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MEETING/ ACTIVITY NOTES

Reported by Marsha Simkin
and Marv Beeferman

June's election issue of the *New Jersey Broadcaster* gives your editor a break from the hectic activity involved with meeting another month's deadline and hopefully, if the Postal Service cooperates, gives members a little extra time to decide on their selection for club officers. If you won't be able to make next month's meeting, simply "X" your choices, **fold the ballot so that Ludwell Sibley's name appears on the front, stamp and mail.** We would like to announce the results in next month's *Broadcaster*, so please try to mail your ballots out within the next two weeks.

A good crowd attended the May meeting; several people set up before the 7:30 start time with a nice selection of transistor radios being offered along with various other goodies. Tube sales were quite brisk. John Dilks displayed his latest find, a 1920's vintage transmitter/receiver consisting of a 1-tube Hartley oscillator and a John Reinartz regenerative receiver with one audio stage. All the coils were hand-wound and John's enthusiasm for this piece portrayed a "more than fair" trade for the clocks that were exchanged.

Tom Provost reminded us about next month's "Show and Tell" session. Bring anything that is radio-related and be prepared to talk for about five minutes. We plan to hold these every quarter so check your collection for something that you would like to share with the group.

Gary D'Amico's program on his experiments with making solid state tube replacements for 1920's battery



MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the NJARC will take place on Friday, June 14, 1996 at 7:30 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church, corner of Route 33 and Main Street in Freehold. Contact Marv Beeferman at (609)-693-9430 for directions. Attending members may submit their ballots for the election of club officers in lieu of mailing the ballot included in this month's *Broadcaster* (extra ballots will be available). Election results will be announced at the July meeting. Tom Provost will conduct another popular "show-and-tell" session so please remember to bring an interesting find you might want to share with us.

sets was very well received. Some of the advantages provided by Gary for his approach were:

- ☐ Some suggested FET substitutes are marginal in performance.
- ☐ Tubes require expensive high voltage B batteries and high current A batteries; with Gary's substitutes, the entire radio can be played on 4 C or D cells with a tap at 1-1/2 volts for varying the RF gain
- ☐ Gain control can be provided through the filament rheostat, just like a tube

Gary provided potential substitutes for the RF amplifier, detector, 1st audio and power amplifier stages of a battery set.

Gary also provided information for using PTI (Power Technology Incorporated) tube repair wafers which may be installed on tubes with open filaments or on tubes that have good filaments with little or no emission. Mark Mittlemen discussed his success with these wafers but cautioned (as Mark learned the hard way) never to install the wafer on a shorted tube. A self-addressed stamped business envelope to your editor will bring Gary's handout and tube repair wafer information to any members who may be interested. Mark also commented

that he was encouraged to try to make a dial replacement after last month's presentation by Tom Provost and was very pleased with the results.

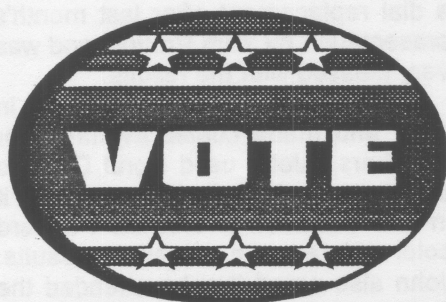
John Dilks printed our club's logo in color and made copies available for members. John used Corel Draw to duplicate the logo and then printed it in two sizes on a Hewlett Packard color printer with excellent results. John also noted that he attended the Delaware Valley meet held recently in Downingtown, PA and reported that he felt the prices to be medium to high both at the flea market and auction. However, a Radiola III in pretty good shape went for \$55 and a nice console went fairly cheap.

John also reported that The Michigan Antique Radio Club has a web page on the Internet. Your editor recently received a call from John saying that NJARC now shares the same distinction (our "net" address will be provided at June's meeting and published in the next issue of the *Broadcaster*). John noted that AT&T provides a reasonable Internet service and can be contacted at 1-800-WORLDDNET. The service includes Internet software and an access fee of \$5 a month for one year. On another note, John's old-time radio display at the Atlantic County Library was featured in the May 3rd issue of

Atlantic County's *Community* news.

Get in touch with Phil Vourtsis (908-446-2327) if you would like to participate in August's RCA 1920-1940's radio and phonograph display which Phil is sponsoring at the Monmouth County Library's Headquarters Branch in Manalapan. This exhibit will provide a great opportunity to give the club additional exposure and help attract new members while providing a vehicle for fulfilling our charter of dedication "to the preservation and enhancement of radio history and knowledge."

Richard Brill heads for Europe with our club logo in tow for stops in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Berlin and Dortmund. He will contact radio clubs in these locations hoping that these clubs might like to correspond. Your editor received a nice card from Richard sending regards to all members from Amsterdam.



CAMP EVANS: LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Edited by Marv Beeferman

Camp Evans is a 215-acre satellite facility for Fort Monmouth located in Wall Township. This May, the Monmouth-Ocean Amateur Radio Club held its 24-hour "high-tech tailgate party" at the site as its annual tribute to Guglielmo Marconi, considered by many to be the father of wireless communication. Drew McCarskey (KB2SEQ), the event's coordinator, noted during an interview that "much of Marconi's work was done, here, right where we are standing. In fact, a concrete slab from one of Marconi's towers is right behind us."

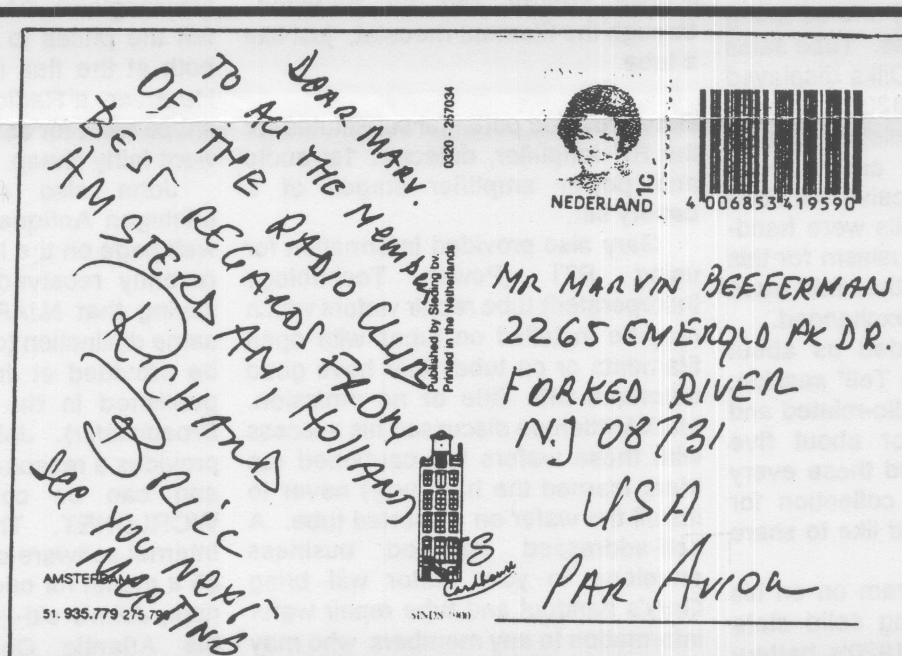
The federal BRAC decided to close Camp Evans in 1993 as a military installation. A year later, Wall Township established the Marconi Park Complex Advisory Committee as a means of exploring its options for obtaining the land at little or no cost. In January, the Wall Township Committee approved plans developed

by the advisory panel to use the military buildings at Camp Evans for educational purposes and to open areas for recreational uses.

At present, the site faces many challenges. For example, a draft environmental impact statement noted that contamination from chemicals and metals resulting from electronic research and development work with batteries, capacitors and vacuum tubes were found on the grounds. In addition, current zoning for the site is now set for residential and light industrial development. To prevent the federal government from taking the land back, zoning needs to be changed to a recreation, conservation and historical preservation zone.

Considering the historical significance of Camp Evans, thoughts about a permanent home/museum for NJARC and the potential for a joint venture between local amateur radio clubs and NJARC (and the extra manpower and enthusiasm it represents), does NJARC have a future at Camp Evans? Members' comments and considerations are invited.

(Thanks to Marsha Simkin for bringing this information to my attention. Ed.)



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