

Archiving to do # 3

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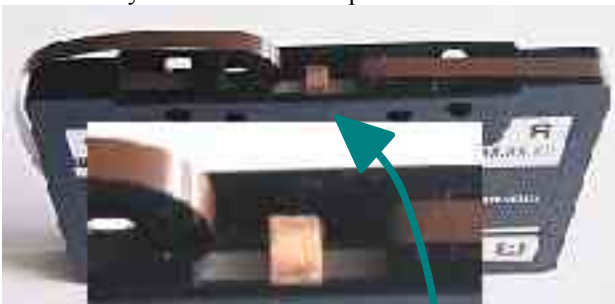
New Technology, Not Yet

I'm not going to talk about the new technology available to us just yet. To save/archive/store data on all sorts of new devices. Most to be carried out by professional people and by anyone who has the equipment in a hobby/private situation. Quite a few people who have a computer now have a CD Writer, aka burner installed on the computer, including myself. I would like some feedback from people who can help or suggest anything in what I have spoken about so far.

Although I have been involved with computers for nearly three decades, just now I want to talk about archiving things, data that we all have that does not involve owning a computer.

Cassette Tapes

Age can catch up with the common cassette tape whether they be sound or data tape cassettes.



Most people have had the experience of the sound being soft or wavy, varying in volume when playing a

sound cassette. The problem could be caused by the felt pressure pad that presses the tape against the tape play/record head being missing. It has fallen off. Here is a cassette tape that I have pulled some of the tape out and folded it back to show the reader the little felt pad that presses the tape against the record/play head in the machine.

This little felt pad is about 5mm X 8mm and about 3mm thick. After some years this felt pad becomes unstuck from its springy metal piece so that the tape is not held firmly against the tape so the sound could be non-existent or very wavy in volume. By wavy I mean the tape can be held reasonably close to the record/play (P/R) head depending on the tension of the tape. If this happens to you put the player in stop mode and eject the tape. Pull some of the tape away from that area and see if the little brown felt pad is in the correct position. It could be missing. It could be anywhere. Do not despair because another felt pad could be taken from another unused tape. The felt pad is glued to a little strip of flexible metal which can be removed from the unused tape to facilitate the removal of the pad.

8 track Cassette

There was another tape cassette which didn't gain much acceptance due to technological problems.

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