

Thomas A. Edison *1847-1931* SWL - American inventor, scientist and businessman. Born Milan, Ohio in 1847, to middle class parents. In 1854 the family moved to Port Huron, Michigan. Little "Al" Edison was the last of 7 children. He did not learn to talk until he was almost age 4.



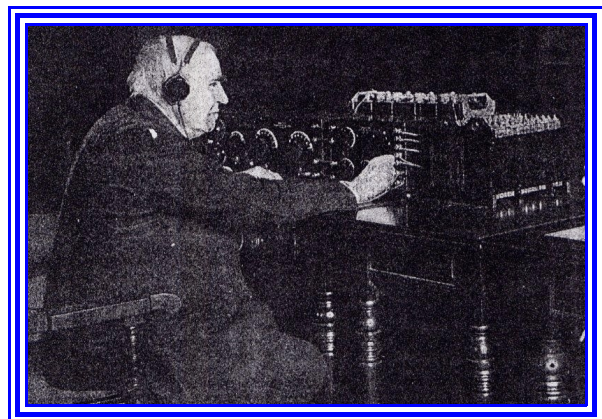
Per article printed in 1922 (Science and Invention) Mr. Edison has become a radio fan at last and he is here seen busily tuning to pick up a radio concert being transmitted from WJZ Newark NJ. Mr Edison hears all the eastern stations and he has a good sized aerial connected with it. Note; That Mr. Edison is using one of his latest Audion B Storage batteries. Signals have to be especially strong for Mr. Edison to hear them, as he is quite deaf.

Thomas Edison has followed the lead of the several hundred thousand citizens who have armed themselves with radio receiving sets, so as to snatch radiophone speeches, music, weather reports and time signals from the obliging ether, which permeates everything everywhere, so scientists tell us. This accounts for the fact that the radio waves travel right thru the brick wall of a building, as if there were no wall there at all. The radio waves pass right thru our bodies from hundreds of stations everywhere all day long, if we but

knew it, but thanks to a wise Creator, our senses do not register the passing of these waves thru our body cells. (Refreshing to see the Creator given credit)

Radio is not new to Mr. Edison, for he was one of the very first to become interested in the wireless transmission of telegraph dot and dash signals way back in the 80;s, when he installed an electrostatic radio telegraph scheme on a train and tried it out. There was not any great enthusiasm over this stunt, which worked all right, but did not seem to possess any great future at that time, for the few people who did travel on railroads would not bother to spend the money to talk from the moving train to a land station.

The transmission was effected by induction between metal strips installed along the roofs of the train and a parallel wire carried on poles alongside the track. Pictured Edison and his radio post.



Oh, my such is the comparison of the young and the older! So be it.

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