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Silvertone Special Show and Tell at the DVHRC

**Minutes and Monthly Meeting Notes – reported by
Dave Snelman**

In spite of the Valentine’s Day holiday, we had rather good attendance at our February meeting of the DVHRC. Our first order of business was the standard reports. Our treasury is in good shape with a balance standing at \$5580 – not including petty cash. The club’s liability insurance is up-to-date. Our membership renewals are going well. We’re up to 65% renewal. Hopefully, we can get to 100% by the end of March. NOTE: If you still see “2005” above your name on the mailing address, you owe \$20 in dues.

Everyone is reminded to fill out the survey that was in last month’s Oscillator.

On the Kutztown front, the dates for this year events are May 12-13 and September 22-23, 2006.

As a point of interest, Mike Koste reported that Ron Ramirez (author of Schiffer’s Philco book) is “retiring”



from the hobby for a while. While he is going on the road as a trucker, working with his daughter, Schiffer has released a new edition of his book. Volume 2 has a new cover, but that’s about all. The rest of the book is the same – in other words it not a new book.

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Next Meeting Program

Special Show and Tell
Silvertone Radios
Bring your best!

Telford Community Center
March 14th, 7:30pm

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New Britain, PA 18901
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To join DVHRC dues are \$20 per year. The membership year runs January - December. Please mail to the club P.O. box above.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Telford Community Building, Telford, PA.

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In our "show and tell" venue we saw a 1939 Silvertone, model 6322, presented by Lewie Newhard. It's a six-tube-superhet. In keeping with the holiday, the wooden cabinet has hearts carved on each side.



As mentioned in last month's Oscillator, Dan Schwartzman showed off some more World War II era "radio" maps. Offered by various oil companies, they gave a global view of the world during that era.

Ray Scheffy showed a brief video of his collection. This was originally taped and shown on a local TV station.

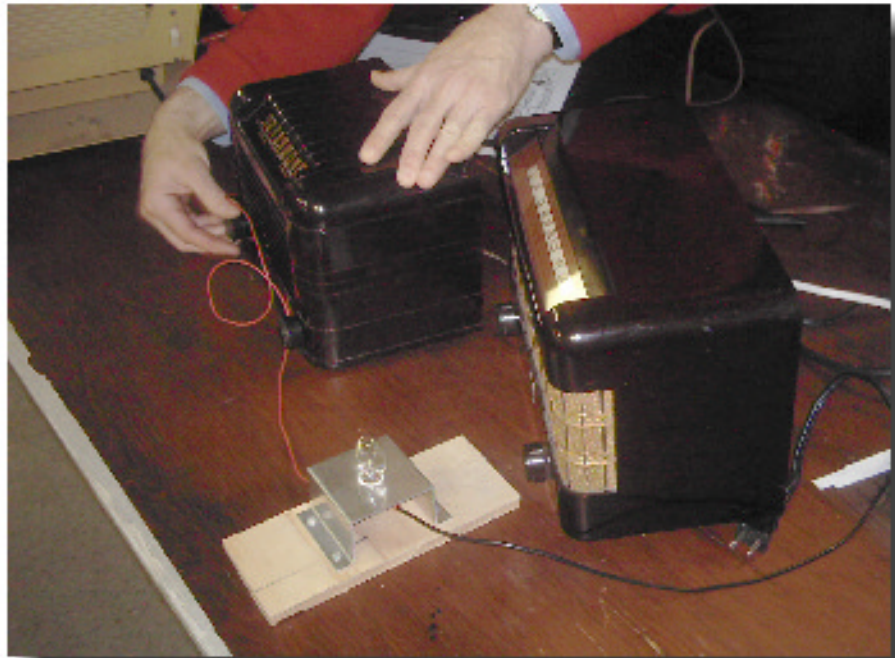
Before our technical presentation started, we had a nice open discussion of items of interest to our members in attendance. We used our "whiteboard" to list members' questions and needs. One major change was the consensus to have the regular monthly meeting during the Kutztown months. We have been passing on those meetings to concentrate on Kutztown, but vox populi wins. We will be in Telford in May and September.

Mike Lobus and Dan Schwartzman gave the technical presentation this evening. Safety and radio repair was the topic. As many of us collect "All-America Fiver's," Mike and Dan chose them to point out the potential (no pun intended) dangers when working on these sets. In these sets, the chassis is ground. Older style AC plugs were not polarized, so it's easy to

chassis is ground. Older style AC plugs were not polarized, so it's easy to plug the grounded side into the "hot" side of the AC line. Coming contact with the chassis or even the control knob shafts could result in a shock – or worse. They outlined steps to take to minimize your risk, including how to do a simple test to determine if the chassis is "hot." One item they recommended to add to your repair bench was an isolation transformer. It's a good practice to use one of these when working on AC-DC sets. Another good idea is to have a mat on your bench and on the floor in front of your bench. These will help further isolate you from the chance of coming in contact with the AC line.

The request for survey results have been too few to give a good picture of the feelings of the members. We will wait for another month to see if more arrive to make a consensus. The meeting drew to an end with our regular auction. Donated items, mainly tubes and parts, netted \$40 for the club treasury.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 14, 2006** at the Telford Community Center. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.



Coming Up in the Oscillator

Our own Bill Hargens has sent your editor a wonderful article on his father, Charles Hargens. He was a famous illustrator on the par of Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth in the early part of the 20th century...and all here in Philadelphia.

Among his many illustrations, he was commissioned by the Atwater Kent company to illustrate their print ads of the day.

Your editor has seen the originals that Bill still has and it is wonderful that these are still preserved and in his hands.



A new feature for Show and Tell

by Mike Koste

This month, we'll be saluting SILVERTONE radios. I'll offer a short presentation on their history, and you're encouraged to bring in some of your treasured Sears sets from your collection (especially the unusual ones) for show and tell. Below are a few samples that will be there from my collection and one from Dave Abramson. Please bring your favorites and help make this an ongoing feature. We will have the members decide the next months presentation at the meeting



The DVHRC is also on a quest for a potential candidate for restoration to raffle off at the Spring meet. Kutztown's only two months away, and we need to get this project underway. If you have anything lurking in the shadows you'd be willing to donate, or let the club purchase reasonably, be sure and bring it along too. We are hoping for a radio that is ready to go. We can only go to the well of restoration so many times and it is time to give that a rest. Please think about parting with a not-so-treasured piece.

UPCOMING RADIO EVENTS

March 18 (?) **NJARC Spring Swapmeet, Parsippany, NJ**

Info: njarc.org

March 18

Parsippany, NJ - New Jersey Antique Radio Club (NJARC) - *Antique Radio Swap Meet*

Parsippany PAL, 33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

E-mail: pxcurtis@optonline.net or nbbeeferman@cs.com (Marv Beeferman, 609-693-9430)

March 29

Perkasie, PA - RF Hill Amateur Radio Club, *Auction*

Perkasie Firehouse, 100 North Fifth Street (at Arch St.), Perkasie, PA

RF Hill ARC, PO Box 336, Perkasie, PA 18944

E-mail: kb3cew@arrl.net

<http://www.rfhill.ampr.org> (auction info <http://www.rfhill.ampr.org/auction.pdf>)

May 7

Warminster ARC Hamfest, Middletown Grange, Wrightstown, PA

Info: hamfest2006@k3dn.org

May 12-13

Kutztown Radio Meet

Info: dvhrc.org

September 22-23 Kutztown Radio Meet

Info: dvhrc.org

October 6

RF HILL ARC HAMFEST, Sellersville (PA) Fine Co. Grounds

Info: kb3cew@arrl.net



KUTZTOWN

Kutztown Antique Radio Meet



**May 12th & 13th, 2006
Sept. 22nd & 23rd, 2006**

**Starts at 7am Saturday
(Dealer Setup Friday At Noon)**

Buyers welcome both days!!

**Audio & Ham Welcome
(Non-Computer Show)
Afternoon Auction by DVHRC
Free Admission & Parking**


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Kutztown, PA**

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570-385-0104**

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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
.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

**AND NOW AVAILABLE; LINE CORDS, DIAL LAMPS,
TUBES, DVHRC SPORTSWEAR**



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