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SPECIFIC DETAILS OF WHERE TO GET LP'S LOCALLY:

ALLENTOWN, PA USA AREA

DOUBLE DECKER

808 ST. JOHNS STREET
ALLENTOWN, PA
Phone: 610-439-3600
[across from Zandy's]

Owner is great and very friendly – will give you a container to help you take out a large number of LP's – a rustic restroom you can use for your long afternoon sessions going thru a lot of the LP's - easy parking in back + go to Zandy's for lunch!

Be prepared for a VERY INFORMAL atmosphere!

He makes his money on the few high value LP's / CD's he gets with inexpensive bulk purchases from individuals.

A jobber comes in and takes away a lot of the LP's as he continually gets many new bulk deliveries from local residents, especially in the Spring. You may have to step over boxes of them when you enter sometimes!!! So it is worthwhile to stop by on a regular basis since his stock is always in a state of flux.

MERCHANTS SQUARE

1901 S. 12th Street
Allentown, PA 18103
www.merchantssquaremall.com
Phone: 610-797-7743
Shopping hours: Fri 12-9, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5

Farmers markets have their own websites so you can go to them for specific info as to what stores in them handle LP's.

Renningers in Kutztown, PA has a big collection, but no polkas, so I did not go.
Owner nice on phone!

QUAKERTOWN PA FARMERS MARKET – south of Allentown, Pa has several places – one fairly large – check map at market for locations

GILBERTSVILLE, PA FARMERS MARKET – West Of Pennsburg / East Greenville, Pa
– check map at market for location – also has many “old” things including vintage radios!

Probably the biggest [over 160,000] is the **Princeton Record Exchange** [www.prex.com] in Princeton, NJ. They also sell CD's and DVD's. Their prices can be higher, but their web site can provide a lot of related info and links.

There is a big old LP show at a **Catholic High School near Lancaster, PA** every month. I cannot find the web site address in my extensive files, but a Google search may find it. Their web site is very helpful in many ways, especially with respect to realistically what old LP's are worth.

I am sure there are a lot more places also.

As many may know, LP's today are just many times thrown in the trash. Some of these sites sell them **for less than \$1 each and even down to \$0.25!** Sad, but that is the current market. Preserving some of this music that will never make it to commercial CD's can be a very worthwhile and pleasurable endeavor.

For me, it has been a way to get a music collection I always wanted at a very inexpensive way. I could have never afforded such a collection in the past.