

## Tubes of the Month

# The New Transmitting Tube Museum

The original idea for a transmitting tube museum was for it to be a web page with photos of all the tubes I had collected since I was about 5 years old. It became obvious that often I didn't know what I had and I didn't know where I had it. A room was constructed where I could mount the tubes in some logical order and protect them. This worked fine for several years. Problems in my neighborhood eventually required me to move after 32 years. I needed a bigger place. Our current location is in Wilton, California on 5 acres. This property has a large garage/shop with a second story. Lots of room for tubes. The garage is shaped like a barn and the upper level has sides that curved inwards. The solution was to frame a room that would fit inside and give vertical sides to mount the shelves of tubes. After a few months we were able to finish the room with a drop ceiling, carpet, LED lighting and an air conditioner. It took several trips over a week to get all the tubes moved. The last tube was the 1.5 million watt that was too big to pick up. A ramp was built over the stairs and the tube pulled up with a block and tackle.

To date, about 95% of the tubes have been installed and the remaining will require new shelves and brackets. Most of the original shelves were cut to fit a smaller room so new longer shelves will be made and add room for more tubes. I'm always looking for new ones.

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