MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the New Jersey Antique Radio Club will start at 7:30 on Friday, August 11th, at the David Sarnoff Library in Princeton, NJ. Contact President Phil Vourtsis (732-446-2427) for directions. This month will feature the first phase of an estate auction of some very desirable items. Ray Chase has volunteered to organize the auction so it will be sit-down and cataloged affair “worthy of Sotheby’s.” Ray has only one suggestion…”Bring lots of cash!” A listing of items appears in this month’s issue.

MEETING/ ACTIVITY NOTES

Reported by Marv Beeferman

THE ON-LINE BROADCASTER

The New Jersey Broadcaster is now online. To date, 69 of your fellow members have subscribed, saving the club some $1,242 per year. If you are still getting a mailing, wouldn’t it have been great to receive this issue early enough to research going prices for this month’s auction items? Interested? Send your e-mail address to: mbeeferman@cs.com
Be sure to include your full name.

The July meeting of the NJARC was well-attended considering that this is the height of vacation season. Perhaps no one wanted to miss our always popular show-and-tell session. Members had quite a few interesting pieces and stories to share with club members, and, as always, pictures were captured on page 3 and 4:

- Rich Skoba showed a very colorful 1939 Detrola 274 which he quickly recognized as a great buy when it showed up at a recent estate sale. This AC/DC Bakelite radio is very similar to Detrola’s “split-grill” Catalins of the same vintage.
- Although not associated with a radio, Richard Lee’s “fan” story was not to be missed. He rescued the fan for $5 from a yard sale’s junk pile headed for the dump. The fan turned out to be a DC bipolar type from 1897 and was manufactured by Western Electric out of Chicago. But what made this fan very unique was its “star” emblem in the center which the company used for only one year. Richard was quite amazed that 10 seconds before the end of bidding, the offering price had increased to $2600, only to erupt to $4,101.98 at bidding’s end. John Dilks commented that he swore he could see a green glow cover the Sarnoff auditorium at the end of Richard’s talk that seemed to linger for the rest of the meeting.
- John Dilks talked about my kind of radio - a well preserved 3-dialer made by the Reception Radio Corporation of Philadelphia. John is still researching the origins of this company.
- Mike Littman felt it was quite a coincidence that an article on the Splitdorf Abbev had appeared in last month’s Broadcaster just after he had completed his restoration of a Splitdorf 500. The finished product looked quite nice accompanied by a Music Master horn and original operating instructions.
- Rob Flory displayed a type US/C-3 (RCA MI-2558) Navy signaling telescope. It uses large aperture optics for sensitivity and a short focal length to facilitate scanning for signals. Rob’s grandfather, Leslie E. Flory worked on both the basic image tube and the associated circuitry for this and similar devices at RCA Laboratories in Princeton (later to become the David Sarnoff Research Center). They were deployed by the Navy for secure signaling by near infrared and by the Army for night-time reconnaissance and targeting.
- Steve Tymins’s Malboro cigarette pack novelty radio was a recent find at the Columbus flea market. It seems to me to be a much better use for this type of packaging.
- Walt Heskes talked about his summer project TRF set based on a Gernsback article which turned out to be pretty selective. Blown tube filaments greeted the power-up of the prototype until adapters were fabricated. Walt also faced another unique problem with the oscillator coil until a “gimmick” winding with deteriorated insulation was replaced by a capacitor.
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• Phil Vourtsis took us back to the early days of his electronic experimentation with a precursor to an AC line checker and an FM radio “commercial basher.” Phil must have been really proud of these since he held on to them since the 70s.

The Vourtsis commercial basher.

Ray Chase reports that Saturday, September 16th, has been officially set as the next Broadcaster Hall of Fame (NBHF) induction ceremony. It will be held at InfoAge from 1 to 3 PM. The confirmed recipients are Les Paul, Charles Osgood of CBS and disc jockey Arthur Anderson. Fred Floyd will be the ceremony announcer.

This will be the first induction ceremony in 10 years and marks the return of the NBHF and a defining moment for InfoAge. The NJARC has been asked if we could make the museum section of the Library building presentable by the 16th of September. After consulting with other club members, Ray feels that this is a feasible project so, unless any serious objections are raised, the club will need lots of help along the way.

The room is really in pretty nice shape and a quick coat of paint on the walls will finish them off (Landmark Volunteers did quite a bit of work in this area). InfoAge will carpet the area and we need to move a lot of stuff out of the room, position showcases, arrange radios, decorate the walls, etc. This will clearly be shown as a work in progress but will also show that we can make good use of the radio artifacts that have been entrusted to us.

As Ray says: “These are exciting times; if you think that the $10,000 radio got us recognition, just think what this induction ceremony will do.”

UPCOMING EVENTS
9/08: Monthly NJARC meeting at the InfoAge Telephone Exchange Bldg.; member’s auction.
9/22-23: Kutztown Radio Meet (www.dvhr.org)
9/30: Open Repair Clinic, Sarnoff Library
10/13: Monthly NJARC meeting, Sarnoff Library; Teaneck auction/Phase II.
11/18: NJARC Fall Swapmeet, Parsippany PAL building.
SHOW AND TELL

Rich Skoba’s Detrola 274

John Dilk’s Reception Radio Corp. three-dialer

Mike Littman’s Splitdorf 500

Steve Tyminski’s cigarette pack novelty radio.

Rob Flory’s US/C3 scope.

Photos continued on page 4.
Alex Magoun talks about Charles Jennings, RCA’s “man in Japan.”

Owen Gerboth’s Grayhill display case.

Ray Chase talks about this Boer Radio Labs 5602 signal generator.

Marv Beeferman displays the “clock radio” described in last month’s Broadcaster.

Leo Assur’s GE 32C 224/G2 galvonometer.

Walt Heskes describes his Gernsback-based project.
TEANECK AUCTION LISTING: PHASE I

The following is a listing of the items expected to be auctioned at the August meeting; this will be the first of two auctions. Do not consider the list to be completely accurate; there may be some deletions and additions at the time of the auction. Please try to get to the meeting a little earlier so that you may get a chance to thoroughly inspect each item.

Ambassador receiver
American Bosch 512
AK 35, no tubes
AK 55C chassis only
AK model F speaker
AK model M horn speaker
AK 20, small box
AK 20, big box, with tubes
Candlestick brass telephone w/rotary dial
Crosley 1121 Tryrdyn, no tubes
Crosley 51, no tubes
David Grimes “Baby Grand” Simplex, no tubes
Day Fan OEM 7 type 5042, with tubes
Emerson CT275 portable; “Rhein RT” on front
Emerson 558
Freshman Masterpiece A70676, with tubes
Freshman Masterpiece power supply
GE P710A transistor
Grebe Synchrophase (WSRN)
Hickock tube tester made for Western Electric
Hickock 532 tube tester
Homebrew slide coil crystal set
Homebrew one tube set
Homebrew VOM
Kellogg 22409 power supply
Kolster 6d TRF receiver
Majestic model 50
Me model 26 VTVM
Military R174 receiver, new in box

Mohawk model 1925 receiver, hacked up
Motorola 67L11 portable
Motorola 78 RPM phonograph
Paper, misc. lot
Radiola 100 speaker
Radiola 18Radiola III
RCA wind-up Victrola
RCA model W091B scope
Remler variometer
Silvertone model 1915 chassis only
Simpson VOM
Vibraplex bug telegraph key
Weston 519 radio tester
Zenith portable, (sailboat)
Zenith G503Y portable
Zenith B600 Transoceanic
Zenith H500 transoceanic

Additionally we advertised that the Crawford three dialer, (the $10,000 radio) would be auctioned. This is still under consideration.

Photos of a portion of these items are posted on page 7.
Free exposure for buyers and sellers! Unless requested otherwise, each ad will run for two months in both the Jersey Broadcaster and the Delaware Valley Oscillator. All buying and selling transactions are the responsibility of the parties involved.

The NJARC tube program offers clean, tested, boxed tubes at very reasonable prices with availability at any club meeting (no dealers, please...not for resale). Proceeds go to the club. Of course, donations of radio-type tubes in any condition are welcome. See Gary D’Amico at the next meeting.

Are you aware that NJARC now has a resistor program which includes many commonly needed replacements? Contact Walt Heskes at any club meeting for details.

Howard Sams volumes 1 thru 674 inclusive. All volumes from 1 thru 670 are in Howard Sams 3-ring hardback black binders — a total of 67 binders of 10 volumes per binder. All for $99, local pickup only. John Okolowicz, Ambler PA 19002. Phone 215-542-1597 or email: john@grillecloth.com

Jon Butz-Fiscina might be one of the most devoted NJARC members around. Jon is a pilot living in Texas and he tries to time his flights just to attend as many of our meetings and swapmeets as possible. At our InfoAge meet, John let us take some photos of his latest acquisition; a Marconi cigar box label from the Italian Cigar & Tobacco Co. of Brooklyn, New York. As you can see, the text is all in Italian and the NRA tag, conspicuously attached to the front, dates the label to the mid 30s. This is truly a “one of a kind” item. Usually, you can find a few offerings on google from a multitude of label collectors, but this item produced zero hits. Nice find, Jon!