



The Oscillator

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



The Official newsletter of the DVHRC

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Welcome Back Newsletter

We are pleased to announce the resumption of the DVHRC Oscillator on a quarterly basis. The delivery mode will be via email to members and also posting on the website archive. Our goal is to aim towards the excellent standards of past editors and contributors. Web links shown herein may need to be pasted into your browser to access sites. This editor is hoping you'll supply stories, technical/project articles and desired features that can be published and to also suggest any improvements in format as we go. Simply email your items to gdottor@yahoo.com.

Meeting Minutes Feb. 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jarret Brown who made mention of world radio day held on the following Saturday, Feb. 13th. (See Page 4).

Dave Snellman gave the treasurers report stating a current balance after Telford rent of Club insurance of \$500 and capacitor replenishment for Kutztown are future expenses. Please remember to pay any outstanding 2016 dues at the March meeting or by mailing \$20.00 to DVHRC, PO Box 5053, New Britain, PA 18901.

Given the foul weather coinciding with travel to both the January and February meetings, we agreed to make future cancellations by 4 PM meeting day via 1) posting on website home page, 2) email/reflector, and 3) phone-chain for those who request it. Meeting cancellations are not rescheduled. Next winter, Hurricane Schwartz has promised to advise us of any ill-timed snow squalls on 2nd Tuesdays as his schedule allows.

The discussion then turned to raffle radios. Jarret has the May Kutztown Raffle radio which requires minor cabinet refurbishment. Since Jarret will not have time to refinish this unit, the radio will be brought to the March meeting. He is seeking a volunteer for this minor refinishing task. Please contact Jarret as soon as possible to make arrangements- many thanks!

The next discussion involved the subject of the potential for a higher-end raffle radio in the future. The idea was to get a higher-end unit perhaps in the \$300 to \$400 range like a Fada Bullet, Zenith glass rod or primo units such as Tom Hayes displays for sale. We discussed the economics and market audience of past raffle radios concluding the eye appeal and not performance to be most important.

The club has relied on Allie to go around the pavilions to sell tickets which has made for the great raffle radio results in recent years. Historically, there had been one known high-end raffled Stromberg-Carlson but nobody remembered whether it generated more interest. The sentiment was to keep our eyes open for higher-end units but to hedge on the amount paid. Let us know if you come upon a higher-end unit and we can determine its raffle potential.

Mike Koste brought in a 1937 Montgomery Ward Airline model 62316 or 17 (shown below) with a nice dial to serve as a future raffle radio. Since the dial lens has a bit of a pucker, Mark Palmquist could be asked to supply (or donate) a replacement. We'd look for a cabinet rehab volunteer but this one is projected for May 2017 so no rush.





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

Articles on radio and television history or collecting can be submitted by the 25th of month prior to quarterly issue dates of April, July, October and January to the editor at gdottor@yahoo.com.

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Dues are \$20 per year and can be paid at a meeting or mailed to the above address. Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of each month at Telford Community Center.

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Kutztown XXXIV Planning

The Kutztown 34 web information circular was reviewed confirming the pricing remains the same as the prior event. A line was added for early buyer fee of \$15 per head on Thursday. This year, DVHRC has the entire second pavilion! There will be more discussion on Kutztown 34 at future meetings.

Also discussed was Kutztown 35 in September '16 concerning seller premium/commemorative gift ideas. The idea of a special hat, although more expensive at \$15, was favored over a logo glass but the latter was not entirely ruled out. Also favored was the OR8EO magnetic media auto signs which could be embellished on the fringes with "DVHRC Renninger's Kutztown Radio Show" and "DVHRC website" and were produced for around \$1.25 per unit. Dating the OR8EO sign would not benefit the club as these "hot" items could also be sold at the club table.

We also look forward to a report on the Mt. Dora, Fla., Renninger's Radio event held on Feb. 13 & 14 as it becomes available.

Happy 25th

Next February will mark the 25th anniversary of the DVHRC and we discussed how to celebrate this special occasion. Ideas ranged from a dinner out to a simpler cake or pizza party during a meeting. Since many members were missing during the due to snowy weather, we are hoping to come up with some great suggestions! Please let Jarret or any of the

board members know of other ideas you have to mark the occasion.

Upcoming Regional Events

NJARC Spring Swap Meet

Saturday, 3.19.16, 8 AM to noon,
Parsippany PAL Bldg., 33 Baldwin Rd,
Parsippany, NJ 07051
<http://www.njarc.org/#meetingannouncement>

DLARC (Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club) The History of RCA

Thursday, 4.7.16, 7:30 PM. This from a Ham club in LV. See link below:
<http://www.dlarc.org/club-info/meeting-info>

NJARC/Info Age/ Surplus Radio Auction

Saturday, 4.30.16, Time of event TBA at next meeting. Although organized by NJARC, this is an InfoAge event. Cledis Estes, Richard's son will be auctioneer. The auction will be held in 9032A at InfoAge. A catalog- both on-line and in print will be available prior to the auction. As in past, there will be a buyer's premium and NJ sales tax of 7% collected. Pete says some great items have been offered at this event! Check njarc.org and infoage.org for more info.

Nice link for Delaware Valley area

Hamfests during 2016:

<http://www.qsl.net/w2vtm/hamfest.html>



Above: Master Auctioneer, Pete Grave skillfully matches supply and demand during February auction using expert knowledge, salesmanship, and friendly persuasion.

Themes for Upcoming 2016 DVHRC Meetings

March 8- Odd Test Gear

April 12- Kutztown Preparation

May 10-Non-Traditional Cabinets

June 14- Advertising Items

July 12-Tailgate

August 9- Farm Radios

September 13-Kutztown Preparation

October 11- 1960's

Nov 8- Radio/TV Station Items

Dec 13- X-mas party

Massive Internet Archive features historical radio related content



Internet Archive is the world's largest non-profit online digital library. It offers permanent storage and access to collections of digitized materials, including, music, moving images, websites and nearly 3 million public domain books. Among the seemingly infinite amount of content is a group of radio related films that vintage radio enthusiasts may enjoy. These films are generally

educational/promotional films produced from the 1920's-1960. Being that the films are public domain and are copyright and royalty free, you may recognize clips from these films used in some radio documentaries such as Ken Burns "Empire of the Air" (1991). These videos are all available to view on the site and for free download in various file formats including .flv, .MPEG, MPEG-4, .mov among others.

Some of the recommended radio videos to search for include:

Development of Communication (1927)

On the Air (1937)

Back of the Mike (1938)

Radio and Television (1940)

Radio at War (1944)



Voice of Victory (1944)

Behind Your Radio Dial –The

Story of NBC (1947)

Independent Radio Station (1951)

Hear and Now (1958)

The Big Bounce (1960)

Plane Talk (1965)

In addition to all of the videos available, there are countless radio related audio recordings as well. A simple search under Audio/Radio Programs will yield 3,889 results spanning decades of various shows, interviews, air-

checks and clips from the golden age to the digital age. I have also come across a few Rider & Sams books in .pdf form along with some other radio-servicing guides when as well.

Possibly the most interesting feature on the site is the Wayback Machine. This service allows users to see archived versions of web pages of the past. Millions of websites and their associated data are saved in a gigantic database. The service can be used to see what previous versions of websites used to look like in years past, to grab original source code from websites that may no longer be directly available, or to visit websites that no longer even exist. The functionality is usually not complete as many pages simply show "snapshots" of a given website. It's very entertaining to see what Yahoo, Google, and other websites looked like 10 or 15 years ago!

Due to the vastness of the site and amount of junk content one must sift through to get to what you are looking for, the site seems a bit daunting at first. This is made easier if you make sure to select a specific format when you search for an item instead of the default "All Media Types" category that will bring up everything under the sun. **To get to the Internet archive simply go to <http://archive.org> so have fun exploring!**

Jarret Brown

In a related note, the 1939 "Complete Broadcast Day-WJSV" collection Jiri recently showed us

is now in the public domain within the same archive at <https://archive.org/details/CompleteBroadcastDay>

Although cool playlist/player on top looks functional, it did not work on my PC, however, editor was able to play via MP3 download buttons below and to right.

Finally, if you're missed it before, here is a link from a past *Oscillator* for even more radio topics. <http://www.americanradiohistory.com/index.htm>



But Honey, I see nothing but potential here! Stay tuned for future news on how this collector reorganizes his projects and reclaims the family air hockey table.

Your Display Case Radio Close-up Here

The *Oscillator* would like to show off your favorite radio displays as they appear in your residence or "Radio Shack". A digital picture to show off your radio(s) and a brief caption is all that's needed. Just send your images to gdottor@yahoo.com

World Radio Day 2016

Following are a few excerpts from world this year's radio day. Learn more at <http://www.diamundialradio.org/>

History of World Radio Day

13 February is World Radio Day — a day to celebrate radio as a medium; to improve international cooperation between broadcasters; and to encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information, freedom of expression and gender equality over the airwaves.

Radio in Times of Emergency and Disaster

This year, the UNESCO theme for World Radio Day is "Radio in Times of Emergency and Disaster". Radio still remains the medium that reaches the widest audience worldwide, in the quickest possible time.

