

138 Chautauqua Blvd.
Erie, Pa.
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Mr. Grote Reber
Green Bank, W. Va.

Dear OM:

I have recently acquired a battery-operated radio set of ancient vintage. Knowing of your interest in such equipment, my first thought was to write to you. The radio is a Freshman Master-piece Serial No. S-7996. It has five 01-A tubes, three tuned circuits and what appear to be two transformer-coupled stages of audio. All parts appear to be there except the phone jack, a grid leak, and one dial. It is built into a wooden case. The tubes are still in it, but I don't know their condition. It looks as if it could be cleaned up, adjusted and made to work. If you are still interested in acquiring such equipment, please write and let me know.

I also know of a man who has a Radiola III in good condition (less tubes). Let me know if you're interested and I'll have him write to you.

Very 73,



Leo B. Weiner, W3LOS

P. S. I am enclosing a clipping from one of our local papers. This item appeared shortly after I first wrote to you a year or so ago. I hope it did you some good.--Leo

AMATEUR RADIO

By CHUCK BARLOCK

Leo Weiner, W3LOS, recently brought to my attention an interesting experiment being conducted by Grote Reber, ex W9GFZ. Grote now resides in Green Bank, West Virginia, and has been collecting old radio sets from the 20's to measure their electrical characteristics. He hopes to learn something new about the development of the art of that day. So far he has collection of many battery operated sets as Eria, Acme, and Radiola, and is looking for more.

His biggest problem encountered so far is the replacement of original parts since most sets collected are inoperative. Tubes and untuned RF transformers are the hardest of the parts to find.

In a letter to Leo, Grote listed many items he is in the market for. Anyone interested in a list can see me at one of the club meetings, or call me at home. Congradulation to Leo Weiner who has just received the coveted Worked All Continents certificate from APRL.

Charlie Slocum, W3AGD, in
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