National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact of the Week:

Guild Teakettle Radio



This “Early American Teakettle” is another novelty radio in the museum’s extensive collection. The Guild company devoted itself to making unusual radios. It offered one radio that resembled an early lantern; another that looked like an old-fashioned cranked wall telephone.

Introduced in 1958, this “conversation piece” was an all-transistor radio at a time when transistors were an exciting new development. With self-contained rechargeable batteries, it could be carried by its handle around the home. When not in use, it rested on a metal trivet with a plug-in cord. A contactless transformer coil arrangement between the radio and the trivet allowed a trickle charger to extend the battery life.

The lid is shown open in the photo, exposing the volume and tuning controls. As noted in this original ad, its case was Cherrywood, porcelain, and brass.



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