

Our story featuring Dotty Evans W1FTJ of Concord, NH - We decided to try to locate a few facts about Dot's family business "Evans Radio." I've always been partial to a good radio store, which in this age are a rarity. Seems like we are back to stage one, mail order!



In 2005 Jack W1JS said of Evans Radio; We took a road trip from Mass. In the mid sixties with my Dad to visit Evans Radio. Little did I know then that I would living up here in this ice box. Great store, long since replaced by the local Toyota dealership. Carl Evans the owner, was a strictly CW op with a nice set of towers and wire antennas off Route 3A in Bow, NH. Op note, NE Ohio is also an ice box in the winter! Oh, that Lake effect, reminds me of Northern Michigan too.

Rene K1MVP said; Evans Radio, "Now that place brings back memories, from the late 50s into the mid 70s." That place was "ham haven" as far as new gear and lots of good used gear -- Last I knew it was turned into an electrical supply outlet in the 80s, but I guess from what is said, now a car dealership. It was always easy to spot from the highway, as I recall those "big beams" at the store back then.

Of the Evans family there is one descendent we are looking into, Ira Evans K1OJA of Concord, NH a grad of New England College, Henniker, NH in 1965. Carl B. Evans W1BFT Founder of Evans Radio was licensed in 1924 as 1BFT Bow NH, truly came through the ranks, he expired in 1998.

Here is to the old school, a good radio store where we could drool and fantasize all that Collins, National and Hallicrafters gear! In 1961 QST was running regularly Evans Radio in their advertisement section. They offered 12 licensed employees, Trade-ins, Time payments, Engineering Department and 26 years of experience in the electronics trade. With appreciation QST November 1961 Issue page 177 and Grappone Toyota Sales.

A vintage advertisement for Evans Radio. The ad features a black and white illustration of the Evans Radio building. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion. On the left, a vertical column of text reads "? DO YOU KNOW ?". To the right of this, the word "EVANS" is written in large, bold letters, followed by a right-pointing arrow and the text "TAKES USED EQUIPMENT IN TRADE HAS LIBERAL TIME PAYMENT PLAN". Below this, a paragraph of text reads: "AND as Northern New England's leading distributor, stocks ALL LEADING LINES. Twelve licensed Hams to serve you with an Engineering Department to maintain equipment purchased from us. Contact us TODAY, let us demonstrate 26 years as . . .". Below the paragraph, the phrase "YOUR FRIENDLY SUPPLIER" is written in a stylized font. At the bottom right, the name "Evans RADIO" is written in a large, cursive font. Below the name, the contact information is listed: "CA 5-3358 • ROUTE 3A • BOW JCT. BOX 312 • CONCORD, N. H.".