

The Oscillator



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

The Official Newsletter of the DVHRC

April 2012

March Meeting Notes and Minutes

The March meeting of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club was held on Tuesday, March 13th. The theme for the meeting was "Twins and Clones." Members were encouraged to bring radios that were "copies" or "twins" of other radios. As always "Show and Tell" items are welcome at any meeting.

A brief business meeting was held. The big issue for the club at this time is on-site storage, or, I should say, the lack of it.

As mentioned in last month's Oscillator, the club was informed by the Borough of Telford that we had to remove any and all cabinets and lockers we had at the site. The club has made some inquiries about the issue, but no resolution is in site.

The club's treasury (as of the meeting date) stands at \$7193.65. All bills have been paid to date. The club has initiated an order to replenish our capacitor supply. In addition, an order was placed for #47 lamps to restock our supplies for Kutztown.

Speaking of Kutztown, May is looking like another sell-out. Additional spaces have been made in the pavilion next to the main one, but many, if not all, of them are spoken for already.

There should be a good auction on Saturday, so stay tuned.

There was a high end auction just before the NJARC meeting in New Jersey. There were a lot of high end items in this auction and prices were termed as high on these items. Others claimed the prices were on the low side.

The club is planning a trip to see Citizens Bank Park "behind the scenes." Dave Abramson will be our host. The date is set as Tuesday, May 29. The plan is to meet at the stadium at 6:00 PM. Members are responsible for their own transportation and their will be a small cost per member for event. Final details will follow.

Members are encouraged to sign up for the email reflector at www.dvhrc.info.

"Twins and Clones" brought out some interesting items.

Mike Koste brought along a Tivoli table radio and its clone - a mini-tivoli.



Tivoli radios are current production sets that follow the design of late

Henry Kloss of Cambridge Audio fame.

Dave Dean brought in a Transoceanic "wannabe" made by Crosley. It models a tube-type trans-oceanic and was quiet stunning in a blue and gold cabinet.

Following in the Transoceanic line, Dave Snellman brought in a Zenith Model Royal D7000, the last American model of the line and a Sony model CRF-5090, a very nice clone.



Dave also brought along a Magnavox AW100 and a Zenith Transoceanic model Royal 1000, the solid-state model in the TO line. The question was which one was the clone, as the Magnavox was introduced before the solid-state TO1000.

Tom Spiegle showed a nice early Simplex table radio. It appears to be a copy of an early Philco set.



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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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The last item we had was a "show and tell." Jiri Placek brought in a "Mae West" set he recently purchased at the Cohen's auction.



It is in very good condition. Jiri also modeled the "Mae West" t-shirt that came with the radio.



Looking ahead

May 8, 2012

Monthly Meeting at Telford Theme: Kutztown Prep

May 11-12, 2012 Kutztown XXVI at Renninger's June 12, 2012

Monthly Meeting at Telford Theme: Pennsylvania Radios

Member Radio Pictures for the DVHRC website

In 2011, your editor proposed a member's favorite radio page on the club's website, www.dvhrc.info. To date, there has been just one submission. To make it worthwhile, a minimum of 5-10 members is needed.

What do you have to do? Two options:

- Send the Oscillator editor (saegers@ptd.net) a digital image of you favorite radio along with a description and any other information.
- Bring your radio to a monthly meeting where I will take pictures.

This is not meant to be a vehicle to sell radios, but rather a way to show-off your favorite radios to the online world.

Hopefully, enough members will come forward over the next few months to make this happen.



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



Kutztown Radio Show XXVI May 11-12, 2012

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 next 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. Buy-it-Now starts 8am Saturday. DVHRC reserves the right to refuse items for Buy-it-Now.

Raffle

The raffle radio is a restored RCA 5T with second and third prizes. Raffle tickets are available at the DVHRC table - \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Drawing is noon Saturday. Winners do not have to be present.

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:

Contact Mike Koste, gokmike@gmail.com, 215-646-6488; or Dave Dean, dw.dean@verizon.net, 610-933-0330. 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).

From the North

81 South to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. extension) 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 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 about 1 mile to Renningers on the right.

From the South

81 North - 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.

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

From the East

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

76 West to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. extension) 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 on Main Street. Turn Left on Noble Street and continue 1 mile to Renningers on right.

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

80 East to 476 (PA Turnpike N.E. extension) 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 on Main Street. Turn left on Noble Street and continue 1 mile to Renningers on right

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