



## Radio Repairs

If you have an older (tube) radio and would like to consider having it repaired by our crew of volunteers, take a moment to read these guidelines.

### Who can have radios repaired?

- Museum members only.
- If you are considering joining the museum to have a radio repair completed, you may want to discuss the repair prior to joining.
- Radios that need to be shipped (not hand-delivered) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

### What our volunteers repair:

- Tube-type radios.

### What we do not normally repair/do:

- Television sets or transistor radios
- Most foreign radios
- Radios with printed circuit boards may also be declined. The Museum reserves the right to decline to service any radio for which it feels that a quality restoration cannot be achieved.
- Cabinet refinishing. (However, the crew may, as appropriate, clean and polish dirty cabinets, touch up scratches, replace torn grille cloth, etc. )
- Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

### Safety standards:

- Historic radios do *not* meet modern safety standards.
- The Museum will strive to restore the radio to operating condition as it was originally designed.
- Owners must accept the fact that the radio may have significant safety hazards.

### How to have a radio repaired:

- If possible, locate the make and model number of the radio and have that information available when contacting the Museum. The Museum will put you in touch with one of our technicians.
- Our staff may ask to see the radio before agreeing to put it into the queue.
- Museum technicians will keep track of all parts replaced and the number of hours of labor involved.
- Once a radio is in for repair, you will be given a safety warning and asked to sign a form acknowledging that you understand and accept the inherent hazards. If it appears that the repair will be unusually costly, you will be contacted with an

estimate of the parts cost and the hours involved after the crew examines the radio and determines what is needed to restore it.

- When the repair has been completed, you will be notified that the radio is ready for pickup. You will be told the cost of the parts and the approximate hours of labor involved.
- Owners must pay the actual cost of parts plus state sales tax on the parts.
- Owners are expected to make a donation to the museum commensurate with the labor involved in the repair (see suggested donations below).

**Other requests/factors:**

- Only one radio in the repair queue at a time per customer.
- When work on a radio has been completed, the person can ask to have another repaired but it will be added to the end of the queue.
- Most historic radios can be restored to operating condition, but not always. Because original factory parts are generally not available today, slight modifications to the original design may have to be made to get the radio to operate.

**Donations**

- It is up to the owner of the radio to decide on an appropriate donation. We ask that donors be as generous as possible since all proceeds go to support the museum.
- Suggested contributions:

<u>If the repair takes</u>	<u>Suggested range for donation</u>
Up to 2 hours	\$15 - \$30
2-5 hours	\$30 - \$75
5-10 hours	\$75 - \$150
10-20 hours	\$150 - \$300