

TO: RECORD COLLECTORS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

The organizational meeting of a record collector's club was held on Sunday afternoon, October 14th at the home of Roy Robbins, Dallastown, Penna.

The meeting opened with an introduction of ourselves to the group. There were approximately 20 members in attendance, with another 15 who called to express interest, but were unable to attend.

An open discussion was held to help determine what members considered to be the purpose of a record collector's club. The following ideas were agreed upon:

- (1) to meet other collectors and to exchange information about records, artists, and labels.
- (2) to have access to records each of us are seeking through trading records
- (3) possible future establishment of fund raising events such as record hops to sustain the club financially, and for the entertainment of members
- (4) promotion of fellowship among fellow record collectors
- (5) broadening of each other's interests and exposure to different types of music
- (6) contributing individually or as smaller groups to organized record collector's publications through research. (It was felt that our own publication is several years in the future, if at all).
- (7) attract new members, and expose them to the hobby of record collecting
- (8) correspond with other established record collector's organizations across the country
- (9) give members the opportunity to distribute want lists to other members, greatly increasing the chances of finding a particular want.
 - (a) it was felt that each member would be responsible for typing, copying, and distributing his or her own want list at meetings, rather than to try to publish such a list through our regular mailings.

A discussion was also held on what type of format we would like to see for our meetings. The following items were generally agreed upon:

- (1) a short business meeting should be conducted at every meeting, to help the structure of the club. This was particularly important to some members of the Baltimore club who feel that that club has become very weak in communication and organization.
- (2) an open forum question & answer session be included in the meetings, and that this element be restricted to only specific questions and answers about a particular record, group, etc. (i.e. leave the details & history for when we break down to one-to-one discussion, or smaller groups)
- (3) at each meeting, one of two members of the group would be given the opportunity to play a selection or two to the entire group, which they consider rare or unique, exposing other members to these items.
- (4) make available a listing of new releases by established 50's or 60's artists, or new versions of old songs. This may either be handed out, or handled through a newsletter format.

We also discussed the need for a fairly low-cost place to meet. Possibly a hall or garage, which must be heated, be spacious enough, and have receptacles for phonographs would be appropriate. Members were asked to contribute some time in seeking such a place.

The financial responsibilities of our club were determined to be:

- (1) advertising (for meetings, and for our Columbia Flea Market Dates)
- (2) rental of a meeting place
- (3) postage for newsletter mailings to members, and any printing costs
- (4) refreshments

The following other points were raised, and considered to be in general agreement:

- (1) Meetings be scheduled for Sundays, rather than Saturdays or weeknights to accomodate most members.
- (2) The length of our meetings be 4 hours.
- (3) Other than the business meeting and other format discussed at the bottom of the last page, most of the time should be devoted to informal mingling, discussion, and trading among members.
- (4) The frequency of our meetings was not decided upon, but it was the majority opinion to mix the club meetings with the Columbia Flea market sales to the public. (Possibly every other month ..)
- (5) Election of temporary officers would be held at the next meeting. These officers would be in charge of further organizing the club, and to draft a charter for the club, including its formal name. These officers would serve until the next meeting after June 1, 1980. It is noted that club members do not want the club to become "political", as has another oldies club we have dealt with. However, it was the opinion of all members that a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are necessary for the club to run efficiently, and to grow. It was felt that new elections should be held on a yearly basis.
- (6) Above all, it is hoped that all members will feel free to bring their opinions into the club, and to help with its organization, and growth. This is your club, and its success or failure will completely depend upon your enthusiasm and support. Attendance is important, especially during the club's formative stages.

Upcoming:

November 11: Next Club Meeting. This will again be at the home of Roy Robbins, 60 East King Street, Dallastown, Pa. (Phone: (717) 244-7933). Bring records. A few portable record players will also be necessary. Time: 1 to 5 P.M.

November 25th Next Record Sale at Columbia Flea market. All members welcome to set up if you feel you have enough duplicates or unwanted records to sell. Table space is \$3/table, plus your share of the advertising costs. (Dec. 16 sale cancelled)

We hope to do another oldies show on The WSBA Saturday Night Special in the near future. We will be promoting the club on the air.