

THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB

1997

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

CONVENTION

**RAMADA INN
NEW CASTLE, DE**

WELCOME TO THE 1997 NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CONVENTION! WE TRUST THAT YOUR STAY WILL BE ENJOYABLE AND FIND WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED OF INTEREST.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE SOME TIME TO VISIT SOME OF THE VARIOUS ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA. NEAR BY IS THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE RAMADA INN. LOCATED ON THE DELAWARE RIVER AND THE START OF DELAWARE BAY, THE TOWN DATES BACK TO THE DAYS OF BEN FRANKLIN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ANTIQUE STORES IN THE TOWN PLUS "BATTERY PARK", WITH A LONG PAVED WALKING PATH THAT FOLLOWS THE BANKS OF THE DELAWARE.

FURTHER DOWN ROUTE 9 IS DELAWARE CITY, WHERE YOU CAN RIDE A BOAT OUT TO PEA PATCH ISLAND AND VIEW A COLONIAL FORT. RADIO RECEPTION IS INTERESTING IN THIS AREA ALSO AS IT IS GREATLY ENHANCED BY WATER PATH, THE STATIONS ALONG THE NEW JERSEY COAST ARE JUST ABOUT AT LOCAL LEVELS!

WE SUGGEST YOU CHECK THE MANY TOURIST INFORMATION ITEMS LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE RAMADA. THERE ARE MANY PLACES TO VISIT WITHIN AN HOUR OF THE HOTEL.

THE AGENDA.....(or some type of plan of events)

FRIDAY EVENING.....Open meeting room. We have secured the Presidential Suite for the convention, it is located above the front desk. The room will be open the whole time of the convention for you to meet and talk. Beverages and snacks will also be made available. A good chance to unwind after a long ride.

SATURDAY.....An open day for you to visit the area. There are lots of places to see in the area within an hours drive, we suggest you find something of interest and pay it a visit.

7:30 PM SATURDAY NIGHT.....make a note of this, its when we'll have the banquet, business meeting (it won't be a long one we promise!), guest speaker and the famous NRC auction (lookout for the stuff Ken Chatterton bought 5 years ago, it may make a return!). Our guest speaker is ALLEN LOUDELL from WILM in Wilmington. Allen is operations manager of the station and also a DX'er and gained national attention when he was involved with the cancellation of Rush Limball from a national station. We'll take a short break after Allen speaks to get material ready for the auction. It's more excitement that most can handle in a good day, we can watch Ken Chatterton buy all the stuff he brought back, watch Paul Swearingen break out in a sweat when a coffee cup with AM call letters shows up and Dick Truax hold out his hand for collections. Its cash and carry, no credit cards or monopoly money will be allowed.

Yes, the AGENDA continues.....

SUNDAY10AM.....Our very own JOHN BOWKER will do his thing again with the DX AUDIO SERVICE. John will be talking with the ones who are brave enough to see just what he does each month and promises something that will just put a chill in you!

After John finishes, FRED VOBBE will offer more information on the DX AUDIO SERVICE services, and what's happening with it.

After breaking for lunch, slides and videos will be shown by SCOTT FLYBUSH and PAUL MOUNT and MIKE SANBORN. These are always of interest, since you look at the tower, see some small little stick out in the middle of a cow pasture and think "how did I ever hear that one"..... And it is more than likely one DAVE SCHMIDT has worked on.

The FRANK MERRILL PROOF DX QUIZ will be held also on Sunday. We hope we can figure out some of Franks' writing for this. Believe me, its full of questions even he didn't know the answers for and he made me verify. Not to worry, he CAN'T win it this year.

We will post times for events and what room we will meet in for this portion of the convention.

The meeting room will remain open through the whole time, in the event we bore you to tears or just want to talk with someone else.

(PS: If you get to the DX AUDIO SERVICE portion, we'll have some coffee available. That is unless DS gets there first, it may vanish quickly!!)

SUNDAY NITE.....the meeting room will be open through the night. We hope to secure an AM radio of sorts for those who may want to take a whirl over the dial.

MONADY.....We wind it up! The meeting room will be open for the day.

*****SPECIAL THANKS******

SOME OF THE STUFF THAT WENT ON BEHIND THE SCENES THAT OFFER MENTIONING.....

JOHN & LINDA BOWKER.....THEY OFFERED TO HELP WITH THE REGISTRATIONS, AND A SIGH OF RELIEF CAME UPON ME.....HELP! AND ITS FREE!!! JOHN & LINDA HAVE MY THANKS FOR BEING THERE AT THE RIGHT TIME AND THE MANY E-MAILS THAT WENT BACK AND FORTH FOR SIX MONTHS PRIOR (DAVE: HEY JOHN, WHAT DO I DO NOW?.....JOHN: DRIVE!).....THANKS JOHN AND LINDA.....

JOHN MALICKY.....OUR RESIDENT PROFESSIONAL STATION VISITOR. JOHN SENT OUT A NUMBER OF CARDS TO THE STATIONS IN THE AREA. WHAT WAS BETTER HE SAID HE KNEW ME. IN TURN, I RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS ASKING "WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW SCHMIDT?". WE'LL HAVE SOME STORIES ON THIS I'M SURE.....

THE STAFF AT THE RAMADA INN.....WHEN I WENT TO THEM, I TOLD THEM WE HAD THE CONVENTION HERE IN 1986 AND HOW MUCH EVERYONE ENJOYED IT, AND WE

WANTED TO HAVE IT HERE AGAIN!!! FOR SOME REASON THEY POINTED ME IN THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE HOSPITAL ACROSS THE STREET BUT THEN DID REALIZE I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IT. THEY HAVE HELPED A GREAT DEAL WITH THE SCHEDULING, ALWAYS CALLING ME A WEEK AHEAD OF TIME TO GET INFORMATION FROM ME (KNOWING MY SCHEDULE). MY THANKS TO THEM! THINK WE'LL SEE THEM IN ELEVEN YEARS AGAIN????

*****ETC., ETC...*****

We did not set up any station tours, since the stations we contacted are staffed to a minimum (if at all) during the holiday. If you may be interested in trying to get in to any stations, we suggest you call them and see if someone might be available. If you're looking for transmitter sites, please see Dave and he can supply directions.

If you want to go to church on Sunday, there is FAITH CITY, located at Route 7 & I-95, across from the Christiana Mall (2 exits down from where you are now). If you go, you can also get a station tour of WXHL-89.1, located just above the church! The pastor of the church, Steve Hare, is very much into the radio side of the ministry, operating both the FM station and LPTV WXHL Channel 14. And its safe to say you know me if you pay them a visit (I built this one also)!

FLEAS.....Yes, there are some GREAT Flea Markets in the area., one located at the New Castle Farmers Market (right across from the airport on Route 13) or Cowtown Rodeo, located just across the Delaware Memorial Bridge on Route 40. You'll never know what you'll find at these places.....

DINERS.....If you're into diners, there are many in the area, especially along Route 40 between the bridge and route 55....But please keep in mind the Ramada has a fine resturant available.....and its within walking distance.....

NO SALES TAX.....That's correct, NO SALES TAX IN DELAWARE!!! There are a number of malls in the area, so go wild, spend some bucks! There are also 2 ham radio stores in the area, Ham Radio Outlet just a short distance from the Ramada on Route 13 and Amateur And Advanced Communications located on Route 202 (Concord Pike). They will both be open on Saturday.

AND AS A PUBLIC SERVICE REMINDER.....

When driving in the area, please watch your speed. The small towns of New Castle and Newport, etc., have police which like to hand our tokens of appreciation if you drive just a few hairs over the limit. Please watch it! (And no, I do not have connections to bail you out!!)

.....AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
THE 1997 NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CONVENTION!!
ENJOY YOUR STAY, DRIVE SAFELY AND PLEASE
CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT TO THE N-R-C!!!!!!

Best of DX!

Dave Schmidt

New Castle NRC Convention -- Attendees

Last Name	First Name
Arruda	Arlene
Arruda	Ray
Bartek	Dan
Bowker	Linda
Bowker	John
Breville	Walter
Cassidy	Pat
Chatterton	Ken
Cooper	Glenn
Cuomo	Chris
Dangerfield	Ben
Draxler	Andy
Draxler	Susan
Fybush	Lisa
Fybush	Scott
Greenberg	Warren
Greene	George
Hakiel, Jr	George
Hakiel, Sr	George
Harrison	Bob
Healy	Craig
Holbrook	Hank
Holbrook	Mary Ellen
Lantz	Michael
LaVigne	Bob
Lord	Betty
Loudell	Allan
Malicky	John
Mauger	Ed
McClurkan	BB
Merrill	Frank
Merriman	Al
Mount	Paul
Nitshe	George
Onyschuk	Ken
Petrecca	Camille
Sanburn	Mike
Schmidt	Dave
Smolarek	Bob
Stonier	Bob
Stonier	Patti
Stutterheim	Matt
Swearingen	Paul
Thomas	Paul
Townshend	Bill
Truax	Dick
Vobbe	Fred
Wesolowski	Ernest
Whatmough	Dave
Wishnewitz	Martin
Wollman	Garrett
Wood	Tracy
Yocis	David
Youngblood	Josh

Note:
Youngblood was here
to provide Xportation
for BB McClurkan.