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By the Silverton Ace Reporter "*Scoop*" with help from *Sparky* "The Voice of the San Juan's"

# SPARKY'S TIME MACHINE

Did you miss it ? Oooh you darn lucky this reported got Sparky to write it down to print it here for those who didn't have Radio K-HON3 turned on & yer ears tuned in to listen to Sparky Sparks radio hour. Here it is for those who kin read & those who'z slow listeners -

Bee-de-lee-beep... .bee-de-lee- beep...  
Hello out there in radio land! This is **Radio K-HON3** and Sparky Sparks with the news. First a word from tonight's sponsor:

*Ladies, do you have the figure you want? Maybe you should check out Russell B's Figure Enhancement Method. Ole Russell has wrote a book about his method and it's selling like hotcakes all over the country. What's more he's comin' up from Durango tomorrow on the 11:05 train with a crate full of his new books. He'll be sellin' 'em and having a book signin' on the front porch of Madam Lash's Emporium tomorrow from 12:00 'til 4:00. Madam worked on the book with Russell and some of her girls are pictured in it. Fellers, you might want to see it or get a copy for the missus. It makes a thoughtful Valentine gift. Keep it outta sight of the young folks though. I've seen the pictures in it and...oh boy!*



**SILVERTON BOOKS**



**Russell B's figure enhancement book**



Now the news. I've been wrastlin' with tonight's story wonderin' if I should put it out on the airwaves. But in the interest of the public knowin' what's really goin' on I decided to broadcast it. I talked to Scoop down at the Silverton Sub-Standard because he's a smart fella and knows all about this news writin' stuff. He said to go ahead and put it on and that I should tell it in what they call the "third person" 'cause that's what real journalistic people do. I said there's no third person in the story, just Red Mountain Spike and me, but he showed me how to write up the copy. So here goes.

Sparky read in Scientific American Magazine that the magnetic pole of earth has slowly but surely moved over the ages. Sparky made him a magnetic hat by winding 500 turns of wire around an old Stetson. He was pretty sure that by powering up his magnetic hat on his head and adjusting the magnetic field to various inclinations he could **transport himself back in time**. But it seemed risky. So for fifteen bucks he persuaded Red Mountain Spike to wear the hat for an experiment.



He hooked up the hat to the K-HON3 transmitter and turned on the juice. Spike got kind of a funny look and Sparky asked him if he was all right. But when Spike nodded "yes," the hat slipped down and one of the wires touched Spike's metal-rimmed spectacles.

Well, a loud CRACK sounded and smoke started pouring out. Sparky couldn't tell if it was comin' out of the hat or Spikes' ears?

Spike screamed, yanked off the hat, and passed out. The poor mighty man lay unconscious for the better part of the afternoon.

All the lights dimmed in Silverton and the Pyle electric generators on all the locos in the Silverton yard was blowed-out. When Spike came too, Sparky gave him another \$15 so's he wouldn't tell nobody what happened and had to take scissors to Spike's hair `cause it was all kinda singed on the ends.

Spike and Sparky never let on what happened: well, not until recently. The D&RGW railroad maintenance boys had a trouble shooter from the Pyle company come down to look at all the locos to try and figure out what happened to the generators. They looked and looked and couldn't find no cause. Some of the town's folk whispered it was some flying saucer that did it and Pyle and the gov'ment was just coverin' it up. The miners that ride the trains said it was Tommy Knockers.

Everything went on pretty normal after that except Spike complained he could hear K-HON3 and sometimes police radio calls in his gold tooth whenever he wore his glasses. Sparky wanted to try the hat one more time but never got up the nerve. A few weeks later two Federal Communications investigators showed up (Sheriff says they always travel in twos) to check out what the Bureau of Standards lab in Boulder described as **"an unusually strong magnetic pulse that radiated briefly from the San Juans area"** on the same afternoon that the loco generators went TANGO UNIFORM. Their big gray Fords marked "US Government" convinced the town's folk this whole thing really was a cover-up for flyin' saucers. They came by the K-HON3 station and looked around and Sparky sure got nervous. But they didn't find anything. Now here's the real corker. They said that newfangled atom clock that they have up in Boulder jumped back two seconds about the same time as they saw the magnetic signal. Now if that don't beat all! They said that clock is real complicated and they paid plenty fer it. It's the most accurate clock ever built and no way it should be losin' two seconds.

I know that's true `cause I read about in the Scientific American. They joked with Sparky and laughed that some of the locals said there had been flying saucers. They chuckled and said, "humph, if these folks wanna believe in science fiction, let `em" and walked out.



Well, Sparky decided to send his magnetic hat off to the boys and girls of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. to see what they could make of it and maybe put it on display in their museum with ole Sparky's name on it. He got a nice letter back addressed to "Whom it may concern." Professor says that's the way them Washington fellers talk when they don't want to spill the beans; you know important security private stuff and all. They thanked Sparky for sendin' in his "artifact" and said they would put their top people on it. Boy this sure is getting' exciting! My hat (I mean, Sparky's hat) is now an artifact, maybe a National Treasure!

So stay tuned. I'll let you know when I hear back from them! Don't tell nobody outside of Silverton about this. Our little radio signal don't get out of the San Juan Mountains and I'll bet them boys in Washington want to keep this on the quiet side until they figure it all out. Scoop says they may even want me and Spike to come to Washington to explain all about it. Spike may become a artifact too, whatever that is? I don't exactly know, but Professor says it's important. Before I sent it off, I had Snappy take a picture of Spike wearin' the hat, which you'll no doubt soon see in them technical magazines like Popular Science. We'll anyway that's my story about my time machine. So I'll say so long!

That's the news from high atop Red Mountain where the men are strong, the women are handsome, and all the children are a pleasure to have in class.

You're listening to "The Voice of the San Juan's," Radio K-HON3. This is Sparky Sparks signing orf.

Thanks Sparky, the "TIME MACHINE" will sure form part of the history around deez parts but we think Spike orta get a check-up after all dat & nurse Ophelia Payne is waiting at the vetinary clinic fer him.

