Subject: Woodson History?
Posted by MrShake on Mon, 23 Aug 2021 14:42:39 GMT
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Hello, everyone. Sorry if this has been addressed, but I've searched extensively through the board's archives and can't find a solid specific answer, perhaps I'm overlooking.

Was anyone who was fortunate enough to speak with Bud directly ever able to find out the history of Woodson? I have a Woodson monitor cabinet I've wondered about for a number of years. I seem to have read conflicting stories, for instance that Mike Woodson, Bud's brother-in-law ran it, or that it was named after a neighboring county to Chanute, that it was a sly side brand like Kasino, or even that was a post-Baldwin way to use up old stock. I've even heard rumor that some Kustom employees were involved in the production. The styling and design (especially the serial plates) are undeniably Kustom-like, but I'd love to see if there's any specific information out there, for instance, regarding the transition between the Missouri tagged units and the Oklahoma tagged ones.

With my cabinet having 1974 speakers in it, would Woodson have been one of Bud's moves after he left Kustom, as a way to transition the resources he had from the company into a new brand to compete with the new owners of Kustom?

I've always assumed my "2-12WM" Woodson cabinet assumed was a 16 ohm monitor cab, but have never been able to find anything further about it. Once I cross the line and have enough posts to be allowed to post links, I'd be happy to share some links to photos of this cab, I've never seen a model with the "M" designation.

Thanks in advance, always a pleasure to learn more!

Subject: Re: Woodson History?
Posted by jammy5152 on Tue, 19 Apr 2022 13:08:02 GMT
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Bud Ross had a Brother In Law whose name was Thomas (Tom) Woodson
During the time of production, a lot on musicians did not care to much for the Tuck and Roll material on an amp..
Musicians were looking for amps that were good and loud at that time and so the take off of amps from Kustom
were Kasino...Camco.. Woodson and I believe a few others...
At that time, sales were going down so they went another route of production with these other amps...
Tom Woodson started his line of amps with production parts similar to Kustom and higher number PC Board numbers (which) are not listed on the Kustom Website...(My Woodson 150-2 PC Board is PC 5116)
How long they lasted or where schematics are no one seems to know...
I have recently got in touch with Bud Ross's wife who was glad to email me and we emailed for a little while and she got in touch with old employees (I think) who didn't know where Toms files got off to...

Maybe destroyed or down in an old file cabinet in someone's basement or storage...
She told me that Bud had passed sometime back and she had re-married and really couldn't shed any light
on their Parts/ Schematics/ or other items....Oh and by the way, Fred Barry was Bud Ross's electronic whiz while Bud did most Cabinet work...
I do know that Kustom went into a line of production involving Radar / Scanners etc...
I'm still looking for my schematic for my Woodson 150-2 / 212 amp....
Hope this helped....

Subject: Re: Woodson History?
Posted by MrShake on Mon, 11 Jul 2022 13:11:48 GMT
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Jammy, thank you so much! This is fantastic information, not just to satisfy my own curiosity, but to have reporting for future historians!

The Woodson cab I have may look unremarkable, but it's clean as a whistle and is one of the most durably constructed pieces of equipment I own.

And good to know about Fred Barry, too. I feel very fortunate to have a Frankenstein-era 2x15 black tuck and roll cab to go with my '69 K200B-1 It's got a slanted front, no sealant goo and a blank jack plate along with no ports or logo, leading me to suspect it's one of the earlier ones that Bud Ross constructed without ports while his saw was broken. It may not be, but I believe it is, and it's incredible to maybe have a part of American amplifier history.

Good luck with the search for info on your Woodson 150-2, I've always wanted one of those and hope you find what you're looking for.

Subject: Re: Woodson History?
Posted by jammy5152 on Tue, 14 Mar 2023 14:07:11 GMT
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MR Shake
You are very welcome....
I bought my Woodson amp at a local music store and have done some work on it...This thing is LOUD!!!!!
The reverb and tremelo are fantastic...
Keep Rocking !!!!
