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"People's Radio" Presentation Next Meeting

October 2003 Meeting Notes and Minutes

Reported by Dave Snellman

The October meeting of the DVHRC was held on Tuesday, October 14th at the Telford Community Center, our normal meeting location.

There was much discussion of how successful the September Kutztown meet was. While I was not able to attend the meet due to work constraints I did get a chance to report on how well the club treasury did. Original numbers showed we benefited from the auction to the tune of \$815.00. We did owe one vendor payment for items sold, so we have to adjust the auction proceeds to \$650.00. Originally, I did not have the capacitor sales figures. These came in at \$130.00 at Kutztown.




The final totals for Kutztown appear to be as follows: memberships \$60.00, radio raffle \$155.00, tube sales \$338.00 (!) auction \$406.00, and cap sales \$130.00. Our bottom line is about \$1100.00 to the good. (Please note the tube sales figure. This was pure profit as the tubes offered for sale came from our "tube rescue" project from the spring.)

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To join DVHRC dues are \$15 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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A couple of items of interest to the general membership...

First, Dan Collins announced that club members can now have an e-mail account via our website – www.dvhrc.org. Contact Dan Collins at one of our meetings or via the net to get you member@dvhrc.org e-mail address.

Second, the club is going to purchase a digital camera for club use. One idea is to have a number of members take their turn as “shooting”



their perspective of our swapmeets. Another idea would be to “sign out” the camera to member willing to photograph items of interest to members for inclusion in the Oscillator. Stay tuned for more details.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold our holiday party at the Telford Center versus going to a restaurant. We hope to have the caterer “kick it up a notch” for this year. The holiday party is held during our December meeting. Stay tuned for more details. We hope to have the gift exchange again this year.

Meeting details

We did one our “vox populi” projects to develop an article for the Oscillator. The idea starts with the concept of “if you were on a plane going to a radio collectors conference and you could sit next to a famous individual from the radio world (living or dead) – who would it be? (Sorry for paraphrasing, but you’ll see the article.)

Show and Tell was our theme. Mark Thierback, a perennial show and

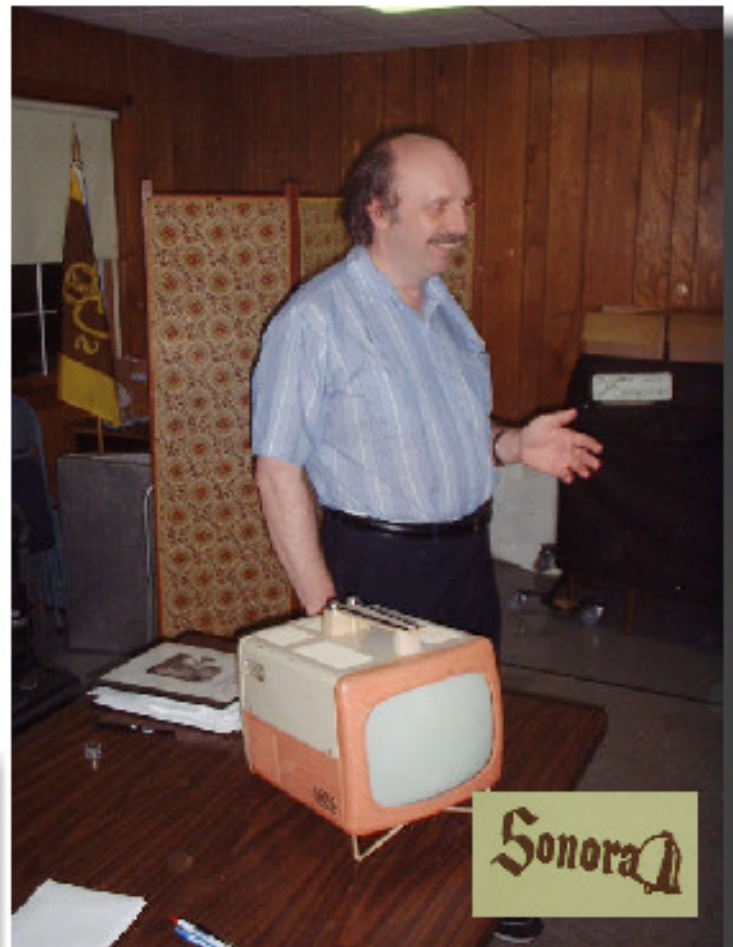
Show and Tell was our theme. Mark Thierback, a perennial show and favorite, showed off a Sonora portable TV, circa 1957.

Dan Schwartzman built on the last meetings item of cleaning bakelite cabinets. HE showed how to clean and bring a shine to bakelite using a product called "blue magic."

We had a nice Philco tumtable shown to us by Tom Lager. The set transmits the signal to the radio via RF. The frequency used is just below the AM broadcast band. It uses AM as the format.

We finished up with the usual auction.

Dues Notice



It not too early to start to think about paying your 2004 dues. Dues for the year are set at \$20.00 – a real bargain considering what your membership gives you. You can pay via mail to our PO Box 5053, New Britain, PA 18901, or you can pay at any upcoming meeting.

Our next meeting will be on November 11, 2003 at the Telford Community Center. Hope to see you there.

NEXT MEETING

November 11, 7:30pm

Be sure to be on hand for a presentation by our own Jiri Placek on the history of the "People's Radio".

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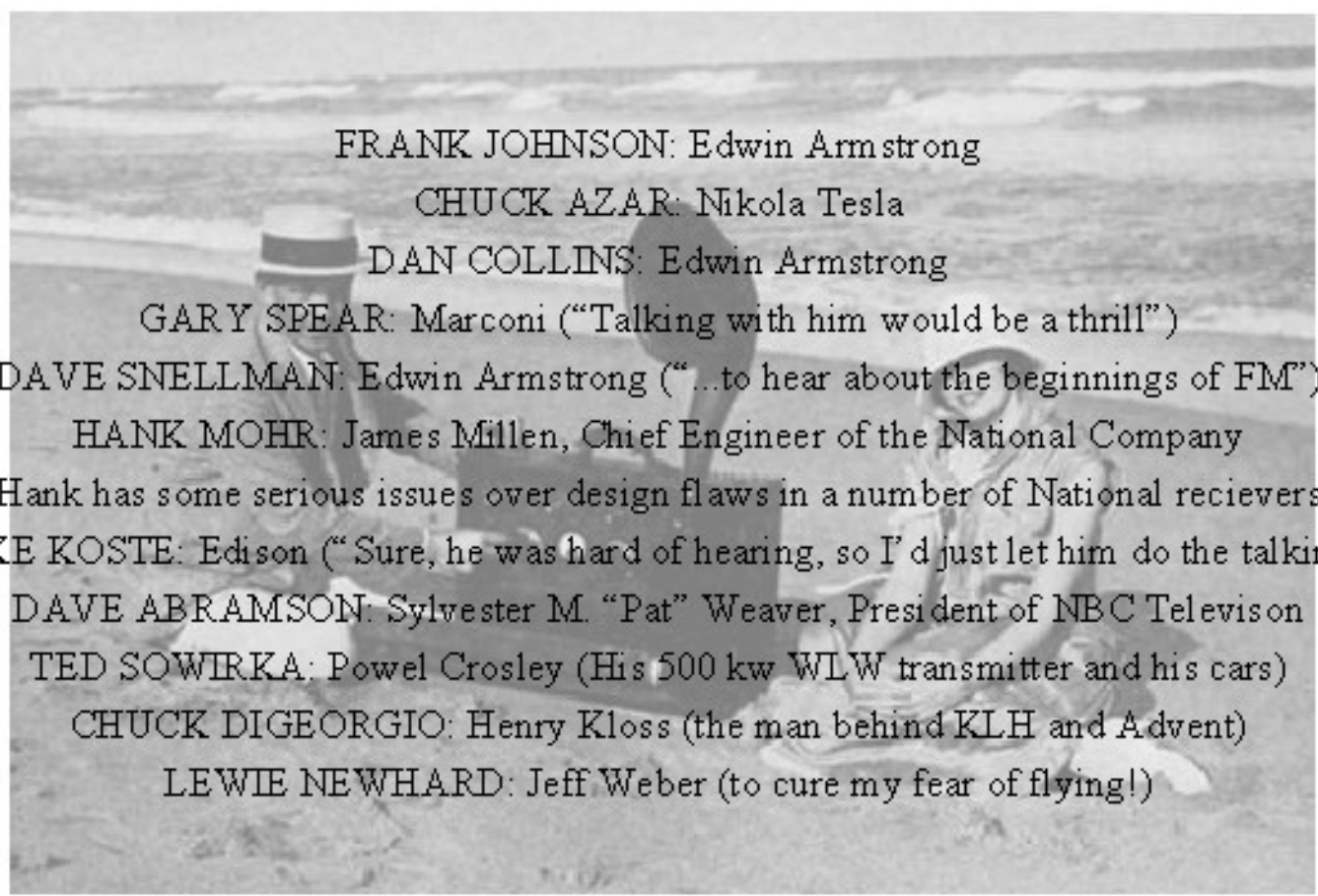
VOX POPULI

Compiled by Mike Koste

Our ongoing “let’s write an Oscillator article together” project asked attendees of our October 14th meeting to use really their imagination and come up with an answer to the following improbable scenario:

“You need to select your own seat for a coast-to-coast plane ride. This is a charter flight to the fictional Radio and Electronics Inventors Hall of Fame Convention. Assuming you’d have the opportunity to carry on a lengthy conversation with your seat mate, who would you like to sit with and why?”

(As an afterthought, we expanded the question to include historical figures related to the industry, but not necessarily inventors). Some predictable responses, and a few surprises:



FRANK JOHNSON: Edwin Armstrong

CHUCK AZAR: Nikola Tesla

DAN COLLINS: Edwin Armstrong

GARY SPEAR: Marconi (“Talking with him would be a thrill”)

DAVE SNELLMAN: Edwin Armstrong (“...to hear about the beginnings of FM”)

HANK MOHR: James Millen, Chief Engineer of the National Company

(Hank has some serious issues over design flaws in a number of National receivers)

MIKE KOSTE: Edison (“Sure, he was hard of hearing, so I’d just let him do the talking”)

DAVE ABRAMSON: Sylvester M. “Pat” Weaver, President of NBC Television

TED SOWIRKA: Powel Crosley (His 500 kw WLW transmitter and his cars)

CHUCK DIGEORGIO: Henry Kloss (the man behind KLH and Advent)

LEWIE NEWHARD: Jeff Weber (to cure my fear of flying!)

NOMINATION NOTICE

The club secretary places this notice in the Oscillator for the general membership.

At the November meeting, to be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at the Telford Community Center, nominations will be held for officers and directors of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club.

ELECTION NOTICE

The club secretary places this notice in the Oscillator for the general membership.

At the December meeting of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club elections will be held for the officers and board members who will serve for 2004.

Ballots will be distributed to all members in good standing. All those in good standing will be eligible to vote in the election.

David Snellman
Secretary/Treasurer

**The DVHRC Mailing List
by Mike Koste**

Besides monthly meetings, the club has another way to instantly communicate with everyone in the club simultaneously.

Some call it a Reflector or Electronic Mail Box, and it's easy to use. If you're presently email accessible, all you need to do is register at:

mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dvhrc

Once you're registered, save the link in your address book, and give it a name (like "DVHRC"). Then, if you have a question or comment to share with the rest of the DVHRC, all you need to do is send one email.

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