



The Oscillator



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

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Kutztown XXIV – What a weekend!

Funny how, in the aftermath of planning and staging an event of this magnitude, in the end, all our pre-meet fears proved to be pretty much unfounded. A few cases in point:

The Weather: Not an issue. While somewhat cloudy and cool, short of a few insignificant showers, we remained dry.

The Economy: A factor perhaps, but you'd hardly know it based on attendance. Everybody talked about how \$4+ a gallon was going to effect the turnout. Apparently, it didn't. A marked increase in first-timers and out-of-state attendees, at least through these eyes.

The Detour: Hardly a mention from anyone I spoke with. Perhaps a slight inconvenience for some, but they still managed to find us.

Staffing: You guys are truly remarkable. Not only did we cover all of our bases, there were actually times on Friday and Saturday when there were six or seven members buzzing around the club table.

In reality, perhaps a few collectors opted out of coming on Saturday due to threatening skies. Foot traffic was a bit lighter than at past shows. Friday, on the other hand,

was one remarkable blur. Early arriving vendors had their hands full attempting to unload while anxious shoppers craned their necks to see what was coming out of the truck next. It's apparent that many have grasped the concept that Friday is truly the premium Kutztown shopping day.

There was the typical horde of expensive eye candy for sale in both pavilions, but it appeared what was selling the most were the economical "fixer-uppers" in the \$30-\$45 range. Seemed like every other table had a least a few tubes for sale. Parts and supplies were selling abundantly too.

On Friday afternoon, the DVHRC had the pleasure of introducing Phil Boly, creator of the AMT-3000, Part 15 compliant AM transmitter.



He has revised the original and offered a presentation of the new AMT-5000 which is going into production soon, offering greater distance and more bells and whistles. Our thanks to Peter Wieck for arranging this Kutztown exclusive,

and for again offering his on-the-spot troubleshooting service.

As dinnertime approached, the crowd had visibly thinned out, some retiring to their tent, campers or hotels, or venturing up to the food court where our good friends from Just Grillin' offered up a tasty steak dinner with all the fixin's.

As night fell, an occasional bottle rocket would fly by, accented by the bang of Wilbur Gilroy's now-legendary potato gun. The fuel pile for the traditional radio burn was smaller than usual, but as an added attraction, some live musical entertainment from Steve Holota added a festive new twist to an always fun evening.

(Ed. note: Steve's a former DVHRC member and we hope to see more of him in the future. My favorite song he sang included the lyrics "I gave up smokin', women and drinkin' last night . . . it was the worst fifteen minutes of my life".)

The sun never really came up on Saturday. Clouds, lots of fog and an occasional sprinkle was the order of the day. The weather was surely the cause for fewer sellers and buyers in the outdoor flea market. We can always rely on these shoppers to pass through the radio areas wondering, "What's this all about?"

Checking back at the club table



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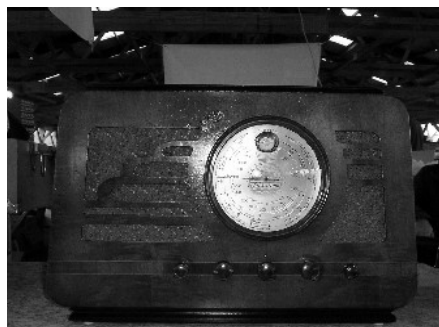
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from time to time, I was more than pleased with the financial gains the club was mounting. Certainly, capacitor sales could have been better, but we made up for them with some major tube sales.

Our raffle of the restored Silvertone Model 4565 table radio, along with 2nd and 3rd prizes, netted our best showing in Kutztown history, helped by Dave Abramson and Stan Saeger 'parading' the radio throughout the pavilions and selling tickets on the spot. The lucky winner was Ron Hartman of Norfolk VA, 2nd Prize went to David Broggi of Conshohocken PA, and 3rd Prize went to Jim Burgh from Trenton, North Dakota.



And once our "Buy-It-Now" table opened for business, it emptied out as quickly as it filled with merchandise. Certainly, it was only a few dollars at a time, but when all was said and done, 95% of it went home with new owners (Read: No clean-up!) and the DVHRC reaped the rewards. A special pat on the back to Dave Abramson for being our BIN "wheeler dealer".

Without the benefit of a collection or estate, the Saturday afternoon auction was tame in comparison to others we've had. In fact, since moving the auction from the center of the main pavilion when auctions could take 3+ hours, to the White Room inside Renninger's, the entire process has streamlined to the

point when this one concluded in 45 minutes flat!

Col. Pete Grave and his eager staff of gallery personnel made quick work of was once a dreaded task.

All in all, a truly commendable effort by everyone who took part. It's an honor to know that for two weekends a year, Kutztown and the DVHRC are the epicenter of the Radio Collecting Universe.

We have the satisfaction of knowing that our club can boast the biggest, the best, but most of all, the friendliest meet in the country...and we pledge continue to do so until we get it *RIGHT*. (Yeah, right...)

-Mike Koste

Kutztown Financials

This report is dealing with the club finances. It was a very good meet in terms of club resources. What follows is a rundown of income versus expenses.

On the income side, let's start with the auction sales. The auction had a slightly smaller number of lots than in previous years; however, the total auction grossed \$2206. Breaking that down, commissions to the club totaled \$172.85 and sales of items donated to the club totaled \$477.50, netting a total of \$650.35 to the club coffers. We paid out to consignors \$1555.65. All checks were mailed out a week after the meet.

Another area that did well was the "BIN" - Buy It Now (apologies to eBay.) Thanks to Dave Abramson and others, the club took in \$454 from sales of donated items. Raffle Radio tickets sales, an ever popular show item, brought in \$492. Auction ticket sales netted an additional \$146.

Thanks to the efforts of Dave Dean and Walt Peters the club was able to amass \$1076 from tube sales, \$588 from capacitor sales, and \$240 from the sale of items donated to the club by Bob Parvin.

We had some membership renewals, too. In all the club took in \$3670.35. Thanks to the volunteers who helped at the club table, helped transport stuff to the meet, worked readying the raffle radio, and so much more.

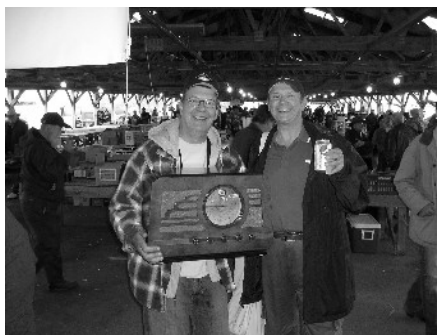
Well, there is the expense side to consider... the club had to pay \$200 for rental of the auction hall and we had to pay for the steak dinner for the volunteers (\$290.)

The bottom line at this point is the club is \$3180.35 to the plus side. Not bad for two days of radio collecting fun.

Anyone wanting further details, contact me at the next meeting or email at dsnellman@comcast.net.

Thanks from raffle radio winner

Mike,
Just wanted to say thank you to



the DVHRC and it's members for the beautiful Silverstone radio which I won last week at the Kutztown meet. You guys did a beautiful restoration on it. That was a

great meet, too. It was also the first one I've been able to attend.

Thanks again.

Ron Hartman, Norfolk, VA
(TARPA & MAARCA member)

Looking Ahead

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14th 7:30pm at the Telford Community Center. The theme for the evening is Tombstone radios, so bring your favorites to show and discuss.

After that is the Annual Tailgate Auction on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00pm (note the ½ hour early start). Weather permitting, the sale will be in the Telford Community Center parking lot. In case of rain, the swap will be inside the community center.

The tailgate auction is an opportunity to dispose of radio flotsam and jetsam from your attic, storage shed or basement and sell it to members who may experience moments of weakness or temporary insanity. No commissions for the tailgate swap.

Thanks . . .

To **Lowell Schultz, Chuck Azzalina** and **Wilbur Gilroy** for restoring the Silverstone raffle radio

To **Charles Adams** for loaning walkie-talkies for the meet

To **Dave Abramson** for manning Buy-it-Now

To **Dave Abramson** and **Stan Saeger** who 'hawked' the raffle radio, which helped to realize a record amount of raffle ticket sales

To **Peter Wieck** for setting up the SSTRAN demo and holding his

repair clinic

To **Wilbur Gilroy** for his potato gun antics

To **Dave Dean** and **Walt Peters** for manning the capacitor and tube sales table for the entire show

To **Dave Snellman**, for his tireless efforts during the auction and the large amount of post-show financial work

To **Lewie Newhard** and **Alice** for their handling of the logistics of the show with Renninger's, and setting up the Friday evening entertainment

To **Just Grillin'** for their gastronomic efforts

To **Renninger's** for another great meet at their site

To **Stan Saeger**, who restored the Philco 570 Grandfather clock that was sold at auction

To **Bob Parvin**, for his donation of items to be sold by the club (either donated outright or a generous 50/50 split with the club)

To **Pete Grave**, who did his usual fine job at the auction, as well as **the members** who volunteered as runners

To **John Hagman**, unofficial A-V chair for his excellent pictures and videos (see www.dvhrc.info for links)

Finally, to **all the members** who helped out at the club table and in many other ways. If I missed someone, I apologize.

