

The 45rpm Phono Gazette

**Welcome new members
Eric Nelson, David Cox, Peter Zakowski**



"Mr. 45" Trophy presented to your editor



Custom made display presented to the editor during a New Jersey Antique Radio Club meeting.

One of the advantages of living in the New York/New Jersey area is being active in the New Jersey Antique Radio Club. The Club was founded in 1992 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Although the club's title only mentions radio, the club is involved with phonographs, television, broadcast equipment, audio equipment, and other related items. Bernie Gindoff is a talented member who loves to create "unusual things". He made a replica of a telegraph key and candlestick telephone that were many times larger than the originals. Then he started presenting custom made trophies to executive members of the club. Because of my obvious obsession for 45 rpm related products, Bernie presented me with this "Mr.45" trophy equipped with hand made miniature 45 rpm phonograph, repair tools etc. The base is fitted with an actual size 45 rpm record so you can get a sense of the dimensions.

The Workbench

The "Lowrider" direct replacement cartridge



Finally, a direct replacement that actually improves the performance of your 45 record changer. I was fortunate enough to try this cartridge out for myself and was very pleased with the results. First off, it is a new modern stereo cartridge made by Sharp. The tonal quality is quite good and compliance (ability to track) is excellent. The most unique feature is how it sits in the tonearm providing more clearance than the typical design. If the record changer is set up just right without warped records you can play up to 16 records! The cartridge is mated to a fiber block that provides the correct alignment for installation. Original pins mate perfectly to the new cartridge terminals. Output is .5 volts, which is adequate for most applications accept driving the really cheap single tube amplifiers (one tube wonders). Willie, your next project is to develop a replacement for the one tube wonders! The "Lowrider" is available for \$35.

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Victrola "45" Book Update

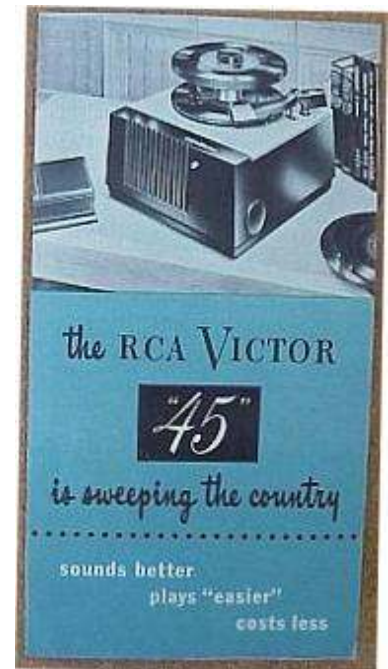


If you grew up in the 1950s, you probably remember playing your favorite 45 rpm disc recordings on an automatic record player. It seemed as if everyone had one—or wanted one! Now you can relive the history of the records with the big center hole and the fabulous machines that played them—both highly prized by collectors today. Read about the trials and tribulations of the engineers and managers at RCA Victor Corporation, which nearly decided not to introduce the new players to the product line after all. Then enjoy hundreds of color photographs showcasing "45" models produced by RCA and other licensed manufacturers. Captions provide descriptions, model numbers and names, original selling prices, and current values. There are also magazine ads and dealer sheets, tips on dating models, RCA memorabilia, and more. And for those who are technically inclined, a detailed section provides repair and restoration tips. With some care, these fascinating machines will continue turning for another fifty years!



Back cover of the Fabulous Victrola "45". Book is now part of Schiffer's new Fall catalog. Any day now the Fall catalog should be accessible on Schiffer's webpage.

If you missed the 45 Phono Gazette in the Spring, I apologize. The book has taken up much of my time. First there were the 'galley's' to proof read. Then the "layout" pages had to be checked. And finally an index had to be worked. I never realized how much work went into this process, especially a book with hundreds of pictures. The Fall catalog indicates that the book will be available in July, but the publisher has told me it will be September. I'm hoping to get an advanced copy before the Rochester Meet.



Color Booklet for model 45EY and 45EY1 from 1950.

I acquired this booklet at an auction in New Jersey. It was part of a paper box lot with mostly test equipment information. I had no interest in the rest of the paper so when the box lot went for \$15 I did not bid. However, after the auction I approached the winner and explained to him that I was interested in one piece and would be willing to pay for it. He looked at the booklet and handed it to me and said, "take it, its yours". The booklet is 4 pages and is in mint condition.

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