



No, you didn't receive a January issue of The Oscillator...chalk it up to an over-abundance of holiday cheer and a minor clerical error. (Please note: We're NOT blaming the weather!) Needless to say, hiding somewhere in the bowels of the Schwenksville, PA Post Office is a parcel of DVHRC Newsletters ready to mail that never were. One of your editor's resolutions for the New Year is to insure this never happens again. Humblest apologies.

NEW PHILCO BOOK DRAWS PRAISE

Hailed by the DVHRC Membership as one of the finest publications of its kind, the long-awaited PHILCO RADIO 1928-1942 by Ron Ramirez deserves space on the shelf alongside Morgan McMahon's essential VINTAGE RADIO and A FLICK OF THE SWITCH.

Taking over three years to painstakingly research, photograph, document, edit and publish, the wait was well worth it.

Unlike most of the "coffee table" picture books, PHILCO RADIO 1928-1942 is an invaluable reference work, describing in great detail the majority of the pre-War Philco product line, their technical innovations, clever marketing strategies and how Philco emerged from the failing Philadelphia Storage Battery Company to become the number one radio maker in the business.

The story is fascinating, the photos and diagrams are terrific and the text is presented with pinpoint accuracy. Best of all, rather than the customary price guide in the back, each model described is classified on a one-to-three rarity scale, which means the edition will never become obsolete.

Through special arrangements with Schiffer Publishing, The Club ordered a limited number of copies at substantial savings off the cover price. If you signed up for one at the December meeting, or wish to inquire about any remaining unreserved copies, call Jay Daveler at (215) 368-2520

PHILCO RADIO 1928-1942 is also available through a number of mail order sources listed in Antique Radio Classified.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next regularly scheduled meeting of The Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club is Tuesday February 8th 1994 at 7:30pm at our usual location, North Penn Amusements on Main Street in Souderton.

Among other things on the agenda, we'll be discussing our next antique radio swapmeet, club t-shirts, progress on our group restoration project and invite members to Show & Tell.

Don't forget to bring along your items for the equipment auction too! Bring a friend and encourage them to become a member.

TIME TO RENEW

Just a reminder to those members we haven't seen in awhile, upon payment of your 1994 club dues, you'll receive your brand new DVHRC Membership Card and continue to receive The Oscillator on a monthly basis. If you can't join us for the February meeting, but wish to remain in good standing, send your \$5 to DVHRC President Jay Daveler, PO Box 624, Lansdale PA 19446.

DECEMBER & JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Running unopposed and unanimously elected to serve as officers of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club in 1994 are President Jay Daveler, Vice President Larry Hilgner, Treasurer John Kern and Secretary Bob Kushnerick...
...A hearty welcome to our newest members, Philip Jones of Lansdale, Joe Mayk of Pottstown, Bob Thompson of Souderton and Richard Williams of Kintnesville.
.....Looking out the window, pondering the glacier of '94, one has to wonder how much more cabin fever we can stand. One sure sign of warmer things to come is discussion of another DVHRC Swapmeet. Pete Grave is investigating Tyro Grange Hall in Buckingham, site of our June '93 meet, for a return in June of '94.....As of this writing, chances are good we'll all be wearing DVHRC t-shirts by then.....As added incentive to participate in the summer meet, we're performing a group restoration on a potentially gorgeous Freid-Eisemann radio donated by Bill Overbeck. Jay Daveler and Tony Moletierre are spearheading the project. Give Jay a call if you're willing to lend a hand. When complete, the radio will be raffled-off at our June event. Watch The Oscillator for before-and-after photos by DVHRC's Joe Candidi.....While we're on the subject, at January's Show & Tell, Don Rector shared some rare 8x10 glossies of the KYW transmitter site on Joshua Rd taken in the 1940's...
...Ted Sowirka has developed an easy-to-build AM radio transmitter so you can broadcast music or old tyme radio programs over your favorite vintage radio. Pick up a schematic at the next meeting and see how much fun you can have with a handful of easily accessible parts and a nine volt battery.....
Ted, a former RCA man, treated the membership to a 1940's training film which toured the RCA tube factory and demonstrated how tubes were manufactured.....The DVHRC Archives is experiencing growing pains. Club Librarian Charlie Class reports that through some generous donations, we're now able to offer free use of Sams, Riders, Philco service literature and a multitude of older radio, electronics and hifi magazines. Your donation of unwanted volumes is always appreciated.....Speaking of paper, The Oscillator recommends Bags Unlimited out of Rochester, NY who specialize in breathable, acid-free polyethylene bags and cardboard storage boxes designed especially for protecting valued collectibles. For a free copy of their catalog, call 1-800-767-BAGS.....Beware of The Transistor Boy's Club: They're armed, dangerous and generally insane.....Can't handle another cooped-up-in-the-house-weekend? A cure for your antique radio itch is as close as Hightstown, New Jersey. THE NJ Antique Radio Club's Indoor Swapmeet's at Hightstown Country Club Saturday, February 26th. NJARC's Tony or Kathleen Flanagan have the details at (908) 462-8739.....Got goodies to share with The Oscillator? Fax 'em to Mike Koste at (215) 483-6060.