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Join us for Membership Night at the DVHRC

December 2002 meeting notes and minutes as reported by Dave Snellman, Secretary

The December meeting of the DVHRC was held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2002 at the Community Center in Telford, PA. We had a busy agenda for the evening's meeting.

First, the minutes of the November meeting were corrected to include the formal announcement of the election of board members that would occur at this evening's meeting. Motion to amend the minutes was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

The secretary's report stated membership presently totals 95. As of the November meeting, 35 membership renewals had been received.



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The treasurer's report, though not balanced, showed we have money in the bank and all current obligations have been paid. (We have enough money to pay for our holiday feast, too.)

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Lowell Schultz has placed a call for "dud" 99's. Some suggested one can "wake" a 99 by resoldering the pins. If anyone can help Lowell, please do.

A toy by all intent has raised a lot of interest in the radio hobby, not just the collector side of the hobby. It's a "radio DJ" toy. It's designed to broadcast on 1600 kHz and could be used to play music through one's vintage AM sets. There are several news threads relating to this unit. Some refer to a possible FCC recall, while others refer to plans to connect a linear amplifier to it! If you need a small transmitter to play vintage music to show off your period radios, get one of these little jewels. If you are planning to set up your own Traveler's Information Service (TIS,) don't mention you heard about it here!

We want to extend a warm DVHRC welcome to new members and visitors. We welcome back Dave Chmielewski, and welcome Garrett Spear. We also want to say hello to Tom Spiegel, who joined our ranks at Kutztown.

Tom Sowirka asked about the procedure for re-ordering capacitors. Lewie Newhard explained that we have an open account with the vendor. Ted simply has to call in an order, the vendor will ship the caps and bill the club. The treasurer will pay the invoice when received.

Requests have been made for a club membership list. The secretary keeps the membership up-to-date. Printouts can be made; however, they quickly go out-of-date. A request was also made to publish a list in the Oscillator. This can be done. (NOTE: If anyone would not like to have their name and address printed in the Oscillator, please let me know as soon as possible.) A notebook is kept in the club locker at the community center, our meeting place. This has a list of membership and is updated every two or three months.

We have a candidate (a radio that is) for restoration. This set would then be "chanced-off" at the Kutztown swap meet.

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We welcome and solicit information relating to radio history or collecting. Submissions should be carefully researched, typed and accompanied with clear photographs or diagrams. Material on disk should be in Word and jpg formats.

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To join DVHRC dues are \$15 per year. The membership year runs January - December. Please mail to 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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We had two "show and tell's" at the meeting. First, Jiri Placek showed us three unique Phillips sets. The first set employed a single chassis, next he showed a set with three separate chassis. Last, but perhaps the most unique one has no chassis! All components were mounted on the cabinet!

Charlie Class showed us a certificate he received in 1965 for "Zero Defects" from his employer at that time - RCA. Nice work, Charlie.

With 48 persons present we had our annual election for members of the Board of Directors. After counting and recounting the ballots, the Board of Directors for 2003 will be: Dave Abramson, Dave Snellman, Mike Koste, Lewie Newhard, and Bill Overbeck.

The newly elected board held a meeting as prescribed by our constitution to elect officers. For 2003, the elected officers of the DVHRC are: Mike Koste, President; Dave Abramson, Vice-President and Oscillator Editor; Dave Snellman, Secretary and Treasurer; Lewie Newhard, Board Member, and Bill Overbeck, Board Member.



In other board business, they approved an address change for the club. Our new club address is:

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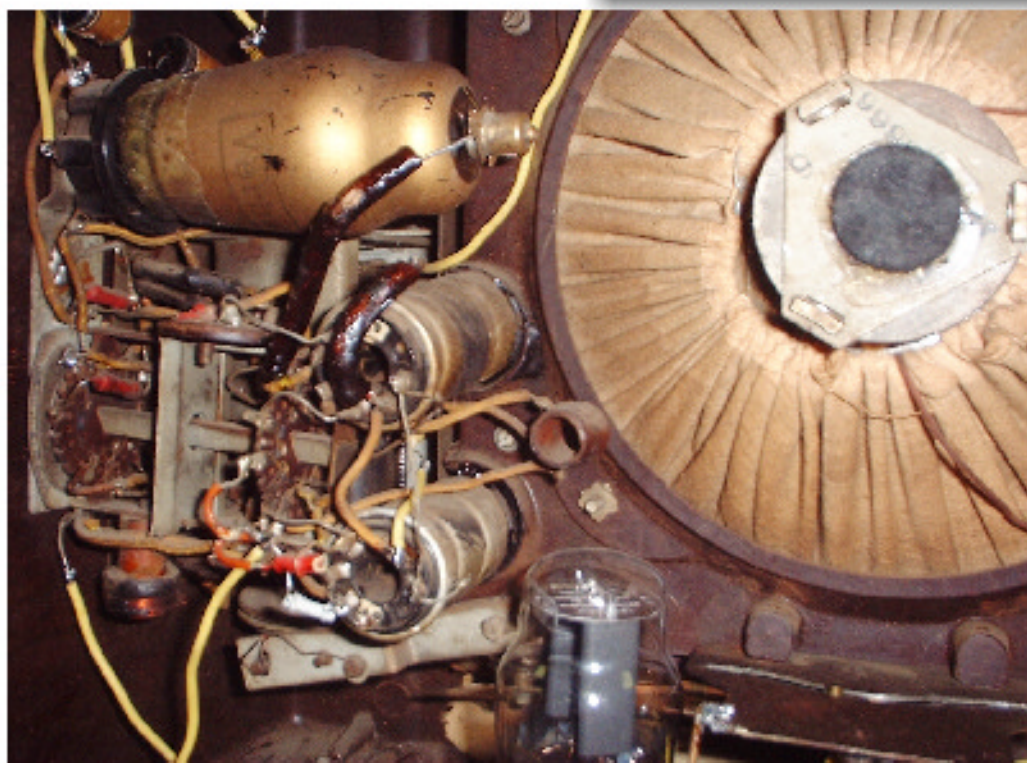
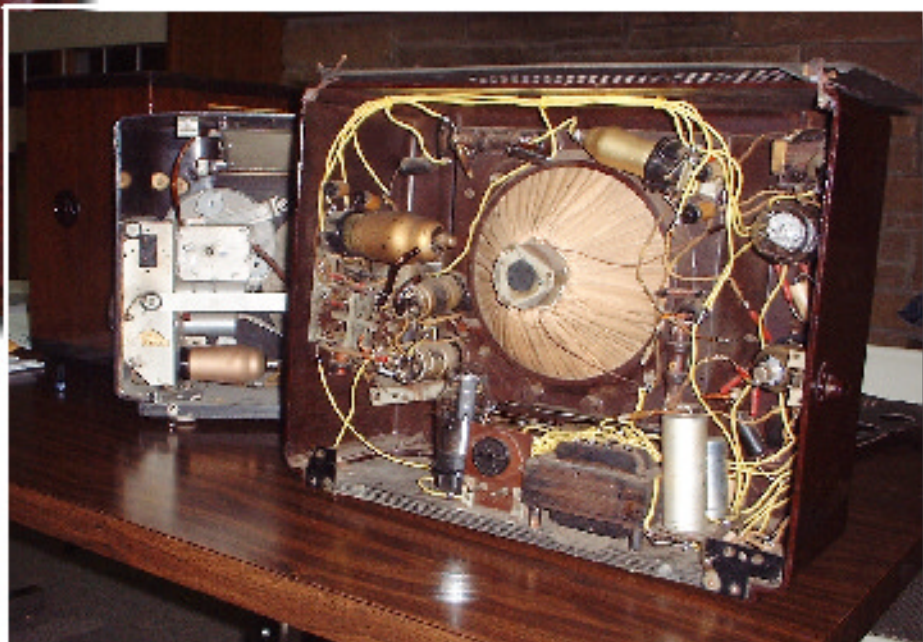
Please note the address change when renewing your membership or for any other correspondence with your club.

As the ballots were being counted and the "show and tell's" were going on we also had to take time to partake of our delicious holiday feast. Good food, a variety of drinks, and great deserts were enjoyed by all.

And, of course, no DVHRC meeting would be complete without an auction. In spite of all the other activities we had a fairly large auction. Some got to make money for holiday purchases while others made their holiday

we had a fairly large auction. Some got to make money for holiday purchases while others made their holiday gift purchases (even if some were for themselves!)

That's all for December, that's all for 2002. Hope everyone enjoys their holidays and here's hoping that 2003 will be a great year for you, your families, and for our club. The next meeting of the DVHRC will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at the Telford Community Center.



A few views of one of Jiri Placek's three Phillips sets he brought to share with us. This model has no chassis as we know it. The components are mounted to the bakelite cabinet surrounding the speaker and wired from point to point.

WHAT THE PREZ SEZ

By Mike Koste

It's customary to begin each year with a State of the Club Address, and I'm happy to report that it's 2003 and all is well. By the time this issue of The Oscillator reaches you, the Board of Directors will have had their annual meeting and made their suggestions and recommendations for the course of the organization. These issues, however, are only dreams and aspirations unless we can provide the human power to staff them and see them through.

We should all be grateful to President Emeritus Bill Overbeck who worked tirelessly on behalf of the club for the past five years. In addition to being a valuable member of the association, I'm also proud to call him one of my dearest friends. A radical change Bill's career and homelife was understandable cause for an adjustment in the club's leadership. Even though he's stepped down as DVHRC President, he'll continue to provide immeasurable experience and wisdom as a member of the Board of Directors. Take a moment at the January meeting to give Bill a well deserved slap on the back and thank him for a job well done.



When we meet on January 14th, I'll provide you with details of the Board's plans as we begin our second decade. We're also declaring it "Membership Night" to encourage you to pay your fair share (\$15) for 2003. In lieu of a technical presentation, we'll offer you the opportunity to Show "N Tell, particularly if Santa managed to stuff something radio-related into your stocking this year.

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How about a full page of what Santa brought new prez Mike Koste. He was a VERY good boy!



If you want to have your collection featured, just get the photos to your editor. Snapshots ok too with my new scanner. You can display like Mike did or in their surroundings in your home.

At our November meeting, member Dan Collins announced Radioswapmeet.com, his new venture in online auctioning geared towards the antique radio community. Dan sent me this release and I am printing it for all to read.

Southampton, PA. - January 1, 2003 - RadioSwapMeet.com, Inc. announces startup of its new market platform that focuses on the Antique and Vintage Electronics marketplace. The concept is unique whereas sellers buy 'Tables' as in a real Swap Meet/Flea market environment instead of single listings as in other online platforms. Sellers can also allow table items to be auctioned off. This sites primary goal is to have a friendly common market for members of Radio and Electronic clubs around the world. The public is also invited to participate in buying and selling.

RadioSwapMeet.com is a newly formed privately owned corporation. Its founders are experienced computer engineers as well as having interests in antique radios. This site will fill a need for a market specifically tailored to this venue. There are well over 10,000 radio club members in the US alone. Another 25,000 in related clubs and over 100,000 non-club people with interests in these areas.

Current on-line trading venues miss the mark with a lack of customer support and involvement. RadioSwapMeet.com plans to overcome their shortcomings and fully support the clubs by sponsoring events, advertising, and promoting their clubs on the site. Discounts are also offered to the participating club's members as well as donations to the clubs based on their member's activity on the site.

Dan Collins plans on personally speaking at club meetings around the country to promote this site and explains its benefits. Future plans are to expand internationally which should increase the user base by 50%.

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I did check the site as I published this and found some light usage at this time.

Dan has the Mae West radio listed and shown in the screen-shot at the right. He has some bids, but there was a \$10,001 bid from "snowman" who also appears to have a table with nothing on it. The site appears very easy to use with ebay-like ease. The site will be moving to a newer, faster server soon. Ed.



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