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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The long-awaited break in the weather made March the best attended club meeting in recent memory. With nearly half of the DVHRC Membership present, it was also a pleasant surprise to meet the number of wives and significant others who joined in the fun. In addition, we conducted one of our best auctions ever, with a variety of quality items on the block including a nice Radiola III, a very restorable Philco 41-290 console, a new in-the-box Tempest transistor, three different Zenith Royal portables, an AK-20 and a Scott SLRM Marine Receiver..... **JIM JAMAN** reports that DVHRC T-Shirts (\$8.50) and baseball caps (\$4.50) are now available!! He'll make the purchase as soon as he has orders for a dozen of each. Reserve yours now by calling Jim at (215) 234-8488..... The Club Restoration Project is now half complete. **JOE CANDIDI** caught the entire process on film and will be presenting a slide show of the restoration at a future meeting. The '37 Freed-Eisemann will be raffled off at the June swapmeet.....In travel news, **SYLVIA MOLETIERRE** motored down to Charlotte, NC for the 18th Annual AWA Spring Meet and Pig Pickin' in late March. The same weekend, **BILL WADE** and **BILL OVERBECK** headed West for Radio Spring Fever in Washington, PA.....DVHRC Librarian **CHARLIE CLASS** announces the donation of a group of United Motors car radio service literature. (If you have items to contribute to the Club Archives, or need to check out a manual, schematic or service notes, check with Charlie at the next meeting).....With the return of Spring Yard Sailing, be on the lookout for late '50's Sorvictas --- many feel they could be the next big thing in radio collecting.....Due to a packed agenda in March, our usually formal Show & Tell became somewhat of a free-for-all, but if you moved quickly and worked the room, you may have gotten a glimpse at the Bill Burkett videotape on transistor collecting and a couple of unusual German tape recorders from the **OVERBECK** Collection. **ALEX VOROS**, who never ceases to amaze, showed off his recently acquired Regency TR-1 (the first transistor radio) and an amusing novelty set shaped like a Commodore adding machine. Not to be outdone, **TONY MOLETIERRE** offered a marbled plastic AM transmitter that closely resembled a drive-in movie speaker.....Lots of interest in the crystal radio kit item in last month's Oscillator. The Little Debbie Snack Cake people have to be wondering about the sudden surge in sales here in Tastykake Territory....Many thanks to noted New Jersey collector **HARRY POSTER** for the complimentary copy of his newly published Radio & TV Price Guide. Placed up for auction, the \$17.95 edition sold for \$28.00, benefitting the Club Treasury.

APRIL MEETING REMINDER

Join us Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club at North Penn Amusements on Main Street in Souderton. Along with our usual program, equipment auction and Show & Tell, it will be your first chance to reserve space for the June Swapmeet and to place your order for a new DVHRC cap or t-shirt.

SUMMER SWAPMEET UPDATE

As reported in last months Oscillator, we have secured the Tyro Grange Hall in Buckingham, PA for our Summer Swapmeet on Sunday, June 26th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

After a detailed review and lengthy discussion of past club events, the membership agreed on a number of changes and improvements in the game plan to make a more entertaining day, and to better financially benefit the organization.

First, all spaces will be designated and reserved. Numbered inside table will be \$10.00 in advance for DVHRC members, \$12.00 for non-members and \$15.00 day of the show. For tailgaters, ten by twenty foot spaces will be \$5.00 in advance for members, \$7.00 for non-members and \$10.00 day of the show. We will be using both floors of the hall for indoor vendors. In the event of rain, tailgaters will be allowed to move to available indoor spaces at no extra charge. Half of the Tyro Grange parking lot will be roped off for tailgaters exclusively, the other half for visitor parking.

Second, rather than charging an admission or registration fee, the club agreed on establishing a parking charge of \$3.00 to benefit the club treasury. If all goes as planned, we should meet our expenses on vendor fees alone. Instead of the 50/50 we've had in the past, we will be raffling off our restored Freed-Eisemann radio for a buck a shot or six for five. (We have plenty of tickets leftover from last Summer.)

Finally, to get more DVHRC members involved, and to give visitors more for their money, we've decided to utilize the stage area of the hall to display **OUR MEMBERS FAVORITE RADIOS**, showing a little bit of everything to demonstrate the diversity of our collecting interests. If everyone contributes two or three items, it should be a very impressive exhibit. **DAVE ABRAMSON** (610) 827-9757 and **BILL OVERBECK** (610) 789-8199 are in charge of this project. Give them a call to let them know what you'll be bringing in advance to avoid duplication. Dave and Bill will prepare description cards for each item, crediting which member presented it for display. We plan to work the Saturday afternoon before the Swapmeet to set it all up.

The promotional push for Buckingham is already underway with over 300 handbills distributed at the New Jersey and Massachusetts meets in February. By the time you read this, further handouts will have been made at the Pittsburgh area meet and at area ham clubs. We've already locked into listings in the May edition of AWA Review and the April, May and June issues of Antique Radio Classified.

If you are interested in securing a table or tailgating space, call **MIKE KOSTE** at (215) 483-8900 daytime or (215) 646-6488 evenings or weekends. You can also sign-up at the April or May club meetings.

Our goal is to sell out in advance and make this our best swapmeet ever.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WOW, what do you think of this weather! It makes you just want to go out to your local flea market and BUY, BUY, BUY RADIOS..... Our editor Mike Kostie has given me space to address the club from time to time. From my view point, I see the club going in a very positive direction. The membership list now tops 80. The Summer Radio Swapmeet coming up in June is coming together nicely. The Swapmeet Committee, as always, has everything well in hand. I know the members, as am I, are excited about the Radio Show that is going to be held in conjunction with the Swapmeet. So lets all bring out our best and show these beauties off. Also the committee on restoration project, which is a '37 Freed-Eisemann table model radio, will have this beauty ready to be chanced off at the show. On a more serious note the members that have not paid their dues please pay your dues and pick up your membership card. This money is being used to pay postage which allows you to receive the Oscillator monthly and helps with other club bills.

I have received complaints from members about the length of the meeting and following programs and the time between the meeting and Show & Tell, Technical and the Auction. This

consequently take more time. This, even though may be bothersome, I believe is healthy because it's showing that there is becoming more interest in club activities.) To try to alleviate the gaps in our program, we all have to work together and cooperate with the officers. Starting with the April meeting the Business Meeting which is important that ALL members attend because this is where policy and decisions are made. (That affect the club and its members) will start at 7:30 sharp. There will then be a 10 minute break after the meeting and then we will go into either Show & Tell or the Technical Talk whichever the Entertainment Committee has planned. Immediately followed by the Auction. This time schedule goes back to when we originally incorporated the Club. I am asking all members to please help me maintain this schedule. This will utilize our precious time that is available to pursue this wonderful hobby, socialize with our colleagues, and build a strong club for the membership.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

JAY DAVELER
President