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By Jinnai, Thursday at 12:38 AM in Trading Post

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416 posts

Location Colorado Springs

Posted Thursday at 12:38 AM (edited)

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This is not another Computer Reset post! I went to my favorite (and the only) local junk shop today and was shocked to see a "store closing sale" sign! I will try to get a video before they close, but they say they close at the end of this month, so we really don't have much time.

OEM Parts is not a vintage computer paradise like CR. I may have gotten the only actual vintage computers there (except today they also had an Osborne). However, they have TONS and TONS of hardware. I'll try to show what I can in pictures. They have RAM chips, ROM chips, batteries, transistors, resistors, capacitors, LEDs, AC adapters, all kinds of rare connectors, ISA cards, PCI cards, a few of those long PCI cards that I cant remember if theyre VLB or MCA, floppy drives, hard drives, audio equipment, a million old radios, motors, any kind of wire imaginable, adapters like VGA, SCSI, or audio, signal generators, vacuum tubes, calculators, probes, strange old equipment I dont know what it is... last time I was there, on Wednesday the 17th, there were tektronics scopes and a Sony

Laserdisc player...

I'll post my finds later. I scored some odd old portable computer, a british oscilloscope, and a Caleb floptical drive - which of course I have always been extremely keen to get. Prices are very low - RAM chips are being charged per pound, \$10 a pound I think, so I paid \$3 for several tubes of 41256 chips. I highly urge you to check this place out if you want a spare stash of electronics parts or components, or if you want to look at their weird equipment in the back on the left hand side. Again, very likely no computers here. Here's some pictures I got:

Album: <https://imgur.com/a/GUZX6fv>

Example of component shelf:



Logic chips I guess:



The chip isle:



Some of the equipment - its just where I was at that moment, there's much more. Let me know if you want me to try to pick up a broken Tek scope, but you'll have to paypal me before I buy it, cause I spent my savings here already!



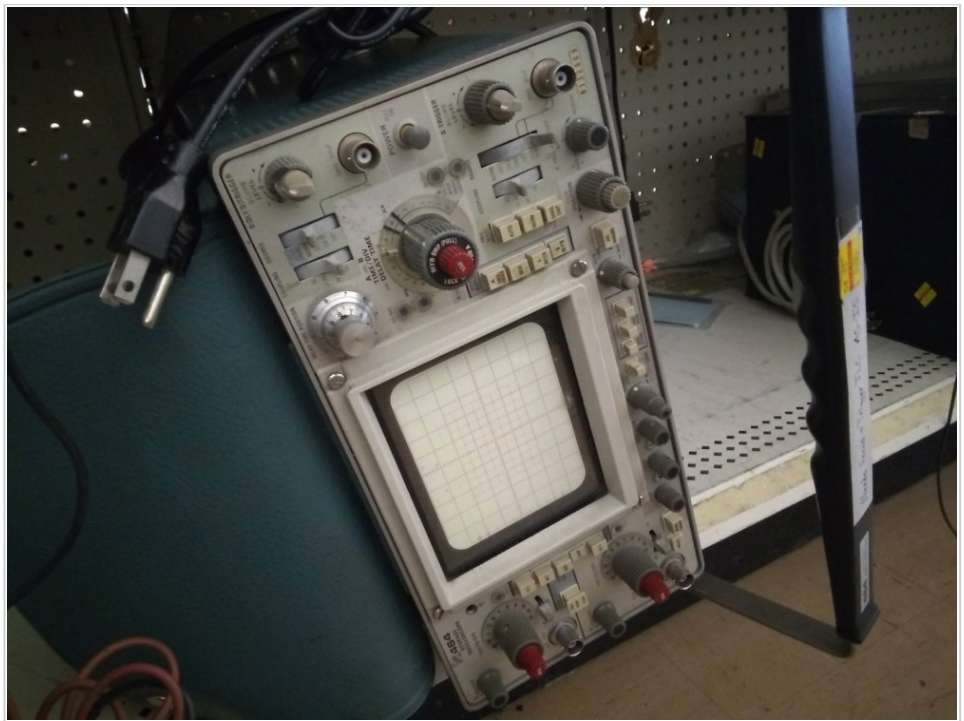
Tube tester:



They have a whole box of these, along with Jaz, floppy, Zip, tape, and some other odd 5" format:



One of the broken Tek scopes. label says it needs TLC on the focus + trigger:



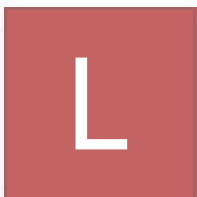
Last notes - again, word is that we have until July 31st before they close. They do not know what will happen to the stuff. If you can, get the young guy to ring up your stuff, his prices are more fair than the old guy who's still living in the past, price-wise, though he can still give you a deal too.

Edited Thursday at 12:40 AM by Jinnai

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LaPorta



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956 posts
Location CT, USA

Posted Thursday at 02:20 AM

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That has to be one of the coolest places I've ever seen. I don't think anything like that even exists near me.

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Apple II+ x2, IIe x3, IIc+, IIgs, Macintosh 128k, 512k, Plus x4, SE x2, SE/30, Classic x2, II, Portable, LC II, LC520, Quadra 660AV, Performa 6300, PowerMac 6100/66 DOS x2, 8100AV, PowerBook 1400cs, Duo 2300, TAM, Bondi iMac, iMac DV SE, iMac G4, PowerMac G5, Power Computing PowerTower Pro 200. ✕ ▾

"There's nothing like the sound of a Sony 800k drive in motion"

CompaqMac



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15 posts

Posted Thursday at 05:17 AM (edited)

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I wish a combination hackerspace + smaller shop like this could be funded and sustainable in every metropolis.

Edited Thursday at 05:18 AM by CompaqMac

poor spelling

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dcr



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503 posts

Posted Thursday at 06:54 AM

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Did they have a website? Seems like they could have done well selling online in addition to having a storefront.

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Posted Thursday at 06:58 AM

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	On 7/18/2019 at 5:17 AM, CompaqMac said:	
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Such a thing might have a better chance in more rural areas near a metropolis--close enough for the city dwellers to come down, but without the high taxes cities, or even some suburbs, have. Whereas in the rural area, there's a better chance of lower property & income taxes, lower building/land prices and so on, plus fresher air generally. That would make it easier for a place to survive on lower sales and profits.

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Jinnai



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416 posts

Location Colorado Springs

Posted Thursday at 07:10 AM

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✓ On 7/18/2019 at 2:20 AM, LaPorta said:

That has to be one of the coolest places I've ever seen. I don't think anything like that even exists near me.

Well, you never know if there's one hidden near you, this one is the only one I know of near me and it's not well advertised.

✓ On 7/18/2019 at 6:54 AM, dcr said:

Did they have a website? Seems like they could have done well selling online in addition to having a storefront.

They ran an eBay store, which says it has an amazing 886 items, although their prices were high-ish on eBay too. Course, at some point they do need to be high enough to pay the bills. I'm thinking eBay sales were a portion of their income, but for the discrete components local sales is where it's at - sites like mouser are too convenient and cheap online.

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✓ On 7/18/2019 at 7:10 AM, Jinnai said:

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That's true. I order stuff from Digi-Key usually, though I may also have ordered items from Mouser. But, I also shop at a couple other sites that have surplus, used and new electronics so there is still a niche out there. Of course, part of the key there is marketing, which

is harder these days online than it used to be, largely because Google and Facebook essentially control the majority of online advertising and online advertising is far less affordable than it used to be.

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Posted Thursday at 07:26 AM

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Some of the items are too heavy and fragile to ship, like one thing I had to move to reach a scope, I don't know how much it weighed but it was the size of a rack server and felt like it was made of solid lead. Well, maybe that would be impossible to lift at all, but I was absolutely at my limit with this, it might have been 150 pounds. They have so many strange assorted testers and development sort of equipment.

Also, a lot of prototyping boards and kits for assorted chips. I don't know much about those, like for example an IO chip or a WiFi chip, but a lot of those boards are NIB NOS.

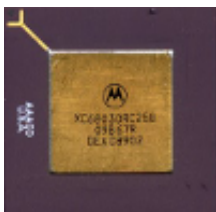
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trag



68030



3395 posts

Location Austin, TX

Posted Thursday at 02:59 PM

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Austin had a similar, though smaller store, called Howard Electronics. They closed several years ago. Some of you may have purchased 16MB 30 pin SIMMs from them on Ebay.

Some of the things I can think of that folks may wish to look for are:

1) Any old Data Books from Motorola, Intel, Fairchild, Texas Instruments, National Instruments, IDT, OKI, Mitsubishi, NCR, ICS, Toshiba.

Big chip makers will have separate books for different categories of chips. So, for example, TI's books on SRAM memories would be useful, but their book on RF modulators (making that up) or some

such, probably wouldn't). Note that Bitsavers has a limited assortment of these stored away.

- 2) 68000, 68030, 68040, IBM25PPC750. IBM PPC601 processors
 - 2a) 13 X 13, 128 pin sockets and/or headers for the 68030,
 - 2b) 18 X 18, 179 pin sockets and/or headers for 68040.
- 3) Various types of SRAM.
- 4) Video memory such as IBM025170, KM4216C256, KM4216C258, Mitsubishi M5M482128, M5M548262, KM428C258, Toshiba TC528257, TC528267
- 5) 168 pin DIMM sockets keyed for 5V, Buffered.
- 6) AMP 3-145090-7 (PCI Mac CPU card socket)
- 7) 5V large capacity flash chips such as 29F160
- 8) 65C22 in DIP40 (VIA chips for compact Macs)
- 9) 85C30 (serial chip for early Macs)
- 10) 53C80 (SCSI chip for early Macs)

Things I am specifically looking for:

I'd like to find these at ridiculously low prices, like less than \$1 per chip. If anyone sees them and is willing to buy them for me please contact me.

TAG SRAMs

IDT71V218S10

ISSI IS61C6416AL, IS64C6416AL

ISSI IS61C25616AL, IS64C25616AL

AT&T ATT7C174

TI SN74ACT2163, SN74ACT2164

SN74BCT2163, SNBCT2164, SN74BCT2166

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Jinnai



Posted Thursday at 03:12 PM

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Wow, thanks for the comprehensive list! Data books? They have or had a whole shelf of them. Of course that doesn't mean they're useful...

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416 posts

Location Colorado Springs

Huxley



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433 posts

Location San Francisco, CA,
USA

I think I personally can return to look for desirables on Monday.

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Posted Thursday at 03:15 PM

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Man, it really breaks my heart to see places like this closing down. I live in the SF Bay Area, and not long ago we lost the amazing Weird Stuff Warehouse, the (in)famous clearinghouse for all the surplus crap that Silicon Valley has created and abandoned over the past ~30 years. I used to make regular lunchtime visits there and *never* left without having seen or bought something cool. Feels like the era when you could buy old / weird / surplus gear in a brick-and-mortar setting is fading out.



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Before the "Great Crash of '07", I was SpaceBoy on these forums. ✕

Jinnai



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Location Colorado Springs

Posted Thursday at 03:25 PM

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Yeah it is sad, it's a little sad when we lose places like toys r us, but for me it's more sad to lose these large used parts sellers. I think it's the dread that this equipment might eventually all break and be unfixable and forgotten.

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CC_333



68LC040



6210 posts

Location Northern SF Bay Area, California

Posted Thursday at 08:26 PM

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I think there is (was?) a similar place down in the South bay called Excess Solutions. I don't know if they still exist, but they were, I'd say, somewhat of a subset of Weird Stuff (maybe more of a mild overlap?) They had things like old computers and software, but the vast majority of their business is in NOS components.

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Main Macs: Early '09 Mac Pro, Mid '12 MacBook Pro 13", Skylake-based Hackintosh --- **Secondary Macs:** Early '08 Mac Pro, Mid '12 MacBook Pro 15"

Playthings: Mac SE/30, Improved Westmere-based HackServe, Many others... --- **Desired:** AMD Radeon RX 560-based GPU, Any Lisa, Kanga PowerBook G3, Apple Iic, Apple II, Spare parts for all things listed here, etc.

sstaylor



6502

266 posts

Location Ogden, Utah

Posted yesterday at 02:56 AM (edited)

Report post

There's a similar place up in Idaho called the Reuseum. They moved several years ago, and I think they got rid of a lot of stuff at that time, but I suspect they've built it up again. I stop by every chance I get (seldom).

[edit]

The thing that kills me is that there is probably something very similar that isn't 200 miles away, and it's just about impossible to find it before it goes out of business.

Edited yesterday at 02:58 AM by sstaylor

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Ile Plat, Iigs, Plus, SE FDHD, SE/30, Classic, Classic II, Color Classic, Ilsi, Ilci, Q700, Centris 650, LC, LCIII, PM 6500, 5400, 6100, 7100, 8500, iMacs: Bondi, Indigo, Flower, G4 15"; G3 Beige tower, G3 B&W, G4 AGP, G4 MDD, Mini G4, Cube 450, Mini 1.66Core Duo, G5 1.8dual, Backlit Portable, PowerBook 170, Wallstreet, Lombard, PB G4, iBook blueberry, PB 13" 2007,

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AlpineRaven



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601 posts

Location Melbourne Australia

Posted 1 hour ago

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Oh god not another one... closing down....

Cheers

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