This month is our annual Holiday Party. Once again, it will take place at the West Lake Golf and Country Club. Reservations were required, and the deadline will have passed by the time you read this, so hopefully everyone who wished to attend has gotten on the list. For those who were unable to attend for any reason, the festivities will be broadcast live on YouTube.

From the President’s Workbench

By Richard Lee

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts!

Well, it’s the end of 2022 and time for a year end review. But wait… It’s also our 30th Anniversary! So let’s review everything that’s happened in our club since July of 1992. Or… maybe not? How about I just review significant events over the last 5 years, since our 25th Anniversary!

Well, at our January 12th club meeting in 2018, we were reveling in what a great time we had at our club’s 25th Anniversary Holiday Party in the Grand Ball Room of the West Lake Golf & Country Club! We enjoyed great food, wine, a classic staged Radio Play with “real actors,” plus 25th Anniversary pins for all!

So let me continue from there with pertinent events, times and information in a shoot-out venue for the next five years!

2018

- The remaining Bob Haworth Collection comes to InfoAge for storage.
- The famous “Popcorn Microwave Meltdown” in the Dormitory at InfoAge
- RTM docent & club presenter Charles Blanding dies on duty at the RTM!
- Our wildly successful meeting topic of Alternate Collections: flowers, cars and puzzles show-up.
- We gain “sanctioned ARRL event” status for our Hamfests and Swapmeets.
- Bob Bennett repairs and installs a classic Tucker car radio.
- We move from QTH’s Mailman Reflector to Google Groups Communicator!
- We lost Charles Blanding & Vince Lobosco.

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- Bob Haworth collection proceeds are finally distributed to his family.
- ARRL Field Day & Summer Hamfest gets great coverage in the Coast Star newspaper.
- 100th Anniversary for local AM stations WOR and WABC.
- The Jersey Broadcaster is back, published on-line thanks to Dave Sica and others!
- At our Oct. 14th meeting we celebrated Ray Chase’s 90th Birthday!
- And we lost: Steve Miller and Pete Grave.

Happy Hanukkah! Happy Christmas! Happy New Year! Happy Holidays! And I hope to do this again for our 40th Anniversary! Richard Lee, President. NJARC

Upcoming Radio Events

On Saturday, February 4, 2023 the club will host our first Repair Clinic of the new year at InfoAge. Reservation are required. Contact Rich Lee by phone or email to reserve a spot or to volunteer as an expert.

On Saturday, January 7, 2023 JD Auction Services will host their first Vintage Radio and Electronics Auction at the Jackson Mills Volunteer Fire Company Banquet Hall, 465 N County Line Road, Jackson NJ 08527. Preview starts at 8:00AM Auction starts 9:00 AM. For more information and catalog, go to jdauctionsllc.com.

January 10 is the first DVHRC monthly meeting of the new year.

On Friday, January 13 we’ll hold our first regular monthly meeting of 2023 at InfoAge. The meeting will feature a “Members Only” auction. Al Klase will also review the rules of the 2023 Broadcast Band DX contest, and tips for getting the best results. Your 2023 club membership dues are due at this time!

On January 20 the HARPS club will meet at Christ Church in Suffern, NY.

Our Winter Repair Clinic will be held on Saturday February 4th at InfoAge.

Our February meeting will take place on Friday, 2/10 at Princeton. Prof. Mike Littman will be making what will surely be another of his always first-class presentations, although the topic is still under development as of this writing.

HARPS meets at Christ Church, Suffern NY on Friday Feb. 17th.

On March 10th our regular monthly meeting will take place at InfoAge. Bob Tevis will make a presentation, topic TBA.

HARPS meets on March 24th at Christ Church, Suffern NY.

Saturday March 18th is our Spring Hamfest Swapmeet at Parsippany PAL.

May 12-14 Kutztown Radio Show XLVII.

Check our website calendar for the latest information about upcoming radio events.

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Jon also showed a rare Dallas (TX) made Watterson radio.
Scott Marshall discussed his saga of deling with silver mica disease in a radio he’s been restoring.
Nevell Greenough brought a faithful reproduction of a WWII spy transceiver that he built and demonstrated how it would have been used by the operator during the war.
When I wrote a piece on the National HRO-500 receiver for John Dilks’ column in QST magazine, I was asked to supply a photo of myself. When I set up the shot, I made sure some of my juicier specimens were visible on the shelves.

The Navy RAL in the foreground brought a letter from a gentleman in NYC with an offer of its brother the RAK. (I haven’t taken him up on that yet.) A second letter, forwarded from ARRL headquarters came from an oldtimer claiming to have helped build one of my radios in the 1930’s. W9GLW wrote:

The RME-69, sitting on the shelf just beyond your left ear on page 80 of February QST, brought back memories of economic hardship as well a personal success.

As a 19-year-old technician I built the prototype of the “69” under the guidance of W9RGH (Russ Plank, RME cofounder – ed.). The year was 1934, and times were tough.

Production was begun with guarded expectations. Failure meant irrevocable fiscal disaster.

In production I specialized in construction of the HF tunable oscillator, mixer, and antenna amplifier as well as the associated switch. Each solder connection was wiped clean while still hot.

Upon completion of each assembly, one of the aluminum shield cans was initialed with a measure of pride. It is likely the radio pictured has my initials.

The RME-69 was sold world wide for commercial as well as amateur high-frequency communications.

The pay was not great, but never the less, RME was good to me. A college degree was made possible and entry into the wonderful world of electronics was assured.

- 73, Clint, W9GLW

I pulled the bottom cover off my radio. Sure enough, there were initials on the shield, but I couldn’t relate the hieroglyph to Clint’s name. Well, my radio was purchased in 1937, and he was talking about 1934. I shot some pictures, and lost the whole thing on my desk for several months.

The folder resurfaced in a recent clean up, and I wrote to Clint, and enclosed the pictures. He replied promptly. What I had been taking for a stylized “Y” or “V,” was actually an upside-down “cb” for Clinton Bowman. He further informs me that the “VR” on the bracket was Vern Rogers, who wired the remainder of the set.

I am extremely gratified to have established this personal link with the distant past. Thank you Clint!
Some of you might remember a radio-related toy that I brought to an NJARC event many years ago. It was called Radio Rex. It consisted of a celluloid dog which was slightly less than 6 inches long and a wooden dog-house with a metal roof. The dog was controlled by a spring that was held in check by an electromagnet. The electromagnet was sensitive to sound patterns containing acoustic energy around 500 Hz, such as the vowel in "Rex." It used an ordinary D cell battery. When the dog’s name was called, the current to the electromagnet was interrupted and Rex would be launched out of his house.

I recently saw an article that stated that the first toy, or some claim, first machine, to respond to voice commands was probably one made in 1922 named “Radio Rex”. There seems to be four editions of the toy and patents range from 1906 to 1922. My version is dated 1918. It was produced by the John Hugo Manufacturing Company in New Haven CT as part of their TELETOY line. It was inspired by the many patents of inventor Christian Berger, who worked for the Submarine Wireless Company of New York. Some have likened it to an early version of the “Clapper”, a sound-activated electrical switch which was introduced in the 1980s. It is now being heralded as an early ancestor of today’s voice assistants such as Siri, Alexa, Google Home and Amazon Echo. I guess this means it’s even related to my voice activated TV remote control.
Radio Rex

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One of the famous Teletos manufactured and sold only by The JOHN HUGO MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 60-62 Franklin St., New Haven, Conn., under H. C. Berger’s patents of March 11, 1913, November 10, 1914, December 19, 1916, and September 24, 1918, which rights will be fully protected.

Directions for Operating.
Place Kennel on smooth level table, at least two feet from edge, to prevent Rex from taking a tumble.

Place Rex in Kennel and push gently back against flapper until he holds his position, this should be done without moving Kennel as the jar will release Rex before you are ready. After Rex is in position either call sharply, REX, clap the hands, or blow a whistle of the proper pitch and Rex will respond by dashing forth, thus causing endless amusement to young and old.

IMPORTANT.
Do not leave dog pressed back in Kennel when not in use as it runs down the battery, the current is turned on only when Rex presses the flapper against the electro-magnet. It is important that the dog should not be left in this condition when not in use as it wastes the current.

PLEASE NOTE.
All the electric parts of this toy except the battery, last indefinitely and the battery has ample power to operate the toy many thousand times, proved by actual tests. The battery is of standard size and can be replaced by any dealer in flashlights, or will be sent by us Parcel Post Prepaid upon receipt of ten 2c stamps.

To replace the battery, open back of Kennel by turning catch to right and pulling same back, simply remove old battery and place new one in pocket, being careful that top and bottom of battery form connections with brass holders. Batteries sometimes come a little short, if so simply bend end holders so that battery will bear on both ends.

When replacing battery, be sure that contact points at bottom and top of battery are clean. Scrubbing with a knife blade will assure this.

Should Rex not behave properly, first clean contact points on outside of Kennel by rubbing amulet against stationary wires, next open back of Kennel and rub finger across front of magnet. Now Rex should resume his good behavior.

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The box from the cardboard version of Radio Rex manufactured about 1922, stated that Rex actually responds to the voice.

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Longtime NJARC member (and DVHRC pillar) Pete Grave passed away on November 2. He was cremated with no pomp and circumstance. Pete didn’t want anybody to make a big deal about his passing. But, we all know that Pete was one of a kind if there ever was one, and as it turns out he got things exactly the way he probably would have wanted them.

Here’s the rest of the story:

The funeral director sent a transport vehicle to pick him up for his final drive. They sent a Chrysler minivan. Pete’s wife Jan was somewhat taken aback by this as Pete owned several classic hearses including Cadillac, Packard and Lincoln models. She felt it was almost an insult for him to be taken in a ‘soccer mom’ vehicle.

One of Pete’s vehicles was a beautiful early fifties vintage Packard hearse, which they tried to get started, but with no luck. They did manage to get the 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood hearse going. John Tyminski, along with Pete’s nephew and a few others serving as impromptu pallbearers loaded Pete into the Fleetwood only to realize that one of the ‘bier pins’ which are clamp devices that fasten the casket into the hearse, was missing. The funeral director informed John that they could not transport the casket with it unsecured in the vehicle. So John went and grabbed one of Pete’s R390 receivers and shoved it into the hearse to lock the casket in place. Pete was then escorted by a decommissioned but still illuminated Sheriff’s vehicle bearing his dealer plates for his last ride.

The crematory told Jan afterwards that this was the first time in the history of their business that a customer had ever arrived in their own hearse.
You can watch the live radio play performed at our 25th anniversary Holiday Party on YouTube:

The New Jersey Antique Radio Club Presents
"A Holiday Tale"
A live radio play by the New Jersey Antique Radio Club Radio Players
You can also watch the videos from the club’s 10\textsuperscript{th} anniversary and 15\textsuperscript{th} anniversary online.

Tenth Anniversary video: https://youtu.be/9I3MR1YOkU8
Fifteenth Anniversary video: https://archive.org/details/NJARC_15th

My daughter made this Holiday card for me back in 2001 when she was 12 years old. (Photo: Dave Sica)

Happy Holidays from Cassie, the Radio Yorkie (Photo: Richard Lee)