begins the day at 6 AM with local news and weather reports, then continues the programming with National Public Radio news. Earlier in the year, it sponsored a program for raising enough money through public donations to continue the programs provided by National Public Radio. I called in and pledged \$75.00 as a gift in honor of our Indiana Historical Radio Society. This gift represented one dollar a year for the seventy-five years that WBAA has been on the air.

Our organization was then mentioned on the air. I felt, as a charter member of IHRS, I should do this to support WBAA and honor our society as one of the first of its kind in the nation. At my age of 96, I am not able to take an active part any more, but I still keep up my interest hearing about collectors of old time wireless and radio equipment.

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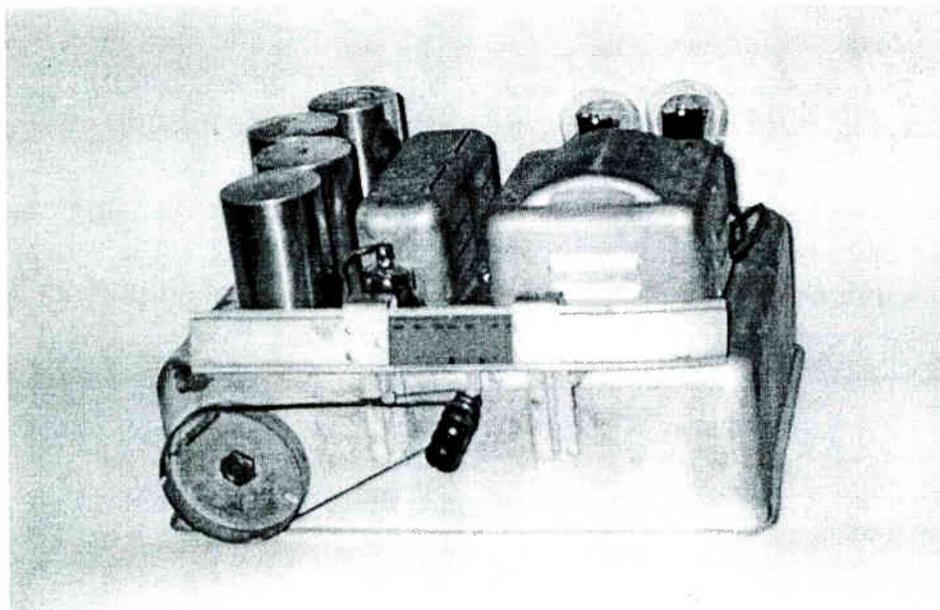
Marshall Howenstein, 2741 N. Salisbury, West Lafayette, IN 47906

(ed. note, This was received earlier in the year, too late for the previous issue but, I thought the message is timeless.)

Articles sought!!!! We have already received some interesting articles from a number of members such as those that have come from Edward Dupart, Michael Feldt, George Hausske, Ross Smith, and Bob Snively, but we need more!! This is your club and your "Bulletin" and any stories on unusual acquisitions or pieces of equipment in your collection will undoubtedly be of interest. We also seek technical articles or tips that would help

your fellow collectors. You can send them in on floppy disc, a Zip Drive disc or you can provide typewritten copy. Standard black and white or color photos help to complete the picture, (literally), and should be included. Send them to my attention at the address listed inside of the front cover. Bob O'Friel

The Unusual Brunswick Uni-Selector Panatropo George Hausske



The picture of this set's chassis gives a clue as to how unusual it is. Rider's #1, pg. 34 shows the diagram for Models 15, 22, 32, and 42, which uses 3 #24RF, 1 #24 detector., with 2 #45s in the output stage with a #80 rectifier. The diagram covers 60 cycle, 25 cycle, phono and non-phono sets. I don't know what model mine is, except that due to having 2 phono on off switches, (AC and audio), operated by levers on the extension of the tuning condenser shaft when tuned to minimum capacity and that it works

nicely on 60 cycles should tell me something. (Ed. note, sets built for 25 cycle operation will perform as well on 60 cycle but going the other direction can be a disaster.) Tuning the set is done by a single 2 part dial, the larger part for frequency control, requiring a knob to accommodate a 1" diameter shaft with a keyway and I don't have one but, I can still tune it easily. The volume control, at just under 1 inch diameter, is in the front, when pulled out is the local-distance switch. I can't find the tone control shown in Rider's, (probably an option on the more expensive models). The dial plastic moves horizontally, driven by a sturdier belt than on any AK.

The circuit is unusual in this set using coupling condensers between the RF stages 1 and 2 for volume control. The plates of the RF stages are fed DC via RF chokes and coupled to succeeding stages by condensers. The audio system also has its 2 #45s in parallel and uses the speaker field as an audio output choke. The 45's are coupled to an output transformer by a condenser.

The chassis, tube and transformer cover, and the slide-on base are all heavy gauge steel, made by Bremer-Tulley for Brunswick.

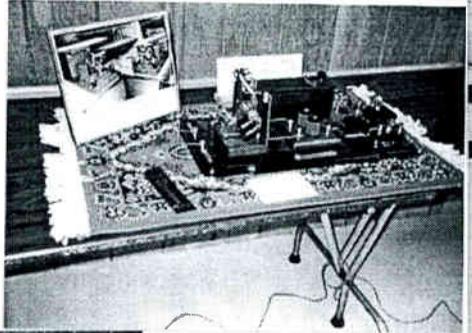
If we ever have a contest for radios made most like a Battleship, I'm sure this one would win easily..
George Hausske, 1922 E. Indiana St., Wheaton, IL 60187-5932
P.S. George has an interesting question. Perhaps one of our readers can provide an answer. He asks, "Do you know how to stop a strange noise like feedback in my reflex set, DAY FAN OEM 7?" Reply to above address.

ELKHART MEET

August 22, 1998

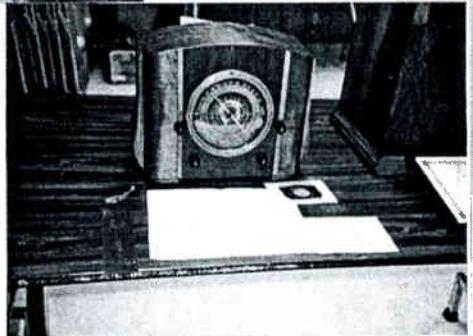
CONTEST WINNERS

Class one
Marconi Coheror
(wireless code detector)
First Place Ross Smith



Class 2
Operating Aerialas
(Westinghouse)
First Place
A. C. Stoddard

Class 3, 4 tube or
over to 1942, First
Place, Ed Dupart
with this beautiful
Detrola Model 114



MORE FUN AT ELKHART THE WINNER'S LIST CONTINUES

Class Three
First, Detrola 114
Ed Dupart
Second, John Kellar
Padre, (Gilfillan) Radio
Phono



Class Four
First, Clo McIntosh,
Black Pyramid transistor
Second—Wava Smith,
Peerless Globe transistor

Class 5, Favorite Radio
two winners for 2nd Place
Alex Whitaker, Crosley
63TJWC, Mike Clark,
Philco 53-960



Summer Meet in Elkhart another great success!

Review by Ross Smith

This event was again enjoyed by everyone attending. We had a Great time visiting with old friends and meeting new participants who soon became friends. There wer 80 registrations, with many from surrounding states. We had 73 people for the carry-in dinner, more than we have had in prprevious years.

Ladies, your cooking is getting better every year, we could not have had a good Meet without you!

*A big **THANK YOU** to Chairman Terry Garl and his wife Cathy, to Ty Gregory and his wife, Rhonda, to Doug McIntosh for operating the contest, to his wife Clo for being the treasurer and greeter along with Mary Miller who gave the Invocation, Marcella Schultz for helping with the Contest, Roberta Krauss and all of the others who helped in the kitchen. Thanks too, to Warren Robbins and the other men that **helped** and cleaned up Afterward. It takes good volunteers to make a **GOOD MEET!** We had good sales this year from **THE SILENT AUCTION, CONDUCTED BY Ty Gregory.** Ty was also the Sales Lot Supervisor.*

The Swap meet material was plentiful and very good this year. I even purchased a very rare 2 tube Reinartz.

THE CONTEST ATTRACTED TOP QUALITY EXHIBITS with the following winners:

CLASS ONE: Crystal Radios and Passive Receivers.

First, Ross Smith with a Marconi Coheror. Second, Ed Dupart with a Radiola I, (very rare).

CLASS TWO: One, 2 or 3 tube radios to 1930, First, A.C. Stoddard with three operating Radiolas, 2nd No other entries.

CLASS 3: 4 or more tube radios up to 1942: First, Ed Dupart with a Detrola 114, 2nd, John Kellar with a Padre radio made by Gilfillan Brothers.

CLASS 4: Novelty Radios: First, Clo McIntosh with a black, (continued next page)

Pyramid Transistor radio. Second, Wava Smith with a Peerless Globe transistor.

CLASS FIVE: Your favorite radio: First, Ed Dupart with a model 6ZX Detrola. Second, two winners, Alex Whitaker with a Crosley TJWC "Victory" and Dr. Mike Clark with a Philco 53-960 multiband receiver.

RESTORATION TIPS

Ross Smith

A 1931 Gloritone 5 tube TRF, model 26 came in last month for restoration that had an original finish cathedral cabinet in almost perfect condition. Johnson's paste wax with a 0000 steel wool pad lightly brushed over the surface cleaned the 67 years of dust accumulation and brought the beautiful hand-rubbed finish back to life.

Unfortunately, the chassis was not clean. Animal deposits left severe bands of rust on the chassis at the power transformer end. With light oil and fine sandpaper cleaning, it looked much better. In this situation, I usually de-grease and paint over the bad spots with steel color paint from a hobby shop. I do not use silver or chrome paint.

Following my point-to-point list for chassis restoration, the power transformer was checked first. Always pull the rectifier tube, a type 80 in this case, before proceeding to build up the 117 volt AC slowly by means of a Variac or a 100 watt light bulb in series with the power cord. Before reaching the full line voltage, smoke and fumes came from the rectifier socket. It was shorting to ground from the socket pins. The AC plug was removed and a leakage check was made from the tube socket pins to ground on the type 80 and the type 45 output sockets.

Fortunately, the animal did not deposit on the power transformer itself, or on any of the three type 24A tube sockets.

Leakage from the tube sockets to ground were checked with a Heathkit Capacity Checker model IT-11. DC voltage was increased by steps until breakdown to chassis occurred at only 25 volts! No wonder the rectifier socket sparked and fumed with high AC voltage. Surface cleaning of the two sockets did not correct the leakage problem, so both were replaced with molded bakelite sockets resulting in infinite leakage reading at 600 volts from the capacitor checker.

The next point on the check list was grid return resistance checks. Automatic Volume control circuits were not yet standard in 1931 and this set had grid returns directly to ground through the RF coil secondaries. The two RF coils checked 6 ohms to ground and the detector return was open. After removing the four terminal wires, the coil was removed from the chassis. An open return usually indicates an open coil. Surprisingly, the two windings of the coil were checked and found OK!

Tracing the circuit with an ohm meter having a 1 1/2 volt potential, the detector grid cap to the top terminal of the three-gang variable tuning capacitor showed good continuity. However, the bottom terminal connecting the variable capacitor to the coil was open. This connection could not be reached without removing the variable capacitor from the chassis.

The open circuit, caused by corrosion between the 8/32 NP steel screw and the tapped section of the aluminum stator frame of the variable capacitor, was corrected by cleaning the aluminum threads and installing a new brass bolt. Continuity was restored!

**EXPECT WEIRD THINGS TO HAPPEN TO OLD RADIOS!
The next operation was a complete recap job and alignment.**

which brought the set back to “Good as New”. However, without AVC, the volume of strong local stations could not be controlled, even with the installation of a new volume control. At this day and time, it was the practice to install a “local-distance switch” to solve this problem. A toggle switch was installed near the antenna terminal on the back of the chassis to “open” the approximately 40 ft. antenna used for testing. In the “off” position, the internal capacity of the switch fed enough signal into the set for full volume on local stations. Turning the switch “on” provided adequate signal for distant stations. Problem Solved!

Ross Smith, 1133 Strong Ave., Elkhart, Indiana, 46514

We look forward to seeing you and your radios and parts at the Greenfield meet on Saturday, October 10th, 1998

P.S Don't forget your contest entries! The ladies have been winning these prizes too!!

RADIOADS

These ads are free to IHRS members. Please limit them to 100 words or less.

FREE Key Tape Maker, recorder and player, 1943-44 Model TM11-443. Contact Steve Woodinorth. (219)665-7121, Angola, IN or contact Marcella Schultz.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Numerous "Radio Boys" books, fair to good. Also, many ARRL handbooks surplus to my needs, fair to good condition. George Kasdorf Sr., 41 Alfarata Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044. E-mail w9fsa@acsworld.net

FOR SALE: Zenith 8S587, (chassis 8A03) console R/P. Nice, original condition, needing only minor touch-up. Plays, but needs electrical restoration. Pick-up only. \$125.00. Also have Zenith parts for sale from parts sets. Call for parts availability. Sorry, no knobs or oscillator choke coils. Alex R. Whitaker, 426 Whiteland Rd., Apt. A, Whiteland, IN 46184. Phone (317) 535-4174/e-mail ehscott@iquest.net.

FOR SALE: Have 6 page list of literature, copies Available, send LSASE, we still make SW-3 plug-in coil forms, Adapters, adapts any triode to WD-11 socket, 6E5 to 1629 magic-eye tube adapters, 1LA6 to 1L6 adapters, and battery boards. James Fred, 5355 S. 275 W, Cutler, IN 46920

FOR SALE: Knight KG2100 Lab. Oscilloscope with triggered sweep, 5 inch screen, Eico Model 239 Solidstate VOM, \$20.00, B & K Model 707 Tube Tester, \$25.00, Paco Model C-20 Resistor-Capacitor Ratio Bridge/Tester, \$25.00 Philco tube tester, Model 7050, \$20.00, Eico Model 232, VOM, \$20.00 Eico Model 1120 Capacitor Substitution Box, \$10.00,

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Heathkit, Model IT 22 Capacitance Checker, \$15, Mercury Model 501 Component Substitutor, \$25.00

Also have Variac-Power Supply and various vacuum tubes, call for details. Bernard Loveman, 1047 N. Graham Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219-3127. Tel. # (317) 356-8619.

“COLLECTORS”: Free copy of “Restore Your Radiola III, IIIA, or Balanced Amp.” Send \$1.00 for shipping and handling. Have 864/WD11 replacement tubes, \$22.50 ea. 1LE3 sub. for WD-11 \$17.50 each, please include \$3.00 per order for shipping. Jim Fred, 5355 S. 275W, Cutler, IN 46920

WANTED: Wilson radios in any condition, especially those sets that feature the large black dials, (pix didn't reproduce). Other models with smaller dials are also being sought. Looking for any Wilson chassis, ads, and literature. Any leads to these sets would be greatly appreciated. Wilson radios are generally found around the east central region of Indiana. Also looking for Skylark and LePilote brand battery radios and anything related to these sets. Any E.H. Scott, McMurdo Silver and Lincoln radios in almost any condition, (complete or not) and any literature. Need one bakelite base, clear glass, WD-11 that has a white painted dot inside the glass base. It can be good or bad. Michael Feldt, 12035 Somerset Way East, Carmel Indiana, 46033. Phone (317) 844-0635. E-mail, (text or scanned images): feldtm@iquest.net

MESSAGE: I am in the process of putting together a large article with illustrations on a radio called the “Showers Consola” and “Future”. These two radios were manufactured by the Showers Brothers Company of Bloomington, Indiana during the late 1920's. If anybody has any information on the company, company personnel, literature and advertisements, or the various radios that they made to include in this article, any contributions would be

greatly appreciated. Full credit will be given to those that contribute to this article. Thanks, Michael Feldt, 12035 Somerset Way East, Carmel Indiana 46033. Phone (317) 844-0635. E-mail, (text or scanned images), feldtm@iquest.net.

MINUTES OF IHRS ELKHART MEETING, August 22, 1998

Meeting called to order precisely at 1:00 PM by IHRS President Alex Whitaker. Fred Schultz announced the winners of the radio contests. (See Ross Smith's article about this meet in this "Bulletin"). Pres. Alex Whitaker informed attendees that the son of Lou Moses was killed in a plane crash and Lou was understandingly absent from this meeting. Pres. Alex called for the Treasurers Report: The response was.... "We have money", exact details not available due to some expenses that were being paid but balance on hand was adequate. Pres. Whitaker called on Museum Curator, Fred Schultz for the Museum up-date. Fred informed the membership that a new 4' by 10' sign had been erected on HWY-5 and there is the intent to erect others. (See the cover of the last "Bulletin"). The museum is attracting over 5000 visitors per year, from most states and 7 or 8 countries. Nobel County Foundation has granted the museum \$1000.00 for the purchase of a Van-de-Graff generator and Jacob's Ladder...these to be used to capture the attention of the younger visitors. The help of several people over the Labor Day holiday was needed to keep the museum open during the Annual "Marshmallow Festival" weekend. Fred reiterated the fact that the Noble County Foundation has agreed to *match* up to \$3,000.00 of museum donations. About \$2,500.00 has been raised by this time and we have until January 1st, 1999 to obtain the additional \$500.00 from what ever source. Donations to this cause are encouraged.

Pres. Alex Whitaker announced that the "Bulletin" was in the mail, delayed for various reasons. Purchase of the "ZIP" drive that was

authorized at the February meeting was not required because a drive was given to Mike Feldt by his employer.

Alex proposed that Old Business be closed...seconded by Mike Clark. Pres. Whitaker called for New Business. There was none immediately offered from the floor. Alex pointed out that a very important ballot was enclosed in the Bulletin and went on to propose that the May (Spring Fling) meet be changed to the first weekend in June to avoid the foul weather that has dampened the occasion the past 4 or 5 years. Rain tended to severely limit attendance each year, (it was up from the previous year). The ballot was for membership approval or disapproval, as the case may be. Another new business item was brought up by Pres. Whitaker. He pointed out that it was the duty of the president, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Society, (Section 1, Article IV, para.F.1), to..... "keep the society harmonious and progressive". Accordingly, he has initiated a measure to limit discussion on any one subject to 10 minutes during our business meetings. The discussion will be timed by the secretary with a suitable timing device such as a sand "egg" timer, (or an oven timer which has the advantage of giving a signal at the end of the timing interval). If the subject cannot be resolved in the initial 10 minutes, it will be tabled and discussed further at subsequent meetings, (for 10 minutes). The intent is not to stifle ideas or discussion on any one subject, but, to keep meetings moving at a good pace and to allow all business to be conducted in the hour allocated for most IHRS meetings. There was no dissent from the floor but several nods of approval.

Ross Smith announced that 80 members/families had registered for this meet and that 75 people were in attendance for lunch.

Alex Whitaker thanked all those who worked on the meet to make it so successful. Applause from the floor, especially for the ladies who helped set up the lunch!!!

Pres. Whitaker announced that Glenn Fitch had everything ready for the October meet in Greenfield. We need a slate of officer candi-

dates for the election which takes place yearly at that meet, (at this time, we have all the candidate posts identified for these roles but we also seek volunteers). Alex alluded to "things" to be discussed at the Fall meeting that would probably a Public Relations committee and "other things in the works".

Bob O'Friel announced that the deadline for input to the next "Bulletin", such as articles and Radio Ads is September 15th.

Pres. Alex Whitaker moved to close the "New Business" and meeting. Seconded by Terry Garl. Respectively submitted, Herman Gross, (for Lou Moses).