



MAC'S RADIO SERVICE SHOP: A WINDY SUBJECT

John T. Frye W9EGV *1910-1985* A friend to all left us with great articles including "Mac's Radio Service Shop" episodes to ponder over and to learn of. The series of instructive stories was the brainchild of none other than John Frye creator of the Carl and Jerry series that ran in Popular Electronics for many years.

Mac's Radio Service Shop began life in Radio Television News magazine and then changed its name to Mac's Service Shop after the magazine became Electronics World. Mac is radio repair shop owner Mac McGregor and Barney is his eager, if not somewhat naive technician assistant. Lessons are taught in story format and dialogs between Mac and Barney.

I especially enjoy the learning session in 1952 of revealing the poisonous Carbon Tet material used of old and caused a lot of health issues.

Who but John Frye could bring out the fabled whistling fad with Barney's cheery radio bench, whistling Arthur Pryor's "The Whistler and His Dog" Or bring out the old "One Hoss Shay." Dig out those old articles for a blast from the past.

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