National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact of the Week:

Gloritone Watch Radio



Clock radios are fairly common, both tube-type clock radios and transistorized clock radios. However, a radio with a built-in watch is quite unusual. This Gloritone Model 6RR-34 was made in Switzerland, so of course the watch is a Swiss watch.

It was donated to the museum in its original silk-lined gift box, and that is how it is currently exhibited.

Early transistor radios were made in the United States. Then production moved to Japan, and later to Hong Kong and China. Switzerland was never noted for radio production. We don't know how many of these were made, but the number produced was likely small.

We appreciate your support of the museum so that historical artifacts like this one, and the stories that go with them, can be preserved for future generations. THANKS!