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Subject: Wards Airline 62-1057 help?

Posted by [Rhulett1](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2009 15:32:07 GMT

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I have a small Wards Airline portable AM radio that belonged to my father. The "Article" number is 62-1057 and it could be powered with AC or a two section battery pack. It has four tubes: 1R5; 1U4; 1S5; 3S4. The case closes up to be about size of a kid's lunchbox, and it has leather panels attached to the metal case. I know it is at least 55 years old because recall my parents using it when I was a small child. Strangely, it still works. Can anyone tell me where to find more information about this radio, and whether it has any value to collectors?

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Subject: Re: Wards Airline 62-1057 help?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 09 Apr 2009 19:17:48 GMT

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Montgomery Ward radios were made by other companies, labeled as "Airline" and sold at Montgomery Ward. I have several and all are of good quality, nice looking radios. When I need a schematic, I must search through a list of documents of radios made by various manufacturers to find a match. I identify the chassis by visual inspection, tube complement and layout. Generally, radios like these have more intrinsic value than extrinsic. You can often pick them up on eBay from \$25 to \$50. Some models, like (Zenith) TransOceanics go for a little more, maybe \$100 to \$200. There are some collectables, older models and some novelties, that sell for more. But generally, the dollar amount they'll bring isn't real high. I think these old tube radios are great collectables, but more for the nostalgia than the dollar value.

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