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Display Of Color Television Sets For Sale In 1966 Department Store (Photo: H. Armstrong Roberts)



RADIOFEST THEME
Post World War II Electronics!

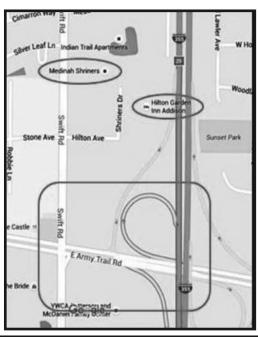
RADIOFEST AUGUST 4-6, 2017

MEDINAH SHRINERS' FACILITY IN ADDISON, ILLINOIS

I-355 and Army Trail Road

Hilton Garden Inn Addison 551 N Swift Road, Addison, IL 60101

See Details In This Newsletter



2017 ARCI MEET SCHEDULE

RADIOFEST	Medinah Shriners/Addison, IL
7AM-11AM Outdoor Swap Meet	American Legion Hall
Business Mtg./Officer Election 10AM	Carol Stream, IL (See Map)
7AM-11AM Indoor Swap Meet	American Legion Hall
Business Meeting 10AM	Carol Stream, IL (See Map)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have not already done so, it is not too late to make your plans to attend "The Antique Radio Event of the Summer". Your ARCI club officers and *Radiofest 2017* volunteers are hard at work to make *Radiofest 2017* a truly memorable experience. Registrations are running well ahead of last year. It looks like turnout is going to be really strong, so you do not want to miss out! We are also really enthusiastic about returning to the Medinah Shriners venue. Their large, separate swap meet lot is directly adjacent to an equally large parking lot for *Radiofest* attendees. There is plenty of room for both buyers and sellers! The Shriners' banquet facility is first-rate, with a huge ballroom for our auction and banquet, and plenty of additional space for our programs and displays. Please find the latest updated information about *Radiofest 2017* throughout this issue of ARCI News.

AUCTION... Registration for the *Radiofest* auction on Friday evening, August 4, opens officially at 3:30 PM, but we will make every effort to open up as early as possible, once our auction volunteers have completed their setup. We strongly urge you to arrive early to avoid long lines and delays at the registration desk. The auction is always a very popular event, and the registration lines get longer as the afternoon goes on. Your patience and understanding are always appreciated. All items for auction must come through the main entrance of the Shriners' facility. There is a driveway directly in front of the entrance where you can park temporarily to drop off your items. We want to avoid vehicles blocking the entrance, so we ask that you immediately move your vehicle to the parking lot before taking your items to the ballroom. The Crescent Ballroom entrance is located straight across from the outside entrance to the facility.. We strongly suggest you bring a hand truck or cart with you, especially if you are transporting large or heavy items. There will also be some carts available, but expect these to be in "heavy rotation". Parking for auction attendees will be in the parking lot directly in front of the facility. Ample parking will be available. Please also note that only sellers with permits to park in the swap meet lot will be allowed to park there during the auction. The swap meet lot will not be available for general parking at any time during Radiofest.

HOTEL ROOMS... The Hilton Garden Inn informs us that a small number of rooms are still available for Friday and Saturday night at the special ARCI rate. But we do expect to completely sell out the entire room block. If you have not made reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. In the event the Hilton is completely full, the closest alternate hotels to the Hilton Garden Inn are:

Alternate Hotels

Hampton Inn & Suites: (630) 495-9511 Fairfield Inn & Suites: (630) 629-1500

FOOD & DRINKS... We are working closely with the Shriners catering department to provide a selection of food and drinks for purchase during both the auction and the swap meet. Details are still being worked out as of this writing. In addition, the nearby Hilton Garden Inn restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, on all days, with extended lunch hours on Saturday. A list of restaurants in the vicinity of the Shriners facility will also be available at the *Radiofest* registration table.

NO ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL...Radiofest attendees cannot dispose of electronics onsite. The Illinois EPA has substantially tightened the rules regarding disposal of electronics items in state landfills. We are required to keep regular trash and electronic waste separate at the meet. This means no electronics may be placed in our trash container. A separate area for electronic items will be provided. Due to cost and size constraints, we will be required to place limits on items that are placed in the disposal/donation auction area. The main purpose will be for disposal of items that did not sell in the donation auction. We therefore ask for your cooperation on the following: Do not use our recycling area at *Radiofest* for any electronics you simply intend to throw away. We cannot accommodate such items and they should not be brought to Radiofest. Items to be placed in our donation auction should have a reasonable possibility of being useful to another collector. In other words, please exercise discretion when placing items in the auction pile. If you do not believe anyone will really want it, then please do not put it in the auction. We will be monitoring the donation auction area carefully, and ARCI does reserve the right to reject any item that we do not deem acceptable for the donation auction. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important matter.

TENT STAKES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED... Just a friendly reminder: Our agreement with the Medinah Shriners strongly stipulates that no tent stakes will be used in the swap meet lot. This rule will be strictly enforced by ARCI.

See You At The Next Meet, Jeff Aulik ARCI PRESIDENT

ARCI UPDATE

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

ARCI EMAIL LIST

ARCI is updating the email listings used for club announcements and our notifications of radios available for sale. If you wish to be added or removed from this ARCI distribution list, please send a request to clubinfo@antique-radios.org. Be sure to include the email address where the notifications are currently being received.

JUNE COMBINED MEET DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Our June 18 ARCI meet, was once again combined with the Six Meter Club and the Midwest Classic Radio Net (MCRN) Hamfest at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. The weather was warm and partly cloudy, and the turnout of buyers and sellers was about the same as last year. The Amateur Radio swap area contained a huge variety of "boat anchor" radios, parts and the usual range of eclectic items typically found at a classic hamfest. ARCI participation was quite respectable, with "Radio Row" once again filled with interesting offerings. The usual array of items was on display, including great deals on radios, audio gear, and parts. ARCI's sales of donated items through its donation auction added \$492 to the ARCI bottom line. Thanks to Tom Kleinschmidt who ran another successful donation auction. And thanks again to all who spent the early hours of their busy Father's Day to participate in this great meet.







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 and security. Please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@ comcast.net.
- Registration. Please contact Judy Huether at oldradioshoppe@aol.com.

RADIOFEST SPONSORS ARCIThanks All Our Partners and Sponsors

RADIOFEST SPONSORSHIPS

It is not too late to participate in our ARCI Corporate Sponsorship program and our Member-Sponsor program for Radiofest. 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 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.



RADIOFEST 2017 PLANNING UPDATE

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 <u>Medinah Shriners in Addison, Illinois</u>. This new, modern, upscale facility is across from a <u>Hilton Garden Inn</u>. 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

<u>HOTEL</u>

Hilton Garden Inn Addison

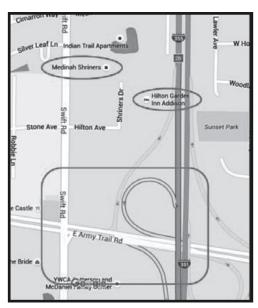
551 N Swift Road Addison, IL 60101 hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com (630) 691-0500

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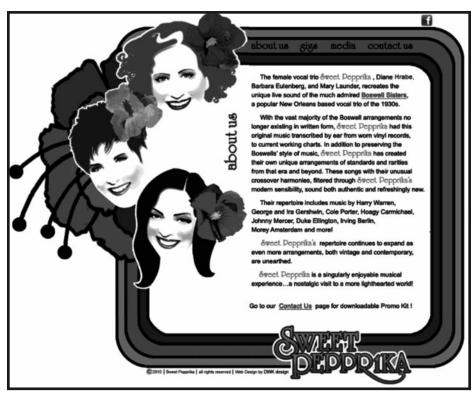
Our official hotel for *Radiofest 2017* is the Hilton Garden Inn; located directly adjacent to the Medinah Shriners, complex, independent entities, but they coordinate closely on events. Our contact at Shriners helped us negotiate a really great rate with the hotel at \$95 per night. This is a really 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 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 <u>Saturday Night</u> 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.



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.

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 Preregistered, \$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

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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					
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 Registrat # times \$25.00 or \$35.0 Table Rentals-Pre-registrati 6 ft. # times \$15.00 = Free parking for attendees in the lot to the swap meet lot. If you are reser in the swap meet lot. for parking pur please check here	\$ tion 0 = \$ on only \$ directly adjacent ving a paid space	Buffet Selection Beef, Chicken, o Garden Salad, 2 Coffee, Regular	\$30.00) \$		
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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 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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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 or Barry Janov at 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 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS (As of May)

RADIOFEST PROGRAM PLANNING IS IN PROGRESS PRELIMINARY TOPICS INCLUDE:

How to Set up Your Turntablle Crystal Set Performance Basics Bill Ross Memorial Ham Radio Forum

RADIOFEST 2017 BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT SWEET PEPPRIKA



RADIOFEST 2017





APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 30, 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				



Radiofest 2017

August 4-6

Friday - Saturday - Sunday



Medinah Shriners

550 Shriners Dr. (I-355 & Army Trail Rd.) Addison, IL 60101

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. <u>TABLE RENTALS</u>: 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.

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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 is shown in the display box.

RADIOFEST 2017 PROGRAMS

HOW TO SET UP YOUR TURNTABLE

Pete Nauseda: 11:00 am - 11:50 pm



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 for this presentation and an informative Q & A session.

Pete's knowledge and experience in high quality audio extends back to the first Golden Age of High Fidelity in the early 1950s. Fascinated by audiophile claims about the sweetness and warmth of vacuum tube audio, he wanted to

find out for himself, and, with the collection he amassed and restored, he did! His ventures range from vinyl, to tape, to CD sources, driving both vacuum tube and solid state amplifiers.

CRYSTAL SET PERFORMANCE BASICS Larry R. Wright: 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

Have you ever constructed a crystal set? These historical "free power" radios



often evoke memories of wire wound on a tubular Quaker Oats box and a "cat whisker-galena crystal" detector. The thrill of receiving distant AM broadcast stations (DX) prompted the builder to continually improve the set to boost the number of stations received. Well ... it's 2017 and the mystique of free power radio continues with a twist. Join Larry Wright as he shares how to optimize the design of a crystal set to achieve remarkable DX performance.

Larry R. Wright has had a lifetime interest in radio. After graduating from Michigan State University with a B. S. E. E.,

he joined Motorola and became a Project Engineer for the Micor high band Extender receiver. He received seven U.S. patents during his tenure in engineering. In 1977, Larry received a D.D.S. from the University of Illinois Dental School and became a practicing dentist until his recent retirement. He continues his avid interest in radio

BILL ROSS MEMORIAL HAM RADIO FORUM

Harry Blesy - Bob Drake - Ron Grams: 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm



ARCI members Harry N9CQX, Bob KB9NJP, and Ron WB9IMR, are proud to continue to present the Ham Radio Forum. Their longtime friend Bill Ross (in the photo), W9WR (SK) instituted and conducted the forum for many years at Radiofest.

We are fortunate to have Bob Nickels, W9RAN, to present "A Systematic Approach to Powering Up Equipment". This topic is of interest to all of us who restore vintage

equipment and want to minimize the anxiety we always experience when power is first applied. Bob has authored articles in Electric Radio and QST on topics from early ham equipment to SDR (software defined radio).

There will be a door prize drawing for all participants at the conclusion of the program. All Radio Amateurs and those interested in this great hobby are invited to attend.

EQUIPMENT CONTEST

The equipment contest will be set up in the Oak Ridge meeting room. See the listings below. Note, the "Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Muchow Best of Show Award" as well as the People's Choice Award and Chairman's Trophies will be awarded. Questions? Contact Jeff Aulick at akent36@comcast.net.

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

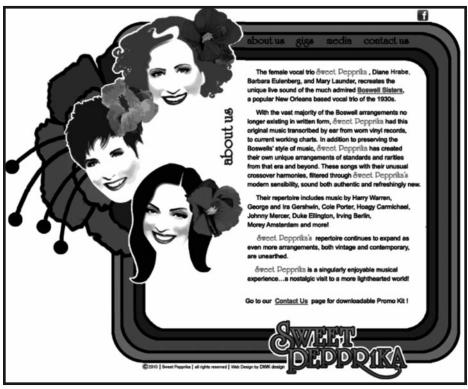
PLANS UNDERWAY FOR VINTAGE HAM STATION AT RADIOFEST

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, Ed Schumacher WA9GQK, and Chris Farley KC9IEQ. 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!

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!



Radiofest 2017 Banquet Entertainment – Sweet Pepprika.

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.

OTHER WEEKEND EVENTS

Plan to stay the entire weekend to pick up these other great events located near Radiofest!!

RADIOFEST 2017 WEEKEND EVENTS

CANTIGNY PARK & 1ST DIVISION MUSEUM

Park & Grounds: 7am–Sunset; Museums: 10am-5 pm; Golf: 7am-Dusk; Winfield Rd. South of Rte. 38 (Roosevelt Rd.) Wheaton, IL See www.cantigny.org

82nd ANNUAL HAMFESTER'S RADIO CLUB HAMFEST IN PEOTONE, IL

County Fairgrounds, Peotone. IL I-57 South of Chicago, Exit 327, 1 Mile East. See www.hamfesters.org

WOLFF'S FLEA MARKET (LARGEST IN CHICAGO)

July 30 & Aug. 6, 6am-1:30pm; Allstate Sun., Aug. 6, 6am-3pm; Will Arena; 6920 N. Mannheim. Rosemont, IL; (Mannheim between Higgins & Touhy); See www.wolffs.com

PLEASE NOTE

All activities are subject to rescheduling. Individuals are responsible for safeguarding their own property. Neither ARCI, nor AWA, including their individual directors, officers and/or members, assumes liability for any injury to any person or any loss, theft or damage to any personal property.



RADIO ZONE

An Occasional Column About Topics Of Interest

By Jeff Aulik

THEY "TOOK HIM FOR A RIDE" THE FERRO & GOSSETT RADIO COMPANIES OF BELVIDERE, IL

In mid-winter of 1921, the city of Belvidere was excited. A new Chicago-based company, The Ferro Manufacturing Co. of 2011 Michigan Ave., was doing a successful business making auto specialties, telephone wires and switches, and it was looking for someplace to expand outside the hustle and bustle of the windy city. A group of Ferro executives were visiting Belvidere to see if such a location was available. They found one—on Columbia Avenue, close to the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and the Elgin and Belvidere trolley line. These rail and trolley lines connected Chicago to Belvidere and Rockford, making commutes easy for their employees and Chicago executives, and making transportion of necessary raw materials inexpensive.

Land was purchased, contracts were signed, and construction started on the 12,500 square foot plant. A city-wide celebration was held in early October since the factory was nearly completed. Many employees were already hired, and the Belvidere bigwigs were patting themselves on the back for landing this \$60,000 fish.

Production had barely started when President Carmen Ferro announced that he had "too many interests in Chicago." He resigned from Ferro's top spot, though he did remain the Vice President and continued to be a major stockholder. A. Pineau and Charles Turner followed in rapid succession as Presidents, which raised some questions about the company's stability.

Announcement

The Ferro Manufacturing Co.

OF BELVIDERE

Manufacturers and Distributors of Radios

Braided assemblies for Ford and Christmas Tree Wiring and other specialties

Respectfully Invite Correspondence and Solicit Your Business.

No matter, as Ferro continued to make Christmas light strings, wiring harnesses for Ford Model T's, and an assortment of auto accessories. Meanwhile, a relative of the company's directors met Rudolph Graf of Rockford. Mr. Graf had a keen knowledge of radio. He was a naval radio operator, receiving an Ensign's commission during WWI. He was also an excellent machinist at Barber-Colman in Rockford, thanks to his meticulous attention to detail and nearly obsessive-compulsive personality. Graf convinced Ferro Manufacturing Co. to start making radios of his design. Soon, Graf became a Ferro stockholder and Chief Engineer. The company introduced its first radio to the public at the February, 1922 Belvidere Industrial Show.



The company continued to manufacture radios and auto accessories but added a new, somewhat unusual product—corset stays. Rudolph Graf's friend had an interest in his family's company, the Gossard Corset Co. It was not a big leap from wire making to drawing and stamping corset stays—and millions of them were needed each year to supply Gossard's plants in Belvidere and Dixon. In February 1925, with Carmen Ferro by now a minor player, the Board of Directors voted to change the company's name to the Gossard Radio and Wire Corp.

Toward the end of 1926, the company decided that a completely new line of radios was needed to stimulate sales and to broaden their market coverage. Rudolph Graf set about doing all the design work, from the circuit to the new machines, and he designed the assembly lines to build this new radio.

Sadly, the strain was too much for Graf to handle. He suffered a nervous breakdown and resigned from his job at Gossard on January 1, 1927. He moved in with his sister in Rockford and attempted to heal himself, mostly by taking long walks, alone, at night. This treatment was woefully ineffective, and the 30 year old Graf jumped under the wheels of a moving freight train the night of January 23.

Rudolph Graf's gruesome suicide effectively halted any progress of the Gossard Radio and Wire Co. since he alone comprised the company's engineering department. The company struggled on its own for a while.



But, remember Carmen Ferro, the founder of this ill-fated company? He was the man who had "too many interests in Chicago" to continue as Ferro's president. It turns out his main interest in Chicago was not making automotive accessories, but bootlegging. On November 28, 1927, Carmen Ferro was "taken for a ride" and shot through his heart, Mafia-style, on a deserted road near Bensenville.

With the major players either dead or having lost interest in radio manufacture, the Gossard Radio and Wire Co. went out of business. Its assets were liquidated at a creditors' sale on February 26, 1929. The building remained empty through the Depression until it was purchased by the Belvidere Vitreous Enamel Corp. in December, 1935.

The following photograph shows a Gossard "All-Season" radio that resides in the Boone County Historical Museum. The photo on top of the radio is the Gossard booth from a Belvidere Manufacturers' Expo; year unknown. It is the only example of a Ferro or Gossard radio the author knows of.



Gossard "All-Season" radio in the Boone County Historical Museum.

References:

Rockford Morning Star: Feb. 4, 1921; Oct. 16, 1921; Feb 5, 1925; Nov. 29, 1927; Dec. 18, 1935.

Rockford Register-Gazette: Sept. 30, 1927. Rockford Daily Republic: Feb. 27, 1929.

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!!!





PAID ADVERTISING



ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM

AWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 15-19, 2017

The AWA is bringing you a whole new conference this year! A new committee with new ideas is adding improvements. Announcements will be forthcoming. Watch the website!

NEW IN 2017

Return to a 4 Day Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday
Dual Themes: "Transistors" & "Military Communications"
17 Presentations Including New Speakers
New Museum Displays: Max Bodmer's International Radio Collection,
Inventors Exhibit, expanded Teletype & Telephone Exhibits

New Pricing

\$60 Conference Fee includes unlimited outdoor flea market space \$30 Flea Market Seller Fee (no conference) with unlimited outdoor space Indoor Flea Market Tables Available

Easy Registration

Online Pre-Registration & Online Payments With Paypal
Doors Are Open - The Public Is Welcome To Attend
The Book Fair Returns To Main Hall
Major Improvements To Onsite Registration & Auction Processing
Hotel Renovations Completed – New / Improved Facilities

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)

Address: AWA Membership, P.O. Box 421, Bloomfield, New York 14469-0421. Phone: 585-257-5119. Email: awamembership@rochester.rr.com.



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 <u>dual</u> <u>themes</u> 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		9:30 am - 12:15 pm	Programs	
1:00 pm	Registration Desk Opens	12:15 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break Special Guests Luncheon	
7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner	1:00 - 5:15 pm	Programs Buffet Dinner Social Hour	
WEDNESDAY, A	UGUST 16, 2017	6:30 pm	Buffet Dinner with Collins Collectors Association Presentation	
9:00 am	Registration Desk Opens	8:00 pm	Program	
9:30 am - 12:15 pm	Programs	10:00 pm	Movie	
12:15 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017		
1:00 - 5:15 pm	Programs	9:00 am	Registration Desk Opens	
5:00 - 7:00 pm	AWA Museum Open	9:30 - 10:15 am	Book Fair Opens AWA Member's Meeting	
7:00 pm	Free Pizza Party	11:00 am - 12:15 pm 12:15 - 1:00 pm	n Program Lunch Break with Contest Viewing	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017		1:00 - 5:15 pm	Programs	
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9:00 am	are parties to any of these transactions.	7:00 - 8:00 am 8:00 am - Ending	Equipment Auction Preview Equipment Auction	
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CLUBBING AROUND

82nd ANNUAL HAMFESTERS

The Hamfesters Radio Club of Illinois will hold its 82nd annual Hamfest on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone, IL (I-57 South of Chicago at Exit 327). Gates open at 6am. VE Testing is available on site. See https://hamfesters.org/hamfest/.

ANTIQUE 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 meeting will take place September 17, 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 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

Information about MARC's annual fall meet can be found at 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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