

Established Two Thousand Seven



August, Two Thousand Nine

**2000th Horn Registered at 07:08:50 on August 10, 2009
Recording Trumpet #617925 located in Italy**

Interesting Oldstuff: The earliest known trumpet is #7 (probably a pre-production horn) with #129 being the first recorded in the normal run. The latest recorded so far is Ambassador cornet #A45725. 38 horns have been entered with 3 digit serial numbers, and it appears 'The Olds' models (or models simply engraved The Olds) were introduced right around #1000 and replaced/renamed The Olds Standard right around #4000.

It does appear that all horns (13000-15000) made during WWII with only a few recorded exceptions were produced in silver. There is also a batch of Super Recording Cornets (all in silver) within numbers of each other that would indicate a large order or special order of these extremely rare horns during the war. The majority made immediately following the war (at least the first 2000) were Supers, had brass tone rings and were made with minimal use of nickel silver. A handful of left handed trumpets have been produced including one Ambassador, two Supers and one Opera. Trumpet #243 has surfaced in Australia with what appears to be a factory Bb/A rotary valve.

Finally, with the second largest group of recorded horns in the register being Supers, I (and with the help and knowledge of a couple good friends) have done extensive research over the past few months and put together the article on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter, detailing with a pretty high degree of accuracy the design changes in the super line from 1931 to present. It's fun reading and couldn't have been done without all the people that have entered the horns in the database with such diligence and for everyone responding to my hundreds of questions and emails over the last few months. To John and Clay (Mr. Super): **thank you** for all your help!

Now for the specifics...

- **Symphony Trumpet:** 4 are now recorded, two with hammered bells.
- **Standard Model:** #4007-38953 with 56 recorded (51 trumpets, 5 cornets).
- **French Model:** #1633 – 5223 with 23 recorded. One hammered bell, two tempered bell models, and one stamped with M SYM bore.
- **Radio Model:** 3 cornets are now recorded with the most recent having a serial number almost 1000 earlier than the other two (6566 and 6567).
- **Super Recording:** #6805 – 45843 with 58 recorded (44 trumpets, 14 cornets). # 24802 and #24804 have Recording style 3rd valve triggers.
- **Supers:** #3724 - 995600 with 323 recorded, 73 of which are cornets.
- **Recording:** begin at #49559 with 186 recorded, 27 of which are cornets.
- **Military** models are between #765 and 6431 with 16 recorded (10 Trumpets, 6 Cornets).
- **Special:** #6300 with 209 recorded, 62 of which are cornets.
- **Studio Model:** #35072 with 94 recorded, 30 of which are cornets.
- **Ambassador:** the earliest verified cornet is #23176, with the earliest verified trumpet being #26774. There are 649 Ambassadors in the current database (402 trumpets, 247 cornets).
- **Custom Crafted:** models begin at #380075. #426140 from the Ruskin Collection appears to be a factory kit with 4 detachable leadpipes, and 3 detachable bells. The newly published serial configuration specs for the Custom Crafted model is now available on Olds Central and is quite fascinating. There are 38 Custom Crafted trumpets in the database.
- **Mendez:** The earliest production trumpet is #86008, with the known prototype being #79490. There are 118 recorded, 14 of which are cornets.
- **Opera:** Models supposedly began production at 225,000. #215331 had been recorded which may very well be a prototype. There are 65 recorded.
- **Clark Terry:** Only 10 models are recorded with 4 being flugels.
- **Bicentennial Model Trumpet:** 2 have been recorded.
- **Pinto:** A pinto trumpet has been verified with an unusual serial number of SS19, belonging to an employee of Allied Music Supply. I'm being told that 'SS' stands for salesman's sample and although the date isn't known, this **Pinto** trumpet is probably one of the first made. The earliest **Pinto** recorded in the database is 811595. There are 16 Pinto models recorded.