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## Sold out at Kutztown!

By Dave Snellman

### Swapmeet S-E-L-L-O-U-T!!!

The two-day swapmeet (yes, two day) at Renninger's in Kutztown, PA was a sellout! Vendors and others began to arrive Friday morning. By the time I arrived around 1:30 on Friday afternoon, there were as many vendors set up as we had at the first Kutztown meet at its prime. We were joined this year by the Jukebox Collectors' Association. So in addition to radios, TV's, and Hi-Fi gear, we had jukeboxes!

With the help on some club members, we quickly got the club table in the center of the pavilion set up and ready for business. The club table had a lot to offer. Membership forms were available. Tubes and capacitors were available for purchase.



capacitors were available for purchase. Tickets for a beautifully restored Westinghouse table radio were on sale and going fast. The new club t-shirts, featuring our new logo, were available, too. Thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time to staff the club table.

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT KUTZTOWN. JUNE 8TH**



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### **Meeting Notes continued from Page 1**

Yes, we had our own 100 milliwatt AM station on the air, playing a variety of music for people to tune their vintage radios to. We even managed to have the station echo some of the PA system announcements. (Guess I could call them PSA's in radio jargon.)

Around 6:30 on Friday evening, the "official" club meeting/steak dinner took place at the food pavilion. An excellent meal was enjoyed by club members and guests. Soft

drinks and beer were available. I even noticed one couple "kicking it up a notch" as they enjoyed their steak dinner accompanied by a nice glass of wine.

After dinner many people roamed around checking each new vendor's wares as they arrived. The club table was staffed until around 10 PM and Radio Free Kutztown signed

off around 11 PM. A few hung around conversing into the wee hours of the morning, while most retired to their car, camper or motor home for the night. Some left for nearby lodgings.

Activity on Saturday started around 5 AM. Many people wandered around looking for that first cup of coffee, others for the first treasure find of the





around looking for that first cup of coffee, others for the first treasure find of the day. It was a cool morning, but soon the sun made an appearance to warm it up a bit. Sales were brisk. Top dollar items were going as well as the bargains. From a buyer's point of view, I saw a lot of people carrying things to their cars. I saw one taking "Mae West" radio back to his truck. Talking to the seller later on, I learned it sold for \$1700. I think the bargain of the day occurred inside Renninger's and not under our pavilion. One lucky collector got a Zenith Trans-Oceanic "Bomber" in good condition, complete with a battery for \$85.00 – yes, \$85.00. There was one similar on a table under with pavilion with \$700 price tag on it. You just never know where the bargain will pop up.



Mike Koste provided a dealer's perspective on the swapmeet:

"Anyone who hasn't completely grasped the concept that Kutztown is a bonafide two-day affair needs to make plans now for September 17-18 and take Friday off from work. I made the ninety-minute drive from Ambler and pulled in just before 10am

Friday morning and was pleased to find a handful of dealers already set up. I chalked up nearly \$100 by noon, and by nightfall, generated knobs sales that were even greater than a successful Saturday-only swapmeet. In fact, judging by the volume of quality pieces I observed that changed hands early on, it was clear that many other early sellers did equally well."







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The hottest selling item on the club table was tickets for the raffle radio. Shortly before noon, we called out the winning ticket. Ray Chase, a club member from New Jersey, walked away with the prize. Nice going, Ray. Ticket sales netted the club close to \$300.

Since the beginning of radio swapmeets at Kutztown, the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club has handled the auction. Vendors are encouraged to bring items to auction off for a 10 percent commission, or to donate items. (Items they usually don't want to carry back home with them.) The club treasury benefits from the auction. This year we had over 170 lots in the auction. Pete Grave served as our auctioneer extraordinaire. Dave Abramson served as our cashier. Dave Snellman was the clerk. Countless others helped move all the items through the auction. Tubes caddies, both full and empty, were plentiful at this year's auction. (There were so many, I that was the auction theme.) We had many other nice items from consoles to T-O's to

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ts. Total auction sales were around \$1500, down a little from the last auction; however, the club netted about \$400 from donations and commissions. The auction ended around 2:30 in the afternoon. By about 3:30 the pavilion was almost empty again.

To re-cap, club activities generated around \$1000 for the club treasury after expenses were figured into the mix. Capacitor sales were almost \$300, raffle radio tickets \$300, four new members joined



about \$250.



At this time the May swapmeet is a memory, however, I know many are already dreaming and planning for the September swapmeet. Mark September 17-18 on your calendars. Take a vacation day, make your excuses for not mowing the lawn – do whatever it takes, but make your way to Kutztown in September.

The next regular meeting of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club will held on June 8, 2004 at the Telford Community Center at 7:30 PM. Please join us

# **Kutztown**

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## **Antique Radio Meet**



**September 17th (early setup and dinner) & 18th**

**Radio, Television, Audio & Ham show**

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# More photos from Kutztown



# See you in September!



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PRICE CAPACITY	VOLTAGE	LIST PRICE		CLUB MEMBER	
		QTY/25	EACH	QTY 25	EACH
.001	630v	\$7.20	.35	\$6.00	.28
.0047		\$7.50	.35	\$6.25	.29
.0068		\$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
47	450v	\$21.60	\$2.50	\$18.00	\$2.10
100	450v	\$34.50	\$3.20	\$28.50	\$3.85

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