

45rpm Phono Gazette

**Silvertone's Manumatic.
A very strange design.**



Silvertone Manumatic record changer

By Tom Parutta

Here are 2 Silvertone Manumatic models #255 and 9039 from my summer projects. Let me say that it was an interesting, challenging task working on these 2 players. These units from 1958 and 1959 weren't big sellers back then, but are quite collectible today. I wasn't sure what I was getting into as far as servicing the changers and both of them were time consuming to figure out on how these work. There are no service notes for these changers.



Turntable removed showing how little there is underneath. Tonearm is controlled by a cam under the turntable just like the RCA Victor RP-168.



1958 and 1959 portable models

Both of these changers have manual 78 and 33 rpm, while 45 and 16 rpm work automatically. To start the automatic operation, you have to guide by hand the tonearm all the way near the end of the platter toward the adapter and it will engage the cycle tripping mechanism. These 45 adaptors, which were made by Crescent, are mostly broken or missing in these units. Luckily, I was able to find them online. Model 255 is all mono with the original Ronette cartridge still working and replaced needles. Model 9039, which has an AM radio, uses dual speakers and has HiFi sound with a Sonotone 2T cartridge with flip-over needles. Both of the changers have problems and took quite a while to get em right. I'm sure when holding or grabbing the tonearms back then, kids or young adults sent these tonearms out of wack. Which explains why these were not a popular sell back then. Both of these units had bad filters and some noticeable caps replaced. Model 9039 uses a printed board circuit and to take out the chassis were quite crimped in so tightly to remove and put back. For the money back then, these sounded quite good. Happy collecting.

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The vintage phonograph community has lost two important contributors.

Willie Bosco



Willie enjoying one of his passions, fishing.

William Joseph Bosco
January 4, 1945 - October 30, 2020
He was 75.

Willie suffered a heart attack while exploring a new fishing spot. He was rescued by the Shelter Cove Fire department volunteers and air lifted to Santa Rosa where he died. Willie prided himself on self invention and the ability to turn his hobbies into a livelihood. In the 80s and 90s Willie turned wood into art that he sold at craft fairs and galleries throughout California and the Western States. A long battle with Lyme disease left him unable to continue his craft. He then built a new business collecting and refurbishing record players. He invented and manufactured parts that were needed to revive older models like a low-rider cartridge and idler wheel for the RCA Victor Victrola 45 Player. Rest in Peace Willie.

Chris Cuff



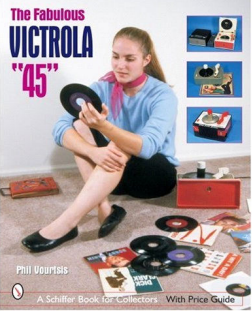
Chris had a very strong relationship with his beloved cat.

Christopher Cuff
February 29, 1953 – December 9, 2020
He was 68.

Chris succumbed to stage 4 lung cancer. He was an outstanding troubleshooter and was well known on the web as the guy to go to if all other avenues had been exhausted when trying to fix a piece of electronic or mechanical gear. He produced several hundred "You Tube" videos which were very informative. He also created new ways to enjoy listening to records on phonographs. By retrofitting new parts, he was able to convert the RCA Victor 45 rpm record players into portable battery driven units. This was done by using a 12 volt dc motor used in cassette machines and powering the unit with a solid state amplifier. By still using the existing volume control and speaker, the unit could easily be returned to its original design. The unit ran on 8 AA cells that would last surprisingly long. Then he started adding FM transmitters inside the record player attachment units. This allowed one to listen to records without a physical connection to your FM radio. Rest in Peace Chris.



Santa gets a ride on a customized 45EY2 decked out for Christmas

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