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Subject: Collecting

Posted by [BigMacAndCheese](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 13:54:31 GMT

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Any collectors here? I have an interest in all things musical, my ex-wife calls me a musical magpie! I'm just getting a collection together but it is pretty random.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 15:57:22 GMT

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I collect vinyl albums and old tube radios.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Adveser](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 18:39:35 GMT

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I've really lost my fervor for collecting records or anything else really since I discovered that nothing is actually worth any money in terms of exchanging dollars for it. I mean, I had a technics EQ from 1978 that was in "like new" condition that is being sold online for 800 bucks that I couldn't even recoup my 20 bucks I paid for it when I was extremely desperate for money. I ended up trading it with some crappy 5.1 system for like 20 bucks. I have gone back to my old policy, which is to only buy stuff I really want and once I buy it, I own it because it is worthless after that point. So yeah, sour grapes it is.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 18:54:55 GMT

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Oh, yeah, I hear you. I don't collect as an investment, because while some old tube radios increase in value, most are just fun for me to have. I'd probably never sell my vinyl records either.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [rockhound](#) on Fri, 06 Aug 2010 03:04:09 GMT

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Yeah, I have a rather large vinyl collection. Some are even considered rare. I collected these to listen to and not for an investment. All the records were well cared for but are pretty much worthless because my cat used the album covers as a scratching post. I have them put away now. I now have an extremely large collection of digital music that I listen to all the time.

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**Subject: Re: Collecting**

Posted by [Old Timer](#) on Fri, 06 Aug 2010 14:10:55 GMT

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Oh man, that cat! How many albums do you have Wayne? I am not in possession of anything valuable (as far as I know), anyhow I like things just because I like them.

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**Subject: Re: Collecting**

Posted by [cuzido](#) on Mon, 11 Oct 2010 14:00:13 GMT

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BigMac, when you say all things musical are you referring to instruments, records or what exactly? I am a music buff as well but the majority of my collection is musical instruments. I actually found a working old clarinet at a flea market once for five dollars. My daughter is in the band so she is currently using it and the band director told her that it was the best in the band. They don't make things like they use to.

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**Subject: Re: Collecting**

Posted by [Joelle](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 15:52:46 GMT

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I collect old valve radios and have been doing so for about 30 years. I used to have many but now now have only 4 which work and 3 other "empty shells" which look so stylish on the shelf.

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**Subject: Re: Collecting**

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 20:07:12 GMT

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I collect old tube radios too.

My tube radiosDo you have any photos of yours you can upload here?

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**Subject: Re: Collecting**

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Posted by [Joelle](#) on Sat, 13 Nov 2010 08:02:59 GMT

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Hello Wayne - thanks for the link to your photos, I love that 1939 Stewart Warner. Yes, I have lots of photos, including some of a wonderful annual market for vintage radios that I attend every March here in France. I also have photos of my own radios including my latest purchase - a Philips A482 Arpège, 1942.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 13 Nov 2010 08:17:19 GMT

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Oh, yeah, those are lovely. I really like your "new" Philips radio and the Schneider Brothers too.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Shane](#) on Sun, 14 Nov 2010 23:12:25 GMT

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Nice radios folks! I passed on an old 1930's police scanner that had this really crazy, curvy wood chassis a month or so ago at an estate sale. Should have bought it just for the conversation factor.

I don't collect anything audio. I do have a small collection of about 30 safety razors and about a dozen shaving brushes. Gillettes, GEMS, and Everready brands mostly. Mostly double edge, but some are single edge. I've used every one that I have. My favorite is a british made Gillette

Rocket that's a combination of heavy head and aluminum handle. It's a great shaver!

Here's the Rocket.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 02:11:11 GMT

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Wow, Shane, now that's cool! Do you have any safety razors from WWI era or before? I understand they were first made in the late 1800's. Do you have any old straight razors?

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Shane](#) on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 02:30:18 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Sun, 14 November 2010 20:11

Wow, Shane, now that's cool! Do you have any safety razors from WWI era or before? I understand they were first made in the late 1800's. Do you have any old straight razors?

I have quite a few from the 40's.

Several of the single edge razors are from 1912-1920 or so. They use what is essentially a rectangular box cutter blade, only the blades I have are hollow ground surgical blades made for shaving. Close to a straight razor as you can get. They may say safety razor on them, but you can take off whole patches of skin if you're not careful. Here's what they look like. I don't have any pics handy of them so I borrowed this one:

I have several straight razors, but only one that's near good enough to have sharpened and shave with. I bought it because it was made in the town I went to college at. I'd probably cut a jugular with one anyway!!

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Subject: Re: Collecting

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Posted by [DrumRoll](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 03:22:27 GMT

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My mother-in-law has an old Edison record player housed in a 4 1/2 ft cabinet. This Edison has a diamond needle, so it has never needed to be replaced. She still has some of the 78 records (quite thick) she used to play. I remember seeing a record by Vernon Dalhart (early, early country music) in her collection.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Shane](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 03:59:52 GMT

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [Jacks](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 14:09:50 GMT

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Wow, those pictures are absolutely amazing, I'm reminded of pictures of 1940's stereo stores.

The only thing I seem to collect these days is vinyl... but my turntable system is misbehaving (again) and so the collection grows but doesn't get heard.

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 16:23:19 GMT

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Shane wrote on Sun, 21 November 2010 21:59 I've had the opportunity to buy 100's of 78's over the last couple of years. Goto any estate sale and you're almost sure to find some.

I did the auction circuit a few years ago, and, yes, 78s were everywhere. Finally got tired of dragging them home. I ended up with 4-5000 for about \$100 total investment.....C

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Subject: Re: Collecting

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 16:26:51 GMT

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I have an Edison player as well. The edison disc are different than normal records - the grooves are modulated up and down, not side to side. I have maybe 100 Edison disc and still play them for company.....C

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