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RADIOFEST: Post World War II Electronics!
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

UPCOMING JUNE 18, 2017 MEET

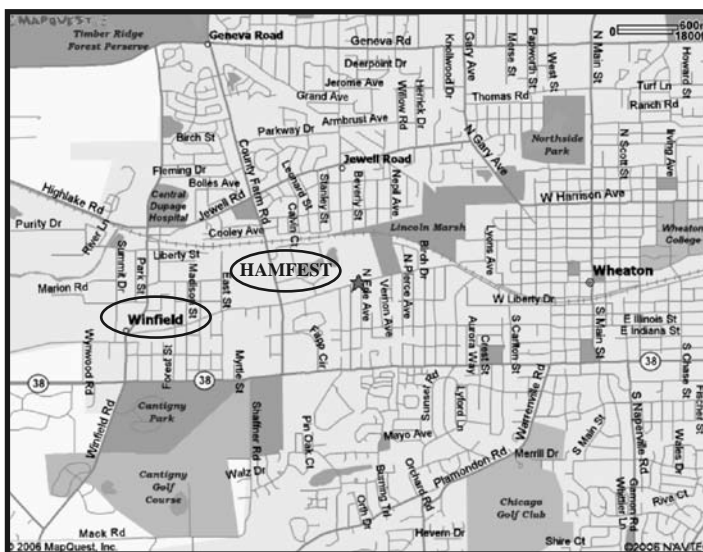
**JOINT MEET WITH 6-METER CLUB OF CHICAGO
& MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO NET HAMBOREE**

DUPAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL

(North of Roosevelt Road Rte. 38 and East of County Farm Road)

**June 18, 2017
Gates Open 7AM**



2017 ARCI MEET SCHEDULE

June 18, 2017	Outdoor - Gates Open 7AM Combined Meet With 6-Meter Club of Chicago	DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL (See Advance Ticket Form & Map)
August 4-6, 2017	RADIOFEST	Medinah Shriners/Addison, IL
October 8, 2017	7AM-11AM Outdoor Swap Meet Business Mtg./Officer Election 10AM	American Legion Hall Carol Stream, IL (See Map)
December 10, 2017	7AM-11AM Indoor Swap Meet Business Meeting 10AM	American Legion Hall Carol Stream, IL (See Map)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anyone who has lived in the northern Illinois area for as long as I have knows that Spring weather in these parts is going to be a crap shoot at best. This year, after a fairly mild winter and a long-range forecast from The Weather Channel of a “warmer than normal” Spring, I let myself be lulled into imagining an April and May where I could go actually go outside without having to wear an overcoat. Mother Nature, unfortunately, did not get the memo, and right on cue, sent us her cold lake effect breezes, jet streams diving down from Canada, and temperatures that have been, in May, anyway, colder than average. So much for my faith in long-range forecasts.

Unfortunately for ARCI, one of the cool, rainy days just happened to occur on Sunday, April 30, the day of our annual spring meet at the American Legion in Carol Stream. Temperatures stayed cool with a constant mist and zero sunshine. Our members definitely shook off the bad weather and showed up for our second indoor meet of the year. Club members eager to sell goods they had accumulated over the long winter bought a total of 18 indoor spaces. There was an equally good turnout of buyers, with many really great items finding new homes. Our donation auction was once again quite large, with bargains that could only be described as incredible. A full array of test gear, old radios, fully restored chassis, speakers, and loose parts galore were among the treasures lurking in the pile. All told, the donation auction netted a cool \$482 for the club's coffers, and many happy bidders went home with great items obtained for a song. Thanks once again to Tom Kleinschmidt and Jim Novak for their great work at the auction and to Art Bilski for storing and schlepping items for the auction. It was much appreciated.

As we come ever closer to the end of July, our attention focuses on all things *Radiofest*. Your *Radiofest 2017* staff is hard at work finalizing all the details for what promises to be a memorable event. *Radiofest 2017* will be a fun-packed show that is sure to please anyone with an interest in collecting and restoring vintage radios, audio gear, and ham radio equipment. With our large swap meet over two days, two auctions, three presentations, ham station, and awards banquet, there's sure to be something for everybody.

As most of you know by now, *Radiofest 2017* will take place in the same venue as last year, The Medinah Shriners in Addison, Illinois. You will be impressed with our location, with its large number of parking spaces, beautiful ballroom and presentation facilities, and high quality Hilton Garden Inn Hotel. In this issue of the *ARCI News* you will find all of the up-to-date information needed for planning on attending *Radiofest 2017*, including a copy of the *Radiofest* brochure, registration form, equipment contest form, program information, and much more. So please take the time to read carefully through all the various parts of this newsletter pertaining to *Radiofest 2017*, and if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at akent36@comcast.net.

Now is the time to make your plans to attend our upcoming annual combined meet, hosted by the Six Meter Club of Chicago, on June 18 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. This is always an enjoyable meet with great people and many interesting items for sale. The Six Meter Club members always show up with a great selection of

ham gear, lots of parts, tools, test equipment, etc. And ARCI's own Swap Row puts the icing on the cake with a great selection of collectible radios, vintage hi-fi gear, phonographs, tape recorders, and many other items. There will be the usual donation auction, ham license testing, and many other associated activities. For all the details, see our dedicated article about this event, along with the Hamfest Flyer from the Six Meter Club, in this issue of the *ARCI NEWS*. I look forward to seeing all of you there and at *Radiofest 2017*.

See You At The Next Meet,
Jeff Aulik
ARCI PRESIDENT

ARCI UPDATE

The President's Column ~ All The News That's Fit To Print

RADIOFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Radiofest's flea market, speaker programs, contests, auction, and displays are all made possible through the tireless efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers who have generously donated their time and talents to this wonderful event. But, we could really use some extra help from you. If you have some time available on Friday evening to help out with the auction, or on Saturday during the day to lend a hand, please consider volunteering to help us out. If you're available and would like to help us out, please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.

Our greatest needs are in:

- *Main Auction and Parking Lot Preparation (Friday afternoon and evening).* Please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.
- *Old Equipment Contest* registration. Please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.
- *Registration.* Please contact Judy Huether at oldradioshoppe@aol.com.

RADIOFEST SPONSORSHIPS

It is not too late to participate in our ARCI Corporate Sponsorship program and our Member-Sponsor program for *Radiofest*. The *Radiofest* brochures and other *Radiofest* advertising will be printed in May. We encourage all our members to participate. *Radiofest* and other ARCI announcements directly reach almost 20,000 targeted readers with interests in historical and technical subjects. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of inexpensive advertising to a targeted audience while providing substantial assistance to our club. Please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net or Art Bilski at myantiqueradio@myantiqueradio.com by June 18, 2017 with any ideas or suggestions for new sponsors interested in discussing arrangements with ARCI.

RADIOFEST SPONSOR-MEMBERS

ARCI is again offering “Sponsor-Members” status to members who are dedicated to assuring the financial strength of *Radiofest*. Members who feel they are able to contribute \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to the sponsorship fund may do so. Sponsor-Members will be listed in *ARCI NEWS* (but not the amount of contribution), and recognized as a group at the banquet. I am aware of a number of organizations that regularly produce events similar in size to *Radiofest*. Member-Sponsors help to provide the “emergency backing”. You, as a member, are invited to help and participate as you see fit. Funds, by cash-in-person, or check identified as “Member-Sponsor Fund”, should go directly to our treasurer Rudy Hecker. If you have any questions or comments, please email Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.

REGISTER EARLY FOR JUNE HAMFEST COMBINED MEET WITH SIX METER CLUB

The June ARCI swap meet will be a joint event with the Six Meter Club of Chicago on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd., in Wheaton - just a bit south and west of our ARCI meets at the American Legion in Carol Stream. Last year more than 1,200 radio enthusiasts and hams from 16 states and with visitors from Canada and Mexico participated in the giant flea market and other events, including many ARCI members who were able to park in a special area designated as ARCI Swap Row.

We will have displays from AMSAT, ARRL, NWS/Skywarn and dealer displays. And, the Midwest Classic Radio Net’s Hamboree will be back with us again. MCRN is a gathering of hams that operate “boat anchor” equipment on a weekly 3885 kHz AM net..



Everyone **MUST** have a Hamfest ticket to attend. Tickets are still only \$6 in advance, or \$8 at the gate. There is no charge for outdoor flea market space - please see the registration form for information. As usual, ARCI will have its donation auction at 10 am along with the 50-50 drawing. In addition, if you deposit your Hamfest ticket stubs in the drum near the stage in Building 2, you have a chance to win many other prizes including \$300, \$200 and \$100 cash.

Indoor flea market sellers and commercial dealers will be in Buildings 2, 3 and 4 with the outdoor flea market to the east of the Exhibition Hall building and extending north along the east side of the fairgrounds. All traffic will enter and exit through gate S-7 located east of the main exhibition hall. For ham operators, in honor of the club's 60th anniversary, special event station K6O will be on the air, serving as a talk-in station on two meter FM, 146.52 simplex and through the 146.37/97 repeater (107.2 Hz tone). Food, coffee and soda will be available from the Romeoville Knights of Columbus.

For anyone wishing to take an FCC Amateur Radio license exam, testing will be held from 9 to 11 am.

The Hamfest opens to the general public at 7 am (buildings at 8 am), but ARCI members who are willing to help direct traffic for parking – we will need help keeping ARCI Swap Row open for members – can enter at 6 a.m. providing you have an advance ticket and can show positive ARCI ID (your current membership card). You can then pick out your favorite flea market parking space and lend a hand for a few minutes when the gates open at 7. We could also use some help Saturday afternoon after 2 pm setting up signs, the PA system, tables, etc.

Anyone who can help out or who needs advance tickets or more information can call Jim Novak at 708-442-4961 or email WA9FIH@aol.com.



HAM RADIO AND ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET

Also featuring Antique and Vintage Radios - now Bigger and Better than ever!

SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO

60th ANNUAL

HAMFEST

and *Antique Radio Club of Illinois* Swap Meet
plus Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree!

Sunday, June 18, 2017

DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, Illinois

2015 Manchester Road (North of Roosevelt Rd., Rte. 38), East of County Farm Rd.

GPS COORDINATES: N41.866667, W-88.132989

GATES AND FLEA MARKET OPEN 7 A.M. BUILDINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC 8 A.M.



- All Weather, Large Outdoor Flea Market AND More than 20,000 square feet of indoor selling space for those who prefer to be inside
- AMSAT, ARRL, Skywarn and Dealer Displays
- Good Food and Refreshments at Reasonable Prices
- Free Parking - no extra charge for outdoor space
- Donation Auction at 11 a.m. - Proceeds to ARCI (Radios, Test Eqpt., Parts Only - NO PCs)
- Overnight RV Parking w/110V hookup - must Register in Advance!
- 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100 and many other door prizes awarded at Noon
- TICKETS: Advance \$6.00; At Gate \$8.00 - Use form below to order advance tickets.
- TALKIN: K9ONA 146.52, K9ONA/R 146.37/97 (107.2)
- **ALL TRAFFIC ENTER GATE S-7 EAST OF BUILDING**
- INFORMATION: E-Mail WD9GJK@arri.net or call our 24 Hour InfoLine - (708)442-4961.



ARRL VEC License Exams 9 a.m. \$15.00 fee

VISIT OUR WEB SITES:

SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO: www.k9ona.com

ANTIQUA RADIO CLUB OF ILLINOIS: www.antique-radios.org

MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO NET: www.mcrn3885.net

PLEASE NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED

NO SALE OF FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN FLEA MARKET - *All Sellers Responsible for Cleanup of Their Spaces!*

Return with check payable to "Six Meter Club of Chicago" and Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to:
Six Meter Club of Chicago, 3532 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield IL 60513-1204 **no later than June 1, 2017.**

Please send Tickets/Reservations as follows:

ADVANCE TICKETS (every attendee age 12 and over)

_____ @ \$6.00 ea. = \$ _____

COMMERCIAL DEALER TABLES 8ft. w/110V

_____ @ \$12.00 ea. = \$ _____

NOTE: No extra charge for tables w/110V as available, first come first served!

OVERNIGHT RV PARKING FAIRGROUNDS FEE (includes 110V) # _____ @ \$30.00 ea. = \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

HEALTH & WELFARE

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long time Michigan Antique Radio Club board member Don Colbert on April 26, 2017. He and his wife Nancy were pillars of MARC since the beginning in 1985. Don, 74, of Dearborn, passed away unexpectedly at Beaumont Oakwood hospital on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

After surgery for cancer, Don passed away. He was one of the founding fathers of MARC, and he and wife Nancy attended and staffed nearly every event since 1985. Anyone who attended Extravaganza at Lansing more or recently in Kalamazoo probably met him. Don often acted as the "Security" at MARC events, and was known to be a firm wall to hit, but deep inside he was one of the warmest fellows you could know.

Don is survived by his wife Nancy, sons Michael (Tonnya), Matthew (Charlotte) and daughter Marcy (Charles Jerore). Grandfather to 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, uncle to many nieces and nephews, and great uncle to Macsen.

Don was born March 16, 1943 in Detroit, and was the oldest of two children. After graduating from high school in 1961, he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War. Following the war, Don became a driver for the United Parcel Service where he worked for 30 years before retiring.

Don was passionate about his antique radios, his handy man work, The Knights of Columbus, and volunteering. As a board member of MARC, he spent more than 35 years collecting, selling and restoring antique radios. He traveled to and hosted many antique radio events over the years, and he owned over 150 antique radios.



Don Colbert

While enjoying his retirement, Don became a local handy man and helped as many people as he could. He was generous with his time and attention and a very caring individual. He was an active member of the Knight of Columbus where he served as a Warden and helped with the dinners at St. Patrick's Senior Center, the corned beef dinners at the hall and enjoyed having coffee with his friends many days during the week. He was a dedicated parishioner of Sacred Heart Church where he volunteered to deliver food

baskets during the Holidays, delivered donated coats and VA collections and served at the mother daughter brunches and pancake breakfasts.

Don will forever be known for his dedication to his family, passion for the Marine Corps., fun loving personality, generosity and his compassion for others.

Visitation was held at the Dearborn Chapel of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, and the funeral mass took place on May 1 at Sacred Heart Church of Dearborn, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Many ARCI members knew Don and his wife, and cannot remember when Don and Nancy were not greeting us and working in some capacity to help run the club and put on Extravaganza. The news has come as a shock. We at ARCI offer condolences to the family and to our MARC friends at this very sad time. Don and Nancy, you were a class act and left a great example for all of us. Don, on behalf of your friends in ARCI and Chicago, you will be missed.

ANTIQUÉ PHONOGRAPH & MUSIC BOX SHOW MARKS 42nd YEAR

Donley is hosting its annual Phonograph and Music Box Show in Union, Illinois on June 10-11. This collector show specializes in phonographs, music boxes and automata but has cross-over with radio and electronics collectors. Historically, vintage radios have been well represented. The show has a large public following and takes place in space adjacent to Donley's Wild West Village and the restaurant. Bring the entire family and your children/grandchildren to enjoy a day of collecting and entertainment in the old west. See the special centerfold pull out for more information.



The show is open to the public on Saturday June 10th from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday June 11th from 10am to 3pm. Admission to the show is \$9.00 and is good for both days. A special preview admission of \$40 per person is available for those wishing to mingle with the dealers during the show setup on Friday June 12th from 8am to 4pm.

Donley's Wild West Town is located 45 minutes Northwest of O'Hare airport just off Interstate 90, at the intersection of Route 20 & S. Union Road, 2 miles south of the village of Union, in McHenry County Illinois. GPS 8512 S. Union Rd. Union, IL 60180. For further information call 815-790-9436 or see www.WildWestTown.com.

RADIOFEST 2017 PLANNING UPDATE

WE RETURN TO THE MEDINAH SHRINERS

Reserve the dates of Aug. 4-5-6. Based on positive reviews from last year, we kept the Friday through Sunday show schedule for 2017. The program schedule remains the same--opening with the auction, a full day of activities, and a closing morning.

We will return to the Medinah Shriners in Addison, Illinois. This new, modern, upscale facility is across from a Hilton Garden Inn. Just like last year, we will start off with our Friday night auction, followed on Saturday morning by the swap meet. Our speakers' programs, contest, and display will occur throughout the day on Saturday, followed by the Carl & Carolyn Knipfel banquet on Saturday night. And, of course, we will also have our appraisal tent and the ham station. On Sunday morning we reopen the swap meet, followed by our seller's raffle. We close out *Radiofest 2017* with our traditional donation auction. So as you can see, we are planning for another fun packed event, full of stuff to buy and things to do. Do not miss this meet!

RADIOFEST
Medinah Shriners
550 Shriners Drive
Addison, IL 60101
(630)-458-0200

HOTEL
Hilton Garden Inn Addison
551 N Swift Road
Addison, IL 60101
hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com
(630) 691-0500

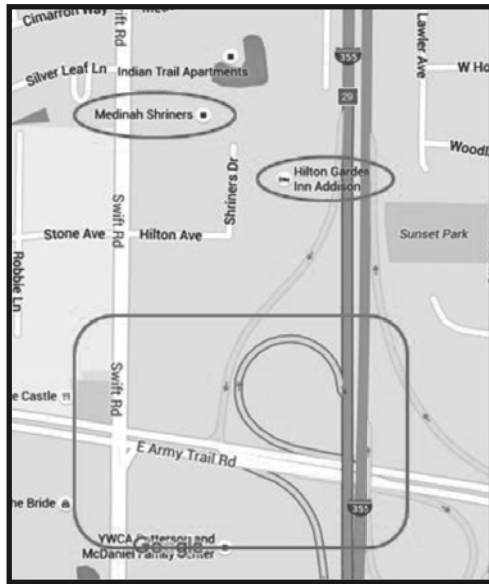


*****SPECIAL NOTICE: NO TENT STAKES ARE ALLOWED*****

To be used anywhere in the parking lot!

The Medinah facility will invoice the club for any repairs of damage to their parking surface, so please take this requirement seriously.

ANY SELLER CAUGHT DRIVING STAKES INTO THE PARKING LOT WILL BE BANNED FROM SELLING AT FUTURE RADIOFEST EVENTS.



Our official hotel for *Radiofest 2017* is the Hilton Garden Inn; located directly adjacent to the Medinah Shriners, complex, and a very short walk from the banquet facilities and parking lots. Medinah Shriners and Hilton Garden Inn are completely independent entities, but they coordinate closely on events. Our contact at Shriners helped us negotiate a really great rate with the hotel at \$95 per night. This is a top flight hotel at a reasonable price. You will not be disappointed!

Reservations for the hotel are now open! You can go to the online reservation system, which has been set up exclusively for *Radiofest* reservations. Enter <http://tinyurl.com/he6y8m9> in your web browser to go directly to the special reservations page for *Radiofest* attendees. You can also find a clickable link for hotel reservations on the 2017 *Radiofest Information Page* at http://www.antique-radios.org/radiofest_2017_info.html or you can call the hotel directly at 630-691-0500. Mention *Radiofest* to the reservation agent to get the special discount rate.

Once again, we will team up with the Wisconsin Antique Radio Club, Inc. (WARCI), the Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS) of Dallas, Texas and the Antique Wireless Association (AWA). *Radiofest* will be co-sponsored by four important clubs, making it THE national event of the summer!

AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN DUES, SWAP MEET SELLING SPACE, OR AUCTION FEES. Dues: \$25. First selling space: \$45 Pre-registered, \$50 on site registered. Additional selling spaces: \$25 Pre-registered, \$35 onsite. Table rental: (6 ft) pre-registered only, \$15. One-day single space: Sunday, \$30.

Special Notice: The entertainment at the Saturday Night banquet has been confirmed and will be *Sweet Pepprika*, a group that recreates the unique live sound of the Boswell Sisters. Banquet tickets are priced at \$40 per person. The Banquet Buffet menu will be: Tossed salad with three dressings, Roast sirloin of beef with Bordelaise sauce, Penne pasta in Marinara sauce, Baked herbed chicken breast, Twice baked potato, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Assorted fresh fruit tray, Vanilla ice cream with chocolate topping. Beverage choice will be coffee, hot or iced tea.

This year *Radiofest 2017* will commemorate Post World War II Electronics. We invite all those interested in participating to bring their finest examples to share in the display.

This year's contest categories are: Radios and Apparatus Pre-1930, Radios/TVs Through WWII (1930-1945), Advertising / Premiums, Catalin & Rare Plastic Radios, Speakers, Vacuum Tube Audio, and an Open category.

The opening night auction will be in the Medinah Crescent Ballroom, with overflow space in the adjacent Medinah Music Room. The large quantity and excellent quality of items available in the auction make this an event you will not want to miss. You never know what you will find here, including rare and highly collectible items. Jim Sargent from VRPS is returning to co-manage the auction.

Radiofest 2017 speakers' programs will feature three sessions, with a break during the noon hour. Programs will be announced.

The Donation Auction is scheduled for Sunday morning. We need your donations, which benefit the club by helping to offset operating expenses. Thanks to our members who have helped so much in years past. Remember, *Radiofest* is your show!! We are always looking for suggestions on ways to improve it. If you have a good idea, please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.

RADIOFEST KEY INFORMATION

Main Clubs: Antique Radio Club of Illinois (ARCI) as host; Wisconsin Antique Radio Club, Inc. (WARCI), Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS) of Dallas, Texas and the Antique Wireless Association (AWA).

Fees: ARCI Dues: \$25. First selling space: \$45 Pre-registered, \$50 on site registered. Additional selling spaces: \$25 Pre-registered, \$35 on site. Table rental; (6 ft) pre-registered only, \$15. One-day single space: Saturday, \$30.

Banquet Entertainment: SWEET PEPPRIKA will perform at the Saturday Night banquet. Banquet tickets are priced at \$40 per person.

Special Display: POST WORLD WAR II ELECTRONICS. We invite all those interested in participating to bring their finest examples to share in the display.

Contest Categories: Radios Pre-1930, Radios/TVs Pre 1945, Radios/TVs Through WWII (1930-1945), Advertising / Premiums, Catalin & Rare Plastic Radios, Speakers, Vacuum Tube Audio, and Open.

Main Auction: Opening night in the Medinah Crescent Ballroom, with overflow space in the adjacent Medinah Music Room. Jim Sargent from VRPS is returning to co-manage the auction.

Speaker's Programs: Three sessions with a break during the noon hour: How to Set up Your Turntable, Crystal Set Performance Basics, and the Bill Ross Memorial Ham Radio Forum.

Donation Auction: The Donation Auction is scheduled for Sunday morning. We need your donations, which benefit the club by helping to offset operating expenses. Thanks to our members who have helped so much in years past.

Ham Station: Special plans are brewing for WA9RCI, the club's vintage ham station that will operate at *Radiofest*.

QUESTIONS/IDEAS: Remember, *Radiofest* is your show!! We are always looking for suggestions on ways to improve it. If you have a good idea, please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net.

RADIOFEST 2017 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
<u>FRIDAY (8/4)</u> Pre-Registration Available After 3pm Main Auction at 6:30pm (Crescent Ballroom)
<u>SATURDAY (8/5)</u> 7am Registration / <i>Radiofest</i> Opens Flea Market All Day (West Lot) Special Event Ham Radio Station - All Day Educational Programs (Room B) Old Equipment Contest (Music Room) Banquet & Entertainment (Crescent Ballroom)
<u>SUNDAY (8/6)</u> Free Seller's Raffle at 9:15am Donation Auction at 9:30 am Flea Market Until Noon (West Lot)

RADIOFEST 2017 FEES

*Selling Spaces – 1st \$45.00 Pre-registration, \$50.00 Onsite;
Additional Spaces \$25.00 Pre-registration, \$35.00 Onsite;
Sunday Only \$30.00*

Banquet – \$40.00 each

Entertainment: Sweet Pepprika

6' TABLE RENTALS – \$15.00 each

Only through pre-registration

RADIOFEST 2017 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT DISPLAY

POST WORLD WAR II ELECTRONICS

Commemorate the post-war history and evolution of radio and electronics.

If you have any items you wish to display,

please fill out the form

in this issue or contact the organizers.

RADIOFEST 2017 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS (As of May)

RADIOFEST PROGRAM PLANNING IS IN PROGRESS

PRELIMINARY TOPICS INCLUDE:

How to Set up Your Turntable

Crystal Set Performance Basics

Bill Ross Memorial Ham Radio Forum

RADIOFEST 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES

With Awards For:

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Muchow “Best Of Show” Award

People’s Choice Award

Chairman’s Trophy; Best Historical Display

1st, 2nd, 3rd Per Category

*Radios and Apparatus Pre-1930
Radios/TVs Pre-WWII (1930 to 1945)
Advertising / Premiums*

*Catalin & Rare Plastic Radios
Speakers
Vacuum Tube Audio
Open*

SPECIAL RADIOFEST DISPLAY

POST WORLD WAR II ELECTRONICS

This year we are celebrating post war electronics. We invite you to participate in our special display theme for *Radiofest 2017*. ARCI members are invited to bring one or several pieces of equipment for display, but **MUST** preregister to avoid duplication of entries in the limited space available.

We will have a display of any and all post war related items. We are looking for your contributions such as:

- Transistor communications items
- Military communications
- Hi-Fi and Stereo
- Related items from famous news stories and other events
- Any original documents and advertising items.

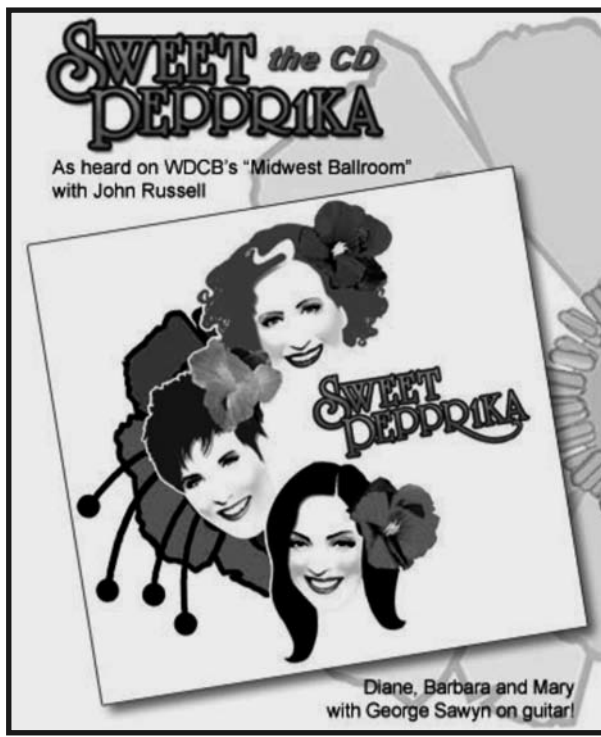
We would like to feature any items with newspaper or magazine articles and original equipment instructions, documentation and photos. The display is not limited to commercially produced items.

Please submit the *RADIOFEST 2017 SPECIAL DISPLAY REGISTRATION FORM* which will be available at the April meet and is also downloadable from our ARCI website. Submit it to Jeff Aulik or Barry Janov no later than June 15 for consideration by the committee. Our intent is to notify each applicant no later than July 4 regarding which items will be accepted for display.

NOTE: The Special Display is a special feature of *Radiofest* that operates in addition to the contest room. We invite our members to participate in both venues. Please email Jeff Aulik at akent36@comcast.net or Barry Janov at marconifon@gmail.com if you would like to participate.



RADIOFEST 2017
BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT
SWEET PEPPRIKA



RADIOFEST

August 4 thru August 6th, 2017



SIGN UP NOW!

Event: Medinah Shriners ~ 550 N. Shriners Dr. Addison, IL 60101

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn ~ 551 North Swift Rd., Addison, IL 60101
Hotel Reservations: (630) 691-0500

*All hotel reservations must be made directly with the Hilton Garden Inn
Discounted Hotel rates for ARCI members begin at \$95.00*

RADIOFEST Will Feature a Large Radio Swap Meet, Radio Contest, Informational Presentations, Appraisal Tent & Auctions. Our Banquet also returns with great food, entertainment, and awards. Events and Schedule subject to change. Watch our website for updates at: www.antique-radio.org

*All sellers must be members of **ARCI** - NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR NON-SELLERS*

ARCI Membership (\$25.00)

(If not currently a member) \$ _____

First Selling Space \$ _____

\$45.00 Pre-Registration

\$50.00 On Site Registration

Additional Spaces

\$25.00 Each Pre-Registration

\$35.00 Each On Site Registration

_____ times \$25.00 or \$35.00 = \$ _____

Table Rentals-Pre-registration only

6 ft. # _____ times \$15.00 = \$ _____

Free parking for attendees in the lot directly adjacent to the swap meet lot. If you are reserving a paid space in the swap meet lot, for parking purposes only please check here _____

One Day Single Space Rate

Sunday Only (\$30.00) \$ _____

Banquet (Buffet Style) and Show

Buffet Selection:

Beef, Chicken, or Pasta served with Garden Salad, 2 Sides, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Regular or Iced Tea

_____ Attending times \$40.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL \$ _____

Names for banquet name tags _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # DAY: _____ EVENING: _____

E-MAIL: _____ APPLICATION DATE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Please list any special requests or comments below

In order to receive confirmation of your registration and selling space assignment from ARCI by mail, we must receive your registration form on or before July 1, 2017. All sellers must check-in at the Registration Area upon arrival at Radiofest, to receive their parking permits. All selling and parking spaces in the swap meet lot will be assigned by ARCI.

Make check payable to ARCI and mail to: ARCI c/o Edward & Judy Huether; 1039 Troost Ave.; Forest Park, IL. 60130

Have Questions or need more information? Check our website at www.antique-radios.org or send e-mail to clubinfo@antique-radios.org

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Date Received _____ Registration # _____ Check # _____ Spaces _____

RADIOFEST 2017



SPECIAL DISPLAY AUGUST 5, 2017



REGISTRATION FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2017

****POST WORLD WAR II ELECTRONICS****

AFTER REVIEWING THE CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE DISPLAY ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE LIST EACH ITEM THAT YOU WISH TO DISPLAY WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS. WE INTEND TO HAVE THE DISPLAY ROOM OPEN FOR VISITORS BY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT APPROXIMATELY 3PM WITH TAKEDOWN AFTER 10PM SATURDAY NIGHT. SUNDAY MORNING RETREIVAL OF ITEMS IS OPTIONAL BUT MUST BE PRE-ARRANGED. SECURITY WILL BE PRESENT AND THE ROOM WILL BE LOCKED DURING HOURS WHEN IT IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC VIEWING. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN ACT AS "DOCENTS" TO SPEND 30-60 MINUTES IN THE DISPLAY AREA ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DISPLAY.

ITEM(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY:

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PHONE (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

SERVE AS DOCENT? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO HOURS _____

**FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BARRY JANOV AT: marconifon@gmail.com OR
JEFF AULIK, 1708 PARKVIEW AVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61107 AT: akent36@comcast.net**



Radiofest 2017

August 4-6

Friday – Saturday – Sunday

Medinah Shriners

550 Shriners Dr. (I-355 & Army Trail Rd.)
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COMMEMORATING POST WWII ELECTRONICS

FRIDAY

- Setup Day (NO SALES)
- Main Auction 6:30pm in the Crescent Ballroom
- Food Services Available
- Seller's Packets Available After 5pm

SATURDAY

- 7am Radiofest Opens
- Registration open
- Flea Market open All Day
- Educational Programs
- Ham Radio Ops All Day
- Food Services Available

SPECIAL EXHIBIT **Post WWII Electronics**

- Radios
- Television
- Advertising
- Memorabilia

EQUIPMENT CONTEST

- 1 Radios Pre-1930
- 2 Radios/TV's 1930-1945
- 3 Advertising/Premiums
- 4 Catalin & Rare Plastic
- 5 Speakers
- 6 Vacuum Tube Audio
- 7 Open Category

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Dinner, Annual Recognition & Contest Awards

ENTERTAINMENT:

Sweet Pepprika



See Radiofest registration form for further information

SUNDAY

- Free Sellers' Raffle 9:15am
- Donation Auction 9:30am
- Flea Market Until Noon

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

How to Set up Your Turntable – Pete Nauseda (*Vintage Audio Expert & Enthusiast*)

Crystal Set Performance Basics – Larry R. Wright (*Electrical Engineer, retired*)

Bill Ross Memorial Ham Radio Forum – Joint presentation by Harry Blesy, Bob Drake, and Ron Grams (*long-time club members and ham radio enthusiasts*)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ARCI Registration Form: <http://www.antique-radios.org>. **Pre-Registration Deadline:** July 8.

Hotel Reservations: Hilton Garden Inn 1-630-691-0500. Ask for ARCI room rates \$95 per night.

Seller Fees: 1st space: \$45 pre-reg./\$50 onsite. Additional spaces: \$25 pre-reg./\$35 onsite. Saturday Only \$30. Banquet tickets: \$40/person. **TABLE RENTALS:** 6' (\$15) (pre-registration only). No charge for general admission. Membership required for attending programs.

Questions? Email: clubinfo@antique-radios.org or visit: www.antique-radios.org for latest info.

MAIN AUCTION ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The Main Auction will take place on Friday evening in the Crescent Ballroom and adjoining Music Room, with a starting time of 6:30 PM. Check-in for the Main Auction will open no later than 3:30pm. We anticipate another very busy auction this year, so 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 until 6:00PM on Friday. 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. John Stone will be managing and coordinating the auction.

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. There is a limit of 10 lots per person

The auction format will be the same as last year, allowing sellers to continue to state a confidential reserve. We plan to have our trusty team of volunteers and assistants in place to make the check-in/check-out process as smooth as possible. We will do everything to make the check-in/check-out process as smooth and quick 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 *Radiofest* main auction has gained a well-deserved reputation for having some of the most unique, high quality goods, and we expect much the same for this year. We have been informed that there will be some very interesting items placed in this year's auction, including some rare and collectible vintage hi-fi equipment! So, please plan on making this part of your *Radiofest* experience. It's great fun, and you may just find that rare treasure you've been looking for! There will food and refreshments available for purchase throughout the duration of the auction.

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SWAP MEET

The Swap Meet will be held in the west parking area of the Medinah Shriners' facility. This is a large, well-maintained parking area that gives us plenty of space for sellers, including those bringing in larger vehicles and trailers. All selling spaces will be pre-assigned by ARCI, and we will strictly enforce those space assignments. As in previous years, all sellers will be asked to check-in at the Registration Area at the entrance to the parking lot prior to occupying their selling space. Parking permits, which must be prominently displayed in each vehicle's windshield, will be given out upon arrival at the lot.

*****SPECIAL NOTICE: NO TENT STAKES ARE ALLOWED*****

To be used anywhere in the parking lot!

The Medinah facility will invoice the club for any repairs of damage to their parking surface, so please take this requirement seriously.

ANY SELLER CAUGHT DRIVING STAKES INTO THE PARKING LOT WILL BE BANNED FROM SELLING AT FUTURE RADIOFEST EVENTS.

Parking for buyers and all other *Radiofest* attendees will be in the main parking lot, directly adjacent to the sellers' lot. It is a

short and easy walk from one lot to the other. The Hilton Garden Inn Hotel has its own separate lot for all hotel guests.

PROGRAMS

We have worked very hard to put together an interesting and educational series of programs for *Radiofest 2017*. An overview of the outstanding programs along with info about the Radio Clinic is shown below.

RADIOFEST 2017PROGRAMS

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TURNTABLE

Pete Nauseda

Today, there is a vinyl revival and to help extract the highest fidelity, a properly adjusted turntable is a key requirement. Properly setting up a turntable is one of the most asked for audiophile topics, so join Pete Nauseda (Vintage Audio Expert & Enthusiast) for this presentation and informative Q & A session.

CRYSTAL SET PERFORMANCE BASICS

Larry R. Wright

Have you ever constructed a crystal set? Join Larry Wright (Electrical Engineer, retired) as he shares how to optimize the design of a crystal set to achieve remarkable DX performance.

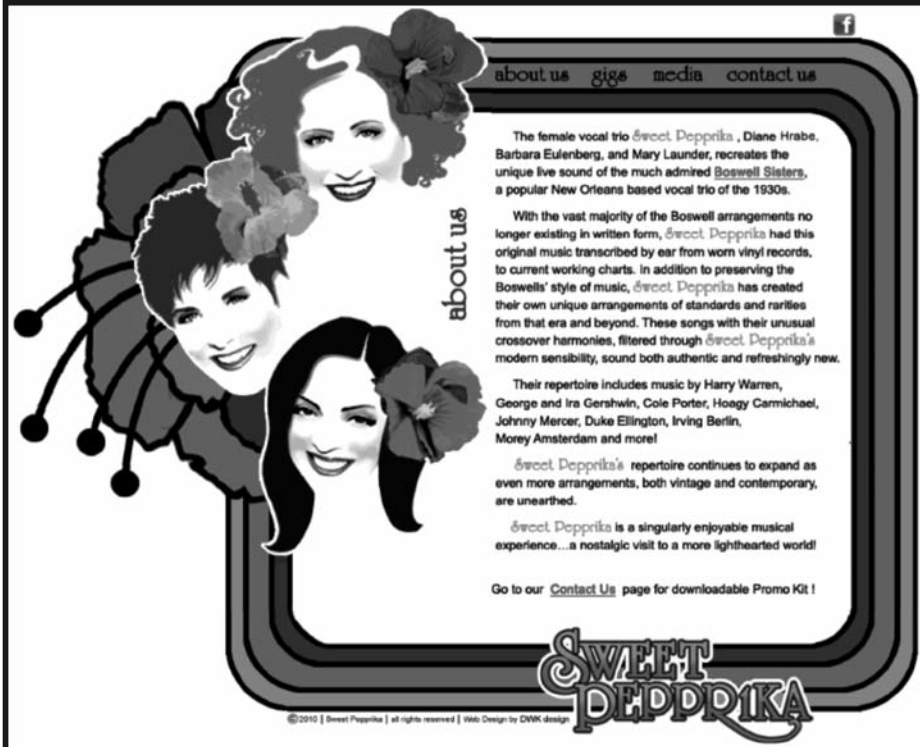
BILL ROSS MEMORIAL HAM RADIO FORUM

Harry Blesy - Bob Drake - Ron Grams

ARCI members Harry N9CQX, Bob KB9NJP, and Ron Grams WB9IMR, are proud to continue presenting the Ham Radio Forum. Their longtime friend Bill Ross, W9WR (SK), instituted and conducted the forum for many years at Radiofest. Attendees are encouraged to bring a ham related item for the show-and-tell part of the Forum. Contact Ron at WB9IMR@ATT.NET if you plan on bringing an item. There will be a door prize drawing for all participants at the conclusion of the program.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

The Crescent Ballroom will be the site of the annual “Carl and Carolyn Knipfel Banquet”. The entertainment this year will feature **Sweet Pepprika**, a group that recreates the unique live sound of the Boswell Sisters. Banquet tickets are priced at \$40 per person. The Banquet Buffet menu will be: Tossed salad with three dressings, Roast sirloin of beef with Bordelaise sauce, Penne pasta in Marinara sauce, Baked herbed chicken breast, Twice baked potato, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Assorted fresh fruit tray, Vanilla ice cream with chocolate topping. Beverage choice will be coffee, hot or iced tea. So come prepared for a great meal, wonderful entertainment, and an all around good time with your ARCI friends!



The banner features three stylized, black and white portraits of the vocalists, arranged in a cluster. To the right of the portraits is a navigation menu with links for "about us", "gigs", "media", and "contact us". Below the menu is a section titled "about us" with the following text:

The female vocal trio *Sweet Pepprika*, Diane Hrabec, Barbara Eulenberg, and Mary Launder, recreates the unique live sound of the much admired *Boswell Sisters*, a popular New Orleans based vocal trio of the 1930s.

With the vast majority of the Boswell arrangements no longer existing in written form, *Sweet Pepprika* had this original music transcribed by ear from worn vinyl records, to current working charts. In addition to preserving the Boswells' style of music, *Sweet Pepprika* has created their own unique arrangements of standards and rarities from that era and beyond. These songs with their unusual crossover harmonies, filtered through *Sweet Pepprika*'s modern sensibility, sound both authentic and refreshingly new.

Their repertoire includes music by Harry Warren, George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Johnny Mercer, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Morey Amsterdam and more!

Sweet Pepprika's repertoire continues to expand as even more arrangements, both vintage and contemporary, are unearthed.

Sweet Pepprika is a singularly enjoyable musical experience...a nostalgic visit to a more lighthearted world!

Go to our [Contact Us](#) page for downloadable Promo Kit!

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SWEET PEPPRIKA

Radiofest 2017 Banquet Entertainment – Sweet Pepprika.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR VINTAGE HAM STATION AT RADIOFEST

Jim Novak, WA9FIH is currently planning our vintage amateur radio station for *Radiofest*. We typically set up stations capable of AM, SSB and CW operation on the 75/80, 40 and 20 meter ham bands, as well as two meter FM, using gear that dates from the vacuum tube era into early solid state units. A Special Event Station will be on the air all day Friday and Saturday morning until teardown.

Last year, equipment and antennas were provided by Jim Novak WA9FIH, Ron Grams, WB9IMR, and Steve Muchow, K9AKS. If you have a piece of equipment you would like to bring, either for display or to put on the air, or would like to be involved with operating the station and/or setting up or taking down antennas, please contact Jim at 708-442-4961 or WA9FIH@aol.com. We will be installing antennas and checking out equipment on Thursday afternoon. Thanks!

FREE SUNDAY SELLERS' RAFFLE

To thank our sellers for participating, we will offer a free Sellers' Raffle scheduled on Sunday. A number of great items will be raffled off. Sellers must be in attendance to win.

DONATION AUCTION

The donation auction, everyone's favorite place for real bargains, is scheduled for Sunday morning. Items donated to the club will be sold at either the Donation Table or the Sunday Donation Auction at the discretion of the auctioneer. We encourage everyone to walk the show regularly to see what becomes available. Questions can be addressed directly to Tom Kleinschmidt at tomkleinschmidt@comcast.net.

NEWS FROM THE HAMSHACK

By Jim Novak, WA9FIH

SIDEBAND ENGINEERS' HF HAM TRANSCEIVERS

Several years ago we looked at the VHF and UHF radios manufactured by SBE – Sideband Engineers. This is the promised follow up describing their line of HF ham gear. Hybrid ham transceivers were uncommon in the 1960s, to say the least. Prior to SBE's introduction of the SB-33 in 1963 with a list price of \$389.50, there was not much to choose from in transistorized ham gear, except for Hallicrafters' FPM-200 which sold for \$2,660 back in 1960!

The SBE-33 was a single sideband transceiver covering the phone (voice) portions of the amateur 75, 40, 20 and 15 Meter bands. Packaged in a sturdy blue gray painted steel case, the 15 pound radio had a built-in 110 Volt AC power supply, and measured about 11-3/4" W x 5-1/2" H x 10-1/4" D. It employed 19 transistors and three tubes, a 12DQ7 driver into a pair of PL500/27GB5 final amplifiers, and ran about 135 Watts PEP input. Optional accessories included VOX (voice operated transmit control), a 100 kc crystal calibrator, and a luggage type carrying case. It had an attractive brushed aluminum finish front panel with blue knobs and plastic bezel around the frequency dial. A companion 1000 Watt linear amplifier, the SB-1LA, was also available.



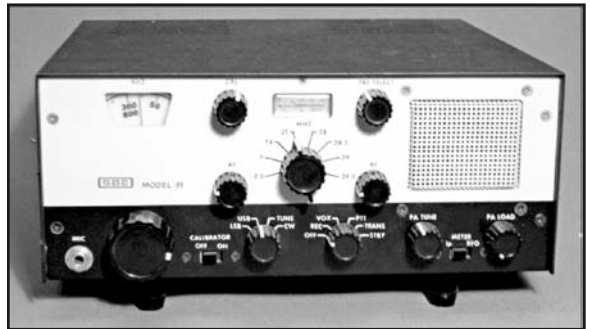
SBE Model 33 with digital readout accessory.



SBE Model 34.

My first recollection of actually operating an SBE rig was at an ARRL Field Day event in the late 1960s, when one of the hams in our group brought out his SB-34, the next HF radio produced by SBE, which debuted in 1966 when the company had become part of Raytheon. The 34 had a handsome and more conventional charcoal grey and black finish covered essentially the same frequency range as the SB-33: 3775-4025, 7050-7300, 14100-14350, and 21200-21450 kc. It had a few more controls, including one labeled PITCH which was actually an RIT (Receiver Incremental Tuning) control, and internal power supplies for both 110 VAC and 12 VDC which made mobile operation easy. Both the SB-33 and -34 featured a Collins 2.1 kc mechanical filter for excellent receiver selectivity and high quality sideband transmission. Although it did not cover the entire CW (Morse Code) allocations, an optional SB2-CW Codapter was available which plugged into the microphone jack and provided connections for a key as well as break-in code operation. Once again a matching linear amplifier was offered, the model SB2-LA, using six 6JE6 sweep tubes.

Around 1970, the SB-35, a refined version of the SB-34, was advertised in the various ham magazines, but it was apparently never produced in any quantity. I have one, which I bought years ago at the Kane County Flea Market from a seller who had a truckload of "house clean out" items including a number of CB radios. Not much information



SBE Model 35.

about the SB-35 is available other than what appeared in their ad, and I was told once by a California ham who lived in the town where SBE was manufactured that he understood that total production was less than 50 units, and it is unclear as to whether it was manufactured here or in Japan. It is about the same size as the SB-34, with an attractive white panel and black cabinet. Full coverage of the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 Meter bands (10 Meters in four 500 kc segments) is provided, and CW operation was built in.



SBE Model 36.

The final piece of ham gear offered by SBE before they went bankrupt around 1979 was the early 1970s SB-36, made in Japan and also marketed in the United States as the Robyn 500 by Robyn International, well known CB and scanner radio importers. The SB-36 was a much larger radio, with an external power supply and speaker. It employed six tubes, 30 integrated circuits, and about 50 FETs and conventional transistors. Its readout consisted of six large red NIXIE tubes. Neither the SB-36 nor the Robyn 500 version appeared to have been very popular with the ham community, and signaled the end of an era for SBE. (Note: Some of the information in this article was derived from material published by PAR Electronics).



SBE Codapter Model SB2-CW.

NEWS ITEMS

An Occasional Column on Topics of Interest By Keith Schreiter

RADIO TIMES BETWEEN 1923 AND 2009 IS NOW ONLINE

The BBC is making the earliest issues of the complete Radio Times magazines publicly available online for the first time. This release is part of the BBC Genome Project - a digitised searchable database of programme listings - from 1923 to the end of 2009.

BBC program records have been available to the public via the BBC Genome Project since October 2014. Now, users can access digitised editions of the magazines from 1923-1929. Opening up this archive means researchers will be able to make direct links between the listings in the database and the original published listings.

Early colour front covers, specially commissioned illustrations and letters from the BBC's first radio audience form part of the content in this fascinating record of early broadcasting.

Radio Times began in 1923, a year after the British Broadcasting Company started regular broadcasts, and thus provides a valuable record of the programmes that have been broadcast over nine decades.



Choose a year or choose a decade to view Radio Times.

More than five million program records, scanned from *Radio Times* magazines, form the backbone of the BBC Genome website. Now, members of the public will be able to view the 1920s listings in facsimile, as well as all the extra material contained in articles and features in the magazine that have previously been unavailable on the site.

Hilary Bishop, Archive Development Editor, says: “We are particularly pleased that it is easy for our users to flick between the listings in the database and the related text in the magazine, as well as to scroll through articles not seen previously on BBC Genome. It is part of the BBC's commitment to continually improving BBC Genome and helping to open up the BBC's archives as much as possible.”

Radio Times in the 1920s featured regular articles by the first Director General of the BBC, Lord Reith, and the BBC's chief engineer, Peter Eckersley, addressing topics that concerned the BBC audience of the time, such as how to choose the best 'receiving set' and how to prevent 'oscillations' over the airwaves. Articles, cartoons and program listings all provide an insight into the history of broadcasting and the BBC's first listeners, while adding some context, for a modern audience, to the earliest BBC programme records. The first editions of *Radio Times* show a nation still enthralled by the technological wonder of the new 'wireless' sets. In each edition for the first few years of publication, cartoons explored the comic possibilities of a public who still didn't quite understand how radio worked. “Would you kindly remove your hat madam?” asks a man at a 'wireless village concert'. Yet the performer on stage is a radio set.

As the public wrestled with their new radio antennae, legendary cartoonist W. Heath Robinson illustrated two editions with eccentric designs of aerials. Other historical snippets include a 'new experiment', in 1924, to broadcast a program from California, to London. The exercise was to be repeated in the opposite direction. "If suitable conditions exist in the atmosphere", concludes the article, "there is no reason why the experiment should not be successful".

The digitized 1920s magazines are available at: <http://genome.ch.bbc.co.uk/issues>.

BIOGRAPHY ZONE

An Occasional Column on People of Interest

By Mike Stone WD9DAM

THE MYSTERY DEATH OF ZENITH RADIO HEIR

All of you have heard of Zenith Radio and may even have a couple in your collection, but there is a dark side to the Zenith saga. The story begins back in 1886 when Eugene McDonald was born in New York.

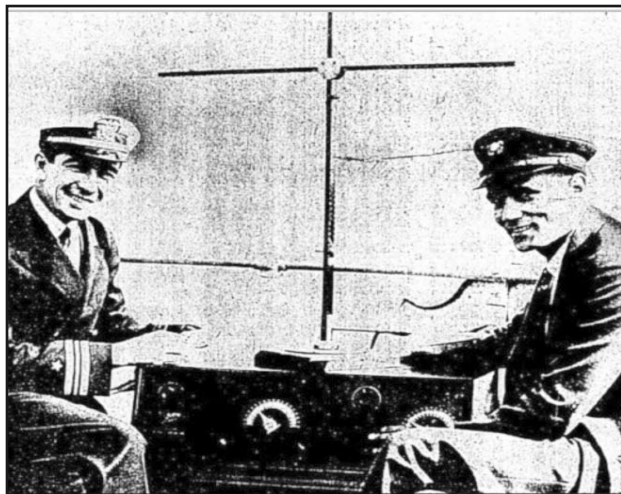
After moving to Chicago in 1910 he joined up with a friend to start an automotive company. The business failed and McDonald lost his investment. The following year he was selling used cars in Detroit. In 1912 he created a credit finance company for the purchase of new and used cars. He was the first to offer a payment plan for the workers when they would purchase an automobile. He enlisted in the Navy during World War I and became a Lieutenant Commander. McDonald formed Zenith Radio in 1923 after the war with two other men. The company survived the great depression and soon became

the leader of radio manufacturing

McDonald had two children. A son, Eugene McDonald III was known as 'Stormy' and a daughter Jean Marianne McDonald. Eugene McDonald Sr. passed away on May 15, 1958. His company Zenith continued on.

The next part of the story will focus on the son also named Eugene McDonald. Not much has been written about him since he died at the early

age of 23. The official cause of death on February 3, 1965 by the sheriff was suicide, but there is heavy skepticism about his death.



The Commander (left) with a Zenith Radio.



*McDonald Sr., McDonald Jr.,
and Marianne McDonald.*

Haeberlin. Eugene's relationship with John was strained. John could not afford to pay the \$100 per month share of the rent when he lived with McDonald.

McDonald III inherited \$30 million from his father. He seemed to lead a fun, fast, open lifestyle at the time of his death. The question that some asked is 'Why would he commit suicide?'

Others thought he was deeply depressed because of his short failed marriage. He was close friends with actor Peter Fonda. Fonda was older, but they still had a lot in common and had fun together. Fonda thought McDonald did not commit suicide. Fonda said that McDonald was always looking forward to things in life.

McDonald was found by his business associate in a hallway of the house he rented. All of the doors were locked and curtains pulled closed. He was only clothed with slacks on. Yet, Stormy usually never locked the doors and kept the curtains open. His wrists were slit and a bath of bloody water was found. The official cause of death was a bullet from a .22 caliber pistol to the back of the head. He had the .22 caliber still in his hand at time of his death. Pathologist Ed Brucker was puzzled why there was blood in places in the house but no blood on his trousers. If he slit his wrists wouldn't there be blood in his trousers?



Stormy and his mother.

Just a week before his death he was vacationing in Hawaii with Fonda and phoned his residence. He was surprised that his ex roommate was in his home while he was away according to his housekeeper who overheard his conversation in the house. The housekeeper would clean and cook for Stormy.

Some close friends still say that his inheritance did not buy him happiness. The mystery still remains for all these decades. Was McDonald so deeply depressed he killed himself or a homicide?

BUSINESS CARD ADS

We invite all of our members to scan and send in your business card to be included in *ARCI NEWS*. For \$80 your card will appear in the next 6 issues! Your card will be seen by approximately 400 people per issue and up to 1,000 people at Radiofest where we make additional copies of *ARCI NEWS* available at no charge. If interested, please scan your card and send it to jbart1964@gmail.com and mail a check for \$80 to Rudy Hecker, ARCI Treasurer, 127 Weymouth Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193. Thank you all for your continued support of ARCI!!!



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****NEW IN 2017****

Return to a 4 Day Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday
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17 Presentations Including New Speakers
New Museum Displays: Max Bodmer’s International Radio Collection, Inventors
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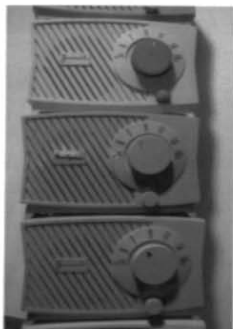
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****REGISTRATION****

Visit the AWA website at www.antiquewireless.org.
2017 Annual dues: \$35 per year USA, \$30 elsewhere.
New Museum Membership Options Available (see website)
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The 2017 convention will be held at the **RIT Conference Center**. Take Exit 46 of the New York State thruway (I-90), to I-390 North, to NY 253 West, and then NY 15 South. The convention **dual themes** this year are "*Transistors*" and "*Military Communications*".

Visit the **Museum** and view several **entirely new displays**, including **Max Bodmer's International Radio Collection**, the **Inventors Exhibit**, and expanded **Teletype and Telephone Exhibits**.

There will be **18 Presentations** covering every area of communications history. Enjoy shopping for that special buy in the **Flea Market, Book Fair** and **Auction**. The exhibits shown at the **Old Equipment Contest** will offer rare historical insights. Finally, you'll never go hungry at the AWA Convention! From the Welcome Dinner on Tuesday night to the Awards Banquet on Friday, enjoy a **Special Food Event** every day of the Convention.

2017 AWA OVERALL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

1:00 pm Registration Desk Opens
7:00 pm Welcome Dinner

9:30 am - 12:15 pm Programs
12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch Break
12:15 pm Special Guests Luncheon
1:00 - 5:15 pm Programs
6:00 pm Buffet Dinner Social Hour
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner with Collins
Collectors Association Presentation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

9:00 am Registration Desk Opens
9:30 am - 12:15 pm Programs
12:15 am - 1:00 pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 5:15 pm Programs
5:00 - 7:00 pm AWA Museum Open
7:00 pm Free Pizza Party

8:00 pm Program
10:00 pm Movie

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

9:00 am Registration Desk Opens
9:00 am Book Fair Opens
9:30 - 10:15 am AWA Member's Meeting
11:00 am - 12:15 pm Program
12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch Break with Contest Viewing
1:00 - 5:15 pm Programs
4:00 - 5:30 pm Register Auction Items for sale
6:00 pm Banquet Social Hour
7:00 pm 2017 AWA Banquet
(Appropriate dress is requested)
After Banquet Contest Viewing

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

6:00 am Flea Market officially opens and remains open continuously
NOTE: Outside sales are strictly private transactions. Sellers remain responsible for taxes and all legal aspects of these transactions. Buyers and Sellers are reminded that neither the AWA nor RIT are parties to any of these transactions.
9:00 am Registration Desk Opens
9:00 am Book Fair Opens

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 am Equipment Auction Preview
8:00 am - Ending Equipment Auction

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The Terminal, 5917 S Howell

Milwaukee, WI 53207

Doors open at 7:00 AM. The flea market starts at 8:00 AM, announcements are held at 10:00 AM followed by the donation auction and free pizza!

Swap meet spaces are \$7 for WARCI members and \$10 for non-members.

More information is available at www.warci.org or contact WARCI President Nick Tillich at president@warci.org.

CLUBING AROUND

MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO HAMBOREE

The Midwest Classic Radio Net will have its annual Hamboree on June 18, 2017 (rain or shine) during the ARCI-SIX METER CLUB Hamfest. This is the vintage ham radio operators and collectors event of the year. This is a meet dedicated to vintage ham and communications equipment, and it is also a social gathering of those who are interested in the vintage gear. MCRN is a gathering of hams that operate “boat anchor” equipment on a weekly 3885 kHz AM net. See <http://hamboree.tripod.com/> or contact Harry Blesy at n9cqx@hotmail.com.

ANTIQUÉ WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Antique Wireless Association will hold its Annual Convention on Aug. 15-19, 2017 in Rochester, New York at the RIT Inn and Conference Center (see separate ad). The dual themes this year are: TRANSISTORS and MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS. Come see the new museum displays: Max Bodmer International Radio Collection, Inventors Exhibit, and expanded Teletype and Telephone Exhibit! With 4 days of activities and more than 18 presentations in the planning, this is the best historical conference in the country for people interested in the history of electronic communications. Come and visit the new museum, see the expanded campus, and explore the library and media center. The AWA, our national affiliate, publishes the AWA Journal and the AWA Review. Dues are \$35 per year. Information can be found at www.antiquewireless.org.

WISCONSIN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB, INC.

The next WARCI meetings will take place June 4 and July 9, 2017 at the Terminal, located at 5917 South Howell Street in Milwaukee near the airport from 8AM-11AM. For information about the club, please contact President Nick Tillich at president@warci.org, or see the web site at www.warci.org.

NORTHLAND ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

NARC will hold its annual meeting and mini swap meet in September 2017. For information about the event, please see <http://www.northlandantiqueradioclub.com/index.shtml>.

MICHIGAN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

MARC's Vintage Electronics Expo Extravaganza 2017 will be held July 13-15, 2017 at the Kalamazoo Expo Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This is one of the top shows of the summer. MARC is teaming up with the Tue Collectors Association and the Telephone Collectors International for a big event. For more information see <http://michiganantiqueradio.org/events/>.

INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY

The IHRS Summer Meet will be Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 8-11 am at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center in Carmel, Indiana (East of US 31 and North of 151st Street in Carmel). The IHRS Fall Foliage Meet will be October 14, 2017 from 8am to noon at the Riley Park Shelter, Greenfield, Indiana (one block north of US40 on Apple Street). For more information see <http://www.indianahistoricalradio.org/ihrsched.htm>.





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