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A New Year for the DVHRC. Bigger and Better.

Meeting Notes by Dave Abramson

At our annual Christmas Dinner departure from our regular meeting, Santa arrive early and often with a great buffet supplied by Family Heritage Diner in Souderton and a fireplace mantle full of gifts for good little collectors of radios and televisions.

The first order of business was the buffet for a bit under 40 members who seemed to have never seen free food before and enjoyed this years selection by our Christmas Dinner committee...me. If you have any requests or complaints, please see the committee for next years menu.

The committee was delighted to see the leftovers leaving the building in some miraculously found Baggies for lunch the next day. 'Tis a wonderous season..

And don't forget to be here next year and get your free dinner. This is part of our benefits to clubmembers that come out of your dues. The basic fact is that our dues do not cover our club expenses. We rely on Kutztown for our major funding and always need your help there to make up our budget.

A small business meeting commenced with discussion of having Richard Estes being invited to attend our Kutztown show to run a high end auction on Friday night. Discussions have gone forward with his acceptance of the offer with details to be worked out.



This is all part of our plan to promote Kutztown with available resources that benefit us with no or little cost to us and make us the destination show. The price for this is that we need volunteers for all of these activities. A Friday auction will need help.

We also elected our board who will be announced at our meeting on Tuesday. Our thanks to all who were nominated and elected. It was a great crop to choose from.

After the dinner feast, our annual gift exchange commenced for the bringers of gifts to the "getters" of gifts. Pun intended.

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Next Meeting Program

**My Favorite Radio
Show and Tell**

January 8th, 7:30pm

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Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club
P.O. Box 5053
New Britain, PA 18901
www.dvhrc.org*

The gift exchange was in the full spirit of our plan. A gift of no more than \$20 and ran from current to the past. A great place to give the things you think will help a current collector or start a collector on a new track.



Lowell starts the giving with the traditional drawing from the hat. A DVHRC hat if you want to buy one.



Your editor gets a great multi-band radio from DAK the wholesale house. Remember their catalogs? Still around.

Lewie gets a early 80's Phillies giveaway AM radio sponsored by the Pennsylvania Milk Board.



Stan get a crystal radio designed to have the antenna connected to the AC neutral line in the wall. Stans ho use is still standing at last report.



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From our President Stan Saeger

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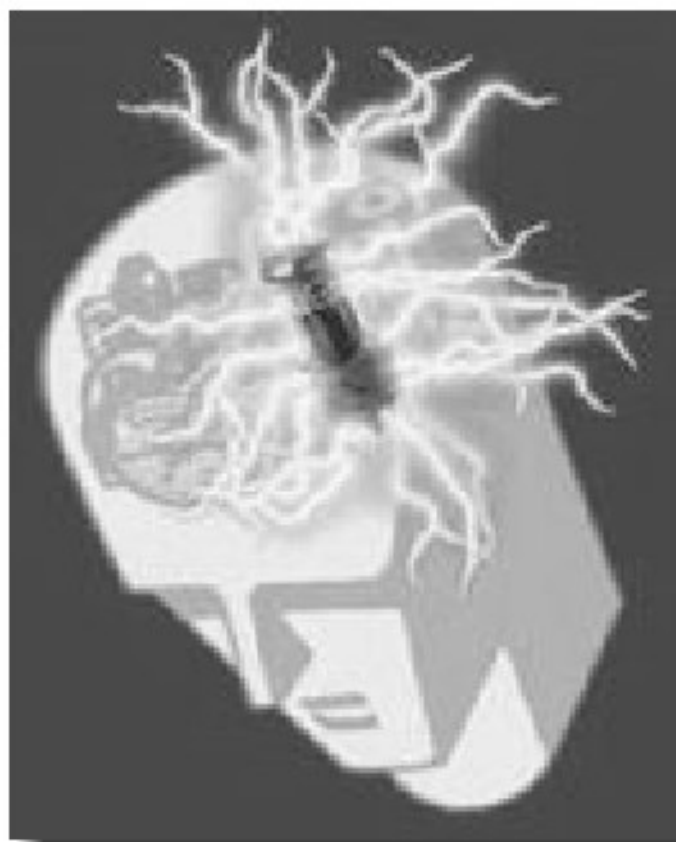
Starting with the January 2008 meeting we'll be having a new item on each meeting's agenda, 'My Favorite Radio' (or a catchier title if anyone has an idea). Maybe an unusual radio, the radio that got you started in the hobby or one that is different electronically. Here's how it will work: Each month a member will bring in a radio or other item and share it at the meeting for 5-15 minutes -- a bit more involved than the show and tell, but not a full presentation.

When the talk is complete, the next month's slot will be open to volunteers and assigned. The same thing happens the next month - a short talk followed by assigning the next month. This way, each month is covered and you have time to prepare.

This is your chance to help to make *your club's* meetings more interesting. Since this is my idea, I'll jump in and do January 2008.

As always, the Board appreciates more involved presentations by members.

Stan Saeger



Lest We Forget

A fourteen year old farm boy, while plowing a family field, had dreams of transmitting pictures via the airways. Plowing row after row in a field, scanning row after row on a tube seemed possible to him. In 1927, at age 21, he transmitted his first image to an oscilloscope for a short distance in a San Francisco lab.

At the 1939 World's Fair, in NYC, RCA had a tv scanning system on display and they claimed an RCA engineer, Vladimir Zworkin had invented TV. However, the courts had ruled in 1935 that Philo Farnsworth had invented electronically scanned tv.

Farnsworth died in 1971 at age 64. His wife, Pem died last year at age 98. In 1957 Farnsworth was on the tv game show called "I've Got a Secret". No one guessed who he was and for that he got \$80 and a carton of Winston cigarettes. He was a non-smoker.

Since the war interrupted tv, it also chewed up the time Farnsworth's patents would produce income. Farnsworth never recovered the vast amount of money he poured into tv..his development. Let us not forget him and his genius.

Old 6L6.

A Prairie Home Companion

By Dave Abramson

For those of you who have never heard of "A Prairie Home Companion", let me introduce you to a bit of radio nostalgia that is on the opposite end of our hobby. Something to listen to that we do not have to fix.

We as a hobby search far and wide to gather up the best of the best of the history of radio reception. AA5's, battery sets, consoles of all shapes and styles, rare names and all the other sets that interest us. And to what end? Listening to the every shrinking fare on the air. Save for a few stations late at night on AM that have some music or the Grand Ol' Opry if you can get WSM. And a few FM stations sending us Public Broadcasting with some opera or Irish music



But there still is a real radio show broadcast weekly in the grand tradition of everything we remember. And you can hear it every Saturday at 6pm EST on Public Radio. 91FM for our members in Philadelphia...and FM radio collectors. Otherwise any FM will do for this treasure of radio as it was.

The show is hosted by Garrison Keillor, a writer who can be found in the New Yorker or in many books he has written on his mythical home of Lake Wobegon, the scene of the radio program. He has hosted the program since the late 70's out of St. Paul, Minnesota. Through various incarnations, writers, locations, producers-as-girlfriends, and it's own soap opera, the

show goes on as the observations of a brilliant story-teller of Norwegian life in the mid-west with all of the fictional characters your editor grew up with. I cannot hear enough lutefisk jokes.

This summer, my beautiful girlfriend Alison found that the program would be in Bethlehem, PA at Lehigh University for it's annual Christmas broadcast. It became a birthday present to be delivered at Christmas. She had to buy a subscription to the rest of the Zoellner shows including Lithuanian Bach Lute Players. I am still trying to explain midwestern humor to an easterner and promise to enjoy the all the shows she had to buy.

The show in the Zoellner Center at Lehigh U. was something to see from our perch in the balcony which you can see in the photo. Radio as it was and is. The stage was set for two choirs on risers in the rear, stage right was for Keillor and his troupe of three actors. Center stage was the band, and stage left was for the historic Martin Guitar music segments. Martin is local to Easton, PA. And the show was devoted to local Bethlehem Moravian Church traditional Christmas and their music.

It was fascinating to watch a live radio program with actors being given script changes on paper during the show, choirs being moved in and out during skits, stagehands changing the setups and music directors entering and leaving the same piano taking their music with them. I recorded the program and the broadcast version was stunning in it's quality of production. Radio is still alive if you look for it, listen to it and support it. And tune in.

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CAPACITY	VOLTAGE	LIST PRICE		CLUB MEMBER PRICE	
		QTY/25	EACH	QTY/25	EACH
.001	630v	\$7.20	.35	\$6.00	.28
.0047		\$7.50	.35	\$6.25	.29
.0058		\$7.60	.36	\$6.35	.30
.01		\$7.80	.36	\$6.50	.31
.022		\$8.30	.37	\$7.00	.33
.033		\$8.60	.42	\$7.25	.35
.047		\$9.00	.43	\$7.50	.36
.1		\$9.60	.48	\$8.00	.48
0.22		\$18.00	.86	\$15.00	.72
0.47		\$24.00	\$1.06	\$20.00	.96
1.0		\$31.20	\$1.50	\$26.00	\$1.25

ELECTROLYTICS:

		QTY/10	EACH	QTY/10	EACH
10	160v	\$6.60	.70	\$5.50	.64
22	160v	\$7.70	.90	\$6.40	.75
33	160v	\$10.10	\$1.30	\$8.40	\$1.01
47	160v	\$11.50	\$1.40	\$9.60	\$1.16
10	450v	\$9.00	\$1.10	\$7.50	\$1.10
22	450v	\$13.30	\$1.45	\$11.20	\$1.20
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