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Meeting Notice

Our March meeting will be held at at InfoAge on 3/13. Joe Divito will give a presentation: "Everything you need to know about Silver Mica Disease Repair." Joe has investigated silver mica disease in radios extensively and written several articles on the subject. (Check his article in this issue about a radio that almost certainly does **not** suffer from SMD!) Our museum will be open for browsing before the meeting, so come early and see what's new at the RTM!

Meeting Review

Our February meeting was held at Princeton University where Prof. Mike Littman his presentation: "How Innovations Happen: Telegraphy's Technical & Commercial origins in Princeton."

The meeting was livestreamed on our YouTube channel and an on-demand recording is available for viewing at www.youtube.com/njarc along with many other past meetings.

Calendar of Events

March 13: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

March 15: NJARC Spring Radio Show, Parsippany

April 10: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton U.

April 24-26: Marconi Day, InfoAge

April 25: NJARC Repair Clinic, InfoAge

May 8-9: Kutztown Radio Show

May 15: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

June 12: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton U.

July 10: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton U.

July 25: Summer Hamfest/Swapmeet, Infoage

August 14: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton U.

August 22: NJARC Repair Clinic, InfoAge

September 11: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge

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 Saturday February 21st, just between the Winter Snow Storms, we were fortunate to hold our Winter Repair Clinic in building 9032A. The next day was the Blizzard of 2026! The storm caused electrical outages within the InFo-Age Campus which persisted until last week!



The President's Workbench.

As it tends to happen in winter, we were "light" a few Experts, but the "umulative" knowledge of the present Experts enabled most radios to leave working. Well, most radios. Richard Hoynes brought in an Atwater Kent chassis that had a little oscillation issue to clear up. At the end of the day, "the issue" had managed to stump everyone!

But all-in-all, we had a lot of laughs and member camaraderie.

We all enjoyed the Radio Bagels, Radio Pizza and especially the home made Radio Biscotti made by JV's wife.

Wall Township requested all club/museums under the InfoAge umbrella to send to them a "Mission Statement." I would like to also share it with you our membership.

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President's Workbench

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the New Jersey Antique Radio Club's Radio Technology Museum is to preserve and present the history, development, and operation of the technologies that have paved the way for today's electronic communications, and to motivate students to explore these technologies so as to inspire them to consider a career in STEM. This is done in the context of the role of Camp Evans.

How does your group's mission fit with the mission of Info Age and with the national historic registry's requirements for the Camp Evans property?

Electronic communications today range from connecting people who are across the room, to people who are around the world and beyond. For over 100 years – from Marconi to RCA to the US Army Signal Corps – Camp Evans was a pioneering center in the development of many technical advances that made this today's electronic communications possible. Using actual historical artifacts and supported by a staff of knowledgeable historians, this museum focuses on telling the history of the combination of science, mathematics and technology that fueled these advances.

With many exhibits in the form of active operational artifacts or hands-on-displays, visitors experience for themselves the sights and sounds – the feeling – of what these technologies are and how they work. Historians, tailoring personalized presentations to the specific interests of individual visitors, help young people understand why STEM should be in their future, and help the general public remove some of the mystery of today's real world - all while fostering an appreciation of this famous location.

We meet the InfoAge and Registry mission by displaying the historical ancestors of today's key technological enablers – wireless, telegraph, telephone, radio, television, batteries, computers, and more. Our museum guides visitors, both the general public and school students in particular, toward an understanding of their history and current possibilities. We give an annual Scholarship Award to a meritorious Wall High School senior going to university to pursue a STEM degree.

Besides fulfilling our obligation to provide this document to our host organization, InfoAge and to Wall Township, this mission statement serves to help clarify the focus of our club's activities.

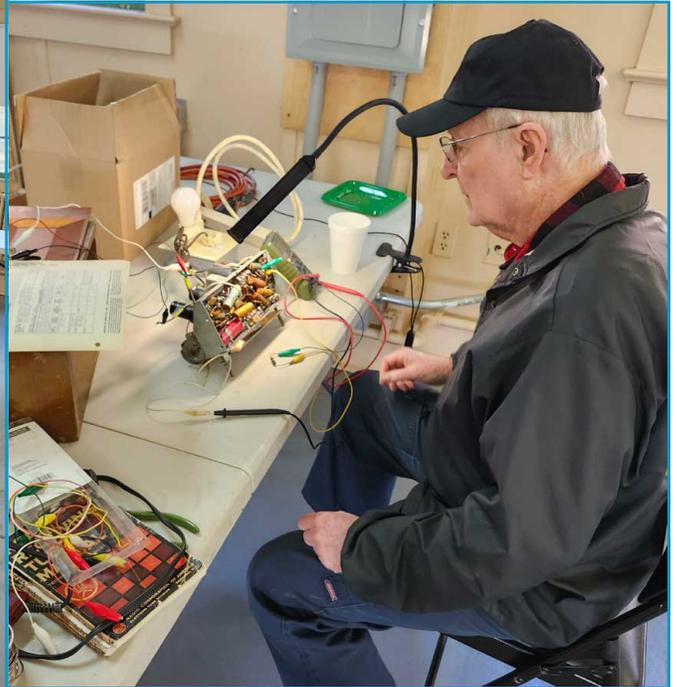
– Richard Lee, Pres. NJARC

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President's Workbench
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JR, JV, Bill and Bob watching Joe Divito work



Aaron Hunter contemplating his next move on this GE AA6 model 200



Joe Divito working on his mid-century RCA AM/FM set ("Now how do I get the chassis out from the cabinet?")



JV showing Bob Bennett pictures of his DJing days in NYC

President's Workbench (Continued)



VP Paul Mondok in the museum 'Tweaking' the museum's RCA 8TS30 TV



Richard Hoynes and Nevell at 4:05pm

More Vintage Radio-Related Videos Online

Reported by NJARC Members

What Happened to TV Repair Shops (AI-created video) <https://youtu.be/3H2-YLbIMso>

The Story Behind Muntz TV <https://youtu.be/VQn7Up-nLGc>

The Subminiature Vacuum Tube (The MIT Museum) <https://youtu.be/jegSJ0039-A>

Regeneration Control: Full-Auto (Mikrowave1) <https://youtu.be/L8ALGMrK4r4>

1960s Digital Multimeter Repair (Mr. Carlson's Lab) <https://youtu.be/shEhQ6CnBRU>

Iran Just Triggered A Cryptic Shortwave Message <https://youtu.be/ErmbTpxAM7Q>

Remco Transistor Radio Commercial <https://youtu.be/Jes6LL7bbhU>

Tecsun 2P3 DIY AM Portable Radio Kit Build & Review <https://youtu.be/A5T-Kpndxss>

NIST Radio Stations www.nist.gov/video/nist-colloquium-nbsnist-radio-stations-story-old-timer

Newest "Throwback Thursday" Videos:

Carbon Microphones <https://youtu.be/j6fGZtY8q74>

Show & Tell, June 2000 <https://youtu.be/h5dlkYFuWlQ>

Adventures in Building a Modern Radio Kit

By Joseph Divito

It all began with watching a YouTube video by one of my favorite radio repair vloggers, who goes by the handle Shango066. He did a build and review of a couple kits back in 2017, from a Chinese knock-off of Amazon. I stumbled across them a month ago and was fascinated to see him outline his experience building, aligning and using the kit radios. Thinking it would be cool to have a brand-new “vintage” AM pocket radio, I found one of the kits he built still being sold on eBay and went for it. All told, the kit went together in an afternoon and was about as Shango described — a “city radio.” It worked on the first try but wasn’t much to write home about. I was OK with that, since for my first attempt, I wanted something inexpensive, so if I messed up, or decided building kit radios wasn’t my thing, I wasn’t out much (it was \$12.99 shipped). Here’s a photo of the completed radio:



I wouldn’t recommend this radio except as a first try, though I am mentioning it because it is rather inexpensive. Mine came from China and discovered all the assembly instructions were in Chinese! Needless to say, it made the experience of building this kit “interesting” to say the least! If I hadn’t seen the tips and tricks Shango gave, I would have had a lot more trouble with this kit. If you are interested anyway, here’s a link to Shango’s video: <https://youtu.be/6rNbZj3tpOs?si=vhX9jjCyyOLaHb84>.

Having been inspired by my success, I decided I wanted to find a better radio kit, one that would result in a real radio. I watched several videos from YouTube of different people’s recommendations, and some online pages of kit reviews. One kit stood out, made by a Chinese company called TECSUN. This kit was a little more expensive, at about \$32 from Amazon, and also for sale on eBay for about the same price. However, the customer reviews on Amazon said you would not be disappointed with the radio you’d have when done. Here’s a sample video to give you an idea of the kit: <https://youtu.be/A5T-Kpndxss>. I ordered mine from Amazon, and it arrived quickly (and free thanks to my Discover card “cash back” points). I was off to a good start!

The radio arrived well packed with an endearing image of a young boy assembling his radio. If I had been a few years older, and alive when the era of kit building electronics was in its prime, that could have been me (without a picture of Chairman Mao on the wall, of course.)



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Adventures in Building a Modern Radio Kit (Continued)

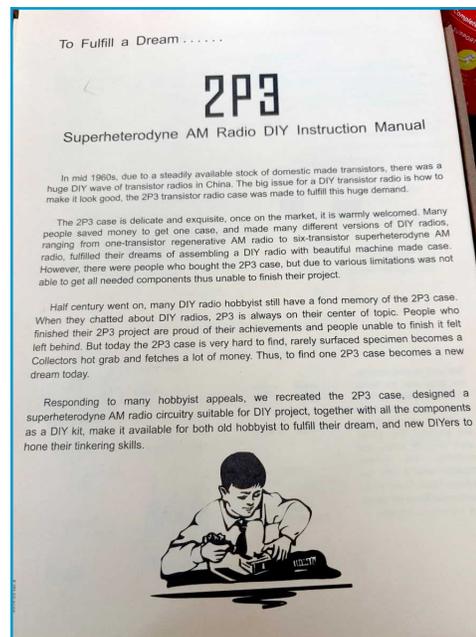
Inside, I was presented with a well-organized set of parts:



They even included a fold out box that you could store your completed radio in when not in use:



When I opened the instructions, I was presented with a nice history behind the kit. It seems some things cross cultures, including the desire for and satisfaction from building your own radios:



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New Jersey Antique Radio Club's

Spring Swap Meet and Ham Fest

Antique Radios, Vintage Hi-Fi, & More!!



Parsippany PAL Building
33 Baldwin Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054
Just off Route 46,
Adjacent to Smith Field



Sunday, March 15th, 2026



Refreshments Available

(40) 8 Foot Tables

\$30.00 for members

\$35.00 for non-members

Reserve Additional tables \$25.00

At the door \$30.00

Open to the Public

8am to 12 noon

Vendor setup at 7:15am

\$8.00 Entrance Fee

Club Donation

For Directions

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