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[www.njarc.org/broadcaster/](http://www.njarc.org/broadcaster/)

## Meeting Notice

Our September meeting will be held on Friday, 9/8 at InfoAge. The Tech Talk will be "Breadboarding, Then and Now" presented by NJARC member Leo Assur. Latest info and directions available at : [www.njarc.org](http://www.njarc.org).

For our non-local members and anyone else who is unable to make it to the meeting in person, the meeting will also be livestreamed at [www.YouTube.com/@njarc](http://www.YouTube.com/@njarc).

## Meeting Review

By Dave Sica

Our July meeting took a look at "Plastic Used in Antique Radios." NJARC member Bob Bennett, who worked for over 25 years in the plastics industry shared his knowledge of the different types of plastics used in radio parts and cabinets over the years.

Bob outlined the two types of plastics used in radio cabinets, thermoforming and thermosetting, and why it's important to know the difference. He also discussed why plastic radio cabinets were so important to the developing radio industry and how the cabinets were formed at the factories. There were examples on display of radios with each of the different type of plastic cabinet.

A recording of the meeting is available on the club's YouTube channel ([www.YouTube.com/@njarc](http://www.YouTube.com/@njarc)) as are recordings of many of our other "Tech Talk" presentations.

## Calendar of Events

Check the calendar on our website for the latest information about upcoming events. Some key dates are:

- September 8: NJARC meeting, InfoAge
- September 14-16: Kutztown Radio Show
- September 22: HARPS meeting, Suffern NY
- September 26-30: AWA Conference, Henrietta NY
- October 7: BARA HamFest, Westwood NJ
- October 13: NJARC meeting, Princeton NJ
- October 20: HARPS meeting, Suffern NY
- November 18: NJARC Fall SwapMeet, Parsippany NJ
- November 24: HARPS meeting, Suffern NY
- December 9: NJARC Holiday Party, Jackson NJ
- December 15: HARPS Holiday Party, Suffern NY

## From the President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts.

This is an informal review of our Annual Hamfest Tailgate Show, which took place on July 22nd on the bucolic grounds of InfoAge Science & History Museums. First off, Signor Marconi smiled down upon us **again** with the most delightful weather we have ever experienced in the last 15 years. There was not a "bead of perspiration" to be found on anyone's brow. Consequently, no one wanted to leave after the show commenced! But I digress...



Our show was attended by 107 buyers & "vendor helpers" and 30 liberally rented spaces. The show was less attended than last year by both buyers & vendors, but then it was a beautiful day for trips to the mountains and beaches. I had contacted the local newspaper, The Coast Star, and they sent a very pleasant - and young - cub reporter, Samantha Smith and a photographer. She wrote a nice article covering most aspects of our show. (See article on page 2.)

OK, now a "Gen Z-er" 23 years of age in 2023 knows nothing about old radios and even less of vacuum tubes! So while Samantha was interviewing me I gave her a large globe #80 tube to keep. She said she would display it on her work desk. I also gave her one of the Marty Bunis "Collector's Guide To Antique Radios" books I was selling, which would help her to identify and value the old radios other vendors were selling.

Being a sanctioned ARRL Hamfest event, the organization donated, gift certificates for ARRL merchandise to us for inclusion in our raffle. Along with the plane. The plane?! Yes "De Plane!"

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## President's Workbench (Continued)

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## Antique Radio Club holds swap meet at InfoAge



BY SAMANTHA SMITH • JULY 24, 2023 • IN WALL TOWNSHIP

WALL TOWNSHIP — The New Jersey Antique Radio Club, a radio history preservation nonprofit out of the Wall Township InfoAge Science and History Museums, featured nearly 30 vendors on Saturday, July 22 during their summer swap meet and ham fest.

Thirty local vendors of club members and radio history and amateur radio enthusiasts lined the museum grounds to sell their wares, some setting up as early as 7 a.m. Saturday morning, while New Jersey Antique Radio Club President Richard Lee, began event preparation by 4 a.m.

By 8 a.m., tables were filled with old time ham radios [either in need of refurbishment, or in good shape], radio science manuals and books, vacuum tubes of all kinds, repair tools and record players were some of the auction's featured goods.

New Jersey Antique Radio Club t-shirts were also available for sale. Attendees and suppliers enjoyed complimentary bagels and coffee while walking around.

Each vendor paid \$25 to set up on the property, with a percentage of the final raised proceeds shared with InfoAge.

The club acquires antique radio pieces, which they store in a large building on the InfoAge property, as well as receive monetary contributions from local donors to assist in the club's mission of conserving radio, TV and audio, according to Mr. Lee.

"We used to buy, now we don't buy anything because it's given to us," said Mr. Lee. "Tons of stuff comes our way, then we auction it off and it goes to the proceeds of our club and what we do."

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**For more on this story, read the next edition of *The Coast Star*—on newsstands Thursday or online in our e-Edition.**

In a moment of light-hearted amusement, I tried to raffle off the latest InfoAge exhibit, the Beechcraft RC-12 Guardrail spy plane that now occupies a large piece of real estate in the middle of our exhibition field. When the winning raffle ticket was called, "silence was heard"... no one came forward. Later in the show, a fellow came up to me and presented his winning ticket for the plane! Apologizing in a very serious tone, he

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## President's Workbench

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said that he “had no way of transporting the plane out of here” Hmmm... Well, I had to admit he “one-upped” me. I’ll try to raffle off the plane again next year! We had our “usual suspects”: Bill Zukowski and Fred Wawra at the front gate, Jerry Ingordo and Judith Shaw at the check-in table and Harry Klancer posting signs. Manning the ARRL Information Table was the intrepid Bob Buus, W2OD. All were working to make our annual show a successful event!

— Richard Lee President NJARC



Darren Hoffman of JD Auction Services selling



The hoards waiting to enter the show

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ARRL Representative, Bob Buus at his table



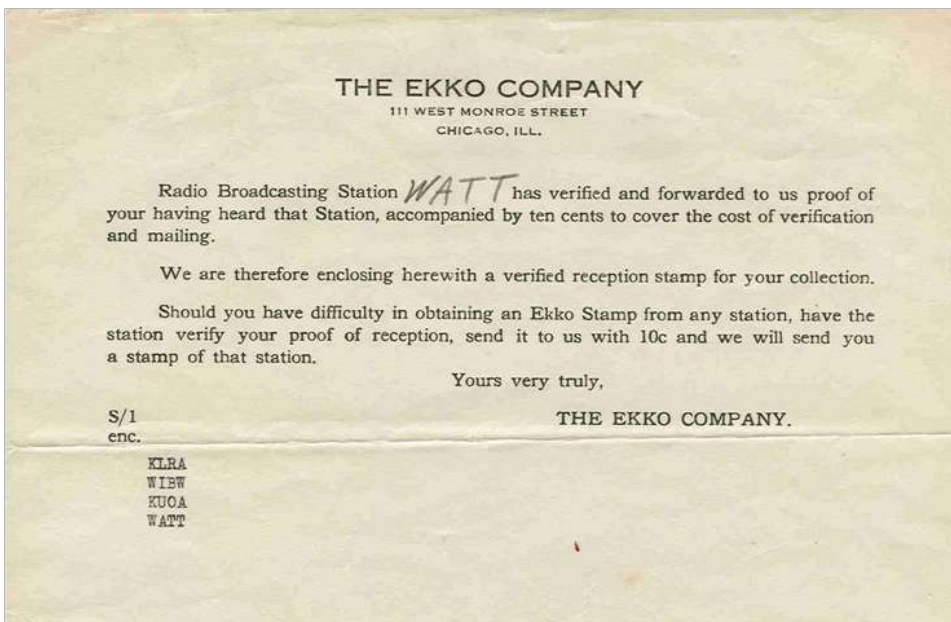
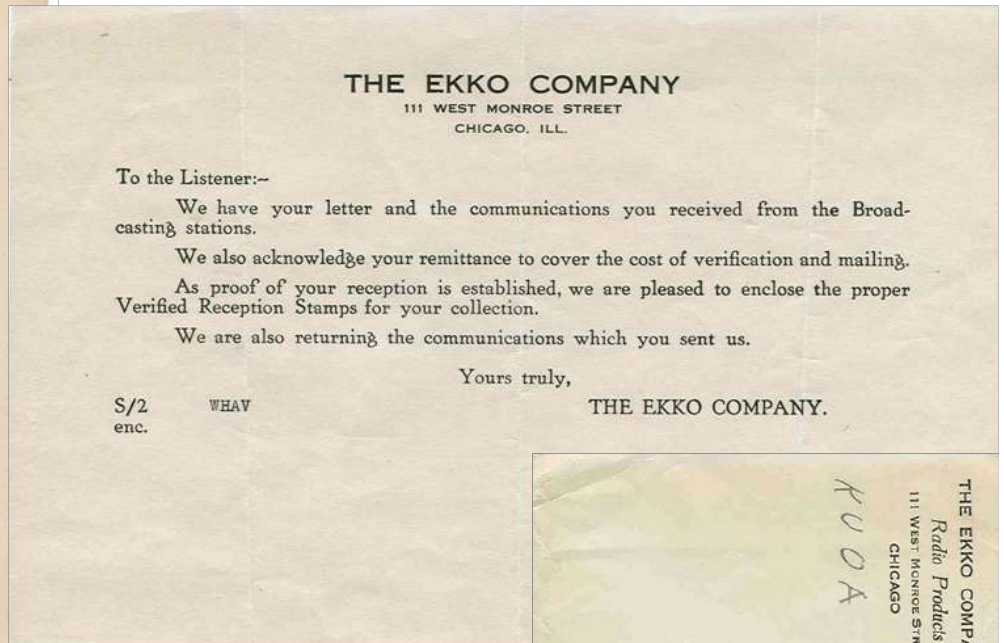
Moving the plane to make more vendor spaces



## EKKO and Other Radio Verification Stamps

By Marsha Simkin (continued from August 2023 issue)

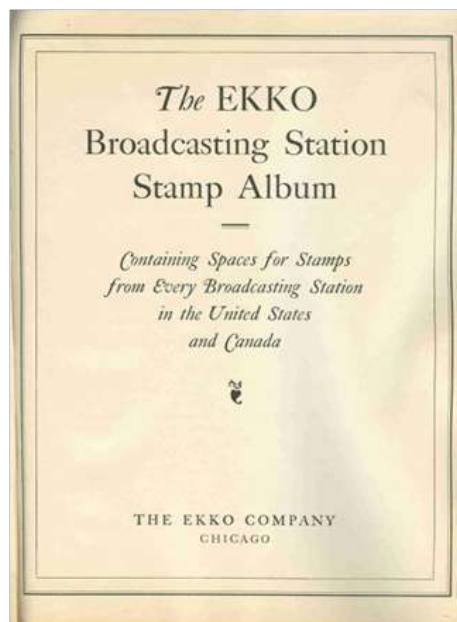
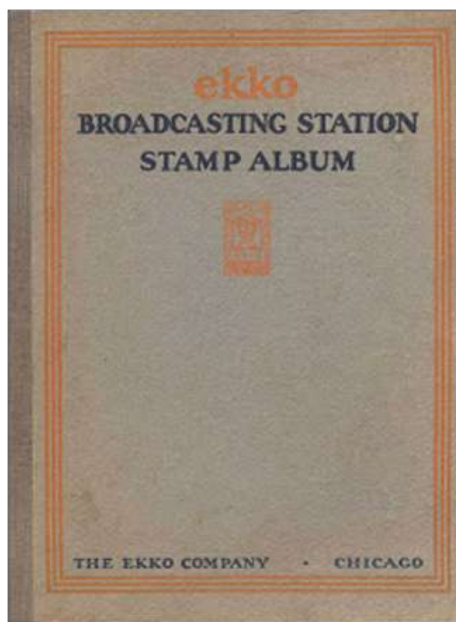
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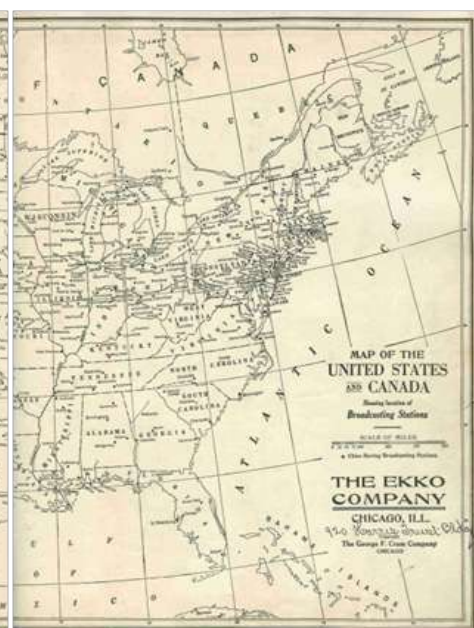
## EKKO and Other Radio Verification Stamps

As this pastime grew in popularity, the EKKO Company came out with an album to house the stamps. It was 96 pages long and could be purchased for \$1.75. 650 stamps arranged alphabetically by state and station could be accommodated. A map of the United States and other radio information was included. There was also room for stamps from stations not shown in the album.

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UNITED STATES—Continued														
Call Letters	LICENSING	Wave Length	MHz				Call Letters	LICENSING	Wave Length	MHz				
			1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4
WAB	Burlington, Ia.	280					WLAF	Brevard, N. Y.	124					
WAC	McKeesport, Pa.	124					WLAF	Fala, Okla.	180					
WIL	Washington, D. C.	280					WLAP	Louisville, Ky.	180					
WAP	Philadelphia, Pa.	108					WLAG	Edinboro, Mich.	180					
WJAB	Lima, Pa.	120					WLAW	New York, N. Y.	180					
WJAD	Waco, Tex.	124					WLAX	Greenwood, Ind.	124					
WJAG	Meriden, Conn.	180					WLB	Minneapolis, Minn.	180					
WJAK	Greenwood, Ind.	124					WLBZ	Brevard Point, Wis.	178					
WJAM	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	180					WLB	Chicago, Ill.	140					
WJAN	Provo, Ill.	180					WLW	Cincinnati, O.	441					
WJAR	Providence, R. I.	180					WMAK	Camden, N. Y.	241					
WJAS	Pittsburgh, Pa.	180					WMAF	Dartmouth, Mass.	260					
WJAX	Cleveland, O.	9												
WJAZ	Chicago, Ill.	180					WMAK	Litchfield, Minn.	214					
WJD	Greenville, O.	120					WMAK	Lakeport, N. Y.	212					
WJF	New York, N. Y.	491					WML	Trenton, N. J.	116					
WJF	New York, N. Y.	491					WMAN	Columbia, O.	186					
WJZ	New York, N. Y.	441					WMAQ	Chicago, Ill.	440					
WJLA	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	178					WMAJ	Adrian, Ala.	440					
WJLD	St. Paul, Minn.	180					WMAJ	St. Louis, Mo.	180					
WJLF	Wichita Falls, Tex.	360					WMAZ	Macon, Ga.	241					
WKAN	Montgomery, Ala.	120					WMC	Meriden, Conn.	180					
WKAP	Cincinnati, R. I.	180					WMD	Cincinnati, O.	208					
WKAQ	San Juan, P. R.	360					WMD	Washington, D. C.	211					
WKAR	E. Lansing, Mich.	180					WMF	Boston, Mass.	278					
WKAV	Lansing, R. H.	124					WMO	Norman, Okla.	180					
WKBF	Cincinnati, R. I.	180					WNAJ	Omaha, Neb.	240					
WKY	Okla. City, Okla.	180					WNAK	Springfield, O.	271					
WLAG	Minneapolis, Minn.	417					WNAF	Berlin, Mo.	212					

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EKKO and Other Radio Verification Stamps

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Ekko Verification Stamps Are Still Popular  
If you are unable to obtain one from the station itself, send us your verification and dime. We will return your verification together with Ekko Stamp.  
The Ekko Company, P. O. Box 295, Ravinia, Ill.

The Ekko Company, \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_

Gentlemen:

I am the owner of an Ekko Broadcasting Station Stamp Album.  
Please put me on the list for any bulletins you may send out.

My set is: ☐ Crystal  
☐ Tube  
(No. of tubes)

Type of Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mfr. \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street and Number                      City                      State

POST CARD

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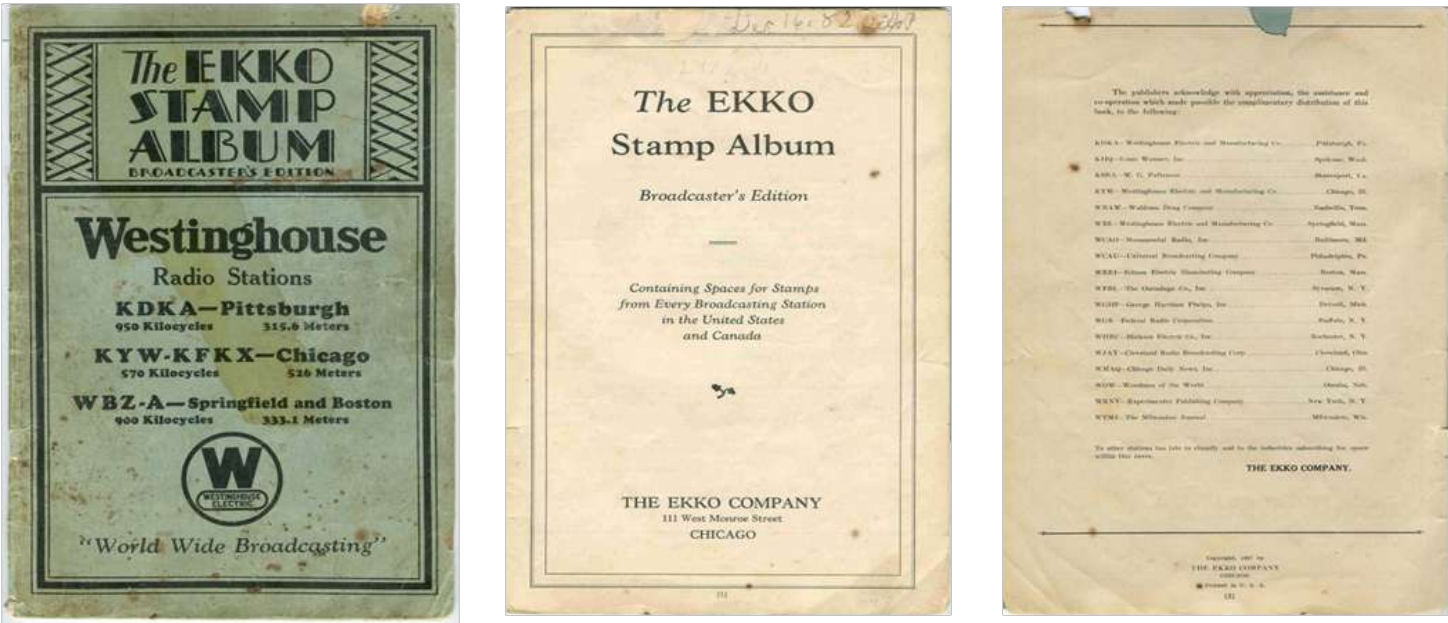
The Ekko Company,

111 W. Monroe Street,

Chicago, Illinois

You could be put on a list for any bulletins that the EKKO Company might put out by returning this postcard.

EKKO produced soft cover versions of the album for some selected stations. The Westinghouse edition included information and a map as well as ads.







## Kutztown Radio Show XLVIII

September 15 & 16, 2023



### Two days of radio-related activity

- 60,000+ sq. ft. outdoor and under roof event
- Hours: Friday 7 AM—5 PM, Saturday 7 AM - Noon
- Radio Auction 5:30 PM Friday night in air-conditioned comfort
- Buy-It-Now table open Friday & Saturday
- Capacitor and Tube sales at the Club Table Friday & Saturday
- Free admission Friday and Saturday (Dealer Tag Required for Thursday entry at noon)
- Free parking & onsite camping
- Hot showers available
- Food available onsite by “Just Grillin” and at nearby Farmer’s Market

#### Dealer spaces:

- 10' x 10' spaces are \$50.00 (Includes 1 table and electricity. Bring your own extension cords.) All spots are under roof. Extra tables are \$10.
- To reserve a table contact Renninger's. [www.renningers.com](http://www.renningers.com) or by phone: Mon-Thurs (570) 385-0104, Fri-Sat (610) 683-6848.

#### Thursday Early Buyers:

- Thursday is open for vendor setup after 12 noon. Vendors should expect to show their Renningers space tag upon entry. **Early buyers will not be permitted on Thursday without a dealer tag.**

#### Friday Night Auction - 5:30 PM in the White Room:

- 20% commission for consignors & 10% buyer's premium. General consignments are accepted starting at 2:30 PM on Friday afternoon. Preview is from 4:30-5:30.
- Consignors can set a reserve. No more than 5 reserve items per consignor. At the discretion of the DVHRC, items can be excluded (for unsold items, the consignor can donate item to Buy-it-now or keep item.)
- Seller/bidder cards are required to sell or buy. Bidder card is \$5.00. All auction transactions are cash or check only. **No** credit or debit cards. (ATM's located on-site)
- Auctioneer: JD Auction Services

#### Buy-it-Now:

- The BIN table is the sale of donated items “as is” on a cash-and-carry basis.
- Buy-it-Now is located at the DVHRC Club table in the 1st Pavilion and runs Friday & Saturday. - DVHRC reserves the right to refuse items to BIN.

#### Restored Raffle Radio:

- Raffle tickets are available at the DVHRC table - \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.
- Drawing is at 1 PM on Saturday. Winner does not need to be present.