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Firestone and finishing favorites featured

October Meeting Notes by Dave Snellman

The October meeting of the DVHRC was held on October 9th. We had two new people to welcome into the fold: Allan Down and Steve Perdue.

We had some general discussion on how current events are impacting on the radio community. One member reported on how AWACS interference is affecting TV signals. Another brought up what is being heard throughout the world via shortwave broadcasters and how not all is friendly to the USA.

Mike Koste gave an impromptu "show and tell" on an Ingram cabinet radio (a Firestone Air Chief) that he had recently restored and refinished by Lowell Schultz, one of our club members. One look at this radio and you could tell it was a great job. Lowell, who was in attendance, gave us some insight into some of the procedures he used in restoring the cabinet. He carefully removed the old lacquer by hand prior to re-staining the cabinet. Also, he removed the plastic

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Dynaco presentation
Auction

Mark Koney joins DVHRC as oldest member

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The Oscillator is published monthly by members of the non-profit DVHRC. Its purpose is to provide a forum to educate, inform, entertain and communicate with collectors and practitioners of vintage radio technology.

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To join DVHRC dues are \$15 per year. The membership year runs from 7 - 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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Material submitted is subject to acceptance and editing by the editor. A full page article is approximately 400 words. Printed photos may be submitted for scanning. JPG files should be under 100K.

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Also, he removed the plastic inlays and removed the old glue prior to putting them back. For decals, he went to Rock Sea Enterprises (from Southern California). Look for a link on our webpage for the Rock Sea site.

It seemed to be our night for refinished radios. Lewie Newhard showed a large radio cabinet that was refinished. Because of its size, Lewie had it dipped in acetone, prior to refinishing. It was finished with brushed on urethane. Again, another great looking restoration job. Lewie recommended for those just starting out that they get a "junkie" for \$5.00 and practice your refinishing techniques on it. (see Lewie's business card ad on the back page. Patronize our advertisers - ed.)

Al Klase brought us up-to-date on Ludwell and Marilyn Sibley. Lud and Marilyn thank everyone for their concern. Currently, they are home in Oregon. Please don't e-mail at this time as Lud is still "one-handed." Neighbors are supposed to build them a wheel-chair ramp to provide them with some mobility.

The club treasury is "richer" by about \$90.00 as a result of book sales, the 50/50, auction commissions, and the refreshment "kitty." You guessed it - this is a lead-in to a call for dues for the year 2002. All memberships run January to December, so we'll begin to collect the dues for 2002. You're mailing label tells you when your membership is due. All "2001" are due. If you see a number like 1999 or 2000, it means your membership has lapsed. We do want you back and hope you'll take this opportunity to re-new.

Looking forward to Nov., we'll be accepting nominations for the board of directors at that time. Please attend and make your voice heard.

Also, at the November meeting, Steve Purdue and Bill Overbeck, along with Chuck DiGiorgio will do a presentation on Dynaco tube stereo equipment.

The November meeting is scheduled for the 13th. See you there!



From the Parts Bin Dave Abramson, Editor

To those of you who are receiving this newsletter after your subscription has expired, we are sending you this complimentary issue with the hope of welcoming you back to the DVHRC. It is membership renewal season again for 2002 and a membership form is included farther back in the issue. You can also renew your membership at any of our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Telford Community Center, Telford, PA not far from the old location in Souderton. Still only \$15!

The DVHRC continues to move forward with a new look for the newsletter, many of the newest books available to our members at a discount, and our twice-a-year flea market at Rennigers in Kutztown, PA.

In a future issue, we will be including a questionnaire asking current members for your thoughts about the club, the meetings, the activities, the operation of the club and any other suggestions you may have.

Classified Ads

For sale; 3 console B&W televisions from the 50's. Andrea w/doors, Sylvania Halolight in metal console cabinet, RCA blonde console. Call Dave Abramson at 610-827-9757. Best offers.

Looking for Edison R4 or R5 chassis. Lowell Schultz, Phone 215-646-2149

Free for pickup. Early 70's Zenith tube/transistor 25" color set. Spanish style console. Works fine. Ambler area. Bill Maxin. 215-331-7365.

Free for pickup. Enclosed rack cabinets. Height 67 1/2" and 47 1/2" and two at 28". Also some table top open racks. Colmar, PA. Rt. 309. Jim Troe. 215-393-8019.

Classified ad policy.

Ads will be accepted without charge from DVHRC members. Please edit them to a reasonable size to accommodate others. Ads will run per your instructions or until you notify the editor. All other ads at \$5/month or \$50/year. Contact the editor for artwork details.

And as always, my plea for articles and websites for the Oscillator. Document that restoration with some words and photos. Report on a show or sale you attended. Divulge how you got that Zenith Stratosphere for \$20. Confound us with that problem set and let the members save you. Help fill this space.

And lastly, a word of thanks to all of you who have sent articles, leads, last minute help, and words of encouragement on my efforts.

Simply fill in the blanks to reveal a bit of

Radio restoration "common sense"

(Solution in next month's Oscillator)

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| 8. Three-legged creature | — | — | () | — | — | — |
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| 11. Pilot _____ | — | — | () | | | |
| 12. Early AK radio type | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 13. SAMS publication | | | () | — | — | — |
| 14. 1930's cabinet style | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 15. Carlson's other half | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 16. Blue tube manufacturer | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 17. Benton Harbor, Mich. enterprise | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 18. Stylish Philco TV | | | () | — | — | — |
| 19. Airplane or slide rule | — | — | () | — | | |
| 20. Multi-band Zenith _____ | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 21. Full or Half-wave _____ | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 22. Primitive radio circuit | — | — | () | — | — | — |
| 23. Westing _____ | — | — | () | — | — | |
| 24. Basic detector | | | () | — | — | — |
| 25. Philo T. _____ | — | — | () | — | — | — |

AND THE WINNER IS....

THE FIRST MEMBER TO CONTACT THE EDITOR WITH THE COMPLETED PUZZLE ANSWERS WILL WIN A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2002. PHONE FAX AND EMAIL INFO ON PAGE 2

Websites of the Month



Captain Video and the Video Ranger

So ya' say we need a little diversion and a reminder of how things were? Do ya' collect radios and are of the right age? Didja rush home from school to see if Captain Video and his Video Ranger would foil the evil Dr. Pauli (chain-smoking through all of his evil deeds)? Would Tom Corbett guide the Polaris back to the Space Academy? Did you tell the the school bully "Awww, go blow your jets."? Well, Bunky, give a cheer and a tip of the rabbit ears to the Rocket Rangers for their Internet trip down Mars' Memory Lane. Photos, interviews, and links to the to the best of bad television. Forget "Playhouse 90". Shoot for the stars. Visit;

www.slick-net.com/space/index.phtml



And a second site contributed by Ted Sowirka and Dave Snellman. "Passport to Web Radio" is a great jumping off place to listen to radio all over the world. Above is the banner from Radio Classique from France. Windows Media Player or RealPlayer should get most of them at;

www.passband.com/pages/webcasts.htm

2002 DVHRC Membership Application Form

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DX'ing the Airwaves for November

NOVEMBER 2, 1920 Westinghouse Station 8YK (KDKA), Pittsburgh begins regularly scheduled programming with returns of the Harding-Cox presidential election.

NOVEMBER 28, 1925 A radio institution is born: WSM, Nashville launches "The Grand Ole Opry". Network broadcasts begin on NBC in October '39.

NOVEMBER 1, 1926 RCA links WEAf and WJZ, organizing the basis of NBC.

NOVEMBER 11, 1929 CBS premiere's the long-running family drama "The Goldbergs".

NOVEMBER 18, 1929 Before a meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Dr. V.K. Zworykin demonstrates his cathode ray television receiver.

NOVEMBER 27, 1930 Listeners are introduced to the dramatic anthology, "The First Nighter Program", a radio staple on all three major networks through the 1954 season.

NOVEMBER 1, 1931 Two additional NBC networks are established on the West Coast: The Orange and the Gold.

NOVEMBER 6, 1932 NBC begins counting down the hits on "The Manhattan Merry-Go-Round". The following evening, CBS airs the first outer space adventure of "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century".

NOVEMBER 18, 1932 Chevrolet sponsors the NBC musical variety hour "Presenting Al Jolson".

NOVEMBER 15, 1933 Under revised FRC regulations, WGN, Chicago, WBZ, Boston and WHAM, Rochester are green-lighted for 50 kW operations.

NOVEMBER 1, 1934 After years of litigation, Westinghouse station KYW moves from Chicago to Philadelphia, taking its "West of the Mississippi" call sign with it.

NOVEMBER 1, 1937 NBC debuts the action-packed juvenile serial "Terry and the Pirates"

**AIRWAVES***"This Month in Radio History"***TIMELINE**

Compiled by Mike Koste

NOVEMBER 6, 1939 Hedda Hopper's first gossip-fest on CBS.

NOVEMBER 20, 1939 Later a daytime TV classic, "Young Dr. Malone" starts it's 21 year radio run on the Blue network.

NOVEMBER 21, 1944 Singing cowboy Roy Rogers conquers another medium on Mutual with a Western-variety-drama program.

NOVEMBER 5, 1950 Fighting the radio "talent raid" by rival CBS and the onslaught of television, NBC launches the ill-fated variety spectacular, "The Big Show". (With an estimated weekly budget of \$100,000, it was a hefty price to pay to try and save a dying medium).

NOVEMBER 19, 1951 Reported to be "hazy but viewable," Bing Crosby Enterprises announces development of a system for recording sight and sound on magnetic tape.

NOVEMBER 17, 1952 CBS cuts the ribbon on Television City in Hollywood.

NOVEMBER 7, 1955 WNBQ-TV, now WMAQ-TV, Chicago becomes the first all-color television station.

NOVEMBER 20, 1961 Engineers at ABC-TV develop a process for immediate show-motion playback of video tape recordings.

NOVEMBER 22, 1965 Industry pioneer Dr. Allen B. Dumont dies at 64.

NOVEMBER 13, 1993 The first ever DVHRC swapmeet held in the parking lot of North Penn Amusements in Souderton, PA.



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