

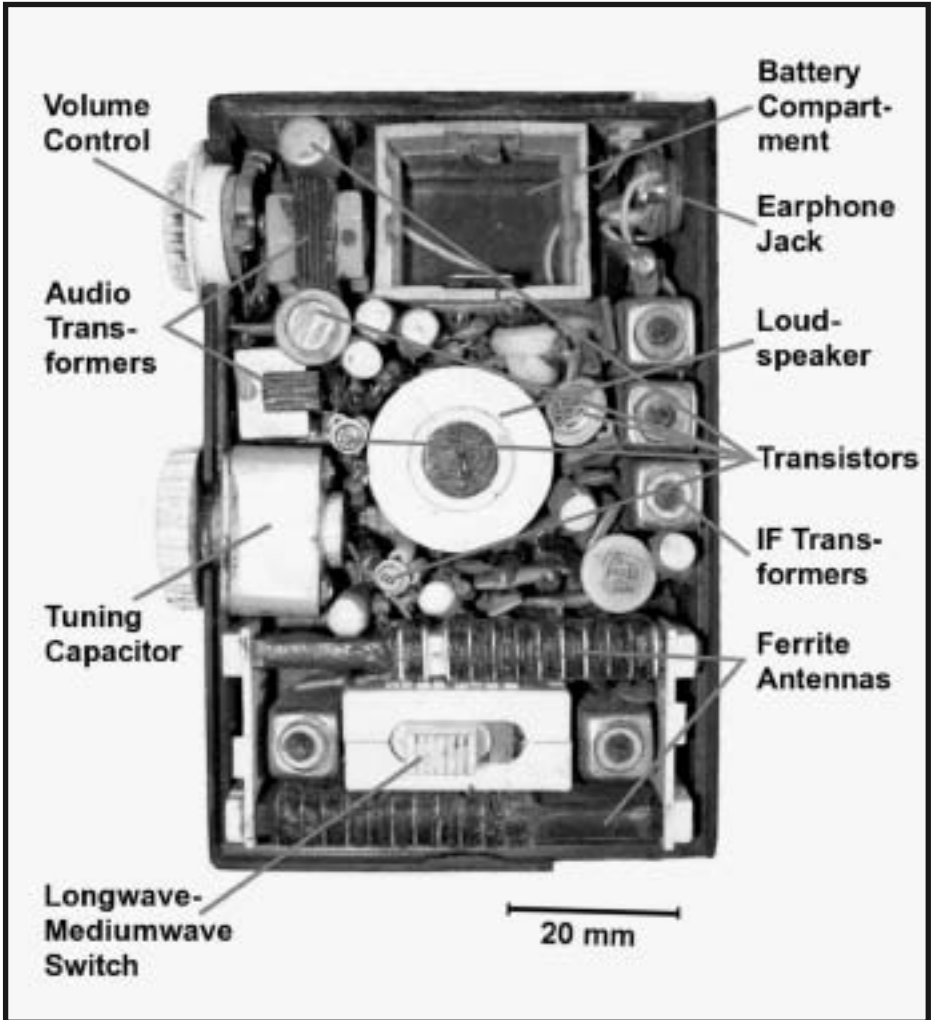


# ARCI NEWS

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***RADIOFEST 2017 THEME***  
***POST WORLD WAR II ELECTRONICS***  
*(Image: a typical 5 transistor pocket radio, courtesy Wikipedia)*

# UPCOMING INDOOR/OUTDOOR MEET

## APRIL 30, 2017

**AMERICAN LEGION HALL**

570 South Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL

**April 30, 2017**

**7AM – 11AM**

**Peoples' Choice Contest: Awards For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Donation Auction**

**Business Meeting 9:30 am**

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast / Free Coffee, Juice & Cookies

50/50 Cash Drawing Raffle



## 2017 ARCI MEET SCHEDULE

April 30, 2017	7AM-11AM Outdoor Swap Meet Inside Business Meeting 9:30AM	American Legion Hall Carol Stream, IL (See Map)
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	<b>RADIOFEST</b>	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

The weather for our February meet was totally different from that of the December meet. Snow and slippery roads limited attendance in December, but February 12th was cloudy, with temperatures in the mid-30s and just a little light rain. Extra tables had to be scrounged to accommodate the many sellers, and well over 100 people came to look, buy and catch up with friends after surviving two and a half months of another grey Illinois winter.

Both buyers and sellers came out in good force. This meet is traditionally smaller than our December event. Even so, an impressive 21 swap meet tables were sold, two more than last year. Our donation auction also reached an unexpected total. In the end, all the various donations added a highly respectable \$676 to the club's coffers. Thanks again to Tom Kleinschmidt for the great job as auctioneer and Jim Novak as spotter.

While we are still on the topic of the donation auction, I would like to emphasize the important role our donation auctions play in the financial health of our club. Consider that our last auction alone brought in the equivalent, in dollar terms, of 27 one-year club memberships. That is a substantial contribution that not only helps to offset the costs of our regional meets, but also gives us greater financial resources to use in providing an even better experience at our other functions like *Radiofest*. So if there is something in your collection of "radio stuff" that has been sitting there forever, just taking up space, something you have lost interest in, or will never get to, consider donating it to one of our donation auctions. You will be helping out your club, your fellow club members will be grateful, and your spouse just might thank you too.

Please read through the *RADIOFEST 2017 PLANNING UPDATE* to get the latest news on our upcoming event. There are a few changes from last year's event that you will want to know about. You will also find a copy of the 2017 *Radiofest Registration Form* in this copy of *ARCI NEWS*. Just a quick reminder: Hotel room reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn are now open. Make your reservations early, as rooms go fast and the special ARCI rate is limited. The theme for the *Radiofest* 2017 display will be Post World War II Electronics.

Our next meet is on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at the American Legion Hall in Carol Stream (570 South Gary Avenue, just south of North Avenue Route 64). As always, I look forward to seeing all my fellow ARCI members and enjoying all the interesting goods that are brought for sale. This will be our first official outdoor meet of the year, but if you happen to wake up to a little bit of rain or cold temperatures, don't worry--we can always move the festivities indoors. And don't forget that all members are invited to attend our business meeting immediately following the donation auction. Learn more about your club and contribute some ideas of your own. The meetings are informal and the atmosphere is friendly.

*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 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](mailto:akent36@comcast.net) or Art Bilski at [myantiqueradio@myantiqueradio.com](mailto:myantiqueradio@myantiqueradio.com) by May 15, 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](mailto:akent36@comcast.net).

## 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](mailto: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. Jim Novak will have advance tickets at our April 30th ARCI meet. 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, station K9ONA 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](mailto: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

60<sup>th</sup> 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!
- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$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 [W7DGC\\_K9@arrl.net](mailto:W7DGC_K9@arrl.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](http://www.k9ona.com)

ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB OF ILLINOIS: [www.antique-radios.org](http://www.antique-radios.org)

MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO NET: [www.mcrn3885.net](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_



# ARCI



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP:**

<b><i>Membership Option</i></b>	<b><i>Dues</i></b>	<b><i>Benefits</i></b>
Annual Membership	\$ 25	Full benefits: <i>ARCI News</i> subscription, Fee Discounts At Events, Seller Privileges at ARCI Events.
Spousal Annual Membership	\$ 10	Discounts at Events.
Student Annual Membership	\$ 5	Must Be 18 or Under, Full Benefits.
Lifetime Membership	\$340	Full Membership Benefits For Life (non-transferable).

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ARCI AND SEND TO:**

Antique Radio Club of Illinois  
P.O. Box 1139  
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60526

**EMAIL DELIVERY OF ARCI NEWS? YES OR NO (CIRCLE ONE)**

**PRINT DELIVERY OF ARCI NEWS? YES OR NO (CIRCLE ONE)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# **RADIOFEST 2017 PLANNING UPDATE**

**By Jeff Aulik, ARCI President**

## **RADIOFEST 2017 IS COMING!**

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 great stuff to buy and fun things to do. You do not want to miss this one!

**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](http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com)  
(630) 691-0500







Our official hotel for *Radiofest 2017* is the Hilton Garden Inn; located directly adjacent to the Medinah Shriners, complex, 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 really nice hotel at a really nice 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 and a very short walk from the banquet facilities and parking lots. Medinah Shriners and Hilton Garden Inn are completely *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](http://www.antique-radios.org/radiofest_2017_info.html) or you can call the hotel directly at 630-691-0500. Mention *Radiofest* to the friendly 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 truly 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.

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The female vocal trio *Sweet Pepprika*, Diane Hulse, Barbara Eilenberg, and Mary Laurin, recreates the unique live sound of the much admired *Sweet Sixties*, a popular New Orleans based vocal trio of the 1950s.

With the vast majority of the *Sweet Sixties* 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 *Sweet Sixties*' 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, Mory Ansterlidan, 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.*

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 a "must attend" event. 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](mailto:akent36@comcast.net).

# RADIOFEST



**August 4 thru August 6th, 2017**



**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](http://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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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 Haether, 1839 Troost Ave., Forest Park, IL 60139  
Have Questions or need more information? Check our website at [www.antique-radios.org](http://www.antique-radios.org) or send e-mail to [clubinfo@antique-radios.org](mailto:clubinfo@antique-radios.org)

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Spaces \_\_\_\_\_

**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*

**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](mailto:akent36@comcast.net) or Barry Janov at [marconifon@gmail.com](mailto:marconifon@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

**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 SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY (8/4)**

Pre-Registration Available After 3pm  
 Main Auction at 6:30pm (Crescent Ballroom)

**SATURDAY (8/5)**

7am Registration / *Radiofest* 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)

**SUNDAY (8/6)**

Free Seller's Raffle at 9:15am  
 Donation Auction at 9:30 am  
 Flea Market Until Noon (West Lot)

**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*

**RADIOFEST 2017**  
**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS (As of March)**

**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**  
**BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT**  
**SWEET PEPPRIKA**



**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:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SERVE AS DOCENT? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HISTORY ZONE

An Occasional Column on Topics of Historical Interest  
By Jeff Aulik

## HE MADE THE STRATOSPHERE BEAUTIFUL

Frank I. Johnson was born in Smoland, Nasjo, Sweden on April 2, 1879. He arrived in Rockford with his parents and little sister when he was three years old. He had a natural artistic talent which was obvious through childhood; Frank began working as a portrait painter for Rockford's Jackson Studio when he was still in high school. He continued there until 1904 when he opened his own artist's studio in downtown Rockford.

It was not long before he realized that furniture design was a much more lucrative business than portrait painting; and, clutching a few of his sketches, he obtained a new job and career at the Rockford Furniture Company. This successful new venture allowed him to marry Miss Lily Lundberg on June 30, 1914.

Radio cabinet manufacturing in Rockford increased with the growing popularity of radio and the public's desire to have them look like fine furniture, complimenting one's living room or parlor. Since he had no exclusivity restriction with Rockford Furniture, Frank began designing radio cabinets and furniture for several manufacturers—not just in Rockford, but also Chicago and Jamestown, New York. He completed radio cabinet designs for Rockford Cabinet Co. and Winnebago Manufacturing Corp. who both did a considerable amount of business with Zenith. Based on research done for this article, the author believes that Rockford Cabinet Co. built table model and smaller console cabinets for Zenith with Winnebago Manufacturing Corp.; concentrating on the higher end Zenith consoles. Frank did much of the design work for Winnebago and some of the table model design.



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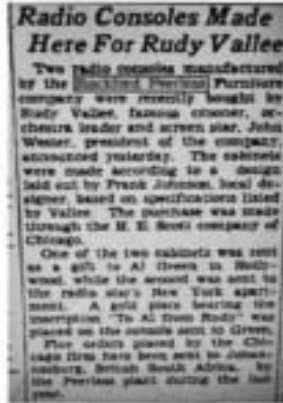
And ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION of Chicago, the main factory of the radio, has further contributed by placing orders for over 200,000 cabinets which to date have given over 3,000,000 hours of steady employment for Rockford's wood workers and designers.



Frank also worked with Rockford Peerless Furniture Co, builders of most of the Scott, McMurdo Silver, and Lincoln cabinets. It is not known what input he had on these cabinet designs except Scott's Warwick Grande as seen in the following article excerpt.

## Rudy Vallee Connection

According to a brief article published in a Rockford, Illinois newspaper, the cabinet was designed by Frank Johnson (probably of Rockford Peerless Furniture Company) "based on specifications listed by Vallee". The first two Warwick Grande cabinets were custom built for Rudy Vallee.



The Warwick Grande console with the gold plate bearing the inscription "To Al from Rudy" was located and purchased by radio collector Mike Sweeney in the mid-1970s. The spelling of Mr. Sweeney's name and the inscription quote by J.W.F. Puett are incorrect but the existence of the set in the Warwick Grande cabinet is undisputed and still in the hands of Mr. Sweeney at the time of this writing.

MY VISIT WITH MIKE SWEENEY

BY J.W.F. PUETT

Mike Sweeney is one of the most resourceful classic radio collectors I have ever known. Mike lived in California in the Los Angeles area for a number of years where he tracked down many wealthy people who owned Scott radio receivers. Mike is now living in the state of Oklahoma and ranging over the southwest with his collecting.

In the middle 1970's he walked into a dealership known as The Green Door Antiques and there it was ----- a Scott Allwave 19 in a Warwick Grande console! He was able to purchase this set, adding to his collection the only known Warwick Grande console as well as the only known Allwave 19. If you are not familiar with the Allwave 19, it is a special version of the Allwave 15, with the same tuner chassis, but with a special amplifier/power supply chassis. The interesting thing about Mike's set is that it was given to Rudy Vallee by his agent who was named Al. A plaque on the front of the console is inscribed "FROM AL TO RUDY." Mike did not stop at the acquisition of this set - he contacted Rudy Vallee and spent some time with him learning about the set and other Scott sets which Rudy Vallee had owned.

After the 1930s, very little is known about Frank's work in the furniture trade. He never lost his love for portrait painting. Most of his portraits include local clergymen and industrialists, particularly those who were philanthropic. Nearly all are head to toe portraits, not just the head or head and shoulders which are very common.

Frank had just completed his latest work, a full length portrait of well known and highly respected clergyman Dr. John Gordon, when he lost his balance while going down his basement stairs and fell to the cement floor below. He lingered in the hospital for less than a week until he passed away at the age of 73 on September 5, 1952.

Frank is buried in the family plot in Scandinavian Cemetery. The author lives less than a mile from the cemetery and from time to time will walk through it, stopping at Mr. Johnson's grave, paying silent homage to the man who designed the cabinet for what is probably the best known radio to collectors—the Zenith Stratosphere.

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# NEWS FROM THE HAMSHACK

By Jim Novak, WA9FIH

## LOOKING FOR SIGNALS WITH A PANADAPTER

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: Before I begin this article, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mike Lee, W7VAQ, of Sterling, VA who read my story about PolyComm in our December ARCI News and emailed me with some great info, which he found in an old 73 Magazine from April, 1962! Quoting from that article, "all of our technicians are very active hams". Their chief engineer was W2SXB and president was K2JXB. Mystery solved!*

Back in the early 1960s when I was a young ham, most of us used either the Six or Ten Meter band (50 or 28 MHz) for local contacts – the 160 and 80 Meter bands (1.8 and 3.5 MHz) are also useful for talking with other locals, but require long antennas, not always possible in an urban setting – and some hams could not use those frequencies as their Technician Class licenses limited them to VHF and UHF.

The Ten and Six Meter bands cover a rather large amount of spectrum; 28.0 to 29.7 and 50 to 54 MHz although most Phone (voice) activity in the AM days was clustered between 50.1 to 50.4 and 28.5 to 29 MHz. There was not a lot of SSB (single sideband) operation back then, and most of us used the AM mode. Besides local QSOs, both bands also provide some good long distance QSOs as well during the Sporadic-E propagation seasons – with major peaks from May to July and a lesser cluster of openings from November through January. Worldwide DX is always a possibility during sunspot cycle peaks, especially on Ten Meters.

So how was one to find other stations with whom to talk? Tuning your receiver's band spread dial back and forth endlessly was one rather tiresome option. On Six Meters, 50.400 was the "calling and mobile" frequency, but some hams also monitored their local club's net frequencies such as 50.200, 50.280, 50.300, etc. A much easier and more sophisticated way to find activity was, and still is, by using a panadapter – panoramic receiving adapter – attached to one's receiver.



*PRC Navy RBW-2M.*



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*Panoramic SA-2.*

Panadapters were initially developed for our military and used during World War II, especially by the Navy. They were first introduced to hams shortly after the war by Hallicrafters, who marketed their SP-44. This was really a relabeled unit made by the Panoramic Radio Corp. of New York City that was also sold by PRC as their Model PCA-2. This little box is best described as a sort of receiving converter with video output displayed on a small CRT screen. It had a continuously variable oscillator that electronically tuned back and forth (“scanning”) over a small range of the spectrum, plus or minus a couple hundred of kc from the center frequency. Signals show up on the screen as “pips” of varying height, according to their signal strength.



*Hallicrafters SP-44 with S-20R.*

I was given a Hallicrafters SP-44 by a friendly local ham who upgraded his station. He was reluctant to “dig into” his shiny brand new receiver to make the necessary modifications that would allow use of the unit. Basically, looking at your receiver’s schematic, you had to identify a suitable spot just before the receiver’s first IF stage to tap off a small amount of received signal through a coupling capacitor, and run a short length of small RG-58/u coax cable to the panadapter. The SP-44 was set up for use with receivers having a first IF of 455 kHz. This was perfect for my S-85 receiver. I really enjoyed using the unit. It was neat to watch little “pips” pop up above or beyond the center frequency that I would be monitoring, and I made a lot of contacts with help from my SP-44!

Later on, Heathkit presented hams with their version of the panadapter, dubbed the “Ham-Scan”. It survived in their product line for many years as a popular accessory. It was repackaged and refined over the years; first as the HO-13, later as the SB-620, and finally as the HA-5410-1 accessory that could be added to their HO-5404 Monitor Scope. Heath provided buyers of these units with the necessary interface parts – coils and capacitors – plus instructions to cover a variety of IF’s for many receivers of the era. Several other manufacturers of ham gear, including Kenwood and Squires-Sanders, marketed their version of the panadapter, but none were as popular as the Heathkits.



*Heath HO-13 Panadapter.*



*Heathkit SB-620 chassis.*



*Heathkit SB-620.*

Today, panadapters live on for hams; several of the high-end HF/VHF multimode transceivers have panoramic reception built in with readout on their large video displays.

## **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](mailto: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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The advertisement features a vintage radio on the left and two electronic components (a capacitor and a resistor) on the right. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

# CLUBING AROUND

## EARLY TELEVISION FOUNDATION CONVENTION

The ETF will host its annual convention May 5-7 at the Early Television Museum in Hilliard, Ohio. Additional information can be found at [http://www.earlytelevision.org/2017\\_convention.html](http://www.earlytelevision.org/2017_convention.html).

## DAYTON HAMVENTION

The Dayton Hamvention will be May 19-22 in Dayton, Ohio. This is the largest ham radio fest/convention in the world. Additional information can be found at <http://hamvention.org/>.

## IARCHS ANNUAL ANTIQUE RADIO AUCTION

The annual IARCHS auction will be on April 29, 2017. The schedule is Hayracks at 9:30am, Auction at 10:00am. The location is the Auction Building at Hawkeye Downs, 4400 6th Street SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Additional information can be found at <http://radio-collector.com/iarchs-annual-antique-radio-auction/>.

## ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Antique Wireless Association will have its spring meet on Saturday, May 6 at Veteran's Park in Bloomfield, New York. As part of this year's Spring Meet, the AWA will hold a very special BIG auction of duplicate items from the Museum's collection. The BIG auction will be held at the Veteran's Park Annex across the street from the AWA Museum. The preview opens at Noon and the auction will start at 1:00pm. A partial list of items to be auctioned will be posted on the AWA web site as they are set aside for the auction. The Museum will be open for visitors from 10:00 AM until Noon. The spring meet will be followed by the annual AWA board meeting on Sunday. The 2017 Annual Convention will be August 15-19. The AWA, our national affiliate, publishes the AWA Journal and the AWA Review. Dues are \$35 per year. Information can be found at <http://www.antiquewireless.org/>.

## WISCONSIN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB, INC.

The next WARCIS Spring Swapfest will take place April 23 from 8-11am at 3610 Lexington Ave, Madison, Wisconsin. For more information see the website at [www.warci.org](http://www.warci.org).

## NORTHLAND ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

Radio Daze 2017, the Upper Midwest's ultimate vintage radio collecting event, will be held Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 in Plymouth, Minnesota. For more information, please see <http://www.northlandantiqueradioclub.com/index.shtml>.

## MICHIGAN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

MARC's VINTAGE ELECTRONICS EXPO will be held in early July at the Kalamazoo Expo Center. Details will be announced. For more information see [www.michiganantiqueradio.org](http://www.michiganantiqueradio.org).

## INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY

The IHRS Spring Meet in Kokomo will be Friday and Saturday, May 5-6 at the Kokomo Baymont Inn. For more information see <http://www.indianahistoricalradio.org/ihrsched.htm>.

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**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 10:00AM**

Hayrack items start at 9:00AM

Auction Building at Hawkeye Downs, 4400 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW

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*Mark your calendars - Plan on attending!*

Radio check in and auction set-up will be Thur. April 27<sup>th</sup> and Fri. April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Auction organized by IARCHS and professionally conducted by Brent Wears, one of Iowa's leading auctioneers. Send digital photos of items to be consigned to Craig Huseboe for advanced promotion. Watch the club's new website [www.radio-collector.com](http://www.radio-collector.com) for advanced promotion of consigned items in March and April! \$5 minimum opening bid except for hayrack items. Questions please contact us: Craig Huseboe WD0GAP - (641) 844-8748 - Email: [cmhusebo@marshallnet.com](mailto:cmhusebo@marshallnet.com) Dave Perkins - Club President - (641) 485-7919 - Email: [spamhole1951@gmail.com](mailto:spamhole1951@gmail.com) Brent Wears -

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## AWA SPRING MEET & AUCTION!

Saturday May 6, 2017 — Bloomfield, New York

Mark Your Calendars For a Huge Event!

The annual *AWA Spring Meet, Flea Market & Huge Auction* will be held at Veteran's Park in Bloomfield, NY. This is just across the road from the AWA Museum, 6945 State Route 5 at the intersection of Routes 5 & 20 and Route 444. AWA will be operating a *Museum Bargain Table* and a big *Book Sale* in the former AWA Annex building located in the park.

As part of the meet, AWA will hold a *Huge Auction* of duplicate and surplus items from the Museum's collection. Don't miss it! This major auction will be held in the afternoon in the former *AWA Annex*. Payment must be by cash or check. We will not be able to accept credit cards. Auction items will be listed on the AWA web site ([www.antiquewireless.org](http://www.antiquewireless.org)). Come early in the morning to buy and sell at the *Flea Market* and check out the *AWA Bargain Table & Book Sale* at 8 am in the Annex. At 10:00 am, *Visit the Museum*.

The *BIG Auction* will begin at 1 p.m. with Cletis Estes auctioneering at the former AWA Annex. The *Auction Preview* will be open at noon.

Members enjoy all this for only a *\$5 Admission* ticket (Museum admission is free for AWA members). If you are not an AWA member and want to visit the Museum, buy a *Spring Meet/Museum Admission* combination ticket for only \$10 (this includes a \$2 discount on the Museum admission price).

The schedule for this *BIG DAY*:

7 am - Noon	Flea Market, in Veteran's Park
8 am - Noon	Bargain Table & Book Sale in Annex Building
10 am - Noon	Antique Wireless Museum open
Noon - 1 pm	Auction pre-view at AWA Annex
1 pm - ending	AWA Auction called by Cletis Estes

Because of the special nature of the *Big Auction*, AWA will not be able to include Member's items in the event. But please bring them to the auction at the AWA Convention in August!

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