

# Artifact Showcase:

## Hallicrafters SX-16

Chicago-based Hallicrafters was one of the country's most prolific manufacturers of communications receivers. Introduced in 1937, the SX-16, called "The Super Skyriders," was a top-of-the-line receiver. With its eleven tubes and frequency coverage from the broadcast band up to 62 Megahertz, it offered high performance. While some were sold to government agencies, it would have been aimed at affluent ham radio operators and dedicated shortwave listeners. Its selling price was \$110, which equates to \$2,440 in today's dollars. Not cheap!

William Halligan founded the company in 1932. During WW II, Hallicrafters produced military equipment such as the Army's widely-used BC-610 transmitter. After the War, Hallicrafters made home radios and television sets as well as popular ham receivers. In 1966 the company was sold to Northrup, but it did not survive the Japanese competition that by 1970 had become intense.

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