



The Oscillator

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



The Official Newsletter of the DVHRC

April 2011

Tony Molettiere - 1939-2011

We were all shocked and dismayed to hear of the sudden passing of long time DVHRC member Anthony "Tony" Molettiere on March 7th.

Tony packed a lot into his seventy-two years of life. Best known as one of the three original founding members of our organization, he also was pivotal in establishing the American Historical Jukebox Society.

Besides being a radio collector and historian, Tony served in the US Navy, was a licensed pilot, ham operator, and had a love of cars, books, boating, fishing, travel and vintage hifi.

Having operated North Penn Amusements, a vending, pinball and video game machine company in Souderton for a number of years, and dealing with large volumes of coins in the course of his business, it comes as no surprise that he was also an avid numismatist. Truly a man for all seasons.

Our condolences to his wife Bobbi, daughter Renai and her husband Mark, and grandson Nicholas. And on behalf of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club, thanks Tony: We couldn't have done it without you.

March Meeting Notes and Minutes

At 7:30, President Mike Koste called the meeting to order.

At that time Mike announced, with sadness, the passing of a founding member of DVHRC and fellow collector - Anthony J. ("Tony") Molettiere. Many of our members remember the time when we held our monthly meetings at his business establishment in Soudertown and marveling at the items he had there on display. The club suffered a great loss with Tony's passing, along with that the loss of a good friend. Several attended the viewing and memorial service held on Saturday, March 12. The club made a donation to the Living Faith Fellowship Church in Tony's memory.

Next was the treasurer's report: the club has \$6379 in its coffers. So far, this year we've had to pay out \$500 for General Liability Insurance and \$360 to the Borough of Telford for rental of the meeting place where we hold our monthly meeting.

In other business, Kutztown is two months away and the main pavilion is already sold out! Those who waited will now have to get tables in the overflow pavilion.

Remember, 2011 club dues are due. \$20.00 is all it takes to re-new.

We had some "show and tell" items prior to the scheduled auction. First up, Dave Dean showed off a bit of his handy-work. He made an adapter for the club's Hickok tube tester that allows testing of some early tubes. Hickok made such an adapter commercially - known as the model CA-4. The testing capability of our tube test has been extended thanks to Dave.

Monty Purviance showed a Finnish made set, model Radio Helberg, capable of tuning LW, AM, and Short-wave. Frequencies are marked in wavelengths rather than megacycles. The dial cord stringing was a little unique as it utilizes the cabinet as an integral part of it. This meant you either had to re-string it if you took the chassis out of the case to work on it. Fortunately there was a removable access panel to permit working in the underside of the chassis without removing it.

Lewie Newhard brought in a "show and what is it?" Turns out he has a Conn strobe tuner, a device used for tuning musical instruments. Many remembered it from their high school days.

Last item that garnered quite a bit of attention, even though it wasn't formally a show and tell, was a "portable" radio that Pete Grave's friend Bill Scott brought in. It was a Panasonic model RF-9000. This was



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Dues are \$20 per year and can be paid at a meeting or mailed to the above address.

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from the mid '80's that weighs in at 48 pounds and used 12 "D" cell to power it. It also runs off of AC. Bill got it at auction and it currently isn't working. With no less than 96 button, knobs, switches and the like, you can easily be kept amused by it. Good luck Bill, hope you get it working. *(by Dave Snellman)*

Addition to DVHRC website

The club's website, www.dvhrc.info, contains a lot of information: Club and radios events, links to other radio websites, and a ton of content regarding Kutztown.

Perhaps the one thing that is missing is pictures of radios!

As the club's webmaster, I proposed to the board that we add a page for member's favorite radios, and the board agreed to hear the proposal at the April meeting.

While some changes may be made after discussion, basically it would work like this:

1. A new page will be added called "Member's Radios" which will be linked to from the main page. This page would show thumbnails (small images approx 1" x1") of all submitted radios.
2. When a visitor clicks on the thumbnail, the image of the radio is brought up on a new webpage in full size, with a description of the radio and the members name.
3. This is not a way to advertise radios for sale. No mention of value or anything else commercial will be included. Members email addresses will not be included as this

tends to attract a lot of unsolicited email (aka 'spam').

4. If a member has a radio-related website, a link can be included in the description.
5. Members can submit radios for inclusion by emailing a quality digital photo in .jpg, .gif or .png format.
6. This is not limited to radios – televisions and radio-related items can be submitted.
7. The webmaster and/or the DVHRC Board reserves the right to refuse a submitted image.
8. Members need to understand that once an image is posted on the Internet, it is public forever.

Kutztown Update

Once again, the main pavilion at Kutztown has been sold out, with overflow to the 2nd pavilion.

A nice Silvertone table radio with large dial and eye tube is being restored by Lowell Schultz (cabinet) and Wilbur Gilroy (chassis) to serve as the raffle radio. New this year is additional items to be included in the raffle.

DVHRC at Lehigh Valley History Expo

The club will be exhibiting at this event on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 10am-4pm at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 West Walnut St, Allentown, PA.

You are invited to stop by and help man the table if possible, and even bring along a radio for the display. The club will have handouts for the public and radios on display.

Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum

History Expo

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 10 am – 4 pm
Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum
432 West Walnut Street, Allentown, PA

Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum

✠ FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION ALL DAY!

✠ FREE PROGRAMS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES!

- Genealogy & Archives Workshop
- Grant-Writing & Fund-Raising Tips
- Building Membership & Programs
- Old-Time Crafts, Toys, & Games

✠ FREE HOT DOG & DRINK FOR CHILDREN



**New Jersey Antique Radio Club's
— SPRING SWAP MEET —**

Parsippany PAL Building
Smith Field
Route 46 & 33 Baldwin Road
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Saturday April 9, 2011

Walk around auction starts at 11:30 am. Bring in your attic treasures for free appraisal!

Expert Antique Radio Repair Available. Refreshments Available. Easy ground level access.

(70) 8 ft. Tables
\$20.00 for members
\$25.00 for non-members
Reserved Additional Tables \$15.00 At the Door \$20.00

Open to the Public
8 AM to 12 noon
Vendor setup at 7:15 AM
\$5.00 ENTRANCE FEE
CLUB DONATION

FOR DIRECTIONS
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NJARC.ORG
OR MAPQUEST.
(33 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054)

Vendors Make Your Reservations Now!
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2011 DVHRC Dues are (over) due

You can tell if you are paid up for 2011 by looking at the address on the newsletter envelope. After your name is shown the year your dues are paid through. If yours doesn't say 2011 (or greater), that means your dues have not been paid for 2011, according to club records.

Beginning in July, newsletters will be mailed to members in paid through 2011. Contact Dave Snellman, Secretary/Treasurer to pay your dues or check on your status. His contact information is on page 2.

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The Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club
(DVHRC) and Renningers Antique and
Farmers Market announce . . .

RENNINGERS.COM
www.renningers.com

Kutztown Radio Show XXIV

Kutztown, PA

May 13-14, 2011

Two full days of radio and radio-related activity

30,000+ sq. ft. outdoors and under roof • Auction of quality radios and related items 1pm Saturday in air-conditioned comfort • Buy-it-now starts 8am Saturday No official starting time - Free admission • Free parking • Free onsite camping Food available near to pavilions plus nearby Farmer's Market with many vendors

Dealer spaces:

10' x 10' spaces are \$30.00, (includes 1 table and electricity – bring your own extension cords). All spots under roof. Extra tables are \$5. Overflow space available in 2nd pavilion once primary pavilion is full. To reserve a table contact Renninger's via their website (www.renningers.com); by email (kutz@renningers.com); or by phone: Mon-Thu (570) 385-0104, Fri-Sat (610) 683-6848; or by postal mail: 740 Noble St, Kutztown, PA 19530)

Saturday Auction:

10% commission for consignors, no buyer's premium, no sales tax. Consignments accepted Saturday morning. Consignors can set a reserve -- no more than 5 reserve items per consignor. At the discretion of the DVHRC, items can be excluded – consignor can donate item to Buy-it-Now or keep item. Seller/bidder cards are required to sell or buy. Cost is \$3.00

Buy-it-Now:

The Buy-it-Now table is for the sale of donated items as is on a cash-and-carry basis. DVHRC reserves the right to refuse items for Buy-it-Now.

Nearby Hotels:

Super 8 Motel (West Kutztown) 866-573-4235
Hawthorne Suites Limited, Fogelsville, PA 866-678-6350
Comfort Inn Allentown (Lehigh Valley West) 865-767-0278
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Allentown, PA 888-452-5664
Contact hotels directly for reservations and information.

DVHRC Information:

For information, contact Mike Koste, gokmike@gmail.com, 215-646-6488; or Dave Abramson, dabramson@phillies.com, 610-827-9757. Look for the DVHRC table in the center of the primary pavilion for information. Table staffed 12noon-5pm Friday, 7am-Noon Saturday.

Directions to Renningers, Kutztown, PA.

Kutztown is located in eastern Pennsylvania, northwest of Philadelphia and west of Allentown. Nearby major highways include I-78, I-81, I-83 and I-476 (known locally as the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike). **Please note: Rt. 737, the typical route into Kutztown, is CLOSED FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS. The directions below all avoid Rt. 737.**

From the North

I-81 South to I-476 to exit 56 - I-78 West to exit 49A South 100. Follow signs for the Reading exit, or Shantz Road. Turn right onto Shantz Road. After 4 miles, bear left at stop sign to merge onto South 222. Turn slight right after 4 miles at Kutztown exit (after first traffic light, where South 222 becomes an expressway). Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street and turn left onto Noble St.. Proceed on Noble Street. about 1 mile. Renningers is on the right.

From the South

I-81 North to I-78 East to exit 29, Route 61 South. After 4.5 miles, turn left onto Route 662 South. Continue to follow 662 South for approximately 8 miles. Turn left onto North 222 (by Hess station). Bear right at Kutztown exit. Proceed on Kutztown Rd to Noble Street. Turn right and proceed 1 mile to Renningers on right.

I-83 North to 30 East - 222 North into Kutztown. Take the Kutztown exit and continue on road/Main Street to Noble Street. Turn right on Noble Street and proceed 1 mile to Renningers on right.

From the East

I-78 West to exit 54A South 222. Continue on South 222 for 13 miles. Take Kutztown exit (where free-way begins). Proceed into Kutztown on Kutztown Rd, which will become Main Street and continue to Noble Street. Turn left on Noble St. and proceed 1 mile to Renningers on right.

I-76 West to I-476 to exit 56 - I-78 West to exit 49A South 100. Follow signs for the Reading exit, or Shantz Road. Turn right onto Shantz Road. After 4 miles, bear left at stop sign to merge onto South 222. Turn slight right at Kutztown exit after 4 miles (just after first traffic light, where South 222 becomes an expressway). Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street and continue to Noble street. Turn Left on Noble Street and continue 1 mile to Renningers on right.

I-76 West to 422 West to 222 North into Kutztown. From either South/North, Take the Kutztown exit and continue to Noble Street. Turn right on Noble Street and continue 1 mile to Renningers on right.

From the West

I-80 East to I-476 to exit 56 - 78 West to exit 49A South 100. Follow signs for the Reading exit, or Shantz Road. Turn right onto Shantz Road. After 4 miles, bear left at stop sign to merge onto South 222. Turn slight right at Kutztown exit after 4 miles (just after first traffic light, where South 222 becomes an expressway). Proceed into Kutztown to Main Street and continue to Noble Street. Turn left on Noble Street and continue 1 mile to Renningers on right.

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