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.

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.

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) as are recordings of many of our other “Tech Talk” presentations.

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!”

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

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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
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
President’s Workbench
(continued)

ARRL Representative, Bob Buus at his table

Moving the plane to make more vendor spaces
Stations often elected to let the EKKO Company handle their transactions.
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.
Ads featuring the EKKO album were featured in many of the radio related publications of the day.
EKKO produced soft cover versions of the album for some selected stations. The Westinghouse edition included information and a map as well as ads.

You could be put on a list for any bulletins that the EKKO Company might put out by returning this postcard.
EKKO and Other Radio Verification Stamps (continued)
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 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.