

45rpm Phono Gazette

Improving cycling of the rp-190 changer

Those familiar with the rp-190 record changer will recognize this piece as the knurled knob. It is part of the cycling apparatus. The rubber cycling cam runs along the knurled part of the knob. Usually the problem with cycling is due to worn out rubber but lately I have come across a couple of these knurled knobs that have hardly any knurling left. I can't imagine it wearing out with only rubber riding on them, so suspect that some of these were not made to spec. Fellow collector Tom Cawley had an interesting idea concerning this and so I had to try it. Why not install a piece of heat shrink tubing on the knurled part and shrink it down good. This would have very little effect on the diameter of the piece and would add plenty of grip. The 2nd picture shows it installed in the changer. After making typical adjustments to the bracket and slider, I forced it to reject 9,000 times. There was no signs of any wear at that point and I am still using it in the changer with no problems. I'm sure it will eventually wear but how many times are you going to reject that machine in the years to come?



Record stores making a comeback



Record shop window in Morro Bay, CA

By Gerry Whitehead

On a recent vacation to Morro Bay, California, which is on the central coast of California, I came across a tiny record store just a few blocks from the Pacific Ocean. The name of the store was "Vinyl Isle". The store was a converted house. The first thing I noticed when my wife and I walked up to the store the first time (when it was closed) was all the unusual colored vinyl hanging in the window. If you look closely, you will notice several early RCA Victor colored vinyl 45s hanging in the window. Some of the larger ones are radio "ETs" or electronic transcriptions that radio stations used before the advent of tape recording.

Editors note: As vinyl's popularity continues to grow, more and more record stores are starting to appear, some major stores like Barnes and Noble are selling vinyl again. Also there is a company that has bought up many of the existing older vinyl pressing equipment and they are opening up a huge record pressing plant in Bordontown, New Jersey. At this time most of the new pressings are made with a better, heavier grade of vinyl and the records (which are LPs) are selling from \$20 to \$40.

Happy New Year to all!

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Phono Fanatic Summer Party

This year we decided to have two phono get togethers instead of one. Ray Ayling was our host at the first ever Summer get together at his home in Matawan, NJ. Under the tent was a nice selection of phonos that were available for trade or purchase. After some delicious outdoor barbecueing, we had the option to go for a swim in Ray's pool. The weather was great and everyone had a great time.



Phono Fanatic Winter Party

Our traditional winter holiday party was hosted by Rick Weingarten at his home in Howell, NJ. John Tyminsky arrived with a car load of RCA Victor phonos and other assorted artifacts for sale. You can imagine what ensued with all these RCA Victor collectors seeing a garage full of these goodies! The appetizers were so good and plentiful, we didn't bother to order any other food in. Rick has a way with displaying his antique items and we enjoyed looking them over.



Steve Colandra showed off one of his home made phonos. Here an rp-190 was outfitted for stereo and installed in a custom made cabinet. Nice job Steve!

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A look back at one of the photos in the 2nd issue of the 45rpm Phono Gazette, Oct. 1995

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