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Meeting Notice

Our October meeting will be held at Princeton University in Bowen Hall. The agenda will be the ever popular Show & Tell / Hints & Kinks. Afterward, there will be a small auction of some radios. See you all there !

We intend to livestream the meeting on our YouTube channel. Internet can be spotty there, so if it doesn't go out live, look for a recording of the meeting in the near future. <https://www.youtube.com/@njarc>

Meeting Review

At our September meeting, author Fred Barnum brought a PowerPoint discussion about his book "An illustrated History of RCA Victor" as well as other involvements he had in the communications industry. Due to copyright restrictions by the author, we were not allowed to livestream the meeting or record the talk for our archives. We apologize to our DX members for this unannounced hiccup in our plans and it serves as a reminder that your physical presence at the meeting is always the best way to experience an NJARC meeting.

Recordings of most of our past meetings are available on YouTube and as part of our occasional "Throwback Thursday" series of archival meeting recordings at www.youtube.com/njarc.

Calendar of Events

October 9: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

October 24: Fall Repair Clinic, InfoAge

November 13: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

November 15: Fall Hamfest/Swapmeet, Parsippany

December 12: NJARC Holiday Party, Jackson

From the President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts!

On Friday, September 18th, I attended the DVHRC's Fall Antique Radio/Audio Show at Renninger's in Kutztown Pa. Now as usual, I was a Friday only vendor. I was happy to leave the event with an empty car, especially selling the "Big Stuff": tombstones etc.



The President's Workbench.

I am still "kvetching" about the 8am vendor entrance time and the 10am **buyers' in- time!** It leaves the one day vendors with only 6½ hours to sell! But I digress, I was surprised to see so many vacant tables in the second pavilion, usually filled with audio vendors. I'm not sure why. It turned out to be a beautiful day and it was so nice to see some of our DX members who travelled in from Maine, Virginia and Connecticut

— Richard Lee, President NJARC

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Waiting and waiting for 8am



...and waiting...



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DVHRC President Brown



A Large Collection of Nice Working Radios



A Nice-Sized Crowd at Noon on Friday



The Men of JD Auction Services

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Bruce from Waves



Radio Cuisine



Interesting Phonographs



A Couple From Canada

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Tony's Capacitors



Long-time Vendor Norm and His Wife



Jonathan - All Sold Out



Len Finds Puppy Love With Nipper

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Vendor Don



8-Track Tape Players



Mrs. R W



You Never Know What You'll Find at Kutztown

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Even Boom Boxes are Antiques Now!



The Ultimate Mid Century Home Entertainment Center



A very unusual television monitor found by Matt Reynolds.

Wait, it has a motor?
Stay tuned for the story
about this extraordinary find!



A very early microphone

Recollections of September 11, 2001

(Continued from Last Issue)

Editor's note: At our September meeting President Rich Lee recounted his memories of 9/11 (which, of course involved a radio.) He invited members to share their personal recollections of that day to be shared in the next issue of The Jersey Broadcaster. Here are some personal recollections of NJARC members from that terrible day. Never Forget!

"I had worked on the 92nd floor of Tower 2 in the late 70's, early 80's. It was very emotional for me to see what happened at the time (and still is). I was at the office in Philadelphia when I heard of the incident. I had an old Sony Watchman in my desk drawer that I used to tune into the local TV video. We closed the office and sent everyone home so they could be with their families. I went home to be with my wife. On 9/11, when I got home from work I tuned into Radio Canada International and recorded about two hours of their coverage to a minidisc. I wanted to hear a different newscast than the one I was getting locally. These audios are posted to the Shortwave Radio Audio Archive.

Part 1: <https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/radio-canada-international-911-coverage-september-11-2001-part-1>

Part 2: <https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/radio-canada-international-911-coverage-september-11-2001-part-2>

There are two incidents that stick in my memory.

First one was that night we were startled to hear extreme noise and the house shaking. At first we were unsure of what was happening – maybe something bad at one of the AC Casinos. Turned out it was a group of fighter jets that had just taken off from the Atlantic City Airport and they came over the house very low at full blast. One of the National Guard fighter wings is located at the Airport. Normally they take off and go out over the water before going full throttle. For about two nights we had this occur, and then I guess they went back to going out over the ocean first. Not sure if they had their after-burners on or not, but they were very low, very loud and very scary after what had just occurred in NYC.

Second item that sticks in my memory. Shortly after 9/11, we made a trip to Cape Cod. When we came off the Cape, there was military personnel in full riot gear with assault weapons and assault vehicles watching the traffic slowly coming off the Cape. The scene was very surreal. Reminded me of scenes I had seen on the news of areas in other parts of the world that have high security around airports, etc. Something that I had never before seen in the United States. And really don't want to see again.

In 2006, I took my two nephews from Indiana to NYC to see the Empire State Building and the WTC site. It was the only time I have been back to NYC since 9/11. It was a very strange and emotional visit for me. I remember coming out of the subway tunnel and looking at the site. The thing that really affected me was that all my reference points (memory) were gone. I ended up going back into the subway and leaving after only a short time. I had planned on showing my nephews all around the area where I used to work (Wall Street, Battery Park, Etc). But I found I couldn't – nothing matched my memory. It just overwhelmed me."

— Bill Hemphill

"At the time I was Chief of Operations for CIA's Station Germany, located in Berlin, and my AOR included Hamburg, where the AQ attack planners met at the technical university, and from whence they launched their attack — so I was obviously very busy both before and after 911, with lots of moving parts. I also have to be careful of what I say, since much of it is still classified.

I highly recommend reading the Report of the 9/11 Commission, whose primary drafter, John Farmer Jr., was my predecessor teaching a course on it at Rutgers. (There's actually a shorter graphic novel version which isn't bad, if you prefer illustrations.)

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In the meantime I offer this study on Memory and 9/11:

https://theconversation.com/your-memories-of-how-you-heard-about-9-11-may-well-be-wrong-weve-been-asking-the-same-people-what-they-remember-for-25-years-291820?utm_medium=article_clipboard_share&utm_source=theconversation.com

Never forget.

For the last several years, all the students I teach Critical Intelligence Studies and Political Science to at Rutgers have been too young or not even born, to remember it. Each year, I bring in a buddy who was inside Tower One when it fell. He survived, and as a former NYPD officer, shifted into First Responder mode. He did not leave the pile for 36 hours. When he talks to the students, it is clear that he is reliving, not just remembering; he holds them spellbound.

He is slowly dying of 9/11-related cancer.

My office was in WTC-7, the one that collapsed that night. I wasn't there. Everyone got out, then ran to help others.

I lost friends that day, including [this guy](https://bit.ly/476eI0v).” <https://bit.ly/476eI0v>



John O'Neill , Counter-Terrorism Chief, FBI, Washington DC.

— James Doran

This is really about Greg, my #3 son's experiences on 9/11. I was living 250 miles away in the Adirondacks, and didn't know what was going on that morning until an old friend/patient told me at a Stewart's gas station. Thought he was delusional, but he was not.

Greg was 31, working for Starbucks two blocks from the WTC, opposite City Hall Park. He heard a large bang, went outside, and saw the smoking North Tower. Figured it was an accident, like everyone did. Shortly, another big bang, and this time he and everyone else knew we were being attacked. As he was the editor and photographer for the Stony Brook Press, one of two newspapers at Stony Brook University, he always carried a camera in his knapsack, so he took many pictures that rival the best of the newsmen.

The ash cloud from Tower #2 enveloped him as he took pictures. He could not see his hand in front of him. People were wandering all over, not seeing anything. He felt for people outside the store, guided them into the store, washed them down, and sent them into the basement—30 of them. Then, people ordered them to evacuate the building as they could not predict the direction of the falling North Tower to come.

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He evacuated Starbucks and walked across the Brooklyn Bridge to his apartment in Park Slope—a nice, long hike. Looking over his shoulder, he could see stuff falling from the tower, realizing those were people leaping to their deaths. He called us from the bridge and talked for 40 minutes straight, such was the emotional impact on him.

My niece Andrea was also very lucky. Coming out of the WTC subway station, she was hit by a piece of falling glass. Didn't feel it until someone told her she was bleeding, and they walked her to St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment. Lucky.

For me, I managed to visit the WTC site three times in the next two months. The smell was always present. Stores which were closed still had 1/4" of ash inside. St. Paul's Chapel had pictures of people whose relatives and friends were searching for them.

This tragedy had some other effects. It ended the bit of prejudice between Irish cops, Puerto Rican cops, and Italian EMT guys that may have existed before. They were all brothers now. And all the girls looking for Wall Street types were now hanging out at the bars on Canal Street where all the real heroes went to wet their whistle and rest up. The aura of politeness enveloped the city. We were all in this together, unlike the crap that is going on now.

BTW, my cousin Matt was the chief psychologist for the Port Authority, who owns the WTC. He designed their tests, interviewed the men, and could command their police force. He told me that the 1993 attempt to take down one tower almost worked. The van that exploded in their garage almost did, but that was never mentioned. So now we have antiterrorism squads. Hope they are thinking about the ways we might be vulnerable. Our enemies are.

—Robert Forte

Back in 2001, I worked at a manufacturing facility located in Newark, NJ. We had line-of-sight to the Twin Towers. Years before, I ate apple's at the Windows of the World Bar weekly with customers.

You didn't need a reservation to go to the bar and sit near a window. Parking in the WTC basement was easy. I could drive from Newark and be sitting there within an hour.

I recall 9/11/2001 when someone in the warehouse paged that something happened to the WTC. My office was on the top floor of the building and getting to the roof was a quick walk. I was there for some time watching the entire event unfold.

Downstairs, sincerely, office workers were screaming about "World War III" and leaving. Everyone was running around. I stood there watching. Management told everyone they could leave.

Some time later after the lab was shut down and the majority of employees left, I started homeward. There were no tolls on the NJ Turnpike or NJ Parkway.

—Ed Papon

Recollections of September 11, 2001

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I was at a meeting that morning on a project for the NJ Dept. of Transportation. I remember driving down the NJ Turnpike that morning and thinking “what a perfectly beautiful blue sky!” To this day, every time I see a completely clear, blue sky, I think to myself “9/11 sky.” Someone came into the meeting room with the news about the first plane. When we heard about the second plane, the meeting was ended. The Turnpike was closed and in those pre-Google Maps days, I had to figure out how to make my way home on back roads.

At first I was grateful that at least no one I knew personally was involved. Later, I found out that several people I knew were murdered that day including high school classmate Jimmy Dunn who was a Port Authority police officer, and Colleen Barkow, who I remember as a girl who always sat with her mom, dad and brother in the front pew at church. And Bill Fallon, a classmate’s older brother. I also knew a guy who was supposed to be on Flight 11 that morning but missed the plane.

From my studio in Clark I could see the plume of smoke rising off to the east for days. I recall how surreal it was to exit Penn Station onto 7th Avenue amid the National Guard members with rifles. And the seemingly endless posters plastered everywhere with faces of missing family and friends. One day, I got a call at work from the FBI. That was a little unnerving. They were looking for a certain type of professional video player to view some potential evidence.

My wife Susan spent a couple of weeks as a volunteer at St. Paul’s Chapel where some of the people who worked on “the pile” went to eat and sleep. Many of the businesses I worked with shut down nonessential activities and there wasn’t a lot to do for a while, so I did what I do: I made a video, a fundraising concert some friends hosted. <https://bit.ly/4hKIcFX>

I had been working at the Twin Towers just a few days earlier and of course I snapped a picture of the buildings. That photo, which you may have seen, was on the club’s website for many years. I still haven’t been able to go back.



— Dave Sica

An antenna fragment at the 9/11 Memorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UHZuzNJW9pg>

“September 11 2001: What We Saw”

<https://youtu.be/0BhAgjjjAiw>

"How has teaching about 9/11 changed since 2001? We asked educators."

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/09/11/educators-teaching-911-changed-since-2001/86057880007/>



New Jersey Antique Radio Club's Fall Swap Meet and Ham Fest



Parsippany Police Athletic League
33 Baldwin Rd,
Parsippany, NJ 07054, USA



Sunday, November 15th, 2026
8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



Entrance Fee:
\$8.00 Donation

Open to the Public!
Refreshments Available!

For Directions:
visit www.njarc.org or
set your GPS to:

33 Baldwin Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

For questions or to reserve a table contact:

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Vendor Info: Setup: 7:15 AM

Table Fees:

\$30.00 (NJARC Members)

\$35.00 (Non-Members)

Price Per Extra Table:

\$30.00

(40) 8 Foot Tables Available