



# *The Oscillator*



*"All the Electrons that are Fit to Flow . . . "*

## **The Official Newsletter of the DVHRC**

**December 2011**

### **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the DVHRC**

By the time you receive this newsletter, December will be underway and Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's will be here before you know it.

On behalf of the DVHRC executive board, a sincere wish to you and your family for a healthy and happy holiday season.

### **Annual Christmas Celebration at DVHRC.**

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30pm will be the annual Christmas Dinner at Telford.

The buffet menu this year will include a Sunburst Salad, Chicken Mesu, Carolina style Pulled Pork w/Southern Slaw (as a sandwich or a platter), Green Beans Almondine, Macaroni & Cheese and Cornbread. (Everything home made from scratch by Sum Pig Catering of Warminster.) Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

This year, we're asking members to bring desserts. So, dig through those old recipes and fire up the oven to make something high-calorie for after the main course.

The annual gift exchange will be held as usual. Members who want to participate are asked to bring a wrapped radio-related gift with a value of \$15-\$20.

Each member bringing a gift will be given a ticket allowing you to choose a gift from someone else to open.

Appropriate "Oohs" and "Ahhs" (and perhaps some raspberries) will come from the audience as gifts are opened.

Also on tap is a short business meeting, which will include the important election of Board members for 2012. See a later article for the nominees.

### **A Big Thank-You**

Much like fashions that have gone out of style, or toys you've outgrown, there comes a time when you simply have to let go of your lifetime of accumulations so as not to leave the burden of responsibility of liquidation on family members when "your time" comes.

Two of our longtime members have found the simple solution to this age-old challenge in the form of DVHRC.

Recently retired and/or moving onto other interests, BILL HARGENS and BOB PARVIN recently

made much of their collections available to our club for disposal.

Knowing full well that leaving it in the expert hands of the membership, their decades of pack-ratting would continue to be used and enjoyed by others who shared their passion for vintage technology.

Between Bill and Bob's generous contributions, we have offered up a significant amount of equipment, parts and documentation at the club table at Kutztown, the Buy It Now table at our monthly meetings, area hamfests, and the recent NJARC swapmeet at Info Age.

Proceeds from these donations have greatly enhanced the club treasury, and given the size of these "living" estates, will continue to benefit the association into the future.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to these two veteran members of the DVHRC for "keeping it in the family" and allowing us to share and continue to grow by "willing" such a wealth of great items to their local radio club.

### **November Meeting Minutes and Notes**

The monthly meeting of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Telford Community Center.



**Delaware Valley Historic  
Radio Club  
PO Box 5053  
New Britain, PA 18901  
www.dvhrc.info**

*The Oscillator* is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club.

Articles on radio and television history and collecting can be submitted by the 25th of the prior month to saegers@ptd.net. Personal views, opinions and technical advice do not necessarily reflect those of members, officers or Board of Directors of the DVHRC, nor is the DVHRC responsible for any buying or selling transactions.

Dues are \$20 per year and can be paid at a meeting or mailed to the above address.

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President Mike Koste opened the meeting. We had one new member join, John Tyminski from Bordentown, NJ and we had a visitor, Steve Goulart, also from New Jersey.

Attendance was a little light, probably due to an auction in Delaware County occurring at the same time as the meeting.

The club treasury had a balance of \$9229.49 as of October 30, 2011. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted.

Walt Peters and Dave Dean reminded everyone that there will no tube or capacitor sales at the December meeting due to the holiday party and election activities.

The floor was then opened to accept nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors of the DVHRC.

The theme for November was "turkey radios." Jack Meyer showed a 5-tube All-American-Fiver that works, but the cosmetics leave a bit to be desired.



He got the set from a neighbor who had the set with him as he traveled during WWII.

Dave Dean showed an Echophone EC-1A he rescued from the recent flood.

The EC-1 was a Hallicrafters S-38 model re-packaged for domestic production during WWII, a time when other manufacturers were not permitted to produce sets for consumers.



Dave Snellman showed two Panasonic RF-2200 multi-band portables. These are very desirable radio in the AM DXing crowd.



The "turkey" designation is due to their reliability - or lack thereof. The band-switches and volume/gain controls on these sets not the most reliable.

In our "show and tell" section, Dave Dean showed a Radio Shack Scope-Probe, a 5 mHz oscilloscope with a less than 1" display, all in a self contained package.



He also showed a Beckman Circuit-mate (DM73) in a similar sized package.

## Annual Election for DVHRC Board of Directors

The following individuals were nominated at the November 2011 meeting : Dave Dean, Mike Koste, Walt Peters, Stan Saeger, Fred Saul, Dave Snellman and Tom Spiegle

At the December meeting, members in good standing will vote for five to serve on the board. Once elected the new board will meet and assign officers (President, Vice-President,

Secretary/Treasurer). The remaining two will serve as at-large members.

## Tube Donations Needed

Your Club needs the following tubes to replenish the items in our inventory:

1D8, 1T6, 3BV6, 6A3, 6AE7, 6AS11, 6BM8, 6HR6, 6J5G, 6LB6, 12A8, 12J7, 12JB6, 13EM7, 15EA7, 14GT8, 14R7, 20LF6 and 6922.

Also the club always needs these fast moving audio tubes: 6L6GA,

6L6GB, 6L6GC, 12AX7 and 5751.

Tube donations can be brought to a meeting, or contact Dave Dean directly: [dw.dean@verizon.net](mailto:dw.dean@verizon.net), 610-933-0330.

## Kutztown XXV Review from ARC

Included in this newsletter is the review of Kutztown XXV published in the November 2011 issue of *Antique Radio Classified*. Thanks to publisher Jon Kummer for permission to reprint.



**THOROLA 4**  
14 1/2" Bell Horn.  
Completest with plug  
and cord. Beautiful  
Black Florentine  
Finish.  
**\$25**

**THOROLA 3**  
12" Bell Horn and cord.  
Finest Black Florentine  
Finish.  
**\$20**

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Scores of signed opinions like this come in from smart radio dealers. They know the public pulse. Nothing in radio, they tell you, has caused the profound stir of Thorola. Besides, thousands of dollars in advance came in to reserve Thorolas the moment this loud speaker was announced by the makers of the celebrated Thorophone.

Thorola, perhaps more than any other single factor, now lifts radio to an undisputed place in musical art. Thorola fidelity of reproduction dumfounds the critics. Thorola advance over previous highest standards elates the most sophisticated fans.

Costliest sets are exactly the opportunity Thorola seeks, to demonstrate beyond question what vast improvement now is made possible. Whatever circuit or power you use, Thorola will show you new radio enjoyment.

You will bring in weak signals clear and strong, so good is Thorola volume, even tuned down to the limit. You will have so much volume ordinarily that clarity need never be sacrificed.

You will discover volume, tone quality, sharpness of speech, delicate shading, response to control, made possible only by Thorola betterments—the acoustically perfect horn of Thorite compound—the Permanent Adjustment for precise synchronization with your set—the Controlled Mica Diaphragm—the Amplifying Lever and other advancements.

But you must convince *yourself* of all this superiority. Thorola must improve your set in your own judgment or the Thorodealer refunds your money without question. Thorola thrives under this guarantee. See your Thorodealer.

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# MEET REPORT

## Kutztown Radio Meet Kutztown, PA, September 16–17, 2011

BY JIM MONEGHAN



*A collector from Iowa*

The second Kutztown radio meet this year was held at the Renningers Market in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, on Sept 16 and 17. This radio meet just seems to keep getting bigger and better. I decided to head down to Kutztown a day early this time and arrived Thursday morning around 8 a.m., and believe it or not there was already someone there, set up in an RV with a small tent out in the open field.

To get a feel for the place before the crowds arrived, I walked around counting

the reserved tables and found 203 in the main pavilion and another 45 in the second pavilion for a total of 248 reserved tables! A few early dealers started showing up around 10:30 a.m., and they kept on coming throughout the day. Keep in mind this is Thursday and the show doesn't start until Friday. A few dealers set up on Thursday and a few items changed hands, but the real fun started early on Friday morning.

After a comfortable—if short—night's sleep at the local hotel I arrived at the radio meet around 5 a.m. and set up my own items for sale. There were probably a dozen or so eager customers already buying radios and related items at this time. The crowd really started coming in after 10 a.m., and the day was quite busy for both dealers and buyers until 5 p.m. or so. I would say that about 80 percent of the dealer tables were packed with radios most of the day.

Saturday morning was more of the same, filled with lots of fun and activity. A steady



*Philco promotional banner*





*Philco Predicta TV*



*Coke Cooler radio*



*RCA 621 television*

stream of people kept arriving and everything moved at a fast pace. One unique thing about this show that I have observed over the last few years is that a whole new crowd of people come in on Saturday morning, so the potential to sell more items is far greater than at many of the other radio meets. I usually do just as well on Saturday as I do on Friday.

This meet is unusual in several other ways, too, from the standard radio meets. First, the weather is not a factor as everyone is fully protected under pavilions. Second, every table has electricity to run your radios, tube

testers, or anything else, and the pavilions are well lit from Friday to Saturday, including all night on Friday. Third, anyone can just come in and browse, because *there is no charge to attend* (dealers pay for their tables and that's it!). Fourth, you can camp out in the field adjacent to the pavilions and there are showers inside the main building for those who want to make use of them (I found that most people don't know about this). As an added bonus, you get the charm of a small town, decent hotels in the area and a farmers market and flea market on Saturday.



*The Chidester speaker table*



*Tube display*





*A collection of battery sets*



*Gobs of knobs*



*The Radio Keg radio*



*Foreign radios*

If you haven't attended one of these Kutztown meets you're missing out on a great time. Kutztown is not just a radio meet—it's an experience you will not forget. As a radio collector you owe it to yourself to go to the one of the meets next year (May and Sept). We hope to see you there.

The next Kutztown Meet is scheduled for May 11–12, 2012. Information is available at [www.dvhrc.info](http://www.dvhrc.info).

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