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Free Food! Elections! Dues! December at the DVHRC

November 2002 Meeting Notes – reported by Dave Snellman

The regular monthly meeting of the DVHRC was held on November 12th at the Telford Community Center. In spite of some inclement weather we had a great turnout. In terms of old business, reports by Mike Koste, treasurer, assures us that we have money in the bank and Dave Snellman, secretary, reports membership has peaked at 90 hearty souls.

Other old business, we had an idea for club t-shirts presented at an earlier meeting. What we need is a design idea. The thought of a contest for the design, with the winner getting a free membership, was proposed. Bring your ideas, your designs – who knows?



We were pleasantly surprised to see Mike Tannenbaum “visiting” us. As you know, Mike has relocated to Arizona, so this was a surprise.

Lewie Newhard needs some assistance in completing an article on the Kutztown meet for ARC. Dave

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Next Meeting, December 10th, 2002
Telford Community Center
7:30pm

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To join DVHRC dues are \$15 per year. The membership year runs January - December. Please mail us the club P.O. 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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Abramson offered to help.

In the lines of new business, Tony Molettiere reports the creation of a new museum. It will include all aspects of radio, TV, and audio collecting. Tony reports there will be radios, TV's, jukeboxes, hi-end audio, "boat anchors," and anything else the seems to fit. The unique thing about this museum, Tony says, "Is that it's all for sale!" The museum site is located near our former meeting in Souderton. Tony also reported that the jukebox club meets at the same place on the third Tuesday of the month.

In other new business, Dan Collins, a new member, reports on a new website he is planning to implement. Look for "radioswapmeet.com." Dan reports this will be an auction site. Those interested will purchase a "table" for a period of time. You can place 10 items on the table and sell them or auction them. Dan plans to keep this site radio club-based and hopes to go national in time. "Tables" will be available for 15 days and cost \$5.00. The site is designed for "vendor" to "seller" transactions only at this time.



Stay tuned for more info on this. If the interest shown at our meeting is any indication, this could be "BIG." (Remember - you read about it here first.)

Our holiday party was the next topic. The December meeting is our traditional holiday feast. This year will be no exception, so plan on bringing your appetite to the December meeting.

Our November meeting is the time we hold nominations for board members for the upcoming year. Elections are held at the December meeting. Once elected, the board will choose officers to server for the year 2003.

Nominations were accepted from the floor. The nominees for 2003 DVHRC board are: Dave Abramson, Pete Grave, Mike Koste, Lewie Newhard, and Dave Snellman.

Ballots will be prepared and available at the December meeting. All paid-up members are eligible to vote in the election.

As for a technical talk, we had a bit on an impromptu "tell and show" and "show and tell."

First off Bill Overbeck presented the concept of "buck and boost" – or how to use inexpensive transformers to achieve the proper 117 volts that most of our vintage sets require. By wiring a secondary in series aiding or opposing you can either "boost" or "buck" the line voltage. Sure, there are other ways to achieve the same results, but if you have a box of transformers that you just got at a DVHRC auction...

Always ready with some interesting to add to a technical talk, Ted Sorwick brought an interesting item – a blast from the past, you might say. First up he showed us a Zenith alignment tool. This was used on Zenith sets with push-button tuning. While it was included with Zenith sets with this feature, it is seldom seen today.

Ted is also a great innovator (or improviser.) Many collectors of vintage radios would like to play back vintage radio programs of period music through their carefully restored sets. Ted showed off a "Radio DJ Studio" – a kiddie toy at best; however, it is a broadcast station that can be used to play whatever you want through your vintage sets. It includes a cassette recorder and a microphone. Also, there is an auxiliary jack to plug in a CD player or other source. The unit is available at "Toys R Us" for about \$20.00. Other reports are being available for \$10.00 on "eBay." As an aside, the transmitting frequency is about 1610 kHz, so you, too, could be your very own TIS (Travelers Information Service.)



Lewie Newhard showed off an Emerson (electro-static) TV he recently repaired. Lewie wanted to point out some repair tips when dealing with this type of set. Lewie says to look at this type of set as an oscilloscope when trying to repair. Lewie says there are six 6000 volt capacitors that will need replacing. Lewie was touting the stability of the set. As he was doing that, the set began to roll. We all got a good laugh at his expense. Laughter aside, this was another great restoration job by Lewie. Somehow, even the drivel that passes as current TV programming doesn't look bad on a vintage black and white set.

Mark Thierback, a very active collector and restorer, showed off some photos of a recent TV acquisition. The set itself was too big and heavy to bring to the meet. At a Keesport, NJ auction, Mark managed to outbid a few others for a TRK-90 set. From all accounts he got a bargain – even though the price mentioned was too steep for my blood.

The December meeting will be held on December 10, 2002 at the Telford Community Center. Start time is 7:30 PM. It will be our holiday feast. Also, do not forget the election of officers. We will welcome anyone who wants to pay their dues for 2003. (That's \$15.00 for the year.) If you know of someone who shares your interest in radio collecting, encourage them to join DVHRC.

For those who cannot make the December meeting, you fellow members as well as the officers of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club wish you a very happy holiday season and a great 2003.



DVHRC: A Personal Diary of Our First Ten Years

By Mike Koste

Author's Note: A conversation with Tony Molettiere last month made us both realize how long we'd been at this, and how the club might commemorate the organization's first decade. Somewhere, there's a snapshot that Tony took of the thirteen people at the inaugural meeting of the DVHRC.

Should he be unable to find it by publishing deadline, may this fictional, but fact-based journal, serve as a chronicle of our club's history. As one of the faces in the photograph, I figured if somebody didn't write it all down, some of our newer faces would never know how our Second Tuesday of the Month ever came to be. In addition, it's a nostalgic look back and a salute to all the older faces.

SEPTEMBER, 1991: There have to be others out there somewhere. I mean, I met a bunch of AWA guys at the swapmeet up in Tranquility, this spring, but most of them were from New York and New Jersey. You'd think that in an area like Philly, so rich in history (Philco, Atwater Kent, RCA and so forth) that there would be a club around here that catered to old radio collectors.

OCTOBER, 1991: There's a new book out called Evolution of Radio, light on text but heavy on pictures ... mostly taken by collectors themselves. Some are better than others. The major drawback is that the values are listed in back of the book, instead of by the photo or description. I prefer Marty Bunis' price guide. If there's any extra value to Evolution, it's that it lists the contributors' names and addresses. There's a guy named **Jay Daveler** in Lansdale, PA with a place called "Radio Attic". I'm gonna have to check him out!

DECEMBER, 1991: Was thumbing through Antique Radio Classified and found a guy in Quakertown, PA with a bunch of old radios. His name's **John Kern**, and he'd send me a list of what he had for sale. Drove by the address for Jay Daveler's place only to find another business called "Davro Optical". I guess "Radio Attic" moved. Maybe I should place an ad in A.R.C. and start a club on my own.

(End of) JANUARY, 1992: Tore through the February issue of A.R.C. as I usually do ("For Sale" ads first, articles second, "Wanted" ads last). Nothing of real interest this month except Gerald Schneider's article on radio club management. Some interesting food for thought. Maybe starting a club by myself would be more than I could handle alone. That thought aside, I turned to the back section to see if any Spring Swapmeet dates had been announced. And there it was on page 74:

PENNSYLVANIA - Feb 4
NEW CLUB FORMING- S.E. PENNA AREA
AMERICAN HISTORIC RADIO SOCIETY
MEETING
Souderton, PA - 117 Main Street
7:30pm
Swap Meet & Meeting
Info: Radio Attic, PO Box 624, Lansdale, PA 19446
(215) XXX-XXXX

I could barely contain myself. I called the number for information and got an answering machine message for Davro Optical. Aha! So Radio Attic was indeed on Cannon St. in Lansdale. And this Daveler fellow must have something to do with this new antique radio club. Can't wait for February 4th !!!

February 5, 1992: *(The day after)* I hardly know where to begin. Last night was everything I'd hoped it would be... and more. I arrived shortly before 7. First, the meeting place couldn't be better suited for a radio club. The building is owned by North Penn Amusements, who are apparently involved in jukeboxes and pinball machines which, along with hundreds of radios, were in profusion. The first person I met was **Sylvia Molettiere**, a charming blonde lady with an unmistakable Tarheel accent. She took some time to personally show me around the place and introduced me to her husband **Tony**, who told me about their business and their interest in the hobby. I also (finally) met the founder of the club, **Jay Daveler**. All together, there were thirteen people at that first meeting. Jay, serving as President, welcomed everyone, explained how he and some of his radio friends got together and got the organization off the ground. The remainder of the officers were Vice President, **Larry Hilgner**, Treasurer, **John Kern** (another familiar name from the pages of ARC!), and **Tony** as secretary. One by one, we all stood up and introduced ourselves and told a little bit about collecting interests. **Pete Grave** and his wife **Jan** were from Ottsville and were avid RCA and Hallicrafters people, **Arnold Finkel** and his wife were art deco collectors from Allentown, and **Charlie Class** from North Wales who liked all kinds of old radios. *(Note: Your author clearly recalls 13 in attendance at the first meeting, but can only account for 11. Can anyone fill in the blanks?)*

Jay went onto explain that the group's primary function was to bring area collectors together to share knowledge, resources and friendship....and reminded everyone that it was our club to develop as we wished. Numerous ideas were proposed for group activities, including swapmeets, a library, repair and restoration workshops, and monthly club auctions. **Pete** said he'd start snooping around for potential swapmeet sites. **Arnold**, an auctioneer by trade, volunteered to develop the auction program and hopefully have it up and running by the next meeting. I agreed to do my part by using my multiple media contacts to help spread the word about the AHRS. Our final order of business was a discussion about our next meeting where it was decided that the second Tuesday of the month would be more accommodating than the first. After an exchange of addresses and phone numbers with the promise to get in touch before we assembled in March, we called it a night.

I'm jazzed. Finally, the beginning of a local vintage radio network.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

UNDER ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (DOMESTIC NON-PROFIT CORPORATION) ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 11, 1994, NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY HISTORIC RADIO CLUB (DVHRC) AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002 AT THE TELFORD COMMUNITY CENTER, MADISON AVENUE AND HAMILTON STREET, TELFORD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 18969.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE IV OF THE DVHRC BY-LAWS SHALL BE HELD FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF SELECTING THE DVHRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, 2003.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION IN GOOD STANDING SHALL ELECT A BOARD, FIVE (5) IN NUMBER TO SERVE DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2003 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2003.

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2001 INCLUDE:

1. Lewie Newhard
2. Dave Snellman
3. Pete Grave
4. Mike Koste
5. Dave Abramson
6. Bill Overbeck

BOARD ELECTION SHALL BE BY BALLOT WITH EACH MEMBER ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTE FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER. VOTING MAY NOT BE BY PROXY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE ORGANIZED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS UNLESS A QUORUM IS PRESENT. THE PRESENCE IN PERSON OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF THE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. IF THE MEETING CANNOT BE ORGANIZED BECAUSE A QUORUM HAS NOT ATTENDED, THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY BE RESUMED AND CONDUCTED AT SUCH A TIME AND PLACE AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

SIGNED, DAVID SNELLMAN,
SECRETARY
DVHRC

THE ANNUAL SYLVIA AWARD FOR 2002 GIVEN

After much debate and hair-pulling, club president, Bill Overbeck bestowed the DVHRC's annual Sylvia Award to TWO members for the 2002 year. Members Lewie Newhard and Dave Abramson shared the honors. Lewie for his endless work on our now-fam-ously-successful Kutztown Swap Meet and Dave for clogging up his computer with the publishing of the Oscillator.

The Sylvia Award is named for the late Sylvia Molettiere, the original Southern Belle, one of our original members and wife of member Tony Molettiere. It is given at the discretion of the club president to a member (or this year, members) who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for the club for the past year. Last years winner was Dave Snellman for his duties as club secretary.



Congratulations to Lewie and Dave for 2002 and now is the time for the rest of the club to get those volunteer muscles built up for the next Sylvia Award in December 2003.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

By Mike Koste

- 12 meetings (and 12 auctions per year)	NO CHARGE
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-12 issues of <i>The Oscillator</i> .	NO CHARGE
-Catered Holiday Party	NO CHARGE
-Club discount on capacitors	NO CHARGE
-Two dollar vacuum tubes	NO CHARGE
-Unlimited use of the DVHRC Reference Library	NO CHARGE
-Share, compare and network with your fellow collectors	<u>PRICELESS!!</u>

A subtle reminder that the 2003 DVHRC Membership Drive has begun. \$15 is a very small price to pay for so many "No Charges", don't you think? Dues will be collected at the November and December meetings, or drop your check in the mail today.



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