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Meeting Notice

Our May meeting will be held in the dining room of the beautiful Marconi Hotel at InfoAge on Friday, 5/16. Al Klase will give talk he originally presented to the Yonkers Historical Society about Edwin Armstrong and the Armstrong Plaque in Yonkers, NY directly across the river from the Armstrong Tower in Alpine, NJ donated to the city of Yonkers by the club. Directions can be found on Google Maps at <https://bit.ly/4jZe8XI>. We plan to live stream the meeting on YouTube at youtube.com/user/NJARC.

Meeting Review

Our April meeting featured "Show & Tell and Hints & Kinks." Members brought in some items from their collections to discuss at the gathering and offered "hints and kinks" that they've found help make radio restoration a little easier. If you missed the meeting, look for a recording of our livestream, which will be posted to the club's YouTube channel. <https://bit.ly/3yZ5yoR>.

Calendar of Events

May 16: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

May 18: Splitrock hamfest, Landing NJ

May 19-21: Dayton Hamvention

May 23: HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY

May 24: BARA hamfest, Washington NJ

May 31: OMARC hamfest, Spring Lake NJ

June 7: VCF swapmeet, Wall Township NJ

June 7: East Greenbush Amateur Radio Assn. swapmeet

June 8: Long Island Hamfest, Bethpage NY

June 10: DVHRC monthly meeting, dvhrc.com

June 13: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

June 14: Fair Lawn hamfest, Fair Lawn NJ

June 20: HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY

June 21: Raritan Valley hamfest, Piscataway NJ

July 8: DVHRC monthly meeting, dvhrc.com

July 11: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

July 13: Sussex hamfest, Augusta NJ

July 15: HARPS montly meeting, Suffern NY

July 26: NJARC Summer Swapmeet, InfoAge

August 8: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

August 23: NJARC Summer Repair Clinic, InfoAge

September 12: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

From the President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts!

It's been a very busy 5 weeks from our April 11th meeting which is represented in the photo montage!

We had the Annual NJARC Broadcast Band DX Contest award plaques given to the winners of this January's event, thanks to AL Klase.



The President's Workbench.

I took part in an interesting visit to member Mike Molnar's house and collection.

Our amateur radio station W2RTM celebrated International Marconi Day with our member hams at the mike and key over a 24-hour period, logging contacts.

Concurrent with that event, we held our Spring Repair Clinic in building 9032A. Due to "circumstances beyond our control", 40 students from Lafayette University were scheduled to take part in our clinic!! But then the number of students was reduced to 15, and eventually only 4 showed up! But thanks to Trustee Bill Zukowski, those 4 students were given a hands-on experience with the RCA Radio Demonstrator and a quick, comprehensive history of vacuum tube radio! Because of the expected larger

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President's Workbench

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student visit, the number of our repair clinic clients, had to be reduced.

Thursday, May 1st, was the annual Wall Township High School Scholarship Awards Night. This was our club's third scholarship (\$1,000) award given to a emeritus local senior going on to study in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics), at university. I happily presented the NJARC Scholarship check to Sophia White, who will be attending Princeton University in the Fall.

Last Friday and Saturday our "sister club" the DVHRC hosted their Spring antique radio swapmeet at Renningers Antique and Farmers' Market in Kutztown, Pa. The new rules and regulations for the 52nd biannual Kutztown Radio & Audio Show caused some "consternation" among the vendors. The vendor setup time being moved to 8 AM on Friday was the most controversial change. Perhaps it might work better if the setup time can be moved to 7 AM. Friday was perhaps the coldest and certainly rainiest and muddiest Kutztown I had ever experienced! But in spite of it all, the buyers showed-up and the vendors made money. I was told the JD auction Friday evening was one of the best they have had in the White Room!

Please enjoy all the photos and also the Radio Wild YouTube video at Kutztown! (<https://bit.ly/4dpyfuV>)

— Richard Lee, President NJARC

Broadcast Band DX Contest

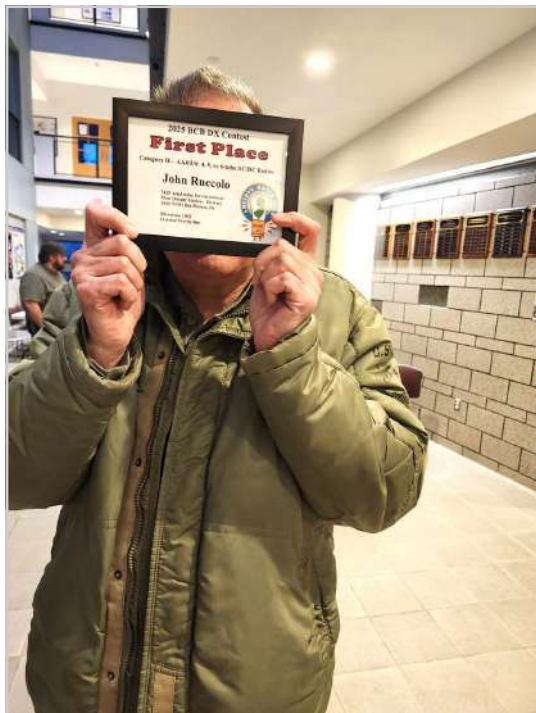


Aaron Hunter with his 2025 NJARC Broadcast Band DX Contest award



Ed Suhaka with his BCBDX award

President's Workbench (Continued)



A camera-shy John Ruccolo with his award

Broadcast Band DX Contest

Touring the Mike Molnar Collection



Mike and Pam Molnar



A pleasant visit with the Molnars (Leila at lower left)



A recently-acquired item in Mike's collection

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President's Workbench (Continued)

International Marconi Day



Ham Radio operators Nevell, John and Gus at station W2RTM during International Marconi Day, sifting through the Incoming "Pile-up"

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President's Workbench (Continued)

Spring Repair Clinic



Our "abbreviated" Spring Repair Clinic



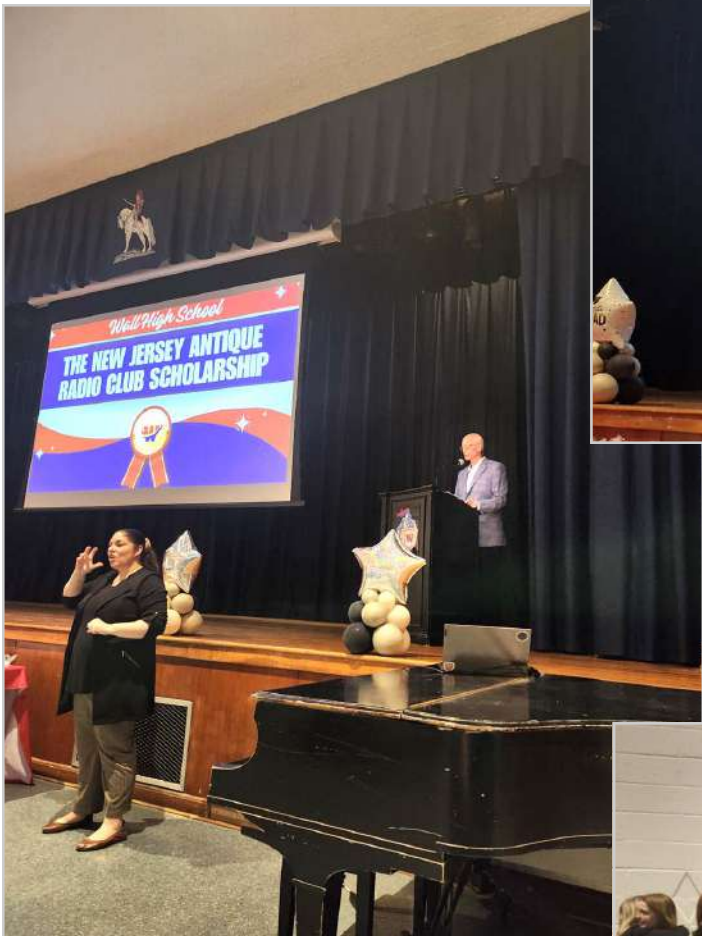
Bill Zukowski demonstrating the Radio Demonstrator



The four visiting Lafayette University students listening to Bill Zukowski

President's Workbench
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NJARC Scholarship



Wall High School Scholarship Award from
the New Jersey Antique Radio Club



Sophia White receiving her NJARC \$1,000 scholarship check



President Rich and Sophia White

President's Workbench (Continued)

Kutztown Radio Show



The now famous Kutztown Creek



Got Scopes?



Dicky Capacitors packed and on the road to Kutztown

The NJARC Communicator

Rules for Use of the Club's Email List

The NJARC *Communicator* email group serves as a platform for discussion and the sharing of information related to antique radios, televisions, audio equipment, vacuum tubes, early transistor sets, and the history of these and other electronic devices.

Guidelines for Participation:

- **Full Name Required:** All postings must include the full name of the poster.
- **Courtesy is Paramount:** All postings should be courteous and respectful of all *Communicator* members. Foul language, name-calling, and personal attacks are strictly prohibited.
- **No Political or Religious Content:** Political and religious postings, in any form, including satire, are not permitted.
- **New Subjects, New Threads:** Postings about a new subject should be initiated under a new heading rather than as a reply to an existing post.
- **Promoting Engagement and Information:** We encourage members to use the *Communicator* to inform and engage with one another. We also encourage the use of common sense in all communications. Please note that the *Communicator* is not intended as a platform for individuals to promote ideas with the obvious intention of inciting dissent.
- **Consequences of Rule Violations:** Members who violate these guidelines will be warned, placed on moderation, or removed from the *Communicator* at the discretion of the president.

Thank you for your membership. We hope you find the *Communicator* to be an enjoyable and valuable resource.

— The New Jersey Antique Radio Club Board of Directors

Guardrail Aircraft at Infoage

Restoration continues: propellers recently installed





New Jersey Antique Radio Club's

Summer Tailgate Swap Meet and Ham Fest



InfoAge Science and History
Learning Center and Museum
2201 Marconi Road
Wall Township, NJ 07718



Saturday July 26, 2025



Refreshments Available

40 Spaces available
\$25 for members
\$30 for non-members
Bring your own tables

Open to the Public

8 AM to Noon
Vendor setup at 7:15 AM
\$5 ENTRANCE FEE
CLUB DONATION

For Directions

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