

# The Library Further Organizes!!

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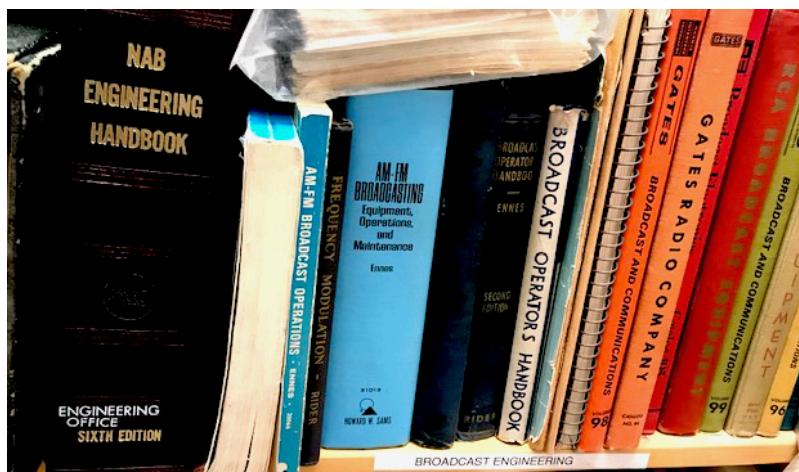
Much remains to be done!! Volunteers welcome!!

Nearby are pix of two newly arranged shelves of books:

*Measurement* books,



and *Broadcast Engineering* books.



We have now also organized and labeled shelves for *Radio Engineering* books, for *Communications Engineering* books and *Electrical Engineering* books. We also have a microwave section with a RADAR supplement, as well as many of the MIT Radiation Lab WW-II era series.

Moreover, in honor of the CHRS RadioCentral building in Alameda having been an early (1901) central telephone exchange (Sunset Telephone Company), and

In honor of the telephone, as an ancient ancestral electrical communications device, having come earlier than the radio, (not to mention earlier than the radio-telephone), therefore

The CHRS Library has dedicated a full shelf to books relating to the *Telephone*, its technology and its history. This includes two copies of a history of the Sunset (later “Pacific”) exchange itself.



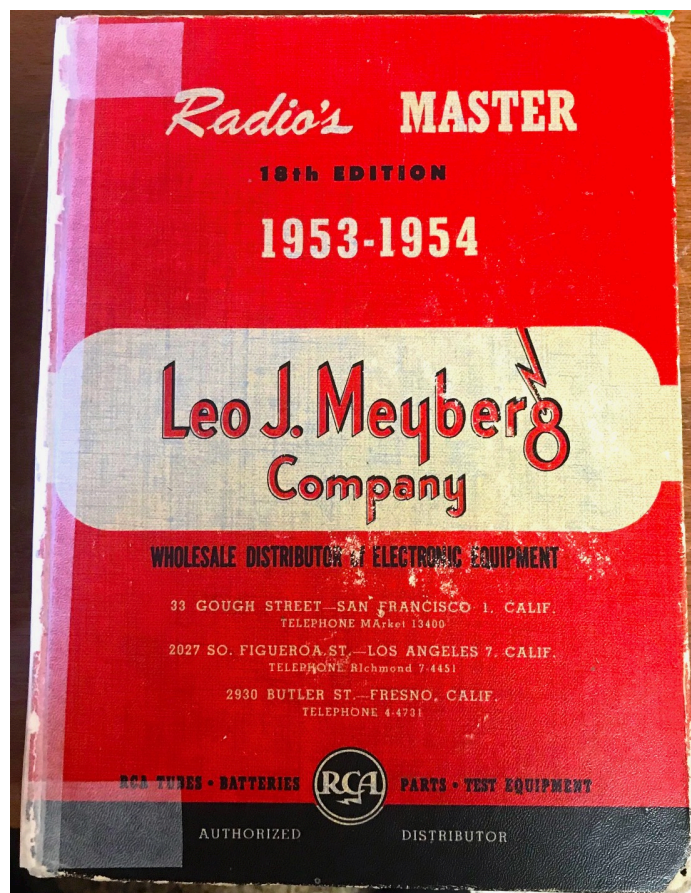
Also, some archival ephemera and several pamphlets extolling the virtues of telephonic communications.

Come to think of it, we still have and use telephones, in our pockets, purses and in our hands, just like Nikola Tesla said we would.

The Library is also building a book and archive shelf relating to the *Telegraph*. The wire-line telegraph is also an ancestral electrical communications device, for without the telegraph, there couldn't have been the “wireless telegraphy” that led to radio, TV, computers, broadband and all the rest.

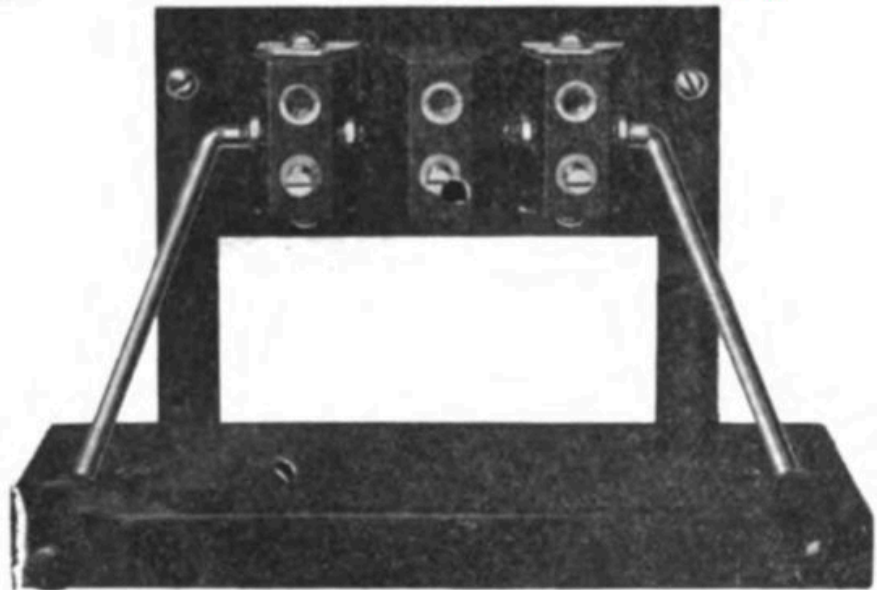


Sometimes, books we inherit have suffered from the vicissitudes of wear, binding stress, soiling, acidification and the like. They often come to us in less than optimal condition. For example, the 1953 Leo J. Meyberg master electronic catalog showed some binding wear that could lead to failure. A useful library and archives tool is acid-free clear book tape, brand Filmoplast®. The image below shows such a repair to the Meyberg catalog.



The Leo J. Meyberg Company and its local roots: Leo J. Meyberg started selling wireless and radio gear in San Francisco about 1909. Above is his 1953 catalog, a wonder of historicity. One of his ads from 1921 clears up a small mystery: what ever happened to Haller-Cunningham? He declares that he and his company are the “Successors to Haller-Cunningham Electric Co.” That was the San Francisco marine wireless operation by George Haller and Elmer Cunningham, (of Remler in San Francisco and later of RCA). We have a Hal-Cun loose coupler and a just donated Hal-Cun rotary spark gap (thanks to Craig Pitcher, W6WDV). Hal-Cun seems to have gone out of business after World War One. It looks like Meyberg was able to catch it on the way down.

Pacific Radio News, April, 1921, @ p. 314



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oak base, as shown .....\$6.75  
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CHRS again enjoys International Fame!

Gilles Vrignaud has donated the French antique radio magazine, *Radio Passion*. It has reviewed the *CHRS Journal* wireless girls issue, at Gilles' behest. (See pix nearby)

The French text reads, more or less:

"Kathleen Parkin (1900-1990) "The Wireless Girl" of San Rafael: Miss Kathleen, 15 years old, easily obtained the first [female] first class commercial radio operator license in California! (And the 3rd in the US). The attached photo from the cover of a 1916 magazine *The Electrical Experimenter* shows Miss Kathleen Parkin with her hand on the key of a 1/4 kW power transmitter of her own construction and antenna that she put up! From the age of nine years old, she learned with her brother John [Jack], an amateur radio enthusiast 8 years older. Then she exceeded the telegraphy speed of 20 words per minute. John served in 'The Signal Corps' during the First World War. He manufactured receivers between 1920 and 1926 and had 20 employees for 45 products: galena detectors, then a triode-detector

and regeneration sets. The [article] also speaks of Mrs. Sybil Herrold as the first disc jockey on the radio waves.”



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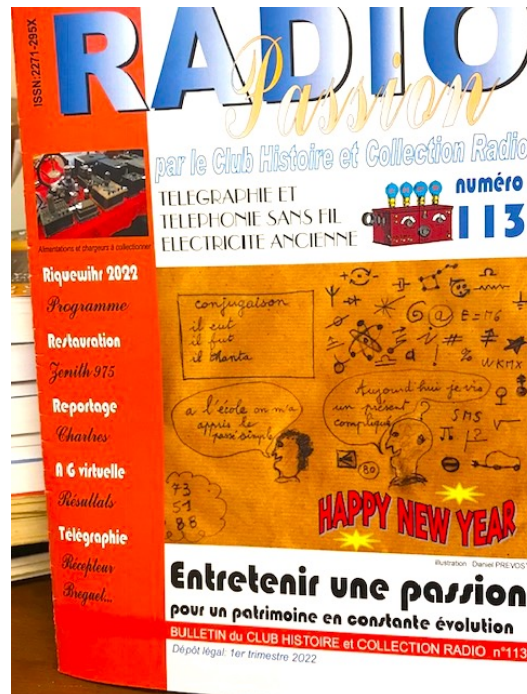
- Kathleen Parkin (1900-1990) « The Wireless Girl » de San Rafael

: Miss Kathleen à 15 ans obtient haut la main la 1<sup>ère</sup> licence de Californie (la 3<sup>ème</sup> des US) de 1<sup>er</sup> grade d'opératrice en communication commerciale par radio ! La photo jointe extraite de la couverture d'un magazine "The Electrical Experimenter" 1916 montre Miss Kathleen Parkin la main sur le manipulateur d'un émetteur à étincelles de sa construction de puissance ¼ kW et antenne installée par ses soins ! Dès l'âge de 9 ans, elle apprend en compagnie de son frère John [Jack] radio amateur 8 ans plus âgé, puis elle dépasse en vitesse de 20 mots/minute. John a servi dans « The Signal Corps » durant la 1<sup>ère</sup> guerre mondiale. Son père constructeur de récepteurs entre 1920 et 1926 a eu 20 employés pour 45 produits : des postes à galène, puis à triode-détectrice ou à régénération. L'auteur Mr Bart Lee K6VK parle aussi de Mrs. Sybil Herrold 1<sup>ère</sup> 'disc jockey' sur les ondes.



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