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DVHRC on the road...Meeting in Kutztown, Friday, 9/13

**AUGUST 2002 Meeting Notes and Minutes –
Dave Snellman reporting**

It was hazy, hot and humid outside, but rather comfortable inside the Telford Community Center on Tuesday, August 13th for the regular monthly meeting of the DVHRC. In the absence of our president, Bill Overbeck, VP Dave Abramson called the meeting to order.

We were able to welcome Marty Friedman and his son Jeff to the meeting. No strangers, Marty is a member of the NJARC and is seen at many of our meets. We also welcome Ken Klouda back into the fold.

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members. Our treasury is good to the tune of "\$7000 plus." We are paid up on our hall rental and all outstanding bills.

Members approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

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**Next Meeting, September 13, 2002
Rennigers' At Kutztown
8:00pm**

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OLD BUSINESS

Under old business, we picked up on discussions concerning the upcoming Kutztown meet. As you might remember, we were toying with the idea of moving the September meeting to the night before the Kutztown meet. Member overwhelmingly approved this motion. **The September monthly meeting of the DVHRC will be held at Renninger's in Kutztown. Meeting start time will be 8:00 PM.**

Members are encouraged to show up at Renninger's anytime after 5:00 PM. Bring a chair. Food and refreshments will be provided to members. The club will pick up the tab for members food. There will be a charge for non-members.

As another note, the NJARC has re-scheduled their monthly meeting to accommodate their members who will be attending the Kutztown meet. They will meet in Old Bridge at the American Legion Hall on Friday, September 6th. Out thanks to the NJARC.

For club members wishing to reserve tables prior to the September 14th event, they are encouraged to contact Renningers at 570-385-0104.

The club table will be in the center, near the auction location. Members are asked to locate close to the club table. (Less distance to carry items to the auction). And as always, auction volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, we had reports from the Michigan and Elgin meets.

Michigan is always a quality meet. Reports place it bigger than Rochester. This year, Lewie reported, "no one was buying." Zenith consoles were having trouble meeting the minimum bid of \$20. It was definitely a buyers market. There were around 350 vendors. Lewie also reported a Sperton Baby Grand selling for \$900.

The word on Elgin was it was smaller than last year and not as good.

Other items include the announcement of the upcoming Military Radio

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Please send news, opinions and editorial advice offered to this newsletter to our occasionally elected board of the members, officers or Board of Directors of the DVHRC, and is the organization responsible for any buying or selling transactions occurred.

To join DVHRC dues are \$15 per year. The membership year runs January - December. Please mail us the club PO 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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Other items include the announcement of the upcoming Military Radio Collectors Association meet in Gilbert, PA. The dates are September 6-8, 2002. The location is the West-End Fairgrounds, just off of Route 209 in Gilbert, PA. It is being held in conjunction with the "Red Ball Military Transport" Rally.

THE EVENING'S THEME

The theme was the ever-popular "show and tell." We had four interesting entries. First up was Dan Schwartzman. He showed off a Russian "Red Star" radio set, vintage 1954. It's a multi-band set and looks very much like a French Excelsior set from 1951. This Russian set was not for the common people, rather for the political bosses. A rare set, Dan



played a number of recordings through the set's external input. Later he played the radio for us. For those interested in finding more on the set, just do an Internet search on "Russian Red Star" and you will find a number of sites with photos and even some Russian music you can download.



Mike Koste was next with a Hallicrafters set. This was a simple 4-tube set. The model number was 45H36. While you might have trouble finding this set in the Hallicrafters books, if you look under Canadian Hallicrafters you'll see it listed. This was one of Mike's latest eBay finds.

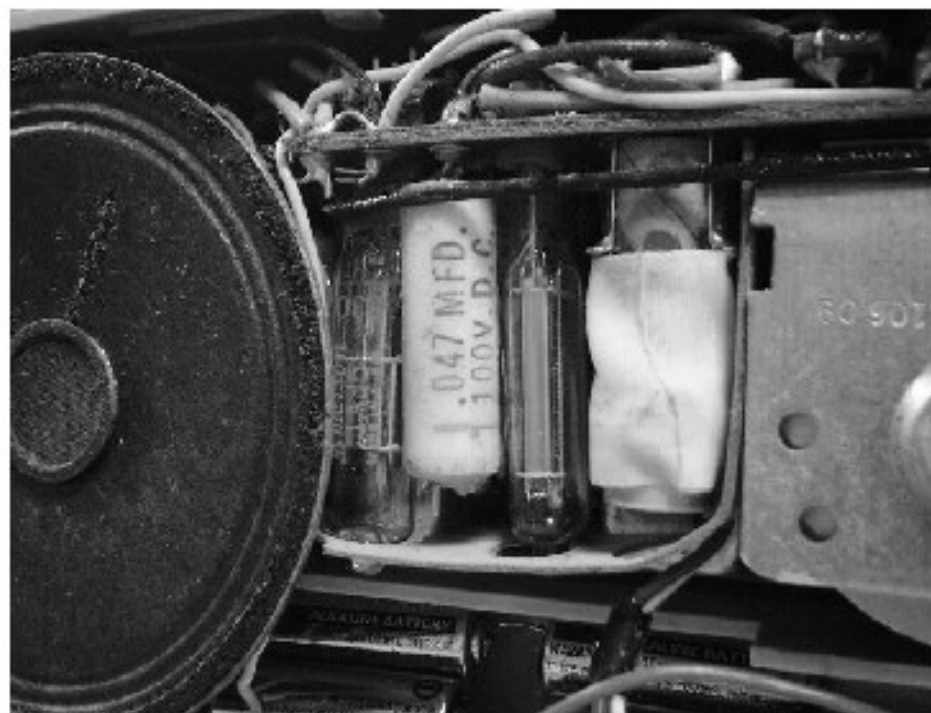


Mark Thierback showed off some hybrid portable sets offered by Emerson and Crosley. Both sets employed tubes in the RF/IF sections and transistors in the audio end. The Emerson had 3 tubes and 2 transistors. The tubes were subminiature types.

The Crosley was a book radio. Using miniature tubes and germanium transistors it employed a 45 volt battery for the plate voltage and a 4 volt mercury battery for filaments and the transistors.

Some discussion ensued about why make a hybrid set when transistors were available (We're talking 1954-55.) Well the answer came in the cost of transistors and the fact many didn't perform well at RF frequencies, though they were perfect for use in the audio stages.

We had a very unusual speaker presented by Ray Shaffy. It was about 24" in diameter and was on a very ornate metal stand.



OTHER ITEMS

I was reminded by Ted Sowirka that we have not properly promoted our capacitor program. Well, here goes... The DVHRC has a capacitor program where members can purchase quality replacement capacitors (mylar and electrolytic) at great prices. See Ted at our monthly meetings. Capacitors will also be available at the Kutztown meet. Look for the DVHRC table. Speaking of programs your club offers, we also have a tube program. Charlie Class runs the tube program. Members can purchase tubes at good prices at monthly meetings and at our swapmeets. You can also donate tubes to the program. Charlie will check them and add them to the stock.

The club also has a set of Riders manuals available for reference and other books. These are stored at the Telford Center in our cabinet. See any officer for further info.

Our 50/50 drawing didn't produce a winner this month, so the club is \$30 richer.

THE AUCTION

Our regular auction produced a good quantity of quality merchandise in spite of the proximity of Rochester and Kutztown.

First off, we have to send thanks out to Frank Krider for donating tubes and parts to the evening's auction. Charlie Class is taking the tubes to add to our tube stock. These will be for sale to members in the future. From the other parts donated by Frank the club netted \$15.00.

Some other items in the auction included:

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Radio Shack AM/FM/Weather/TV radio - \$15.00

Philco portable - \$3.00

Wollensak Reel-to-Reel recorder - \$6.00

Music Master Radio - \$20.00

Roll of line cord - \$10.00

Tele-type - \$3.00

HeathKit manuals - \$10.00

Shure Model 55 Unisphere Microphone (the Elvis mic) -
\$90.00

National NC-125 communications receiver - \$80.00

Speaker for the National NC-125 - \$35.00



You just never know what you'll find in one of our auctions.

Well that's it for August 2002. **Our next meeting is on September 13th, 2002 at Renningers, 740 Noble St, Kutztown, PA. The time is 8:00 PM.** (This change of venue is only for the September 2002 meeting.)
We'll be back in Telford in October.

Remember the swapmeet is September 14th at Renninger's. Festivities begin the night before around 6:00 PM. Hope to see you all there. Remember we can use some help on Saturday for manning the club table and for the auction.



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regular meetings:

DVHRC monthly meeting September 13, 2002. Renningers, Noble Street, Kutztown, PA. 5:00 PM. Till ????. Note date and location change. This change is due to the swap meet on Saturday, September 14 at the same location.

NJARC monthly meeting September 6, 2002. Old Bridge, NJ. 7:30 PM. Check their website at www.njarc.org for more details and directions. NOTE: change of date – due to conflict with Kutztown event.

Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club (MAARC) monthly meeting. 2:00 PM, Sunday, September 15, 2002, 7th Day Adventist Church, Burtonsville, MD. Check their website at <http://www.maarc.org>

Swap meets and local hamfests:

Military Radio Collectors Association equipment displays and swap meet, September 6-8, 2002, West End Fairgrounds, Gilbert, PA. For info, contact Pete Hamersma, pehamers@worldpath.net

FALL-FEST 2002, Foundation for Amateur Radio and Columbia Amateur Radio Association Hamfest, September 7 and 8, 2002. Howard County Fairground, West Friendship, Maryland. <http://www.fall-fest.com> or e-mail info@fall-fest.com for information. (Note: This is a change in location for this event.)

Kent County (Delaware) ARC Hamfest, September 8, 2002. Felton, DE.

(Kutztown) Antique Radio Meet, September 14, 2002 Renningers, 740 Noble St., Kutztown, PA. (Auction by DVHRC at 11:00 AM on the 14th) DVHRC picnic and meeting Friday, September 13th starting at 5:00 PM (tentative.) Contact 570-385-0104 for info, also www.renningers.com Auction details, contact any DVHRC board member, see listing *Oscillator*.

DEL-Lehigh ARC Hamfest, September 21, 2002. Schnecksville, PA

That's the list for now. If you know of upcoming events that would be of interest to club members, please let me know. Contact Dave Snellman at 214-345-4248 (leave a message) or e-mail me at snellman@bucks.edu. Feel free to include hamfests, club related events, flea markets, auctions, or whatever you feel would interest your fellow collectors. Don't be afraid to share!

DVHRC at Renningers
September 14, 2002
7:00am open
11:00am auction
Audio & Ham Welcome
(Non computer show)
Info 570-385-0104



Odds and Ads

The Radio History Society and the Radio-Television Museum announce The Nye Estate Auction, Sunday, October 20, 2002 at the Davidsonville (MD) Family Recreation Center, 3789 Queen Anne's Bridge Road. Preview: 10 a.m. Auction begins at 11 a.m. and runs all day.

Only limited food available--bring a sandwich and a drink.

Hundreds of radios to be sold, no reserves or minimums. Consoles, cathedrals, tombstones, Bakelite 1940s sets, Emerson Aristocrat Catalin, 1950s hi-fi gear, test equipment, novelty radios, and more. Lots of Philcos. Bring a truck--consoles galore! All proceeds go to the Radio-Television Museum.

Directions: From U.S. Rt. 50 between Washington, DC, and Annapolis, MD, exit south on Davidsonville Road (MD Rt. 424) for about 3 miles. Turn right on MD Rt. 214 for 0.7 miles. Bear left on Queen Anne's Bridge Road. Watch for the chain link fence on the left and enter at the first gate. Information - contact Brian Belanger: (301) 258-0708, bcbelanger@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Moving...must go. Consoles; Stromberg-Carlson 925-L with dual FM...needs grille cloth/knobs. Zenith 8A02...needs finish repair. 15-20 assorted bakelite table radios. Assorted parts. Make offer to Jeff Landis. Call 610-370-1331 for more details. Radios are near Reading, PA.

FOR SALE: Sylvania Halolight 21" B&W console television. Metal swivel cabinet. Light is working. Set is not working. Spare lamp transformer. Make offer. Dave Abramson. 610-827-9757

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