

\$\$\$ INDIVIDUAL I.R.A. - TUBES \$\$\$

Received a call from local TV shop last week offering me 6 color TV's - no charge, just haul away. I figured out that they were cleaning house on all their 'junkers' again; but went down to pick up anyway; as might pick up some spare parts for my own TV's. Surprise!

Reason for getting rid of them: Repair bill's too high and customer's didn't want sets if that was what it was going to cost. So they pulled the tubes out and said to H___ with it. Tubes worth more than the sets anyway and nobody would buy for the repair bills!

If you haven't checked the prices on tubes lately, do it!..... Tubes went up in price Oct '83, and scheduled for another increase in March '84. At present time: 6DS4 - \$33.35, 6GH8 - \$11.40, 6BQ5 - \$14.95, and 6JE6/6LQ6 - \$29.50 ...Retail! Can make a fortune selling at $\frac{1}{2}$ price! Anyway, about 6 years ago I did some insurance work after the big HERRricane tore up the S.E., starting in Mobile and going North. Bought 4 complete TV shops at 1¢ on the \$ average. Sold off everything at auction; but kept the tubes: wore out the sockets in two tube checkers. (After cleaning the mud off them!) WARNING: Check the tubes first to see if the type is acid etched on the glass - then you can put in water. I had my nephew clean them for me when I wasn't around, and lost about 20% (No I.D.)....

But - back to the TV's, fixed 5 I had tubes for and sold 4 for \$85 each with standard warranty (2 steps out the door)! The 5th I donated to Salvation Army for a \$225 tax write-off; complete with paperwork on Lifetime PictureTube Warranty (25" XL-100 Console). Ran into problem with the clean unit I wanted to keep, didn't have one tube - \$29.95...

Went back to TV shop and bought the tube, but owner made me a better deal! Trade me the tube for labor bill on a scanner repair; an old ACT-10 H/L/U Regency; DEAL... Fixed scanner in 20 minutes and took back. He got a little hot when I told him the trouble; someone had filled it with Bearcat Crystals and still couldn't program it right; or put them in the right sockets! Put 3 local police Fo's in it, and said HO-HO-HO Merry Christmas! Seems he had paid \$120 for it, got burned-only worth \$70 full of Xtals. ...Grandma got a 15" Color with Remote for all the trouble; in better shape than when left the factory; as this had tuner rebuilt by PTS also.

What I am trying to get across is that those tubes you have been throwing around are going to be worth a small fortune. I have mine inventoried and whenever a price change comes in, refigure their total retail value. Last change I made \$5,270.45; ON PAPER; and don't even have to feed them/don't talk back/just sit there making money!!!

Ed. Note: Hope I got his point across correctly...Scrounge, before it's too late and everyone gets the idea. Been doing it for years myself, but go one step further. Those small screen TV's are too expensive to repair, and Pix Tubes are expensive (5"-9"). Have about 60+ of them, just for replacing in those AC/DC/Battery sets. Come hunting season, sell the H___ out of them! \$\$\$

SPECIFIC TUNE-UPS

Sears 23; 934.36740500Modulation Limiter, Disable D-10

Kraco KCB 1401, 23ch. VR7-AMC, VR3-Rx Mtr, VR8-RF Gain, VR5-Sq. Rng., VR2-Tx Mtr. Tune for max forward mod. L11/10/9.

Sharp 2460 (Sams 172) AMC disable - D-101...