



The Oscillator

"All the Electrons that are Fit to Flow . . . "



The Official Newsletter of the DVHRC

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Kutztown XXIV: Not far away

Hard to believe, but winter is almost over, and that means that the spring Kutztown show is not to far away.

Mark your calendars now:

Kutztown XXIV

May 13, 14, 2011

If you're traveling from the far North, be advised that if you customarily travel to Renninger's via PA Route 737, portions of the roadway will be closed due to a couple of bridge replacement projects.

Apparently, due to the rural nature of the area, you'll be rerouted off of I-78/US-22 from Krumsville onto a convoluted maze of winding country roads. Probably easy for the locals, but not so most out-of-towners. No telling if your GPS will be updated to reflect the detours in time, so for now, you'd be wise to stay on I-78 and come into Kutztown from Allentown on 222. A little out of the way, but much easier to follow. You've been warned!

From the DVHRC Mailbag

Longtime DVHRC member Peter Wieck emailed earlier this month with the following message. I'm sure he will fill us in on the details once we get closer to the event, but it has certainly peaked our interest. Peter and his guest be set up in the club area at Renninger's on Friday May 13th to reveal the details of this potentially life-changing secret at approximately 5pm. Listen for PA announcements!

I will be bringing an individual (to be named shortly, but known and respected) to the Spring Kutztown who, with my help (he has some vision problems), will present a major new piece of equipment in support of the hobby. He has been a very nearly invisible friend to the show for many years now and is 'coming out from behind the scenes' to present his new development.

In terms of logistics, we could do this indoors or out, before the dinner on Friday, or just before the Auction on Saturday. Neither he nor I wish to interfere with the most active sales periods - but this would also be of interest and beneficial to the General Public (the only source of new money in the hobby anyway) as well - so even during the day on Saturday would work.

All we will need is one 120V power outlet and a clear standard table. No other requirements.

Let me know if this is of interest. As this gentleman lets me reveal more details, I will keep you in the loop. He just does not want to scoop himself on this project - five (5) years in the making.

*Thanks!
Peter Wieck*



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DVHRC on the Road

The DVHRC will be participating in the History Expo held by the Lehigh County Historical Society on April 9th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm.

From www.lchs.museum:

History Expo, Pennsylvania's premiere history event will feature a Civil War soldiers' encampment, tours of Trout Hall, displays by local historical organizations, and seminars on historical topics. Old-fashioned story-telling, toys, games, crafts, and clothing to try on means fun for the whole family.

The DVHRC participated in last year's expo, and it was a great opportunity to get the DVHRC name in front of many people from the Lehigh Valley area (nearly 2000 attended last year's event). Contact Stan Saeger (saegers@ptd.net) if you would like to help out, or just stop by that day

Club Calendar

Mar 8: Auction
Apr 12: Theme: Ingraham Cabinets
May 10: Kutztown Prep
May 13-14: Kutztown XXIV
Jun 14: Tombstone Radios
Jul 12: Tailgate Auction
Aug 9: Radio Collectables
Sep 13: Kutztown Prep
Sep 16-17 Kutztown XXV
Oct 11: Auction
Nov 8: "Turkey" Radios, 2012 Board Nominations

Dec 13: Holiday Dinner
2012 Board Elections
Jan 10: "Christmas" Radios

February Minutes

President Mike Koste called the monthly meeting of the DVHRC to order at 7:33 PM on February 8, 2011. There were 22 members and 5 board members present.

Mike gave his opening remarks and asked for volunteers to test tubes from the Bob Parvin donation. 8 members kindly volunteered.

Mike introduced the new board members, which included President Mike Koste, Vice Presidents Dave Dean and Dave Snellman, Members at Large Dave Abramson and Walt Peters, (who is rumored to be under tremendous pressure to change his name to Dave for the next meeting).

Mike touched upon a number of topics during his opening remarks including making better use of the Reflector, which members can access at www.dvhrc.info. He also mentioned an advertisement from Electronic Goldmine for very reasonably priced capacitors.

The Club needs to amend the Club Charter and update the by-laws to keep us in good stead with the Commonwealth. Mike knows a lawyer who will do this for us pro bono.

A motion to change the meeting time to 7 PM was voted down by

the members. The meeting time will remain 7:30 PM.

Since Dave Dean and Pete Graves do much of the hauling of the Club's merchandise to Kutztown, it was suggested that we purchase a trailer for this purpose. Storing this trailer at a place convenient for Dave and free for the Club is a sticking point. Members were asked to look out for any opportunities that may arise.

Since our meetings have become a buying and selling forum, the decision was made by the board to cut down on the monthly auctions and replace them with themed meetings.

Walt Peters talked about a sale on Mohawk toner lacquers at PondCovePaint.com. They are on sale for \$5.99 with free shipping on orders over \$100.

(Editors note: there is a shop at Q-mart in Quakertown, PA that stocks Mohawk spray lacquer and other Mohawk products for retail purchase -- another option for these quality products).

Walt also offered free cans of Duplicolor paint to any member who needs it for restoring a radio. Dave Dean made a motion to make the immediate Past President a non-voting Trustee of the Board. Chuck Azar seconded and the motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands. Past President Stan Saeger will continue his work on the website and newsletter. Mike thanked Stan for his years of service to the Club.

The Club introduced a fixed price Buy It Now table. This month fea-

tured items from Bob Parvin donation. The proceeds from the sale netted the Club \$270. Thanks to all who participated. This table will be open to any member to sell his goods at every meeting. There is no fee for this service.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Snellman showed the new issue of Antiques Radio Classified, which is under new management. We hope the publication does well, as it has been the voice of the hobby for many years.

Pete Graves asked if we could set up a Paypal account. Walt Peters will do this before the next meeting.

Stan Saeger received an email stating there is a 1930s parlor model radio available for sale in Rancocas, NJ. Anyone interested should see Stan.

There was a short break and show and tell started at 8:30.

Stan Saeger gave an excellent presentation of making knobs from scratch using a plastic resin kit. The process is known as room temperature vulcanizing and supplies are available from Micro Mark. (www.micromark.com)

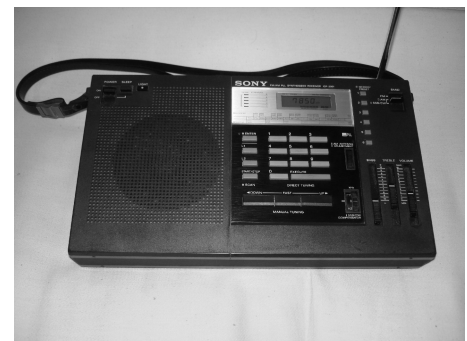
Dave Dean made a crystal radio for Bob Parvin in appreciation of his donations to the Club.

Ted Sowirka showed a radio controlled airplane he received as a gift. The plane weighs in at just 16.4 grams! It has a

10,000 RPM motor with gear reduction that is the size of a lead pencil eraser. IT even has LED's for "night flights."

Since this was our first theme night, there were a plethora of transistor radios brought in by members.

First off, Dave Snellman showed us a Zenith Royal 500 c.1958, in the presentation box. He also showed a Sony 2001 AM-FM-Shortwave from the early 1980s, which was the first radio to use a micro processor.



Dave Dean exhibited a Zenith Trans Oceanic 3000 with the original hang tag, along with a transistor radio kit from a Native American tribe.

Jack Meyer showed off his school science project along with some interesting figural radios, including a violin, a mini stereo system and a mouse.

Dan Schwartzman showed an Emerson Pioneer and Norde-
mande Globetrotter.

Mark Theirbach brought in a
Philco transistor lab circuit anal-
ysis kit and a Philco T7, which
was the first transistor radio is-
sued about 1956. He also
showed a 1963 DuMont 900
and a 1959 Emerson 911.

Dave Abramson showed off a

20th Anniversary KYW credit
card sized radio, a Sony Super-
sensitive TR817, a Pan Am Air-
lines giveaway radio made by
RCA International, and an Ep-
son Elf. He also showed us the
first LCD Color Television.

Pete Graves brought in a Mag-
navox/Phillips portable commu-
nications receiver and a
Grundig satellite 750.

There was no further business
and the meeting was adjourned
at 9:15 PM.

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Renninger's Antique and Farmers Market

Kutztown, PA

Don't miss out – register now – first pavilion already sold out
(the earliest ever)



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