



# The Oscillator



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

## The Official Newsletter of the DVHRC

February 2012

### DVHRC Officers for 2012

Members elected to the DVHRC Board met in January to elect officers.

Results were:

Mike Koste – President

Vice-President – Dave Dean

Sec'y/Treas – Dave Snellman

At-large members – Walt Peters, Stan Saeger

### Next Meeting

With apologies to St. Valentine, a reminder that this month's DVHRC meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at the Telford Community Building. It will be the first of our two mini-auction nights scheduled for 2012, with your opportunity to consign items, or offer them at the Buy It Now table.

We'll have a few donated lots from some recent estate acquisitions, including a restorable 1936 Philco 650 console and who knows what else?

It will also be your opportunity to pay your annual dues (\$20), and stock up on capacitors for your Winter projects.

Doors open no later than 7pm for unloading and staging, and we hope to have things underway by 7:30.

### Looking ahead

**February 14, 2012**

Monthly Meeting w/member auction

**March 13, 2012**

Monthly Meeting at Telford

Theme: "Twins & Clones" Radios

**April 10, 2012**

Monthly Meeting at Telford

Theme: "Color" radios

**May 8, 2012**

Monthly Meeting at Telford

Theme: Kutztown Prep

**May 11-12, 2012**

Kutztown XXVI at Renninger's

### 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](http://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:

1. Send the Oscillator editor ([saegers@ptd.net](mailto:saegers@ptd.net)) a digital image of your favorite radio along with a description and any other information.
2. 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.

### Evolution of *Homo Radiens*

*Homo radiens* was first observed in the early 1920s. It is similar to the more common *homo sapiens*, but enough changes to the species warranted a separate classification.

#### Nesting Habits

*Homo radiens* is noted for the unusual habit of bringing worthless items found in the wild back to the nest. These items are known as 'radios'.

Below is a picture of renowned scientist, Dr. Guglielmo 'Marky-Mark' Marconi in front of an intact *homo radiens* nest. Notice the hap-hazard organization and lack of places to sit.



This habit is so ingrained that an in-



## Meeting Minutes

The first meeting for 2012 was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the usual meeting place.

To open the meeting, the officers for 2012 were introduced. Mike Koste, President; Dave Dean, Vice President; Dave Snellman, Secretary/Treasurer; Walt Peters and Stan Saeger, members-at-large.

Kutztown show dates for September are 9/21 and 9/22. May 2012 is already sold out. This, even with 20 additional spaces made available in the second pavilion. The club has been promised an "estate" for the May event. Details will follow as this progresses.

The meeting line-up for 2012 is as follows. Themes were chosen by the board at its January meeting.

1/10/12 Theme: "Christmas" Radios

2/14/12 Mini-Auction

3/13/12 Theme: "Twins & Clones" Radios

4/10/12 Theme: "Color" Radios

5/8/12 (Kutztown Prep)

5/11-12/12 Kutztown XXVI

6/12/12 Theme: "Pennsylvania" Radios

7/10/12 Annual Tailgate Auction

8/14/12 Theme: Advertising & Ephemera

9/11/12 (Kutztown Prep)

9/21/22 Kutztown XXVII

10/9/12 Theme: Obscure Brands of Radios

11/13/12 Mini-Auction and 2012 Board Nominations

12/11/12 Annual Holiday Dinner Party

1/8/13 Theme: "Christmas" Radios

A "behind the scenes" tour of Citizens Bank Park is planned for the Spring. Our own Dave Abramson is arranging for members to tour the broadcast side of the park on a Tuesday early evening. Again, more details will follow.

Dave Dean had some "buy it now" stuff from a recent buyout in Delaware at the meeting. Thanks to Dave for making the trip and picking the stuff up. Thanks to Pete Grave for providing the club some storage space for these and other items. Thanks to Stan Saeger and Dave Snellman for assisting with moving the stuff from Dave's truck to the storage location.

Stan Saeger has set up an "our members radios" section on the club website. Stan reminds any member interested in "showing off" your radios are welcome to contribute.

Lowell Schultz reminded the club members he is inviting members to his house to help him "lighten" the load from his collection as he is moving to new digs. Contact Lowell, if interested.

The theme for the January meeting was Christmas radios. Several members showed off some nice sets that they either received as holiday presents, or held some attachment to the holiday season for them.



*Mark Thierbach's recently restored GE tabletop*



*Mike Koste's Christmas radio from 2010.*



Dave Dean's reproduction radio



Dave Abramson received this Roberts radio as a present from a friend. It's a remake of a 1950's style British set. Roberts is still in business in the UK, not certain where this set was made.



Dave Snellman's "Christmas in July" radio, a 1966 Sony portable purchased at the NJARC tailgate meet in July. AM/FM/SW set that performs as well as it looks.

# NEW "MAGIC BRAIN" makes World-Radio doubly exciting!



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You hear every tone with higher fidelity.  
You reach far more stations.

You tune in all world broadcasts with far greater accuracy and ease.

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EVERY evening finds thousands of stay-at-home radio listeners on their way to Africa... from Africa to Asia... from Asia to Rome, London, Paris, Madrid, Australia... anywhere! World-wide radio is now doubly thrilling! For RCA Victor has perfected all-wave reception and higher fidelity tone—with the "Magic Brain". It thinks straight. So concentrates on a wave band that it can't hear unwanted signals... doing one thing at a time—well! Crystal-clear higher fidelity



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