

Living CT-100 Owner's list as of April 16, 2015. Merrills 165, Fully Operational Aggregate since 1999: 42.

* = added to published list 07 Feb 2013 (11)

** = added to published list 23 Feb 2013 (1)

*** = added to published list 8 Jul 2014 (1)

NOTE: #161 is the ETF set; it was added approx in 2001 but added to the published list only in 2014. This makes it appear to make the "Merrills" published total 163, but the late assignment of number 161 to the ETF Merrill in 2014 does not add to the total because this set has appeared in the totals since 2001.

NOTE: B8003801 update: originally [ADDED 10-26-01] - Tim Poliniak Rochester(?), NY Cabinet 178 (x3), chassis B8003801. The "Mellinnium" CT-100 made/assembled from parts. Added 2-21-2015: I understand Tim sold this set years ago; investigate.

[ADDED 04-16-2015] B8003613 (#165) Donated to InfoAge April 2015. Getters partially white. John Kiminsky(sp?) suspects set was in use into the '70's.

[ADDED 02-21-2015] B8003984 (#164) Donated to ETF. To be auctioned at the 2015 ETF convention. Is this the 163rd Merrill or was it added (by Steve) to, and therefore appears in, the "162" total? Assuming it does appear in the '162' total unless otherwise noted.

[ADDED 01-26-2015] (and formerly: [ADDED 11-17-2014]) Indiana State Museum sets serial numbers are B8001302 (#162) (declaired by me 10-28-2014 as their "donor" set) and B8001337 (#163) (restored to operation by me 10-28-2014). B8001337 was added Nov 2014. B8001302 (#162) was added to the published list on 26 January 2015.) #162 is the "donor" set; Ed and Dave planned to replace the B8001302's donated "field neutralizing" pot from Dave's donor set.

[ADDED 07-08-2014] B8002567 (#160) Doug McDonald acquired the donated set ETF had for sale. Plans to restore to 1953NTSC specs. CTC2 416L1, CTR2 416C1 (C1?) Fully operational in 2014. 42nd operational CT-100 since 1999.

[ADDED 01-06-2014] B8003192 (#159) Dave Roper Cabinet 330 X 3. All signs point to long continued use of the set, consistent with what I was told about its history. There's a repair tab inside dated 1968, probably when it was last used by the mother of the elderly sisters who sold it to me. A couple of tubes were swiped at that time but it's otherwise complete right down to the peforated tray under the chassis.

[ADDED 01-06-2014] B8003143 (#158) RCABABY (utube) cabinet 23.

[ADDED 01-06-2014] B8001214 (#157) Dave <Zenith6S321> (VideoKarma?) cabinet 81.

[UPDATED 9-18-2013 Eli Buk set] B8001829 (#156) Acquired by Mike Molnar in 2013 from the late Eli Buk's collection auction in 2013. See original entry at: [ADDED 5-10-2007].

[ADDED 09-18-2013] B8003249 (#155) Mike Molnar

[ADDED 09-18-2013] B8002527 (#154) Mike Molnar

[ADDED 09-18-2013] B8002614 (#153) Mike Molnar

[ADDED 09-18-2013] B8000952 (#152) Tom Albrecht <ctalbrecht@yahoo.com> Feb 24, 2013 To: Steve McVoy Hi Steve, You can add me to the list of CT-100 owners. I recently acquired one from a collector in San Francisco.

[ADDED 07-09-2013] B8002795 (#151) Mike SW PA "tv beta guy" cabinet 759.

[ADDED 5-26-2013] Reference set #133: Don reported at the 2013 ETF convention that this set (B8002122) was sold; he had an offer for \$4000 (a foreign buyer) but received \$6000 from a domestic buyer. [7 jul 2014 update: Don had kindly sent a \$100 check after the sale.]

[ADDED 02-23-2013] B9003798** Jerome Halprin (sp?) Paris, France. Only 'B900' s/n known. [IIRC, Sold by Terry Wise to Jerome.]

[ADDED 01-22-2013] B8003402 (#150)* Ralph Sargent <ralph@filmtech.com> I have just acquired a CT-100 with an excellent crt. Cabinet #952, Chassis B8003402. I'll be starting on the restoration of it fairly soon. Hope to see you at the [2013] ETF conference this year. [B8003402 is #150; Jan 2013 on eBay]

[ADDED 11-04-2012] B8000758 (#149)* Thomas Chip <thomaschip1@aol.com> HI PETE: I just got a complete chassis and Crt (,minus vert convergence transformer) from Wash State, the chassis # is B8000758. Now I need to find a good cabinet? thanks

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[ADDED 09-13-2012] B8003003 (#148)* Steve Kissinger. Operational 01feb2013. This becomes the 40th operational Merrill reported since 1999.<kissinge@callutheran.edu> Email from Steve Dicter: "A couple of months ago a lady in Newport Beach, Ca. sent me an e-mail to my website address. Her late father in law owned a radio-TV dealership for many years. When he closed up shop, the one item he saved was a CT-100. The lady & her husband wanted the set out of their garage. Since she lived fairly close, Steve K. & I went down there today and looked at it. For openers the 3 matching cabinet #'s are 947. The chassis # is B8003003. Steve K. tested the 15GP and it was in the green on all three guns. He purchased the set. I'll let him supply any info on that if he cares to. Sending a series of photos of the set. Did not power it up. Been sitting for 30 years and needs lots of TLC." [Steve Kissinger noted the set cost two-hundred dollars.]

[Email from Steve 02-01-2013: "I believe that I emailed you a few months ago telling you about the latest CT-100 that I bought. Well I finally got around to recapping it. I need to replace the vertical convergence xformer and get a coil/magnet assembly that goes on the CRT but I do have a fairly good picture on it. I bypassed that transformer and have a 21 inch convergence magnet yoke that seems to work on the CRT. The picture is not bad. It has a good strong CRT. I guess that I am lucky that all three of my 100s have good 15Gs. Anyway, you can add this one to your living list if you are still doing that."]

[UPDATED 09-13-2012] B8003757 (#124) Dave Arland <dave@arlandcom.com> Steve Kissinger reported 9-12-2012 that he has completed restoring Dave Arland's set B8003757; this becomes the 40th operational Merrill reported since 1999. See all of Arland's "[ADDED 05-03-2012]" entry below.

[ADDED 07-10-2012] B8002025 (#147)*. Cliff Benham, 14 Marie Lane, West Grove, PA 19390 Donor chassis Cliff found in Philadelphia.

[ADDED 5-22-2007 and updated 5-29-2007 and 5-28-2012]] B8001677 cabinet 524 (???) Robert Bailey(?). He asked a question re the black plastic cover on the yoke. See the original listing also.

[ADDED 05-03-2012] B8001658 (#146*)* Dave Arland <dave@arlandcom.com> Carmel, IN. This set is Dave's first CT-100 and was used for parts by RCA to get two Merrills operational for the 50th anniversary of the CT-100; it has a bad CRT. Lid and cabinet #201. Considered a doner. From Dave Arland, then VP of marketing at Thompson, in email received December 2007. "...as Thomson sells off its last Audio/Video assets the two working RCA CT-100 color sets that we owned have been donated to the Indiana State Museum. The Museum rotates both units in and out of a wonderful exhibit in downtown Indianapolis and even runs the sets occasionally to keep things in operating condition." I still

need to recover the serial numbers." [ADDED 11-17-2014] Indiana State Museum sets serial numbers are B8001302 (#162) (my 10-28-2014 "donor" set) and B8001337 (#163) (repaired by me 10-28-2014).

*Thompson had two operational CT-100's it displayed for 50th anniversary of color TV. These two sets (now in the Indiana State Museum) are in the totals but apparently not recovered from the lost data period when records of about 25 were lost circa 2003.

[UPDATED 05-03-2012] B8003757 (#124)* Dave Arland <dave@arlandcom.com> Doc Terrell <terrellmd@earthlink.net> (Bill) sold this set to Dave Arland in April 2012 including the super-rare metal 15GP22, the experimental C73547.[Note added 7-15-2012: this CRT was tested in a set and proved to be under only partial vacuum; the neck glowed purple.] See more at the (124) entry from 8-23-2007.

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[UPDATED 03-12-2012] B8000979 Jerry 101 NE 151st, N. Miami Beach FL 33162 305 733 4798 jerryty@yahoo.com jerry.frcpro@gmail.com (#145NOT) His father bought it new, he's had it since then. 15G is down to air. date code: 4-22 [this set added 1-2-2003 as number 75, which is its published sequential number]

[ADDED 03-06-2012] B8000097 Thomas Carlisle Aurora, CO (#144)* Owned by Hickok, the test equipment company for developing color test equipment. Cabinet and lid #700 (May be reversed with set #143). [2-7-2013 Lost track of this set. Steve McVoy may know something.]

[ADDED 03-06-2012] B8000785 Thomas Carlisle Aurora, CO (#143)* This set was used by KYW (not Philadelphia KYW) Cabinet and lid #794 (May be reversed with set #144). This set was sold to John Yorkon(sp) of Lansing MI. (Being held at ETF till the May 2012 convention.)

[ADDED 10-7-2011] B8002570 Neil (Rcafan) Neil Dorfman, 7028 Clements West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (#142) Cabinet no. 725. Came from radio shop nw of Dayton. Shop closed And set taken by owners Son who happened to work For RCA in Camden,nj. He had set for many year And never used. Passed away recently and his Son Took set(original shopkeepers grandson). He placed ad on Detroit CL ,had no idea of what he had. Set was working when I brought it home. I Am in process of recap----interesting thought I am Actually the first buyer of the set.Neil Dorfman, 7028 Clements, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 248-661-8770. Restoration completed December 2011; operational CT-100 number 38.

[ADDED 6-24-2011] B8003103 Dave Crosthwait (#141)* Thank you for the entry. I will open it up more soon and look for matching numbers etc. I'll try to take some interior pictures, etc. Note that no power has been applied since I received it here locally about two-three months ago. I know too well what the risks are as I deal with old gear all the time here at my company. That set is much more than the CTC 17 and CTC 25's I used to work on three decades ago. It will be respected and I will get around to this set some day. For now, it's safely waiting it's turn.

[ADDED 6-04-2011] B1111566 Chris W6ATV Haywood CA. (#140)

[see B8001121 (#139)* [info update on 8-21-2010] [sequential number added to publishws list 2-7-2013]

[ADDED 7-29-2010] B8002101 ctc17 from audiokarma. LA, CA. has this set on eBay. Set shows minimum on-time characteristics. Cabinet and lid #901.

[ADDED 7-29-2010] Back in March 2008, the CT-100 identified as the 130th known set was assigned to B8001132 since open questions about B8001150 were unresolved. B8001150 is thought to be in Brazil according to Videokarma member 'Captain Video.'

[ADDED 6-22-2010] B8002175 The owners name is Allen and his E mail is allenroth at jun0.com. Tonawanda NY (#138) Owner wants \$5000. Dud 15G. Extensive data on Videocarma thread. Worth maybe \$1000.

[ADDED 4-18-2010] B8000316 (# -) It is possible that this set sold on ebay in April 2010 is one that had been on record but lost in the 2003 computer crash. Rule out Dale Rice as being the seller. New caretaker is unknown to me. No change to stats has been made.

[ADDED 4-7-2010] B8002426 Mark Aceto, Vienna, Va. (#137) Number on top and cabinet: 696. "I have some interesting original data from RCA pertaining to this receiver as well, and of course many questions. The story behind this television is short but fascinating. It started for me well over 40 years ago."

[ADDED 10-18-2009] B8003674 "Jim Richardson, 718 NE Baldwin Drive, Hillsboro OR 97124" (#136) ",,,cab lid and cab are #287; the control cover is stamped #203, but this has been crossed out and #287 has been written in two places on the cover. I have owned it since about 1970."

[ADDED 10-14-2009] B8002017 "Daniel A.Thompson" (#135) <dan@technologyconnectioninc.com> I have a surviving CT100 in Vermont. It Works. I was going to donate it to a museum , but your site makes me want to keep it Ser # 8002017 Dan Thompson 521 North Main st Barre, VT 05641

[ADDED 05-29-2009] B8003603 Sold by Len Dole to "Phil Nelson" <phil@antiqueradio.org> for \$2000. Includes new Folsom convergence transformer and two CRT's, at least one of which is good.

[ADDED 05-07-2009] B8002698 chassis 928 cabinet, lid, insert.(#134) This set is in the excited hands of Ross Rian, owner of Constantine Radio & TV, 150 S. Washington, Constantine, MI 49042 (269) 435-4504 (269) 435-4506 Reported by David Roper at ETF2009. [UPDATED 04-29-2010: At the 2010 ETF convention, David Roper told me he now is the caretaker of B8002698.]

[ADDED 11-29-2007] B8002122 Don Saltzman CT. (#133). From 7-7-07 entry below: "Bought on eBay from Harry Poster for about \$835. Nice enough chassis to restore and build a case to hold/display it. Not a donor. Not complete so no 'list' number assigned." [see next entry dated 5-26-2013]

[ADDED 5-26-2013] reset #133: Don reported at the 203 ETF convention that this set (B8002122) was sold; he had an offer for \$4000 (a foreign buyer) but held out for the final price of \$6000 from a domestic buyer.

11-29-2008 email from Don:

Today [11-28-2008] Kirk and I lit up yet another working CT-100. This one was an assemblage of components gathered over a few years.

Chassis from Harry Poster,

Wiring Harness from Pete Deksnis,

Conv and Focus knobs from Jeff Lendaro,

Cabinet from ETF-Steve McVoy,

Recap by Don,

Troubleshooting and "Make it Work" by Kirk Stankiewicz,

15G from Wisconsin,

Cages by Fred Hoffman,

Matching Cabinet, top and insert #26,

chassis B8002122,

15G a bit soft; needs more conv and purity adj.

This is the news and notices page blurb of 11-29-2008; notice nick name trial balloon: "Only the second CT-100 to be cobbled together from donor parts proudly takes its place on the Living CT-100 list. And as number 132 on the list, this set joins the 35 other Merrills that have operated during the past nine years. Would it be sacrilege to call these 'Frankenstein' sets? Probably. But the name may stick! Here is the parentage of this set. From Don's email:"

[ADDED 9-14-2008] DKinYORKpa (Dennis) B8001933 (#132) www.yorkheritage.org/ It's a 1954 RCA TV that never left the store. It still has the factory label taped to the glass. The framed document with it reads: World's first order for RCA Victor Compatible Color Television.....To: (the distributor)....So that our store may participate in the beginning of a great new service to the public...the RCA compatible color television system...please enter my order for immediate shipment of 1 Model CT100 RCA Victor Color Television Receiver. April 29, 1954 (Its model number was B8001933) So does anyone have any useful information about this TV that we could add to the records for future use? Also, this was at the original location for this appliance/TV/radio/bicycle shop.

[ADDED 9-14-2008] There are three more sets to document: Chuck Pharis [B8002282 (#131), Gilbert Smith [B8001132 (#130), and Bob Galanter [B8002126 (#129)] have all recently acquired another CT-100. Gilbert's set: The vital stats are as follows: Chassis serial number is B8001132. Cabinet is #227. Front wood insert is #227. Lid is #210.

[ADDED 6-16-2008] B8002126 (#129). This set has now officially changed hands. I sold it off to Bob Galanter, in whose hands it will more likely get restored properly. Now maybe it's CRT can be another candidate for the rebuilding process. We did find a different serial number on the cone of the CRT, that did not match the label taped to the neck/plug. I forget the number, but Bob can give it to you. The neck of the CRT did indeed have what looks like two complete weld rings around it, perhaps 1-1/2 inches apart. The 6CD6G did have a 4-17 or 4-19 date on it, I can't recall at this moment which for sure. Checking by the pencil box, we did find the number matching the cabinet and lid, 609. Bob also has B1111542.

[UPDATED 5-1-2008. originally ADDED 3-31-2008] B8001399 (#128). Mike Sauer (mikeandlora@ameritech.net) This set has a dual vert centering pot and one connection to fly pin 1. Some documentation with the set mentioned april 4 1954, which would suggest a very early serial number on the order of B8000nnn. Puzzle unresolved as yet. First heard of this set at ETF 2006. Received screen shot of now operational B8001399, the 35th reported since 1999.

10:43 PM 1/10/2008 Living CT-100 Owner's list as of January 4, 2008 . Merrills 127, fully operational 34. (no change from 12-29-2007; see B8001121 entry)

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Updated cabinet 827 from Kevin Gleason in CT. (see entry for data)

[ADDED 10-26-2006] B8002041 (#127). Cliff Benham, 14 Marie Lane, West Grove, PA 19390 Lid 370, cabinet 370. "I bought this set in 1993 from a gentleman named Tom Leslie in Philadelphia."

[ADDED 10-26-2006] B1111429 (#126). Cliff Benham, 14 Marie Lane, West Grove, PA 19390 Lid 135, cabinet 723. This is the fourth B111nnnn set known. "I bought this set about 1995 from Ewing TV in St. Petersburg, FL. It was in their showroom and they would turn it on for customers to show them early color. I saw it working about 1993 and tried to buy it then, but only when it developed problems two years later would they sell. It is orangish-looking mahogany with some veneer missing."

"Both sets [126, 127] were stored in CT in a closed garage for 10 years from 1997 until now. I will not attempt to test or bring them up on a variac for 6 months until they 'dry out' here in my livingroom. Then I'll replace electrolytics and wax caps first before I do anything else to them."

[ADDED 8-23-2007] B8003993 (125) cabinet 343 Rob Mattson <mattsonr@earthlink.com> Denver CO Radio collector who bought this Merrill at a yard sale recently.

[ADDED 8-23-2007] B8003757 (124) Doc Terrell <terrellmd@earthlink.net> (Bill) Repaired TVs while in med school in 1961. Wants to restore his Merrill. Located in Hillsboro OH. Phone 937-393-1339 (H), 937-393-4454 (O), and 937-393-8170 (F). [UPDATED 05-03-2012: Sold to Dave Arland April 2012 along with Doc's super-rare metal 15GP22, the C73547. "The good doctor's set is cabinet, lid, and wood pencil box plate #681."]

[ADDED 8-4-2007] B8000158 (123) Brian Belanger, Curator, the Radio & Television Museum, Bowie, MD "The Radio & Television Museum (www.radiohistory.org) has a CT-100 that we just restored both cosmetically and electronically." On the chassis it says CTC2 RVB 274 408. This becomes the oldest CTC2.

[ADDED 7-8-2007] B8000936 (122) Bill Russell Santa Barbara CA. Cabinet: 888. Sold 8-7-2007 on ebay for \$9,623.00 to a collector in France, Jean-Francois. From Ed Reitan: "The set is a performer and was shown during a UCLA Archives Exhibit at the SMPTE Conference at the Century Plaza Hotel in Beverly Hills in 1982 (using a Red Skelton Program showing Freddy the Freeloader's red scarf)."

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[ADDED 7-2-2007] B8002510 (121) LB3091 Jay Malkin, Denver CO "Last nite, I went to a yard sale to look at some radios (I collect old radios and not TVs) and the guy had this giant TV that looked kind of interesting (very 50s-ish), so I bought it since I have a 50s house and like that kind of stuff. When I got it home (it took two of us to lift it!), I noticed that it had a tag on it which read "CT-100" and then I realized that it was a color set!!! Anyway, I did a Google search on the set and found your web site and, apparently, these sets are fairly rare. Anyway, I just thought that I would send you an E-mail about it (I was going to junk it out and make a liquor cabinet out of it or something, but I guess that I'll keep it intact for now)."

[ADDED 6-3-2007] B??????? (120) Jim McDermaid, FOX TV KSAZ - KUTP, (602) 262-5122 tel (602) 762-2950 cel. REported powering up a virgin CT-100 in early '90's for an historical society. He is after the set.

[ADDED 5-29-2007] B??????? (119) Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 5A3 Canada. "Museum's collection has CBS standard sets (710660, 710662) and an RCA CT-100... (720305)."

[ADDED 5-22-2007 and updated 5-29-2007] B8001677 cabinet 524 (???) Robert Bailey(?) No record of this set in database. However I assume it is in the original count since it is on the restoration page and has been since 9-2000. So, I'm declairing this number slipped through the cracks. He has a CTC5 as well and wnants to sell both. [update: have emailed him but no further response as of July 11, 2007] [Bob posted 5-28-2012 on VC re the deterioriating yoke cover]

[ADDED 5-10-2007] B800???? (#???) {B8001829 (#156)} Eli Buk in NYC. This set is in the database but was not listed under Eli Buk (probably one of the 25 lost in the 2003 computer crash) Confirmed as up-to-date ownership of this set by Steve McVoy.

[UPDATED 9-18-2013 Eli Buk set] B8001829 (#156) Acquired by Mike Molnar in 2013 from the late Eli Buk's collection auction in 2013.

[ADDED 4-16-2007] B8003733 (#118) The cabinet, top, and control cover are all stamped 238. Paid \$375 for it in mid '50s. Harvey Bartel (80 years old) 2990 James Howe Road, Dallas, Oregon 97338 503-623-2045. Harvey reports a good CRT.(LB 3091) Will give the set to whomever I designate. Cost will be shipping and packing only. Steve Kissinger investigating. Restored by Steve July 3, 2007. Operational CT-100 number 32.

[ADDED 4-9-2007] B800???? (#117) The Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens, New York. Picture of the set in the museum from Steve Dichter, taken about two years ago by a collector friend of Steve's.

Added Len Dole set. B8003603 [5-26-2013 Set sold to Phil Nelson just days before Len passed]

Folded in these five from John Folsom: I have 3 "junker" CTC2 chassis, B8001066, 2837 and 3962. These are chassis only, with no cabinets. Rechecking, I see my CT100s are missing from your list: Set #1 (restored) B8003659, set #2 (garage queen, not working) B8001628.

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[June 12, 2006 was the same as for April 26, 2006]

Lost information found today on three previously listed Merrills re-added (#94, 95, and 96):

[ADDED 11-24-2006] B8002601 is now owned by Tim in New Jersey. He has restored the set and is now in the process of aligning it with purity the current challenge. When completed, this set is next in line to be the 32nd operational CT-100.

[ADDED 3-13-07] B8003603. Len Dole, Grass Valley, CA Mostly restored and partially operational. Installing one of John's convergence transformers.

[ADDED 2-6-07] B1111542 (#116). The set was stored in our attic for 35 40 years and was working when it was put there. The picture tube neck seems to be ok. Regards "michael terelle" <mterelle@si.rr.com> Bought by me June 26, 2007. Tested CRT with B8000194; bright, his yoke works; purity, gun emission still in question. Now my primary CRT; very nice 'converger.' Sold to Bob Galanter May 2008.

[ADDED 9-2-06] B800???? (#115) CRT.good; last operational 1994.

Good afternoon Pete,

I spent some time on your website this morning and have decided to work on my

CT100 again. I got the set in 1975, but it had a shorted power transformer. In the late '80s I got another chassis and got the set working. It was last

working in 1994 when I moved. The set went with me, but I had taken the CRT and chassis out when I moved and had not reassembled the set then - I had installed the tube and slid the chassis in place - planning on later. I'll send you serial numbers, cabinet numbers etc, as I get to them. (May take some time) There is a number stamped on the back of the chassis, below the HV cage - 110207-1. Is this the serial number?

Also, I have a cabinetless Raytheon 15" color TV. It was rescued from a trade school before it was totally destroyed,

but the cabinet was already gone. The tube looks good - the getters are nice and silvery. The CRT has SAA etched on the neck under the 15GP22.

As I don't often use this address, please contact me at my work e-mail address - bmillard@calvarychurch.org.

Thank you,

Bob Millard

[ADDED 8-2-06] ebay set (260014534312) B8003199 (#114) dud CRT.

[6-12-2006 added info re Merrill #94] Paul Mundt (no other info found)

[6-12-2006 added info re Merrill #95] Dave Lilly B8003911. Cabinet and CRT now sometimes coupled with restored chassis B8000194. Operational. Pete Deksnis caretaker.

[6-12-2006 added info re Merrill #96] Ray J. Doering B8000903. (no other info found)

[2-2-2006 added info about B8002601] 04-09-2003

[ADDED 4-26-06] Wayne Abare Melbourne, Florida. I am the guy who purchased the Model 5 pre-production Color TV. I recently purchased a CT-100 from Gary Miller in CA. B8002767 cabinet 556. Received set 4-25-2006. CRT is excellent. appears to be RCA rebuilt. [Living List number 107.(Originally listed 12-18-2005)] Operational (Thirty-first operational CT-100 since June 1999) in August 7, 2006. Received 8-9-2006: My CT-100 is chassis # B8002767 Lid: 556 Cab 556 15GP22 #7613

[ADDED 4-13-06] Einar Jensen, near Tacoma, WA. Now that a few things in life are different, I can disclose my CT-100s without my ex having a fit. One currently R.I.P. CRT open-air, cabinet mostly gone, chassis rusty [Living List number 112.]. One restorable, CRT fair (pix attached), cabinet gooey inside from ???, chassis looks good, but NO channel indicator or fine-tuning knobs at all [Living List number 113.]. Both missing from both sets. Email received 4-13-2006

[ADDED 3-14-06] Al Weiner WBCQ Monticello, Maine Has CT-100 in storage; to be recovered this summer and relocated to Maine. Check for s/n then. Bought three years ago from Mal Fuller from NH. Set includes a log book from its service as an RCA display set that includes locations, dates, and technical data. Set was shown in the Waldorf=Astoria, for example. 15GP22 believed to be under vacuum. [Living List number 111.]

[ADDED 1-20-06] one of the 'lost25' discovered and restored. "Certainly a bit pricey for this (hitherto unknown) CT-100 whose operational status is uncertain, B8000728 is up for bids on ebay with a "buy it now" of \$6500. The (more realistic) opening bid is \$1500. Number 2169477139. This Merrill becomes number 77 on the Living CT-100 list."

[ADDED 1-8-06] B8002129 From Steve McVoy 1-8-2006: A guy just donated a working CT-100 with a spare good 15G to the museum. I'll be getting it next weekend. He reported the serial number as 2129.

This is the 111th Merrill and the 31st operational. [ADDED 1-20-06: This was not a CT-100. Steve McVoy reported it was actually a 21-CT-55. Removed one from the total, which drops back to 110] ADDING B8802129 to published list 23 Feb 2013.

[ADDED 12-29-05]B8002601 Investigate this set to determine if it was among the missing 25 sets. Not in 12-29-2005 tally unless it was one of the missing. See txt file in the folder with this file. [update 2-2-2006. from a text file dated April 28, 2005: "For Sale: RCA CT100 (approx. 1954) color TV Serial #B8002601. Cabinet needs restoration and the set has not been powered for 15 years. Can send pictures if interested. Rick,"]

B8001338 was sold by Craig Highberger, bought by Murray Kerdman and restored by Steve Kissinger by November 2005; no change in numbers with this switch.

[ADDED 12-19-05] WCIA-TV Darren Martin Chief Engineer B8002899

[ADDED 12-18-05] Gary Miller -- working (from Steve McVoy) Gary lives in Orange County, CA {Living list number 107} [NOTE: This set sold to Wayne Abare 4-2006; see 4-26-2006 entry; it is s/n B8002767]

[ADDED 12-18-05]Dan Iacobi -- 2 sets with bad CRTs (from Steve McVoy) Dan lives in Encino.{Living list numbers 108 and 109}

[Both Gary Miller and Dan Iacobi are very secretive and don't want their contact information spread. In fact, I don't have it. All I know is that Gary lives in Orange County, CA, and Dan lives in Encino. -- Steve McVoy 12-18-2005]

Living CT-100 Owner's list as of October 5, 2005: Merrills 105, fully operational 28

[ADDED 09-05-05]

WCIA-TV is reported to probably still have a CT-100, last seen in a 2003 event. [email sent 12-17-05 to WCIA]

[ADDED 09-05-05] Rich P. "R' Richard Pustelniak" <rabbi@bac2torah.com> His father has a CT-100 and lives in another location from his son. Unknown status of the set. No serial number as yet received. From a Wed, 28 Sep 2005 email via AudioKarma. {Living list number 106}

Doug Peel <doug630ts@yahoo.com>

B8001876 and the lid number is #504 and the cabinet number is #18 front panel number is #164 added 8 Sept 2005 {Living list number 105}

Living CT-100 Owner's list as of March 14, 2003: Merrills 75, R.I.P. 3, fully

operational 21 (updated to $68 + 2 = 70$ sets, from 63, and 20 operational from

15. 8-31-2002) (69 and 70 added; must now document: 64, 65, 66, and 67. (UPDATE

1-22-2001: Steve's S/N's) (x3 = all three S/N's match) 3-2-03 added Pharis c/n.

3-7-03 added Dave Abramson c/n.

[*=sent email 2-7-01]

Pete Deksnis - New Jersey (s/n 605x3) B8000173 (partial operation) 15GP22 s/n 6255. B8003911 received April 2004. B8000194 received 14 July 2004 (89th known CT-100). B8000194 chassis restored April 2005 installed in B8003911 cabinet with 15GP22 IL6057 from B8003911. B1111542 summer of 2007; #116.

[From Steve McVoy 12 Sept 2000]

Dan Gustafson - Chicago (also has a Model 5) (6) Deceased fall 2002

Dave Johnson - Chicago (working) (2) Deceased spring 2007

Thompson Electronics - Indianapolis (working)

John Staples - California (working)

TV Dealer in Peoria, Ill.

*=MAILED FORM LETTER 2-8-01; *+=RECEIVED ANSWER with (n) number of rebuilds.

-=MAILED FORM LETTER 2-10-01; **+=RECEIVED ANSWER with (n) number of rebuilds.

[From Contributor's Menu page of THE_SET website as of 16 Sept 2000]

Steve McVoy - Ohio (working, 2 ea. S/N 462/705;813) (4) B8002227 B8003328. [one of these chassis may have been the one sold to Andy Lee who completed the set with a NIB 15GP22 in March 2003] July

8, 2001: selling one set and acquiring another my mid August. Steve's new CT-100 B8003485, cabinet 602 (ADDED 8-15-01).

[UPDATE 8 July 2014] ADDED ***B8003485 to published list.

Tom Bonomo - California *(0)(s/n 321) B8001140

Gary Follett - Minnesota* [update 12-10-2001 Set is now operational. It's the 14th.]

Larry Auman - Ohio (2 ea.)

Mike Wilkinson - UK (partial operation)* (s/n 338)

Joe Pagano - NJ*(1)(s/n 339)

Alan R. Betz - Washington (has NIB 15GP22 and CT-100)*

Museum - Washington (formerly owned by Alan Betz) [Bellingham WA]

James O'Neal - CT [s/n 46 lid; 83 cabinet; (added 2-25-01) B0002239]

Dave Abramson - PA (loaned to Baltimore museum)*(2)(s/n 522) B8001554

Robert Bailey - Florida (s/n 542)

Kevin T. Gleason CT (s/n 827)**(1) [10-31-2007 from Audiokarma: "At the formal opening of our museum in Windsor CT last Saturday we had a CTC-11, a CTC-9 (anniversary model), and a completely restored and operating CT-100. The 9 did not get along at all with the DVD encoded with Macrovision, but the 11 was more tolerant. The CT-100, however, showed a splendid display with no "jitters" or fading. The lines in the upper left corner were present, but did not make a difference in picture stability, or brightness, etc. The CT-100 is cabinet # 827. Kevin G."][I visited museum 1-5-2008 and noted/confirmed serial number already in master list on line is B8001121.][Sold on eBay by Kirk for US \$5,464.00 in July 2008; new unowner unknown until 5 Dec 2008: cartaker is Dominique Evrard <dtngevrard@yahoo.fr> It is in Turin, Italy][found on antiqueradio blog: "Posted: Aug Sat 14, 2010 12:05 am

...Westinghouse offered the first NTSC color set for sale, beating RCA by at least two months. The CT-100 I previously owned for 25 years was sold on ebay for over 5K, and is in France. My friend Kirk S. restored it, and enjoyed it for a while. The fact that it has been preserved, and is appreciated makes me very happy. BTW the cabinet number is 827.

Kevin"]

Steve Dichter - LA area Working CT-100 with horiz hold problem. Has spare CRT.
CT-100 (S/N 917x3). B8002407. Primary 15GP22 number is LB 3066. Spare s/n
unknown. {declaired 11-10-2002 Living list number 12}

[Other sources and leads]

Joe Scott New York

From Rob Stephens - Heard of a small-screen vintage color in Ontario.

From Don K. - Oregon. "I know a guy who has owned 4 or 5 of the CT 100's and
restored some of them." I consider this a lead to pursue... these are not
included in any tally thus far.

Had email from a guy who had his CT-100 destroyed in the flooded basement of
his
parent's home during a Michigan flood in the seventies.

[Other 15GP22-based sets]

Bruce Buchanan - Texas (Admiral)

John Folsom - Florida (Sears, CBS RX90) (others including RX89)

Rob Stephensen - Ontario (Westinghouse)

Steve McVoy - Ohio (Westinghouse) (Steve restored a second Westinghouse for a
collector)

Dave Johnson - Chicago (Westinghouse) [this set sold to Fred Hoffmann
1-24-2002]

Dave Johnson - Chicago (Motorola)

Marlin Mackley - Fenton, MO 63026-4169 (Westinghouse)

[ADDED 10-17-00; from Steve]

Joseph Cro N3IBX. - Pennsylvania. Has CT-100 with NIB 15GP22. (CT-100 included in tally; not listed as working in tally) 01-11-01 UPDATE: rcvd e-mail today, Joe needs to install the NIB 15G yet. [Arrangements being made to install Joe's NIB 15GP22 while photographing (still photo and video) for a how-to page on the website.] [01-30-01: Joe's s/n is 341.] Update: Joe's NIB CRT was full of air. Joe ultimately sold his cet on ebay.

[Received over-the-transom]

[Updated 12-05-00] Dennis Burchett - Mattawan, MI. Non-techie has working CT-100 (s/n 535). Listed in tally as operational. Update 7-20-2007: Steve McVoy reports that Dennis has a good spare 15GP22.

[ADDED 12-05-00] Burle Center in Lancaster PA. They have a CT100 "back in the Demo Room that we take out occasionally for public events and such." from Greg Shortridge, Burle employee. This set is operatinal and on display at the Sarnoff Library in Princeton.

[ADDED 12-05-00; from Steve]

Paul Baker in Buffalo with 2 CT-100s

[ADDED 12-15-00]

Charles - California. Has CT-100 with gassy tube. Knows of nine(!?) others with CT-100s. He is currently selling the blond channel selector on ebay. As I suspect, RCA may never have built 5000 CT-100s. "Chuckster" estimates 2000. He is sending jpeg of his set. (He says the blond set was owned by Jack Benny and was ultimately destroyed. I'm listing it as RIP till I learn otherwise.)
01-22-01 -- could the "blond" CT-100 have been a 21-CT-55 (listed on Ed's site as having been available in blond)? NOTE: The sales hype factor was not considered in this speculation.

[ADDED 01-08-01]

Fred Mill - Seattle. Has two CT-100s from a Seattle TV station. One broken 15GP22. One gassy 15GP22. Has had them 15 years. Promises to get the serial numbers.

[ADDED 01-09-01; update 02-17-01; update 12-29-05]

Craig B. Highberger. Ohio. Received jpeg from a collector (Steve D.) who had corresponded with Craig by email. Not certain of dates but it was about two years ago. I received this jpeg within the last year but was unable to contact Craig. Added this set to the Possible and Probable categories, since it obviously existed recently, but not the fully operational category. (s/n 108)

This is s/n B8001338; sold to Murray Kerdman and restored by Steve Kissinger by November 2005; no change in numbers with this switch. See above 2005 entry for this chassis s/n.

[ADDED 01-09-01]

Jim Fries Seattle. Has the CT-100 he bought for \$50 in early 60s. Sound only.

May restore. May give to a museum. Not listed as operational. 01-11-01 UPDATE: Raster but no video. S/N 788. B8002177

[ADDED 21-29-01]B8002177 was donated to Jonathan Winter, curator of the American Museum of Radio and Electricity in Bellingham, Washington. NIB 15GP22 IL 2017 was sold to the museum by Javier Dimas of Los Angeles after he contacted THE_SET with questions about its historical significance and we were able to introduce the parties to each other.

[ADDED 1-8-06]B8002177 Jonathan Winter reported their set is now operational with some attention to convergence required. This is the 30th operational Merrill.

[ADDED 01-22-01]

John K. Folsom, Jr. - Florida [entry for John removed from "Other sources and leads" on 01-22-01: "(gotta check, not certain John has a CT-100 at this time. This is however included in the tally.)"] Total of four CT-100s. Serial numbers: 156x3, 526, 625, 980. Three of the four are operational. This information adds three to the Possible and Probable tallies (one had already been included) and three to the operational tally.

[ADDED 01-22-01]

Don Saltzman - CT [entry for Don removed from "Other sources and leads" on 01-22-01] One Model 5. Three(4?) CT-100s. Two partially working CT-100s; has horiz hold problem in each. Three CT-100's included in tally; none listed as working. Update: One CT-100 working as of 12-28-2000; now listed as working in tally. [Serial numbers added 3 Feb 2001] (s/n 853x3, 925x3) (Model 5 case 42

lid

17 Stencil # on lower inside case RBT 3452.) (Insert recently acquired on EBay
121.)**(2) 835 [B was not in this next s/n, but I believe it should be. 7-21-2007] 1111283?. 925
B8001136. Serial number for ebay-acquired set

added 7-6-2001: Serial # B8003319 Case matching numbers 772

[ADDED 02-12-01]

Bob Olinger - Texas** [entry for Bob removed from "Other sources and leads" on
02-12-01] (0) (chassis s/n B8002733)

[ADDED 02-12-01; update 2-17-01]

Richard Levine - ? Has CT-100 and a spare chassis (from Steve McVoy via email to
him). Richard Levine <richardlevine@monad.net> Will send serial numbers; spent
years fixing color tv; now owns audio store. Willing to help with vintage tv
technology.

[ADDED 06-17-01]

Jim Holland - ? Has CT-100; operational when last used years ago. B8001482

[ADDED 06-17-01]

Dave Johnson - Chicago area. Has CT-100; operational. Received from Dave
6-19-2001: The sn's for my complete CT100 are 777 for the cabinet and B8000162

on the chassis. I also have 2 CT100 chassis for parts and their numbers are B8001492 and B8003447. [Added 1-24-02: Operational CT-100 (is it...162?) sold to

Nat Pendleton, Indianapolis]

[ADDED 06-17-01]

Fred Hoffmann - Corpus Cristi, TX Received over the transom. B8002390 [OLD

INFO:

(Fred found the B under the resistor.) Odd serial number. Like one of Don's.

1103207-1 SUB 4] Cabinet=663, lid=465.

[ADDED 08-08-01]

Gilbert Smith - San Diego, CA Just acquired a CT-100: chassis B8004019, cabinet 386 (x3 ?)

[ADDED 08-18-01]

Steve Raymer - Pavek museum, 3515 Raleigh Avenue, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

55416 "We have 2 CT-100s. B8002838, cabinet 152; B8001439, cabinet 268 (x3 ?).

chassis 1439 has been rebuilt and was running for a long time until the connector on the back of the crt shorted out."

[ADDED 09-05-01]

Marco Taddei - Italy. CT-100 cabinet 323 (x3). Needs 15G. Asked for chassis s/n on 9-5-01. B8002539, rcd 9-7-01.

[ADDED 10-20-01] - John Hora "I have a ct100. It was working when it went into storage 12 years ago. I don't know the serial #. It's in the rear of the storage unit and the last thing I would reach if I emptied the place." Not listed as operational.

[ADDED 10-26-01] - Tim Poliniak Rochester(?), NY Cabinet 178 (x3), chassis B8003801. The "Mellinnium" CT-100 made/assembled from parts.

[ADDED 11-21-01 (12-3-01)] - Steve Kissinger (california), Cabinet 20 (x3), chassis B8001617. Steve has magazine with the 2-in. homebrew. Paid \$30 about 25 years ago for his CT-100. It has worked. CT-100 is at parents house in Wisconsin. Steve lives in southern california. 12-03-01 update: Steve powered his Merrill on Sunday 12-2-01 and got snow. Am listing this set as working. Added to working talley 12-15-01. This is the 15th working set listed.

[ADDED 1-24-02 from Steve McVoy] Phil Fabrizio Philadelphia. One at the RCA dealer in Akron, IN (#56;55)

[ADDED 1-24-02] - D.B. Harris Seattle. not working. (#57)

[ADDED 2-1-02] - Kurt Swanson Wilton, CA B800???? (#58)

[ADDED 2-1-02] - Eric Stumpf Newbury, NH B8000991 (#59)

[ADDED 2-2-02] - Anonymous from Eric Stumpf Newbury, NH Eric bought his Merrill from this collector who earlier bought about 40 of Gary Hough's sets before he

died. On Eric's report, I'm making this the sixtieth CT-100 known.

[ADDED 3-25-02] - (a) Terry Cheek North Carolina [update: moved back north; as I recall from speaking with Terry at 2006 ETF] B8000658 Cabinet 600 (x3).

Number 61 is added to the site total March 16.

(b) Number 62 is from a South Jersey TV repairman who checked the horizontal nonlinearity on the PS38000. Set is in a Thompson training facility in Fort Lee, NJ in a storage room with other vintage sets. On his report, I'm making this the sixty-second CT-100 known.

(c) Jim McDermaid at FOX, KSAZ - KUTP Engineering reported a CT-100 working in a Farnsworth tribute by Arizona nearly 10 years ago. On his report, I'm making this the sixty-third CT-100 (#63)

Hi Chuck,

Have been following your site for some time now also. Nice to finally get to exchange email. I nearly got goose bumps when I saw your first TK-41! It would be great to see one operational again.

There are no 15GP22s on the market now that I know of, but if/when one becomes available, you're first on the list. I'm guessing that we've seen a peak in the cost, and that the next will probably go for somewhere between 1k and the 1.8 we just saw on ebay.

Is that an Eric Stumpf CT-100 you found? Let me know if you acquire it. I'll add it to the list of surviving Merrills. The only one I have of Eric's is CTC2 chassis B8000991.

Thanks for the email.

Regards,

Pete

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[added 8-31-2002] UCLA Museum of TV and Radio (set number 69)

[added 8-31-2002] Jim Menning sold a CT-100 at the 2002 AWA Rochester convention. Emailed Jim for more info re the buyer. Bought by Chris Lieppert, of Ronkonkoma NY. re Tim. (set number 70)

[added 9-28-2002] Ed Reitan (set number 71) Info received from Kris Trexler. Asked Kris to ask Ed for B800 number. Note: sometime make certain this is not the same Merrill as entry number 69.

[added 11-1-2002] Chuck Pharis found a CT-100 in California and am awaiting confirmation from him that his set has been picked up. Confirmation received; must still learn the CTC2 serial number. Cabinet 861. Set number 72. His surviving complete CT-100 has chassis B8002820 (updated 3-2-2003)

[added 11-5-2002] Mark Parthemer Set number 73. B8001671 cabinet 593 decent

physical shape, picked it up 20 yrs ago

[added 12-25-2002] Richard Emery, Gloucester, MA. Set number 74.

[added 1-2-2003] Jerry, Manhattan Sound, NYC. Set number 75. B8000979 cabinet

349 (x3) His father had a TV service business and bought it new in 1954. Set number 75. [resubmitted in 2012. see #145 3-12-2012 keep sequential number as 75]

[added 3-14-2003 Andy Lee 21st operational set. But this may already be counted as operational, depending on which set Steve sold to Andy. I'm counting it as a newly operational set because of its NIB 15GP22.]
