

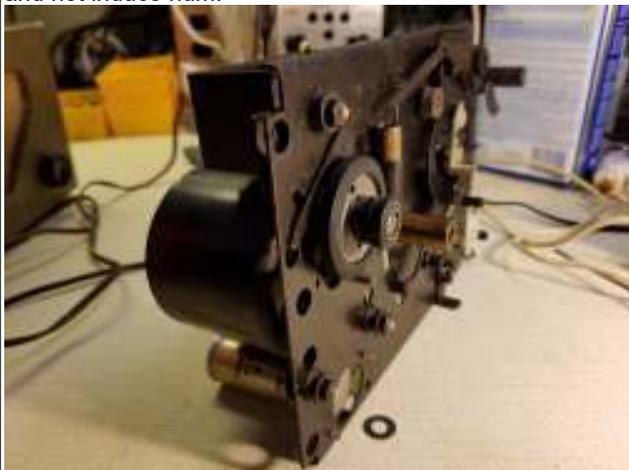
# 45rpm Phono Gazette



The Berkshire 45 rpm attachment CP-5203

By Phil Vourtsis

Well I started having trouble with my Berkshire phono attachment. After playing a few a records, the turntable would start slowing down. Turns out the capacitor used with the 4 pole motor was failing. Opened up the existing metal case and replaced the inerds with a new capacitor and now we are running fine again. This motor is only used in this model so it can handle a magnetic cartridge and not induce hum.



Huge motor with cooling fan juts out of rear of rp-168



Restuffed cap is in upper right metal can

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In the late 50s RCA Victor came out with an unusual phonograph that would play one 33rpm record or a stack of 45 rpm records. By this time most manufacturers were selling 3 and 4 speed changers including RCA. So it's not clear what they were trying to accomplish with this machine. They did not sell well so they are quite rare now. They came in colorful plastic cases and portable vinyl covered cases. For once RCA provided a neutral position for the motor which saves the idler wheel from getting flat spots. But there was still no automatic shutoff after the last record. This unit was purchased with the original box and the very rare carrying case with RCA Victor logo. This is the Deluxe model which provides a bigger speaker, tone control, and extra tube in the amplifier.

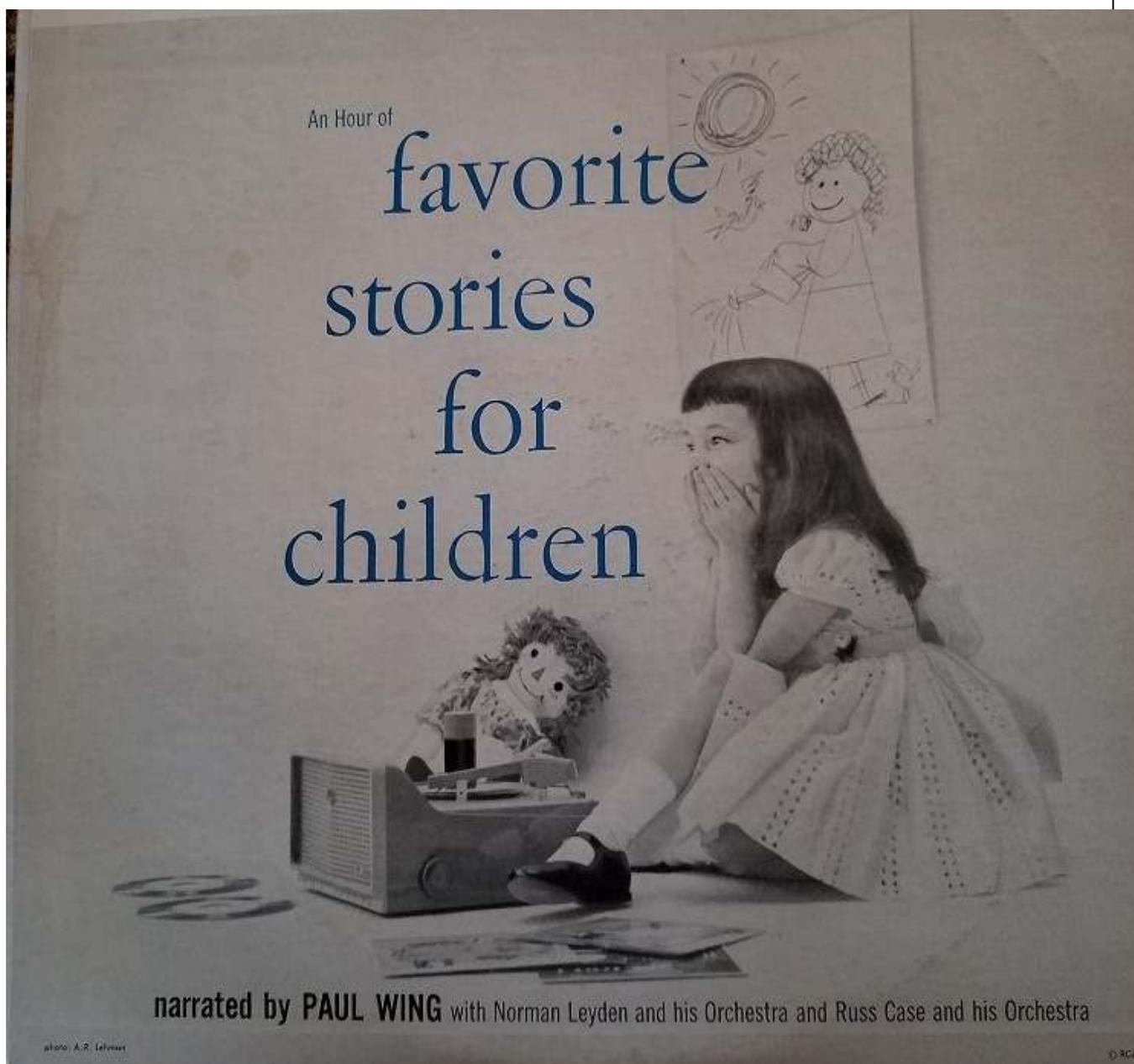


Deluxe 2 speed with optional carrying case



Another mystery machine is found. This is an answering machine that appeared in the last season of 77 Sunset Strip. The name of the episode is 'Lover's Lane'. The machine is operated during the show and a message is left on the machine. The rp190 changer on the right plays the announcement when the device is called. Then the message is recorded on the left part of the machine. It is not obvious whether it is recorded on tape or some other means. I tried zooming in on the logo on the front but was not able to identify the company.

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