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Christmas Party at the DVHRC

November Meeting Notes and Minutes

Dave Snellman reporting...

I just made it the November meeting as it was starting. Work still has a stranglehold on me. As always the November meeting brings the call out for nominations for officers for the upcoming year. So without further ado, the list of nominees is as follows for officers for 2009: Dave Abramson, Dave Dean, Mike Koste, Stan Saeger, Dave Snellman, and Mark Theirback. From this members in good standing can vote for 5. These five will make up the board of directors. They will, in turn, choose President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the year.

Please note that Lewie Newhard, who was a member of the board this year, has requested he not be nominated again. Rather Lewie will serve as the club's liaison for the Kutztown Radio Meet. Lewie is the pivotal person who makes the meet happen.



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Next Meeting Program

Board Elections

Catered Christmas

Dinner

December 9th, 2008

Telford Center, 7:30pm

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Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Telford Community Building, Telford, PA.

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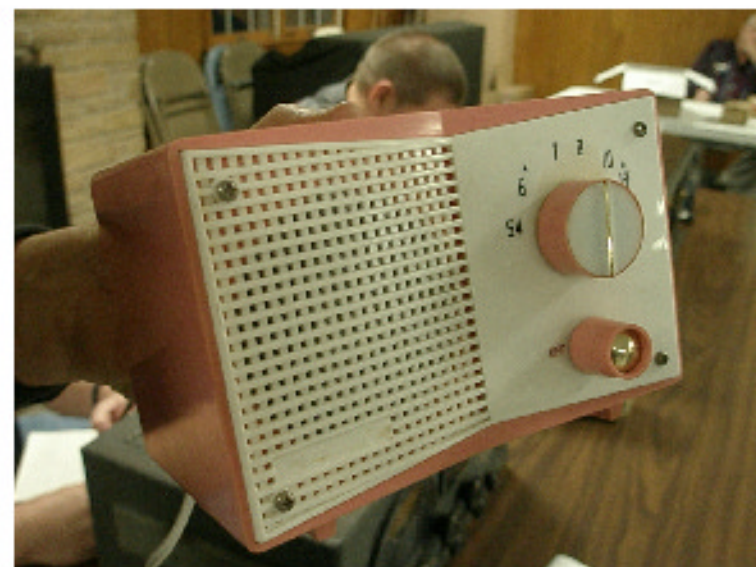
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We will have a gift exchange as we usually do. Bring a wrapped gift (\$15-20) and you can take part in the festivity.

The big show of the meeting is quickly becoming "Show and Tell." Dave Dean started us off with a showing of three sets. The first was a Hallicrafters SX-25 of 1937-39 vintage. Dave bought it at the last Kutztown meet in the auction. The cabinet was original. He had re-capped it. The set tunes from 540 Kc/s to 42 Mc/s.

Next on his list was a Sûdfunk AM-FM set from the 1960's. The FM worked fine; however, he found a bad wire in the last IF can. Repairing that, the set worked fine. His last set was an all-American five'r. Again, from the '60's, Dave found a tube in the wrong location.

Our president, Stan Saeger, brought along a "portable"



Our president, Stan Saeger, brought along a “portable” AM set for our enjoyment. Well, the AR812 was the first superheterodyne portable radio. At 40 pounds, without batteries, you got a good workout taking your tunes to the beach!

Mark Theirback, another regular Show and Teller, brought in a Sylvania set with a fluorescent lighting control. The set has an electroluminescent panel – quite unique.

Our last segment was a slide show by our own “Philly-Fanatic” – Dave Abramson. Dave is the chief engineer for the Philadelphia Phillies. In case you missed it, they won the World Series this year! Dave showed what it



was like to get ready for the series. From cabling the equipment to parking the trailers that housed to equipment necessary to bring the series to you, Dave was involved. HD is only good for about 200' with good coaxial cable. As the series was covered in HD (High Definition) cable lengths became a very important issue. FOX was providing primary coverage. ESPN was set up. Major League Baseball International was providing feed to other networks. Dave showed us what it takes to provide World Series coverage, how it was all put together, and really how fragile the set up was. And when it was all over, they just “walked away.”

The usual auction followed. And that brought another DVHRC meeting to an end.

Remember, December 9th at 7:30 PM in the Telford Center is our annual holiday party and gift exchange. In addition it's election time. Hope to see you there.



World Series Television Coverage by Dave Abramson

Some of you got to see my slide presentation of World Series television coverage and I thought I would add it to this issue. My day job is with the Phillies as their Chief Engineer and that got me the short straw of marshalling this event.

The television coverage by TBS for the Division Series with Milwaukee was pretty straightforward. Two tv trucks and support equipment. The NLCS by Fox got a bit bigger with a third production truck. Now generators, satellite uplinks and office trailers arrived.

Nothing prepared me for the World Series though. Even though I had a list of what might show up, you don't know until they drive up. Four more production trailers, another generator, three more office trailers and five satellite trucks. And just over 200 production staff for all the shows.

Fox continued as the primary broadcaster, Major League Baseball International took that coverage and added 17 announcers from 17 nations for the world feed. ESPN Baseball Tonight was parked by center field and built a stage out in the open to do their show.

The Fox compound was the most challenging as all the trucks must be near each other to make sure the HD signal passes from truck to truck. Copper coax is not kind to HD signals and none of them carried enough fiber converters to do the job. It was a matter of placing them inches from each other, end-to-end, on the sidewalks, in the street and every other combination I could invent on the spot.

And add to that, a separate compound for all the local tv station microwave trucks and the out-of-town satellite trucks. I counted 22 vehicles out there.

All went well and I am looking forward to doing it again



DVHRC RADIO STORE

CAPACITY	VOLTAGE	LIST PRICE		CLUB MEMBER PRICE	
		QTY/25	EACH	QTY/25	EACH
.001	630v	\$7.20	.35	\$6.00	.28
.0047		\$7.50	.35	\$6.25	.29
.0068		\$7.60	.36	\$6.35	.30
.01		\$7.80	.36	\$6.50	.31
.022		\$8.30	.37	\$7.00	.33
.033		\$8.60	.42	\$7.25	.35
.047		\$9.00	.43	\$7.50	.36
.1		\$9.60	.48	\$8.00	.48
0.22		\$18.00	.86	\$15.00	.72
0.47		\$24.00	\$1.06	\$20.00	.96
1.0		\$31.20	\$1.50	\$26.00	\$1.25

ELECTROLYTICS:

		QTY/10	EACH	QTY/10	EACH
10	160v	\$6.60	.70	\$5.50	.64
22	160v	\$7.70	.90	\$6.40	.75
33	160v	\$10.10	\$1.30	\$8.40	\$1.01
47	160v	\$11.50	\$1.40	\$9.60	\$1.16
10	450v	\$9.00	\$1.10	\$7.50	\$1.10
22	450v	\$13.30	\$1.45	\$11.20	\$1.20
47	450v	\$21.60	\$2.50	\$18.00	\$2.10
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