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The Kutztown "Swamp" Meet!

The "Kutztown" Report...

By Dave Snellman

The Kutztown radio "Swamp-meet" was held on September 17 and 18, 2004. An unexpected guest – hurricane "Ivan" – certainly made an impression on the meet.

In order to get the full impact of this account of the meet, I suggest you get in the shower and turn on the cold water while you read this.

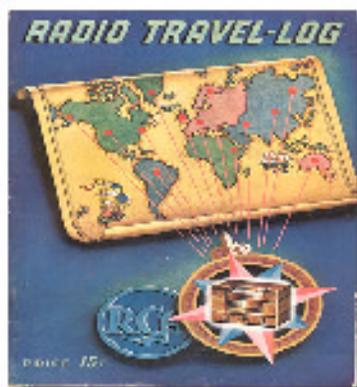
In spite of all the rain, the jokes, and other things, the meet was a success. The pavilion quickly filled up early on Friday (before the storm.) Vendors and buyers were doing their thing and enjoying the day. Sales seemed to be brisk. As the day progressed more vendors showed up as well as more buyers.



On Friday afternoon, the rain interrupted things two or three times, but only for a few minutes at a time. Jack, of "Jack's Chuckwagon, our caterer extraordinaire, provided food all through the event. The picnic-style meal on Friday was a hit. After eating, more trading went on. Lots of activity was going on throughout the evening. The pavilion was totally full as the sun set.

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totally full as the sun set.

After sunset some covered their tables and headed off for a night's rest at a local motel, some retired to their campers, their cars, or their tents. No one was prepared for what was in store for us in the early morning hours of Saturday. "Ivan" hit and hit hard during the night. Rain, horizontal at times, blew through the pavilion. Few people got a lot of sleep that night.



At "ground zero," many individuals went out of their way to help throughout the storm. Lewie Newhard and Bob Parvin did yeoman's duty securing vendors' tables as the rain was coming through the pavilion. They covered tables, picked up items, and chased items down throughout the night.

Jack's "Chuckwagon," instead of pulling up stakes, he stayed through the whole meet. Hot coffee was welcome on Saturday morning. He even moved the "chuckwagon" under the pavilion to let us get food without getting wet.

In spite of flooding, closed roads, high winds, and heavy rain, both buyers and sellers still descended upon Renninger's on Saturday morning

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The club table was alive with activity. All those who volunteered showed up for duty. Raffle radio tickets were a brisk seller.

The club had a large lot of items consigned to us to sell. Those items went quickly on Friday and sales continued on Saturday. As the morning progressed, the rain continued. It wasn't until about 10 AM that the storm began to break. As it did the auction table started to fill up. By around 11:30 we were ready to start the auction with 160 plus lots.



The winner of the raffle radio was announced at 11:00 AM. Club member, Carl Calasanti, became the proud owner of the restored Philco 38-7 radio. After that the auction commenced. The sun came out and the 160 plus lots were sold off in a little over 2 and one half hours. Below is a breakdown of the auction.

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| auction sales total | \$1,045.10 |
| donation items | \$365.85 |
| book sales | \$69.50 |
| consigned sales | \$609.75 |
| commissions | \$60.98 |
| # of lots | 166 |

When all was said and done, the club found itself close to \$531 in the black as a result of auction sales, the raffle, and tube sales.

It's hard to imagine what the meet would have been like if the weather was good! The "swamp meet" was over. We got rained on, but not rained out. Many will have stories to tell about this meet. To hear some of them, check the news groups on the web, or better yet, show up at our regular monthly meeting in Telford. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 12**, at 7:30 PM. See you there.

Vox Populi...Some online notes on Kutztown

If what rolled through Berks County, PA over the weekend was a "remnant", I certainly wouldn't like to see what a whole bolt of Ivan looks like. This was a meet we'll certainly be talking about for years. Friday morning started out nice enough and most sellers were able to get their spaces arranged before the rains started. Foot traffic and business was good. In a remarkable twist of fate, my next door neighbor was none other than Mark Oppat...convenient because I could always pass knob buyers I couldn't help over to his tables. It was a genuine pleasure to finally meet face to face (wife Llean too) and compare notes on our related enterprises. Call it poetic injustice, but it was the two guys who beat the drum loudest in promoting this function who probably sustained the largest losses from the storm. We both ended up with six inches of water under our tables, all but wiping out any business for me on Saturday. Mark was able to move his stock to unoccupied tables nearby, but the damage was done. Despite of 5-8 inches of rain and winds clocked at up to 60 mph, Friday into Saturday, the spirits of all in attendance remained remarkably jovial. And yes, there were a number of buyers who braved the elements and made it out early Saturday morning. That's what a dedicated bunch of crazies we radio folk tend to be. Great meeting everyone and hope you can join us at the Kutztown Survivors Reunion May 13-14 and September 16-17, 2005.

When I die I know I'm going to Heaven because I've already been to Kutztown.

Mike Koste

Gobs of Knobs

Ambler, PA



It sure was an event! Mike about covered it! This swap has all the makings of becoming one of the best in the USA... minus the f%*ing IVAN hurricane! Turns out Mike Koste and I were set up in the WORST spot possible, on the outer ring of the pavilion, on the low spot, and on the south side (I think) which got hit the hardest with winds. Even though we both had tarps as side curtains, and Leann and I had boxed up alot of our display, EVERYTHING got blown in and drenched! Good thing the Blais dials I brought dont have water soluble ink like the originals did!

It began raining hard around 3:30am, and blowing right after. Leann and I were sleeping in our Caravan right next to our spot so we could see it from the car only 10' away. We got up and moved stuff inward and closed up more bins around 4am, but it just got worse. We were drenched. The tarp blew in several times (I brought the tarp to cover my stuff, not as a side curtain!). By 5:30am things were just wrecked... Mike's booth and mine had 4" of water flowing thru, I caught some of his pointer displays floating away. Some of my Philco faceplates were later found at the end of the pavilion, and returned, thankfully! Losses include about \$250 worth of Zenith/emerson decals, probably ALL my knob display Riker trays, and most of my corrugated capacitor bins... several other paper items. I will have to see what happened to the parts in the metal bins, they were all soaked as well. Other than the weather, Lewie and crew seem to have a great spot. The pavilion is HUGE, and there is another one like it nearby. They had a chuckwagon, portapottys, and liquid refreshment of many kinds... and, by the happy faces Friday night, were having a toasty time if you know what I mean.

It was really amazing all the folks who came thru the torrential rain on Saturday morning! I was really impressed. What it would have been without the storm would have been incredible. I still sold pretty well even though I did not get to my booth Sat morning until 9am, as I caught some Z's after being up all night fighting the wind/rain damage. Great thanks to Lewie and all who helped in any way possible and were so accomodating!!!

So, be sure to schedule Sept 16-17 2005 for yourself at Kutztown... and be ready to party if you are there Friday eve! I hope to be there... minus IVAN!

Mark Oppat
Antique Audio



I arrived about 3 pm Friday 9/17 to the Renniger's Kutztown site, having reserved a table back in August. The ease of my arrival made Rochester at dawn seem like crossing the border into Albania. I just drove in to find my name on a card stapled to a table, with a power center of six outlets included. This plus camping and an extra table cost me \$28.00 (buyers are admitted free). The site is in a rural setting though it has a different Pennsylvania-gritty quality than New England or upstate New York. The spaces are all under a huge metal roof, and if you get an edge of pavilion one you can camp right there if you wish. Or there's a big field to pull off into if you want privacy and don't need the power.

I met and spoke at length with a very friendly bunch of local PA collectors. DVARC members introduced themselves and made a point of making me feel welcome. I must say I've never felt at home so quickly at a meet. As Alan Douglas says, to a good extent radio collecting is simple snobbery. In fact, come to think of it even 2003, my sixth visit to Rochester, I never felt actually warmly welcomed. Kutztown is no farther for me anyway.

About 3 AM I was awakened by my terrified dog and sheets of rain pelting and violent wind rocking the van. Lightening and thunder crashed, and soon the rain intensified to an honest driving storm just like a Nor'easter. We received about two inches of rain an hour until just after dawn when it broke a bit.

In the end despite the rain I had a phenomenal sell through. I left with no more than a quarter of my stuff. I don't see how I can avoid coming here again. Many thanks to Mike Koste and all the other fine Delaware Valley Antique Radio Club folks for starting this fine event, soon entering it's fourth year. The only thing AWA has going for it is the catering is better.

--
John H.
On the West Coast of New England



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| PRICE CAPACITY | VOLTAGE | LIST PRICE | | CLUB MEMBER | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | 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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