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Meeting Notice

Our November meeting will be held on Friday, 11/14. At the meeting, Mike Molnar will make a presentation titled "Timeline to Television: 1840 to the 21st Century."

Directions can be found on Google Maps at <https://bit.ly/4jZe8XI>. We plan to broadcast the meeting live on YouTube at youtube.com/user/NJARC.

Fall Hamfest / Swapmeet



New Jersey Antique Radio Club's
Fall Swap Meet and Ham Fest
Antique Radios, Vintage Hi-Fi, & More!!

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From the President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts!

On Saturday, October 25th we held our Fall Repair Clinic in building 9032A. Eight club "Experts" gave it their all and sent 95% of our clients' radios and vintage electronics home working! When I opened the repair clinic for business, I was greeted by a WWII era Army Airman, who kindly volunteered to promote



The President's Workbench.

Calendar of Events

November 14: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

November 22: NJARC Fall Radio Show, Parsippany

December 13: NJARC Holiday Party, Jackson NJ

January 9: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

February 13: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

February 21: NJARC Repair Clinic, InfoAge

March 13: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

March 15: NJARC Spring Radio Show, Parsippany

April 10: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton

April 24-26: Marconi Day, InfoAge

April 25: NJARC Repair Clinic, InfoAge

May 15: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge



The WWII Army Airmen Greeting Visitors and Promoting our Upcoming Show at the Parsippany PAL

our club and our next Hamfest / Swapmeet Show at Parsippany PAL on 11/22!

Former club president Phil Vourtsis worked with member Phil Ranone on a 3-speed record changer and an RCA 45 player in a carrying case. Phil did not know that Phil Vourtsis was the author of the book, *The Fabulous Victrola "45"* and bought a copy on the spot!

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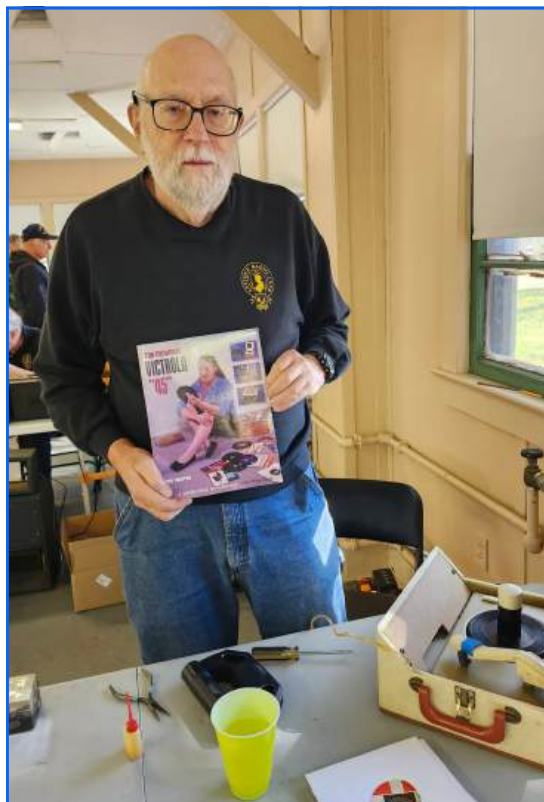
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Former NJARC President Phil Vourtsis and his Book
The Fabulous Victrola "45"

Bob Bennett worked with member Paul Safka on Paul's G-500 Trans-oceanic and was happy to see this was not the "rubber wire model"!



Bob Bennett & Paul Safka Working the G-500 T.O.

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Doug Poray worked on a 1951 G.E. "appliance white" All American Five radio with a volume control issue, the radio never going completely silent.



Doug Poray Repairing an Appliance White GE radio

Aaron Hunter worked with member Rick Skoba, on his red Motorola model 53LC2. Its selenium rectifier was faulty and may have blown out some of the tubes in the radio.



Rick Skoba & Aaron Hunter working on (or playing with) the Motorola 53LC2

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Matt Reynolds worked solo on his unique Ritter Audiac Sound Cartridge Machine.



Matt with His Sound Cartridge Machine

Bob Johansen worked on the 13-tap continuity of a classic UTC plate transformer model CG-301. Leave it to Bob to find the correct pin-out in an old 1957 UTC catalog!

Bill Zukowski worked on neighbor Don Leening's Atlas/Air King 1938 model 811. After some wax capacitor replacement, the radio came right to life! Bill was also the "Expert" who, on the Wednesday prior to the Clinic set up the room's tables and chairs in the proper positions. Thanks, Bill, it was a great help!



Bill Zukowski Restoring a 1938 Atlas_Airking Wood Radio

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Bill Inderrieden worked on deconstructing his father's "very home-brewed" capacitor checker, built from parts salvaged during his early working career.



Bill Inderrieden and his Father's Very Home Brewed Capacitor Checker



The Homebrewed Capacitor Checker

President's Workbench (Continued)

Nevell Greenough, multi-tasked as usual between Davey Forlano's classic tube guitar amplifier and Joe Di-vito's neighbor's foreign radio, plus answering questions other experts had.



Davey & Nevell Brainstorming the Guitar Amplifier

Club member Ed Papson stopped by the clinic to observe and swap a Nest Thermostat with Bill. Ed very generously brought a large box of pastries that didn't go to waste.



Thank You, Ed Papson!

President's Workbench (Continued)

A great day all-round!



What a Fall Repair Clinic Crew!



Remembering my father who served in the Army Air Corps

The 2026 NJARC DX Contest is Coming!

It's time to start thinking about the 2026 NJARC Broadcast Band DX Contest. The contest will take place from January 15-25, 2026. Details will be published in the next issue of this newsletter and on the NJARC website. In addition, Al Klase will conduct his annual "Introduction to the NJARC BCB DX Contest" presentation at our January meeting.

Receiver Categories 2026 NJARC DX Contest (Draft)

CAT	NAME	DEFINITION	2025 Contestants
A	Crystal Radios	Passive Receivers (No amplification)	0
B	Primitive	Tube or transistor receivers (factory or homebrew) 1 or 2 tubes or transistors, plus power supply.	1
C	1920's Battery Sets	(homebrew also) Batteries or modern power supply are OK.	2
D	Tuned-Radio-Frequency	"TRF" (non-superheterodyne) radios introduced before 1940	1
E	Other Tube Radios	Sold for home entertainment.	2
F	Tube-Type Comm RX	Amateur, commercial, or military communications receivers	2
G	Ultralight	"Shirt-pocket" radios, maximum volume 20 cubic inches, original retail not more than \$100.	1
H	AA4/5/6	4, 5, or 6-tube AC/DC radios, using heater-type tubes, sold for home entertainment	2
J	Classic Transistor Radios	Sold for home entertainment, analog readout only.	0
K	Open	Any radio of your choosing.	8

Radio-Related YouTube Videos

Here for your viewing enjoyment, we present links to some videos, as mentioned recently on *The NJARC Communicator*. First, a few of our "Throwback Thursday" club videos from years gone by:

- Italian Flea Market <https://youtu.be/IuLKQWhJNJs>
- Restoring 1920s-era AC-Powered Tube Radios <https://youtu.be/na6VmuGx8tQ>
- Show & Tell (1996) <https://youtu.be/tVdCQXmV5wo>
- Everything you always wanted to know about 45rpm <https://youtu.be/XTG-bSl8Ra8>
- Telegraph and Telephone Insulators <https://youtu.be/P01zAoh5Jqs>
- Horn Speakers https://youtu.be/_VdTBPdowCQ
- How to revitalize metal diaphragm headphones <https://youtu.be/GA8cer8Bf2I>

And some miscellaneous radio-related YouTube programs:

- The LineMar Atomic Reactor Steam Engine https://youtu.be/5eNGBm4eJZk?si=0H3DyZDp_XgF5NyM
(OK, not really radio-related, but pretty neat.)
- How to Make a Catwhisker: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/8Ouy0OynQoo>
- Life's Been Good: Joe Walsh | Hammarlund HQ-One Forty Five 145C Ham Shortwave Radio Receiver <https://youtu.be/blBcRRbNqDY?si=UDgqCXjm1y0-3x9>



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