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Five Tube Toll Night at the DVHRC

*January Meeting Minutes and Notes – reported by
Dave Snelbman*

It's a new year, so I'll start out by conveying new years greetings to all our readers. It's 2003! How time does fly! Our club is starting its eleventh year.

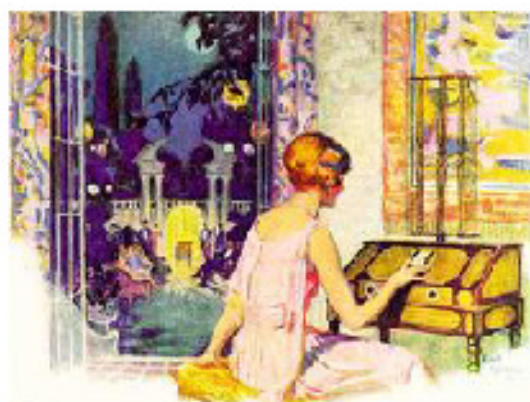
The first meeting of 2003 for the DVHRC took place on January 14th at our usual time and location. Those in attendance were greeted by a "new" chair arrangement. The theme for the meeting was "meet the members." Mike Koste, our newly elected President decided to try this in order to keep attention focused on the meeting. We had a lot of business to cover, so Mike "worked" the meeting via a script – something he's quite used to – in order to be sure we covered everything



The board of directors met before our regular meeting to set the agenda for 2003. The board discussed and members were informed at the meeting that we had had a chance to purchase an estate from someone in South Jersey that contained some potential "treasures" that the club could use to raise money. Some very old

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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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light bulbs, vacuum tubes and some "paper" could bring some money into the club treasury. (By the time you read this, the estate will have been purchased. Once the lots are inventoried, we have a list available to members.)

Speaking of tubes, Mike brought up the club's tube program. Charlie Class serves as our "tube chaplain." One of the problems we have is storage for the tubes. We discussed getting a larger utility cabinet that can be kept at our meeting site and storing the tubes in it. Pete Grave offered to locate a suitable cabinet for our use.

We also discussed ways to "feed" the tube program. In that light, the program for February will be "tubes. We're charging an "Admission Fee" of five (5) boxed and tested tubes that can be added to our inventory. Considering that we get close to 40 members at a meeting, that would add up to around 200 tubes. At a sale price of \$2.00, this could add \$400.00 to the club treasury with very little effort AND it will provide members with tubes for the various projects they are working on.

Members are also encouraged to bring that box of tubes that "keeps getting in your way." You know, the one you're going to go through – but just can't find the time. Make some space for your collection and get rid of some of those "excess" tubes. Who knows – you just might win a prize for bringing in the most tubes!

A number of members have volunteered to bring in tube testers to check the tubes as we sort them. We are also looking at getting tube boxes made. We'll use some of these for our stock as well as sell them to members at a price far less than AES or other catalog vendors.

A call for volunteers has gone out (again.) We need members to volunteer for the post of auctioneer and we need members to get the snacks (coffee, donuts, and snacks.) Mike Lobus was gracious enough to volunteer to take over the auctioneering duties from Pete Grave. Pete is planning to spend the winter in Florida, so he won't be able to carry on in that capacity. Pete has been our auctioneer for as long as I can remember. The club wants to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Pete for

Pete is planning to spend the winter in Florida, so he won't be able to carry on in that capacity. Pete has been our auctioneer for as long as I can remember. The club wants to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Pete for all his work over the years. Pete also used to get the snacks for our meetings. Ted Sowirka and Charlie Class have volunteered to share the duties in bringing refreshments to the meetings. As both these guys are involved in other aspects of the club, we are still looking for someone to take this responsibility. It doesn't require a lot of work, you're reimbursed for any expenses, and you'll get thanks from the members who drive great distances – and that snack may be the only “dinner” they get!

We also need people to write articles for the *Oscillator*, the club's newsletter. To that end, we had a fun exercise. Mike Koste distributed a 3x5 card to all members present. Then he posed the question – “If you add any single item to your collection, regardless of size or cost of acquisition, what would it be?” Mike then collected the answers and will build an article on that info. (Folks, it is as easy as that to write an article.) Why not give it a try. How about writing a short article about how you got started in the hobby? How about one on your favorite piece? How about...? (You get the idea.)

We were also taking membership dues at this meeting. Remember, we do not “pro-rate” dues. All members' dues are due in January! To date we have 75 members paid up out of a total of 101 members. That's a great renewal rate. If your mailing label has “2002” on the label – you need to renew. Those paid up will see 2003 to indicate you're paid. If not paid by February 25th, you will not be receiving a March *Oscillator*.

We'd like to welcome two new members to the DVHRC. Dave Ivarson from Collegeville and Corbett Klein from Trenton, NJ are the latest to join the club.

As you read this, the website <http://www.radioswapmeet.com> will be up and running and selling/buying/trading radios and radio related items. Billed as “the Antique and Vintage Electronic Market,” Dan Collins, DVHRC member, and founder of the site explained to the club how it works.

We had a few “show and tell” items; however, the page of my notes with those details has “gone missing.” I apologize to those who brought items in. If I find that page, I'll include it next month. If any thing else seems to be left out it, too, might have been on that page.

We had an auction after our rather lengthy regular meeting. Mike Lobus took over the realm as auctioneer. The auction took in \$102.00 in donation items and \$32.50 in commissions.

That does it for the January meeting. Our next meeting will be on February 11th at 7:30 PM at the Telford Community Center. Due to the planned tube sorting/testing program, we will forego the usual auction. Hope to see you there.

(Translation: Voice of the People)

The first in (hopefully) a series of articles, prepared with the input of the members of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club. At our January 14th meeting, we posed the following question: *"If money and display space was not an issue, what would you like to add to your collection?"*

ALAN SIMMONS: Any Scott receiver.

DAVE SNELLMAN: A model R0520 military Transoceanic (because I don't have one).

TOM SPIEGLE: A '49 Philco 49-501 "boomerang".

CHARLIE CLASS: An RCA 5X in excellent condition.

CHUCK DIGIORGIO: Mint Bozak Concert Grands.

JACK SPEARS: JBL Paragon.

DAN SCHWARTMAN: Scott Philharmonic FM Console.

DAN COLLINS: An Emerson Strad (a beautiful radio with style I love, but a bit pricey).

MIKE KOSTE: An RCA 128 or AK 84, because they are just as eye appealing as a Philco 90. A high tube count Midwest console would be nice too.

DAN IVARSON: A Zenith 8S537 console, working or not, basket case OK.

MIKE LOBUS: A 2 volt battery Comet Pro.

HENRY MOHR: A good three band 540kc to 18mc receiver with a large dial, vintage 1936 with a tuning eye, i.e.: RCA, GE, Silvertone or Zenith.

BILL OVERBECK: Electrovoice Patrician, Klipsch, JBL or Altec theater speakers.

RAYMOND SCHEFFY: Collection is too large already. I'd like to fix what I have now.

PETE GRAVE: A Collins KW-1 from the '50's. Always wanted one.

FRANK JOHNSON: A pre-War television set.

LOU SCUPPLER: Any Sorvicta radio.

TED SOWIRKA: To "spread out" what I already have.

JON STRACK: A Saba stereo console with automatic phonograph, reel to reel and remote control. (Terrific sound and an absolute pleasure to use!)

PAUL WEIDENSCHILLING: Complete radar sets!

CORBETT KLEIN: A console record player.

MARCO GIALLELLA: Fisher 5000, AR 3A speakers.

NED BORGER: RCA TRK 12 and CTC 100 color tv, or any prewar television.

JOHN MACERA: Zenith console with tuning eye.

ABE DIEHL: A large German multi-band tube type console radio.

DON RECTOR: A couple more battery sets or a good crystal radio.

LOWELL SCHULTZ: An AK breadboard (presently out of my price range).

ROBERT SEIWELL: A high definition flat screen TV.

JIM AMICI: A Crosley "WLW" set. (I'd love to overhaul one!)

JIRI PLACEK: Telefunken 8001, Scott Philharmonic Laureate Grande, Lowe MultiSystem tube radio, Scott Quaranta.

AIKLA SE: Wireless era equipment, the earlier the better. Marconi gear would be great, Mahlon Loomis artifacts would be even better!

GREG GERMAN: A Philco 70 (already have a 90).

SCOTT STILLWELL: Western Electric 8-9-10 amplifier set (pair), Western Electric motor-generator set, battery set for amplifiers and horns, 24 volt tungar bulb rectifier, pair of Western Electric 15A horns with 555's, pair of Western Electric flat baffles w/two 4151 bass units mounted in each one, Western Electric studio turntable with WE arm and GE VR2 stereo cartridge. Finally, a 40 by 80 foot building with a glass roof to keep it in with a big recliner in the middle of the room (!)

February Meeting: TUBE RESCUE!

Join us at the Telford Community Center on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30pm as we give the DVHRC Tube Program a shot in the arm as we perform our first-ever large scale Tube Rescue. Here's how it works:

We're asking everyone to bring five tubes, boxed and pre-tested, which we can instantly place into the club's tube inventory. (If 40 members show up with five apiece, at two bucks a tube, we gain \$400 in the treasury).

Secondly, the DVHRC can benefit from that mixed up box (or boxes) of tubes that you've never gotten around to. Contribute them to the Rescue, where they'll be sorted, cleaned, tested, boxed and eventually added to the Tube Program. We'll offer a prize to the member who donates the most, and there'll be **pizza and soda for everybody**. Bring your tube tester and a multi-extension cord. We also need boxes or containers for sorting, rags or paper towels, tube boxes (if you have a few to spare), and your favorite cleaning solution.

Note: Pre-sorting in advance will speed to process and is encouraged, though not required. In light of this major club project, we will forego the program and auction aspect of the February meeting.

Questions? Mike Koste, (215) 646-6488, e-mail michael.koste@zurichna.com.

DVHRC LANDS ESTATE FOR KUTZTOWN MEET

Reported by Mike Koste

The auction aspect of the Spring Swapmeet at Renninger's in Kutztown received a healthy shot in the arm this month with the acquisition of a cellar full of items left behind by a late New Jersey radio repairman.

While a complete list of the estate's contents is not available at press time, rest assured it contains something for everybody, including a multitude of tubes, parts, a few radios including a 1935 vintage Silvertone console, and some rarely, if ever, seen ephemera. We are in the process of unpacking, sorting and repacking into workable lots for the auction to be held Saturday afternoon, May 15th.

Having secured this inventory far in advance of the meet will allow us time to prepare a detailed catalog of these items for publication in *The Oscillator*, *The NJARC Broadcaster*, *AWA's Old Timer's Bulliten*. We've also received a vote of support from our old friend Ludwell Sibley who'll make it available to the Tube Collector's Association.

Remember, the May and September meets are both **two-day events**, beginning as soon as you get there on Friday. There's plenty of room to stretch out and camp for the night, so make your reservations now. Contact Lewie Newhard at 610-262-3255 or email lewallie@aol.com.

First Annual Early Television Convention

The Early Television Foundation in Hilliard, Ohio (near Columbus) has announced a weekend of events for the television collecting community. Because of the tremendous response to the announcement that we would hold a Swap Meet on April 12 and 13, we have expanded the event to include demonstrations of early television equipment, panel discussions, and presentations. So far, we have the following demonstrations and presentations planned:

Mirror-screw mechanical set...RCA RR-359 Field Trial set...Col-R-Tel color wheel receiver

Some gems from Tom Genova's extensive collection of TV ephemera

We plan to have discussion panels on the following subjects:

Collecting early television equipment and related items

Restoring early American, British, and early color TV sets...History of television

Here is a tentative schedule for the convention:

Saturday, April 12

9 - 10 AM Registration - \$10 fee for participants - includes lunch and refreshments, \$10 fee for flea market sellers.

10 AM - 1 PM Flea Market, Tours of museum

1 - 2 PM Buffet lunch

2 - 5 PM Presentations, Show and Tell

5 - 7 PM Open House - refreshments

7:30 - 9:30 PM Dinner at local restaurant

(advance reservations required - additional charge)

Sunday, April 13

10 am - Noon Auction

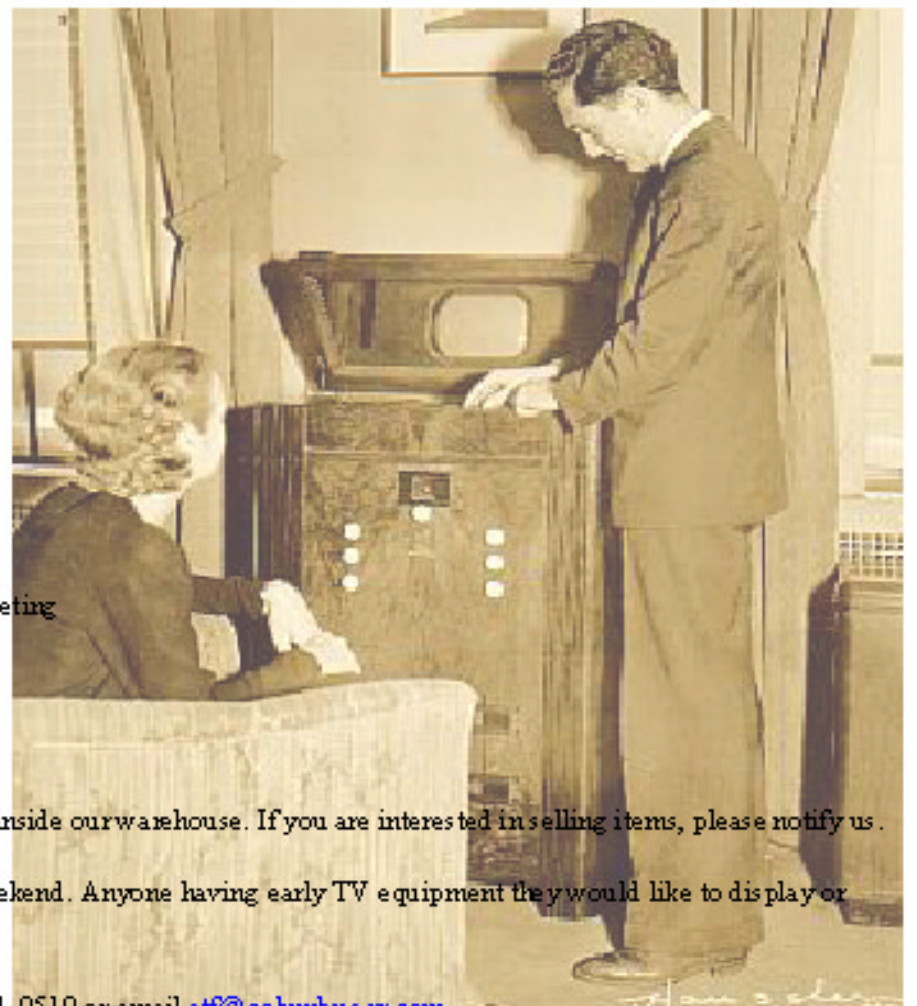
Noon - 2 PM Experimental Television Society meeting

2 PM - 5 PM Museum tours

Tables will be available for those with things to sell inside our warehouse. If you are interested in selling items, please notify us.

We welcome suggestions for other events for the weekend. Anyone having early TV equipment they would like to display or demonstrate will also be welcome.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 614-771-0510 or email etf@columbus.rr.com



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