

ARCI RADIOFEST 2019 MAIN AUCTION

Friday Night, August 2nd

Thanks to John Stone, ARCI Auction Coordinator, for submitting the following auction planning update.

The Main Auction will once again take place on Friday evening in the Crescent Ballroom, starting at 6:00 PM, one half hour earlier than last year. Check-in for the Main Auction will open no later than 3:00pm. As usual, we anticipate a very busy and well attended auction, and we suggest you allow as much time as possible to register and get your items in place. Sellers will be able to unload their items through the front entrance of the Medinah facility. The Crescent Ballroom is easily accessible from the front entrance, but we strongly suggest you bring your own hand truck or rolling cart with you, if you are bringing heavy or oversized items. Ample parking for buyers and sellers will be available in the lot directly in front of the facility.

This year, ARCI will again partner with the Vintage Radio Phonograph Society (VRPS) from Irving Texas to run the main auction, and Nick Tillich, president of the Wisconsin Antique Radio Club, Inc. (WARCI) will handle the computers and processing. Jim Sargent, VRPS member and professional auctioneer, has again generously contributed his time and skills to call the auction, and will be assisted by our team of volunteers.

Fees are unchanged from last year: \$7 per item for sellers (\$10 for non-members), bidding cards at \$3 each (\$5 for non-members) and a 10% buyer's premium applies. Please note that the maximum number of selling lots per person has been reduced from 10 to 8. Additionally, in the interest of keeping the auction from running to a very late hour, as has been seen in previous years, there will be a maximum of 260 total lots accepted for this auction. For your reference, last year's total was 294 lots, with the auction running nearly 5 hours. Registration will therefore close either at 5:30 PM or when the maximum limit has been reached, whichever comes first.

The auction format will be the same as last year, allowing sellers to place a confidential reserve. We plan to have our trusty team of experienced volunteers and assistants in ready to make the check-in/check-out process as smooth as possible, but we know that sometimes the lines can get a little long during these periods. We very much appreciate your continued patience and courtesy during this process.

Our auction sequence will be based on clearly numbered tables and the console selling areas at the back of the ballroom. We will begin at table 1 and progress until we reach the highest numbered table or area. ARCI makes no guarantees of the time your items will be up for auction, but hopefully the numbering and auction sequence will give you a better idea of when your items will sell.

There will food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) available for purchase throughout the duration of the auction. Cash and credit cards accepted for refreshment items.

Auction Rules

- Official auction registration hours: 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM, or when the total number of registered lots reaches 260, whichever comes first.
- Auction begins at 6:00 PM.
- 8 lots maximum per registered seller.
- Auction fees: \$7 per item for sellers (\$10 for non-members); bidding cards at \$3 each (\$5 for non-members); 10% buyer's premium applies.
- Auction sequence is based on numbered tables and floor areas, beginning with Table #1.
- Vintage Radio, Audio, Ham Radio, Phonograph, and items related to these categories only. (Advertising, parts, etc.) No new items allowed. No fans, clocks, or other small appliances, except those clearly intended for the purpose of marketing the items listed above. ARCI reserves the right to refuse any item presented at auction registration that does not meet the listed criteria.
- Cash or personal check only for all auction purchases and fees.
- Please refrain from loud conversation while the auction is in progress.

Please contact John Stone at jmsent2@comcast.net if you have any questions or comments regarding the auction.