

45rpm Phono Gazette

Kutztown Swapmeet Fall 2016



Mickey's Antique Amusements was offering many types of phonographs including 45 players converted to battery operation much more volume and better frequency response than that original 4 inchers.

By Phil Vourtsis

Kutztown, PA. The Fall radio swap meet was even bigger than the Spring. The vendors with audio equipment continues to grow and there were plenty of 45 players there. Multispeed record players seem to be gaining popularity too. A couple of vendors had huge amounts of styli and cartridges and I managed to bring home a couple dozen including some 89Ts.

As usual there was a decent auction Friday evening followed by fireworks and the "BURN". The "BURN" is the controversial burning of old radio cabinets which are in such a poor state that they would be headed for the landfill. The cabinets are lined up ahead of the event so that any radio collector can save a cabinet from the burning if he wants it. All electronics are removed and saved.

Fun with a 7EY1

By Phil Vourtsis

I'm always trying to improve the sound of the 7EY1 series of record players. Here I was comparing the sound of different speakers compared to the 4 inch speaker that is inside the small plastic enclosure. Some amazing improvements have been made in speaker enclosure design and there are many available cheaply now because everyone seems to have an over abundance of satellite speakers for their computers. Here I found a couple of Boston Acoustics satellite speakers that provide

Combining that with an 89T cartridge sounds pretty good. I also installed a metal turntable from a cartoon player for improved wow and flutter reduction. And as a final touch I noticed that the top dome of my Ristaucrat non-selectable jukebox fits nicely on top of the 7EY1 with the speakers supporting it on the back.



Jazzing up the 7EY1 in pink and white

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Workbench

RP168 mystery spring

By Phil Vourtsis

While restoring a pretty rare rp168 type changer with a Stromberg Carlson logo on it, I had a problem with controlling where the tonearm would land. When the typical adjustments did not fix the problem, I remembered a while back having the same problem on a similar changer and the way I got it to work was kinda strange. I removed the spring on the part shown in the picture below and the changer started working fine. So I removed the spring on this changer and once again the problem was solved. I'm sure RCA Victor put that spring there for a good reason, maybe to prevent jamming. I welcome any additional information on this.



RP168 won't reject

By Paul Vicksberg

Here's something you might find amusing. On a 45J, I couldn't figure out why, when pressing the reject button, the change cycle wouldn't start. I just heard a clicking sound. Tipping the player on its side, I saw that the follower stud on the trip pawl wasn't entering the groove in the turntable. I took a working 45J and compared them but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. I then took the turntable from the non-working player and placed it on the working one. It still wouldn't cycle. I then took both of the turntables and compared them but could find no difference between the two. I thought I had better remove the washers and thrust bearing so I didn't lose them. I tapped the top of the spindle and out came a washer, thrust bearing, washer, AND.....another thrust bearing and washer! What? Two bearings and three washers? Of course this raised the turntable so the stud couldn't enter the groove. I wonder how many people had given up trying to find the problem with this player. And more importantly, who was the joker that put all the extra hardware on the shaft. I guess we'll never know. I thought you might get a charge out of this.



RP168 Turntable bottom showing follower stud

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Display of the first bakelite complete record player (9EY3) with some of the colored vinyl available that first year. The illustration in the background also contains a 45 player on the right side.

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