

OVRC April Meeting

April 14 2021

Agenda

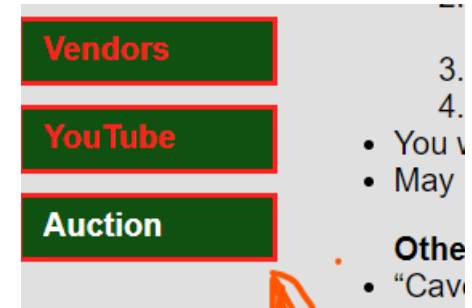
- Next few meetings
- On-Line Auction
- Stuff for sale
- OVRC You-Tube Channel
- TV column
- Feature: Radios of Unusual Brands

May Meeting

- Our usual auction *was* scheduled for May 12, BUT...
- Ottawa is in lock-down, with a stay-at-home order, and will be until early May.
- *So the scheduled May live auction is cancelled.*
- We will have a zoom call on May 12 instead of the auction. What topic would you like to have?
- June meeting was going to be a repair clinic. Very much TBD!

On-Line Auction

- We are holding an on-line auction (out of necessity!) of ~95 items that have been donated to OVRC over the last 1.5 years.
- The auction catalogue is at <http://ovrc.org/auction.htm> (or just go to your favorite web site and click “Auction”)
- Send your bids to online_auction@rabjohn.ca
- Auction ends May 1 noon.
- Auction will be extended for 1 day for any items that receive a bid on the last day.
- Everything from soup to nuts!





"Thrill Box"

Bosch



Westinghouse



RCA





Some recently added items

SONY Air Band ICF 8650



Panasonic SC HC3 ipad/disk player/radio



Sony Audio Video Computer Control Center STR-VX750



GE
Radio



Lot 398 Brunswick Radio Model "5 NO"



Lot 398 Brunswick matching speaker!

Voice coil has continuity



Submit your maximum bid by e-mail.

*Mother's Day is
May 9! Just sayin'*

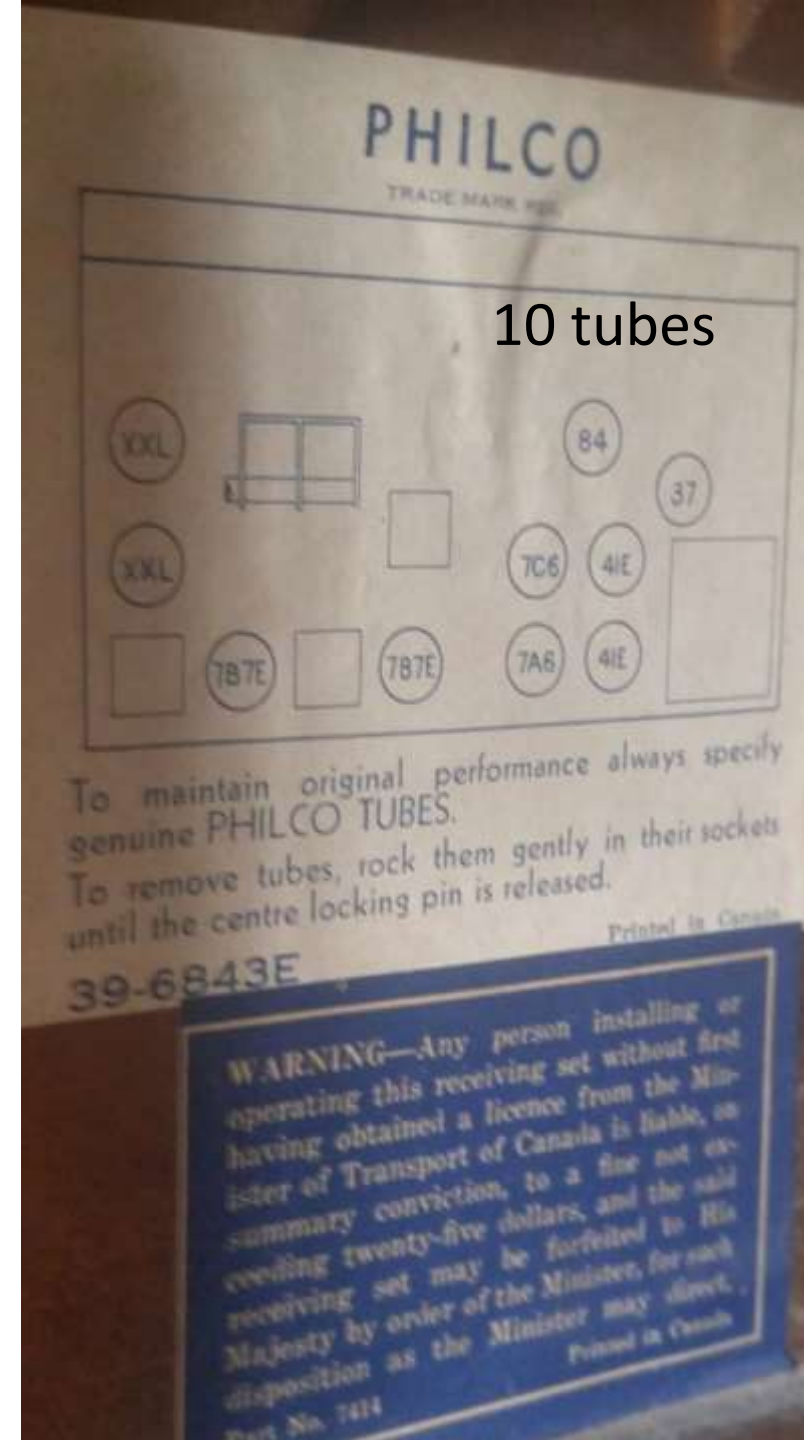
- Tell me the maximum that you want to bid. I never share this information with anyone.
- I will bid on your behalf and increase your bid (never beyond the maximum) only as necessary to win the lot. So, your actual bid will usually be less than your maximum.
- You can increase your maximum at any time, but it saves time if you just figure out the most you want to pay up-front.
- (Another way to look at it: If you have the highest bid, you pay \$1* more than the second highest bidder.)

* or 50 cents in case of most transformers

Dunrobin Sale

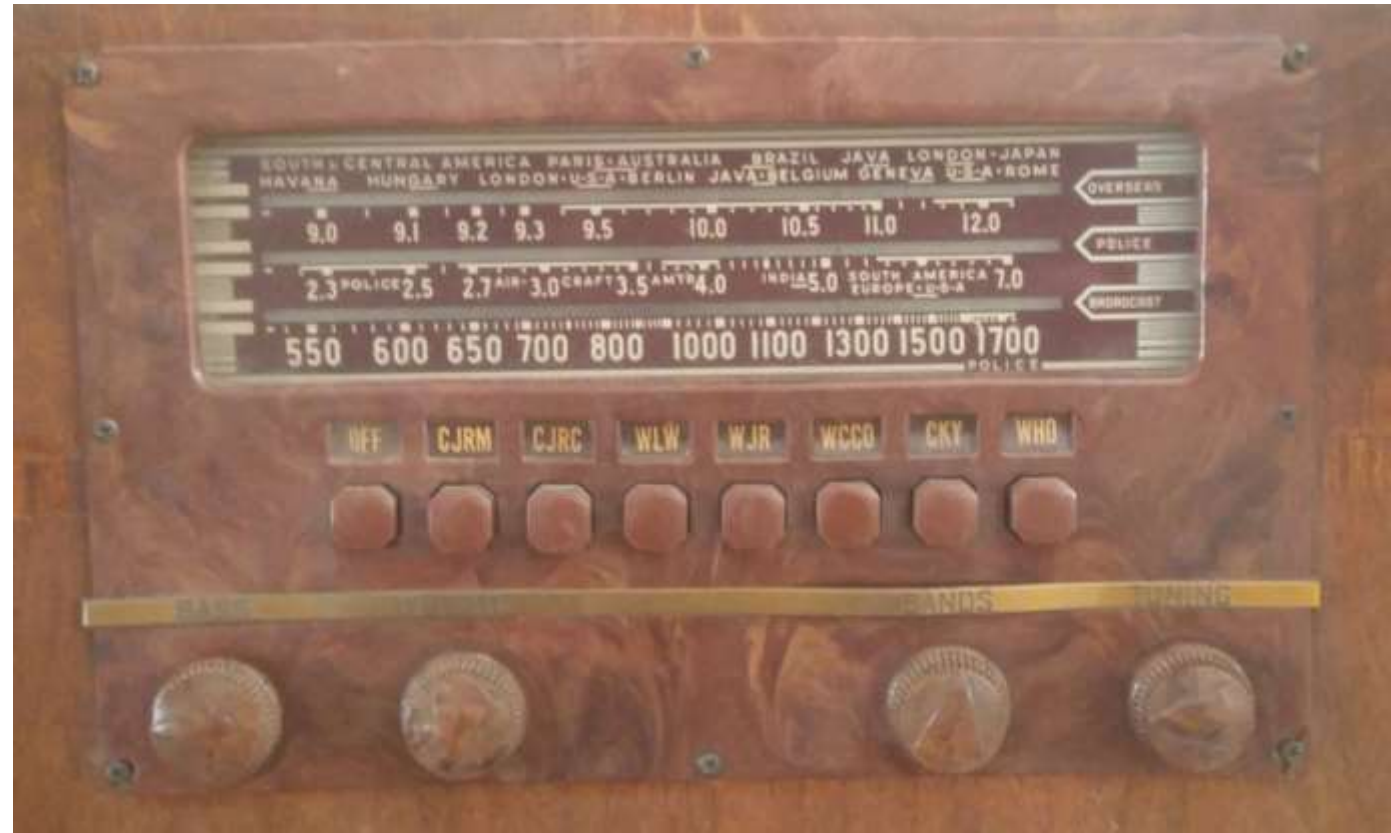
- I mentioned, last year, an estate auction with ~180 radios in Dunrobin that we had planned to facilitate in May.
- A live auction is unlikely to happen in May.
- With the success (so far) with our on-line auction, I am thinking that we might do the Dunrobin auction on-line as well. What do you think?

Philco Console for sale



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- Philco model 43 floor cabinet radio, probably 1941. 10 tubes.
- Includes operating instructions and station tab call letter kit, with station tabs for Canadian and US stations.
- AM + 2 SW bands.
- Manufactured in Toronto.
- Was working fine up until a few years ago. Now hums but does not emit a voice signal.
- \$150 negotiable.
- Contact Murray Wagner murrwagner@gmail.com in Chelsea QC



Want some tube bases?

- Brian Griffin has dud tubes to give away.
- Mostly Octal. Use their bases.
- bwgsmg@sympatico.ca (or contact ovrcpres@gmail.com)

A word about our YouTube channel

- Greg's Project. Thanks, Greg!
- Go to youtube.
- Search for Ottawa Vintage Radio Club
- Click the red maple leaf

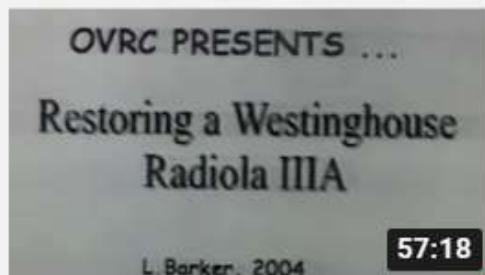


ottawa vintage radio club



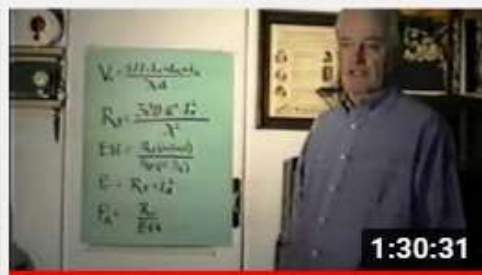
Ottawa Vintage Radio Club

8 subscribers



Restoring a Radiola IIIA

8 views • 1 week ago



Detectors before Vacuum Tubes

9 views • 1 week ago



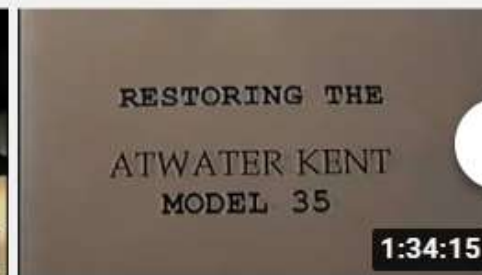
Making your own Vacuum Tube from simple materials

10 views • 2 weeks ago



Restoration of a Radiola AR 812

12 views • 2 weeks ago



The restoration of an Atwater-Kent Model 35

12 views • 2 weeks ago



Silk Screening for Radio Logos and Dials

45 views • 3 weeks ago



ManCave

5 views • 3 weeks ago



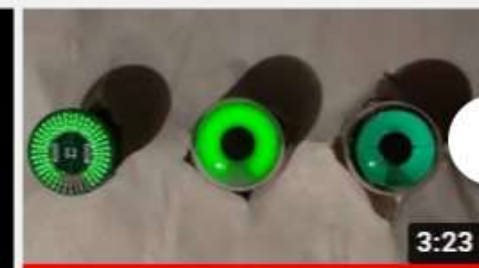
Canadian TV pioneers

46 views • 3 weeks ago



Mechanical Television

60 views • 3 weeks ago



Solid-state tuning eye replacement

11 views • 3 weeks ago



First OVRC workshop video.

36 views • 3 months ago

A word about our YouTube channel

- We'd love to fill it with lots of quality items.
- Don't be afraid to make this your debut performance!
- Contact Greg Heppenstall for details at ovrcweb@gmail.com

Remember our “Trade” page on OVRC.ORG

Contest: How I was Introduced to Antique Radio

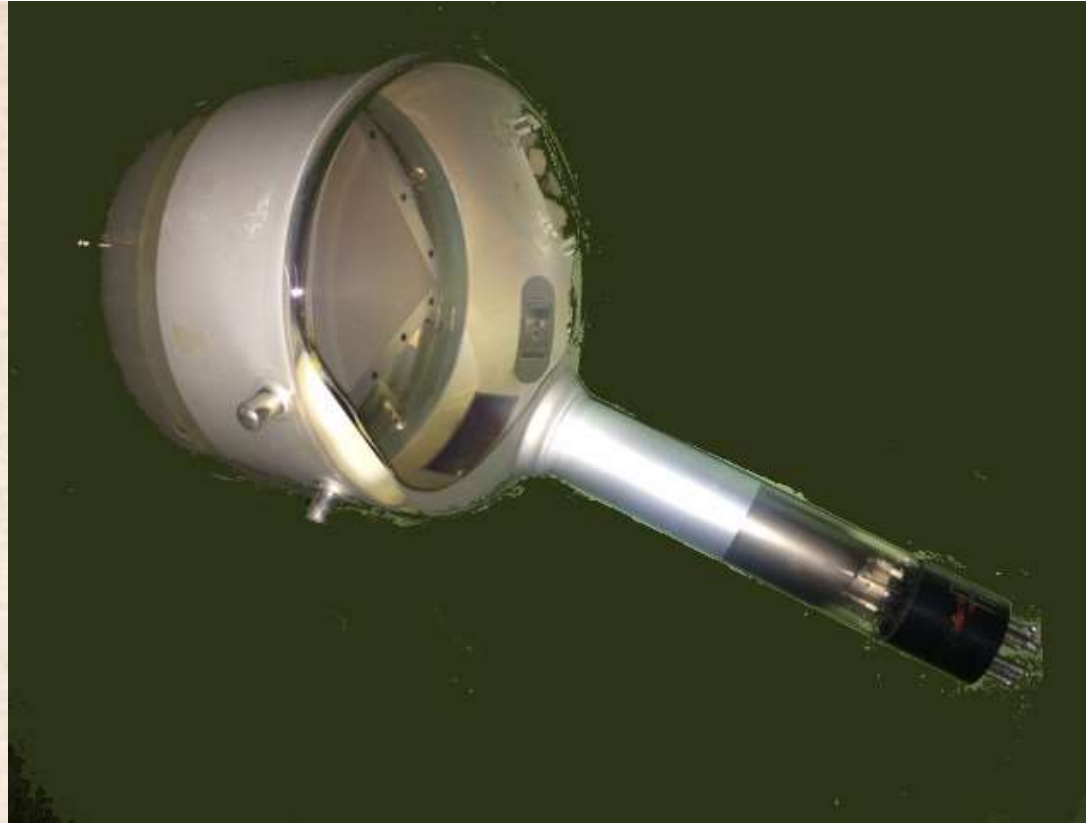
- **Lea Barker** is sponsoring a contest for the best essay about “How I was Introduced to Antique Radio”
 - Entries can be in English or in French.
 - The length of your entry should be roughly 500 words.
 - Essays will be assessed by the OVRC exec (who may not participate!) on originality (i.e. no plagiarism), style, uniqueness, overcoming adversity (e.g., lack of funds, rural location), and possibly how the early interest led to a career.
 - We will publish all entries received, beginning with those awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.
- See, for example, Gord Rabjohn's article in Winter 2007 issue of the OVRC newsletter: “The Birth of a Radio Man.”
- **Lea Barker** is supplying the prizes, which are (see photos):
 - Two working WD11 tubes;
 - Working RCA type 1850A iconoscope TV camera tube;
 - Western Electric type 2A phototube, circa 1930.
 - *Prize must be picked up in-person in Ottawa (it is too difficult to ship fragile glass).*
- Send entries to ovrcpres@gmail.com before Sept. 30, 2021. Winner will be announced December 2021.

The Prizes for Lea's Contest

A pair of good WD11's.



RCA type 1850A iconoscope TV camera tube,
works!



Western Electric type 2A
phototube, circa 1930.



First prize gets first choice
Second prize gets second choice
Thanks, Lea!

Lea's TV Column

Those Odd Brands

Lots of odd brands in Canada

(Extracted from Swackhammer)

- Airmaster
- The Barwick Radio Company
- Leonard H. Beall
- Beaver / Beavertone
- Benjamin Electric
- Branston
- Langford Radio
- Carter Radio
- La Salle Radio
- Colonial Hartman
- W. P. Earl Electric
- Dispro Radio
- Duodyne Radio
- Echophone
- Electrolite Radio
- Epcol
- Eveready
- Fisher Motor Company
- Flemming-Bell
- G and H Radio

Lots of odd brands in Canada

- Gold Medal
- Hammond (the xfmr people)
- Harcourt Radio
- Hermac Radio
- Otto Higel Company
- Ideal Supply Company
- Consolidated Radio
- Tweedale Company
- Jack V. Elliott Company
- Jewel Radio
- Jewett Radio Phonographs Ltd.
- Colin B. Kennedy
- Williams Piano Company
- King Quality Products
- Leslie Radio Supply
- Blake Radio Company
- Canadian Aviation Electronics
- Lorimer Radio Electrics
- Paulin Radio Company
- McLagan Furniture Company

Lots of odd brands in Canada

- H. M. Kipp Co.
- Spilsbury and Tindall Limited
- Monarch Radio Mfg.
- J P Middlebro
- White Radio Limited
- Canadian Pearson Radio Company
- Penberthy Radio
- Fonovox Sound Corporation
- C. B . Gibson
- Radiophone Corporation of Canada
- F. C. Ramage
- Ramandis
- F. C. Ramage
- Ramway
- Rivoli
- Schutt (Ottawa)
- J. Anderson Smith (Newcastle)
- Sni-Dor
- Starr Metal Products
- Sunset

Lots of odd brands in Canada

- Thermodyne
- Toronto Radio Company
- Trans-Canada Radio
- Tudor
- Vancouver Radio Labs
- Vogue
- Walbert
- Welton (Welch & Johnston)
- Wright Radio Company (Ottawa)

- SniDor
- Montreal & Toronto
- “Sky Ranger” crystal set for sale in on-line auction.
- Mostly they did phonographs, and amplifiers, some radios.



From our silent auction: Lot 331 Sni-Dor "Sky Ranger" Crystal Radio Wood case, Made in Canada. ~1946



counterpart. Instead of a simple cat's whisker arrangement, their detector consisted of a closed cylindrical housing containing a small round metal brush whose bristles rested on the crystal held in a metal cup below. Finding an active spot consisted of gently twisting and plunging the brush handle. Strangely enough, it works.



Sni-Dor

In 1946, Sni-Dor Radioelectric Ltd. of Montreal (later Sni-dor Radio & Music Co. of Toronto), who had produced mostly record players, amplifiers and some tube radios, decided to come back from the WWII hiatus with a crystal set called the Sky Ranger. This radio was housed in a simple varnished wooden box with a tuning knob and dial on the front and a classic Philmore crystal detector on the top. Instructions for use and connections were on the back.

Although early advertisement suggested it was meant for a child, it was eventually promoted as an item to be stocked in your basement bomb

shelter for use after a nuclear attack! We are not certain about this one but, many Sni-dor products were made by Deseronto Electronics Ltd. of Ontario and distributed by Sherman's Musiland in Ottawa.

As with most similar single coil circuits these three radios have a limited tuning range and poor selectivity but, with a few meters of aerial wire and careful adjustment, they could still bring in some interesting stations at night.

...Paul Guibord

H. M. Kipp Company

- Probably not the *most* obscure Canadian radio manufacturer...
- See Paul Guibord's Winter 2011 article on the Mercury Super 10.
- And Robert Murray's article.
- H. M. Kipp made these radios for/with designer Charles Lowry on Yonge St. in Toronto. Very early superheterodyne.
- 10 peanut (215A) tubes : Oscillator, mixer, 4 IF stages, detector, audio, p-p output.
- Most famous for the Mercury 10, but other radios were also made.

Gord's Kipp
Mercury 10



Singer: Not just sewing machines

Singer sweep oscillator circa 1970????

