

FASCINATING FIND

GIBSON GIRL



During and after World War II allied aircraft crews were supplied with waterproof hand-cranked emergency transmitters for sending SOS signals from life-rafts.

They were called "Gibson Girl" radios due to the narrow-waisted shape. Part of the kit, (but missing) was a hydrogen balloon, and a yellow box kite for hoisting the 300 foot (100 metre) antenna wire aloft.

It was donated by J Cornes. The museum would be pleased to acquire a box kite from the kit for display with the radio in our upcoming Communications Museum.