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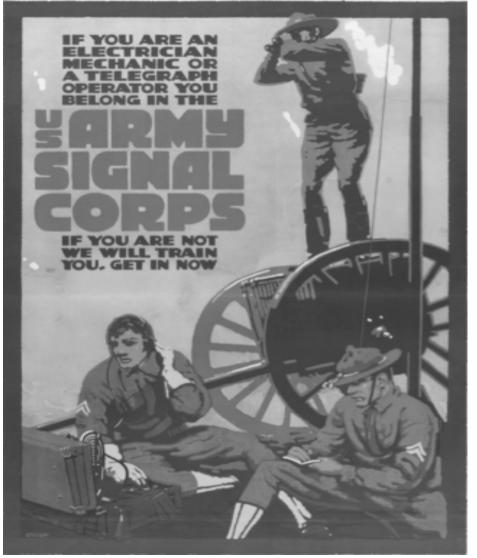
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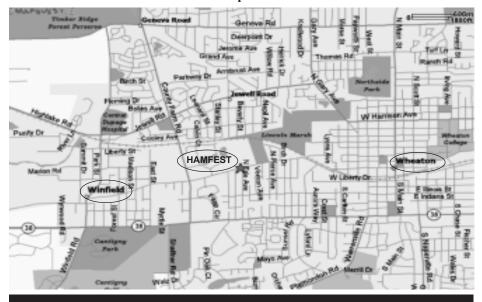
UPCOMING JUNE 15, 2014 MEET

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 15, 2014 **Gates Open 7AM**



2014 ARCI MEET SCHEDULE

June 15, 2014	Outdoor - Gates Open 7AM Combined Meet With 6-Meter Club of Chicago	DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL (See Advance Ticket Form & Map)
July 31-Aug. 2, 2014 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	RADIOFEST Thurs. Main Auction/Full Program on Fri./Donation Auction Sat.	Willowbrook Inn 7PM Thurs. – 1PM Sat.
October 5, 2014	7AM-11AM Outdoor Swap Meet Business Mtg./Officer Election 10AM	American Legion Hall Carol Stream, IL (See Map)
December 7, 2014	7AM-11AM Indoor Swap Meet Business Meeting 10AM	American Legion Hall Carol Stream, IL (See Map)

FACES AND SCENES FROM MARCH MEET







CLUBING AROUND

MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO HAMBOREE

The Midwest Classic Radio Net will have its annual Hamboree on June 15, 2014 (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.

ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Antique Wireless Association will hold its Annual Convention on Aug. 12-16, 2014 in Rochester, New York at the RIT Inn and Conference Center (see separate ad). The theme is Hallicrafters. With more than 30 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 July 20, 2014 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 Greg Hunolt at 920-893-0422 or at ghunolt@excel.net or see the web site at www.warci.org.

NORTHLAND ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

NARC will hold its next meet in September 2014. For information about the event, please see http://www.northlandantiqueradioclub.com/index.shtml.

MICHIGAN ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB

MARC's annual Extravaganza will be held July 10-12. The location is Best Western Plus (formerly the Causeway Bay Hotel) in Lansing Michigan. The theme this year is "Zenith". This is one of the top shows of the summer. For more information please see www.michiganantiqueradio.org or contact John Reinicke, MARC President, at ireinicke@comcast.net.

INDIANA HISTORICAL RADIO SOCIETY

The IHRS IHRS Fall Foliage Meet will be in Greenfield, IN on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Riley Park Shelter (one block north of US40 on Apple Street). For more information see http://www.indianahistoricalradio.org/ihrsched.htm.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Parts to restore a Philco 70 - (i) tube shield for the 3 tubes on the left side of the chassis, (ii) speaker with good cone and voice coil assembly (a model 20 or model 90 speaker could be a suitable), (iii) recommendation for someone who can re-cone a speaker of this era. Contact: Bill Koski at tubesrus@peoplepc.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our April meeting showed what a hardy and determined group of people can accomplish. The morning was a bit on the gloomy side, and cool, at 40 degrees with wind and threatening rain. But most of the sellers were set up outside and made a good day of it. My wife's Irish Ancestors would have remarked "Ah, t'was a FINE IRISH MORNING in Spring." Those who were a bit less hardy, and had paper items or other things to be shielded from the weather, set up inside. In all we had 27 sellers; a goodly number in any kind of conditions. We were again pleased to be visited by Tom Longmeyer, WGN Vice President and General Manager, enjoying the morning and the world of real old time radios with us. Take a look at the photos from the April meeting. Consistent with Illinois' spring weather, the sun was out by 11 o'clock.

Successfully out maneuvering the weather, the donation auction was held outdoors, and there was yet another surprising assortment of items for bid. There were a number of project sets and test equipment items for restoration and a near mint condition Radiola radio phonograph that appeared to be ready for display. Most surprising to me was a good looking GATES modulation monitor (made in my hometown of Quincy, Illinois.) ARCI member Alan Jochem did his sentimental duty, bought it and took it "back home" to Quincy. Once again, our thanks to the donors who help support the club with their generous donations – and thanks to the buyers, too.

Along with the June joint meet held with the Six Meter Club, our major planning focus is on *Radiofest 2014*. In the business meeting that followed the swap meet, we discussed our progress on *Radiofest* planning with each of the committees reporting well timed progress. As you can see in this issue of *ARCI News*, the major details have been worked out for this year's event and it promises to be another "rousing success." This year's theme "The World Wars" is quite timely, with the 100th Anniversary of World War I and the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The Friday Night banquet will feature Chicago's very own *LEGACY GIRLS*, a trio deftly re-creating the amazing sounds and style of the 1940's *ANDREWS SISTERS*. In addition, we encourage participation in the Equipment Contest. Categories have been selected so as to accommodate a wide selection of top flight equipment and memorabilia. Get it out, shine it up and bring it in.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS at *Radiofest 2014!!* We need some "No-Heavy-Lifting"/"paperwork-or-computer friendly" help during auction check-in and during the auction. Also, we need some folks who can spare a couple of hours during the day Friday to help direct cars entering the swap meet area. Judy Huether could use some help Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning, during the rush of seller check-in and registration. Let me see a show of hands??

Make your plans now for the June 15th gathering at the Six Meter Club Hamfest. I look forward to seeing you there and at *Radiofest 2014*.

See You At The Next Meet, 30 & 73,

OLIN SHULER, W9PQD ARCI PRESIDENT

ARCI UPDATE

The President's Column -- All The News That's Fit Too Print

RADIOFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help at *Radiofest!!* Please consider volunteering. You can talk with one of the officers, a Board Member or current volunteers for more information: Our needs are in:

- Main Auction. Please contact Olin Shuler at oshuler@comcast.net.
- *Old Equipment Contest* registration. Please contact Jeff Aulik at akent36@insightbb.com.
- Registration. Please contact Judy Huether at oldradioshoppe@aol.com.
- Donations of Food and Snacks. Please contact Janet Lavelle at 708-687-3007.

RADIOFEST CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

It's not too late to participate in our ARCI corporate sponsorship program for *Radiofest*. We encourage all our members to participate. *Radiofest* and other ARCI announcements placed in Antique Radio Classified, Antique Wireless Journal, ARCI *Radiofest* flyers and ARCI News 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 David Bart at jbart1964@gmail.com or Art Bilski at myantiqueradio@myantiqueradio.com by July 1, 2014 with any ideas or suggestions for new sponsors interested in discussing arrangements with ARCI.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD NEW ARCI PUBLISHER

With deep appreciation and sadness, we report the departure of Bill Smith as Publisher of *ARCI News*. Bill has been producing the *ARCI News* for over ten years. Due to a variety of conflicts on his time, he is no longer able to continue. Bill has been a terrific resource and valued partner in putting together and producing our publication six times each year. In addition, Bill produced many of the *Radiofest* related materials over the years. Bill will be sorely missed and we wish him well. David Bart, Art Bilski and Janet Lavelle engaged in a search for a new publisher and made their recommendation to the Board. We are pleased to announce that Cindy Fudge of Quality Printing and Design in Oak Forest will take over. By the time you read this announcement, you are viewing Cindy's first printing of the *ARCI News*. We congratulate Bill on his many years of service, and we look forward to working with Cindy going forward. For those who send in pictures of our meets, please send them to Cindy Fudge, Quality Printing and Design, 15540-A South Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452 with copies to Olin Shuler at 909 Christopher Court, Quincy, IL 62305.

HAMFESTERS RADIO CLUB 80th ANNUAL HAMFEST

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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!!!

Wisconsin Antique Radio Club, Inc.

www.warci.org

We welcome you to our upcoming Meets:

July 20 - Swap Meet

Special invitation to TV Collectors! 50-50 Raffle, Donation Auction, Live Music Surprise, Free Pizza Lunch

September 21 - Swap Meet and Auction

WARCI's 4th Annual Auction, 50-50 Raffle, Free Pizza

Both Meets at the Landmark / Terminal Facility, 5917 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee WI (near the Airport). 8:00 AM-11:00 AM; doors open 7:00AM. See the WARCI website for more information and directions.

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 15, 2014 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 even two visitors from Japan 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 14th 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.

HAM RADIO AND ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET

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

SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO 57th ANNUAL



HAMFEST

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



Sunday, June 15, 2014

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, NWS/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 Egpt., Parts Only - NO PCs)
- Overnight RV Parking w/110 V hookup -- must Register in Advance!
- 1* \$300, 2** \$200, 3** \$100 awarded at 1 p.m.
- TICXETS: Advance \$6.00; At Gate \$8.00 Use form below to order advance tickets.
- ARRL VE Testing 9-11 a.m. \$15 Exam Fee
- ARRL Awards QSL Card Checking 9-11 a.m.
- TALKIN: K90NA 146.52, K90NA/R 146.37/97 (107.2)
- ALL TRAFFIC ENTER GATE S-7 EAST OF BUILDING
- INFORMATION: E-Mail WD9GK/Barri.net or call our 24 Hour InfoLine - (708)442-4961.



VISIT OUR WEB SITES:

SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO: www.k9ona.com
ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB OF ILLINOIS: www.antique-radios.org
MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO NET: www.mcm.tripod.com
PLEASE NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED

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

PAID ADVERTISING

THE VINTAGE HAM RADIO OPERATORS AND COLLECTORS EVENT OF THE YEAR

MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO HAMBOREE

The 2014 event will be held as part of the SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO and the

ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB OF ILLINOIS ' HAM RADIO AND ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

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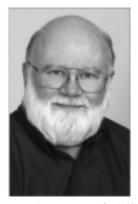
June 26 — 28 at a new location! RadioActivity is back in Timonium, MD

Theme: Art Deco and the Machine Age in Radio Design

Auction	Evening	6:00 am Friday (No fee marketing Thurs.)	talk by art deco expert Jim Linz
MAARC Equipm Contest		Interesting Seminars on Friday and Saturday	Saturday Main Auction - Starts at Noon

To register, and for full agenda, auction news and policies, OEC categories, and directions, see the March or April edition of RADIO AGE (the MAARC monthly publication) or visit our website: www.maarc.org

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John Dilks, Long Time "Vintage Radio" Columnist for QST.

I regret leaving *QST* as I have so many more stories still here, hundreds of personal letters from old timers writing about their radio experiences to draw from. The letters were written years ago by prominent and ordinary hams and are in my files. These stories won't be told now through *QST*.

I want to personally thank Steve Ford, WB8IMY, my first editor who guided me and has stood by me all these years. Without him I would not have been successful. My next editor was Joel Kleinman, N1BKE. I miss him and his guidance. And my last editor Steve Sant Andrea, AG1YK, who's editing made my stories even better.

The graphic department at times performed small miracles cleaning up a bad photo to make it usable in my column and provided great layouts. Thank you.

I also want to thank Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, who first contacted me after my 1999 visit to the ARRL Headquarters parking lot with my mobile museum. (What an unexpected and exciting phone call that was for me.) He explained that *QST* wanted to start a Vintage column and would I be interested in writing it. Of course I immediately said, "Yes!" And I think it's important to empathize that it was ARRL who wanted to start the Vintage column and I was the lucky one selected to write it.

It is now time for me to leave *QST* as they ramp up for the 100th celebration and its new digital magazine. I will miss writing my monthly column for you. But don't worry about me, I'm looking forward to taking care of my "Bucket List."

I'm Speaking at the ARRL 100th in Hartford

July 18 or 19, 2014 I will be speaking at the 100th, on Friday or Saturday. You'll have to check the schedule when it is finalized for the exact day and time. My presentation is really "BIG" and I am happy to present this for you. I think this will be a first for Ham Radio. Topic: Old Transmissions and Voices from the Past. You will hear early Ship-Shore and Ship-Ship CW Transmissions, and what some of the early Ham and Radio Pioneer voices sounded like, including the voices of Marconi, Jack Binns, Irving Vermila, De Forest, Paul Godley, Armstrong, Reinartz, Orin Brown, Elmo Pickerill, Art Collins, General Griswold, and CD Tuska speaking about starting QST magazine. My Co-Presenter is David Ring, N1EA, who was the operator on the "WILLIAMSBURGH" who answered the SOS from the passenger ship "PRINSENDAM" in 1980. You'll hear that cw SOS.

Please continue to visit my web page www.k2tqn.com/.-73 73 de K2TQN.

ANTIQUE PHONOGRAPH & MUSIC BOX SHOW MARKS 39th YEAR

[EDITOR'S NOTE: ARCI is proud to team up with Donley's Wild West in 2014!! Donley is hosting its annual Phonograph and Music Box Show in Union, Illinois on June 8-9. Donley is a long time sponsor and friend to ARCI and is sponsoring Radiofest 2014. This collector show specializes in phonographs, music boxes and automata but has crossover 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.]

UNION, IL, If you have an old phonograph, music box, old records, or other items pertaining to the early days of music machines, now's the time to dust them off and turn them into cash. Antique phonograph and music box enthusiasts from around the globe will converge on the village of Union Illinois (pop. 600) June 14th & 15th, for the 39th Annual Phonograph and Music Box Show held at Donley's Wild West Town. There is one simple reason that people come from all over the world to what, for over 30 years, has been the mecca of music collectibles; it's the biggest and best. Walking down the aisles of booths jammed packed with top quality merchandise; one might think they are in a foreign marketplace. It is not unusual to hear Japanese, Dutch, French, German, Korean, and even Thai being spoken within a few feet of each other. Many dealers even have their business cards printed in several different languages.

What, you may ask, is the big deal? Mike Donley who, along with his brother Randy, started the show 39 years ago explains: "Phonographs and music boxes are one of the few antiques that are not only period pieces of furniture and in many cases are works of art, but, they actually do something. They are entertainment. All people love music and many of these tunes that are over 100 years old are still easily recognized today." With many antique shows on the decline and disappearing, why is it that the Union show seems to be stronger than ever? The event which started in 1975 as a gathering of a handful of collectors has enjoyed a definite upswing lately due in a large part to the internet. Randy Donley points out that, "The internet has changed the way the antique business is conducted and, like it or not, it is here to stay. Believe me we held our breath for several years wondering when it was going to affect us. But it never did. Then we realized that this show wasn't only about the phonographs and music boxes, it was also about the people who love this hobby and enjoy getting together every year. Imagine a worldwide family reunion and that is the magic of the Union show."



The show in Union offers a wide variety of machines priced from around \$250 for a hand cranked disc phonograph like grandma used to have, to rare coin operated music boxes that sell for well over \$10,000. It is also the place to find scarce repair parts for machines and people with the knowledge of how to fix them. "The average person has no idea that parts are still available for most of these machines" states Mike Donley. "By coming here and getting their machine repaired, they are able to resurrect a piece of their family history that has been laying in the garage or basement for years. You can't imagine how emotional people get when they hear their phonograph or music box play once again."

Then, there are the dealers themselves. "I deal in many different antique fields and never have I ever found such a group of individuals willing to share information and educate the novices." says Mike Donley. "People here want you to enjoy the hobby and are eager to help you out." That is another big reason the internet has not touched the Union show. "You can't get the excitement and enthusiasm over a computer that you do by attending the show. On preview day, when the dealers are unloading, there is a buying frenzy that is electric. Everyone wants to get first crack at what is coming off that truck."

Other items at the show for sale include thousands of cylinder and disc records, old radios, roller organs, advertising, and books about the hobby. Randy Donley says that the last several years have also seen a growing interest in items of early invention and technology at the show. "Thomas Edison was the world's greatest inventor with over 1,000 patents to his name. It only makes sense that there is a crossover interest. We encourage dealers to bring along items of invention that fit the theme of the late 19th century technology which includes telegraphy, incandescent lighting, motion pictures, and telephones, to name a few. One never knows what will turn up here."

The show is open to the public on Saturday June 14th from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday June 15th 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 13th 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 815.923.9000 or see www.wildWestTown.com.



Gonsett Communicator III.

NEWS FROM QST BY JOHN DILKS

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We received this contribution regarding QST that may be of interest to many of our readers.]

THIS IS MY LAST COLUMN

I want to start by thanking ARRL and the Editors at *QST* for giving me the opportunity to write a monthly column. It has been a wonderful and learning experience for me.

Starting in January 2000 and continuing through March 2014, in over 160 columns spanning more than 14 years, I have tried to provide interesting articles about some remarkable radios and even more remarkable hams. Based on your emails and personal comments when we met, and even written letters, I have achieved that goal. I have been told many times that my column is the first thing you read when your *QST* arrives.

I also enjoyed traveling and speaking around the country from Maine to North Carolina and Texas, Michigan and Montana, at hamfests and club meetings. I have always enjoyed your welcomes.

I have to confess that the articles on the History of Ham Radio were my favorites. Learning about something that occurred years ago; and then researching and finding interesting facts about the ham participants was the most rewarding; second only to sharing these stories with you.

The Communicator was later repackaged as a model IV in a low profile black cabinet with the various chassis modules side by side, and a 220-225 MHz version was added to the product line. But what prompted me to write this article was my recent hamfest find, a Gonset G-50. This radio had some similarities to the Communicator III, but the G-50 and its ten meter cousin, the G-28, were much more powerful, having a 6146 final tube modulated by a pair of 6L6GC's, built in transmitter VFO in addition to crystal control, and an AC only power supply all on one unified chassis. Both the G-28 and G-50, which were intended as base stations with 110 VAC power only, were also available as CD models with yellow cabinets and wider IF bandpass as well.



Gonsett Model G-50.

Interestingly, although the Communicator III sported relay controlled push-to-talk circuitry to switch from receive to transmit, the G-28 and G-50 did not, and it required the user to flip a transmit-receive switch centered along the bottom set of front panel controls! The T-R switch had a long shaft extending almost all the way from front to back, with about four phenol wafers. Back when I was a young ham, I actually converted a G-50 to push-to-talk for a friend after one of the wafers broke in his switch, adding several small relays under the chassis where the switch was originally located. I installed a 1/4" phone jack for the microphone in the hole where the switch shaft had been. The conversion worked very well indeed, but was rather complicated and thinking back on the project I must have had more ambition and/or time on my hands back then!

My G-50 puts out about 28 watts of RF, 'hears' my signal generator OK, and might make an appearance at our vintage ham station at Radiofest this year!

RADIOFEST 2014 PLANNING UPDATE

COMMEMORATING THE WORLD WARS

RADIOFEST 2014 IS COMING! Reserve the dates of July 31st, August 1st and 2nd. We will be returning to the Willowbrook Inn and Conference Center. Get ready as we plan another banner year, and 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: \$20. First selling space: \$45 Pre-registered, \$50 on site registered. Additional selling spaces: \$25 Pre-registered, \$35 on site. Table rental; (8 ft) pre-registered only, \$15. One-day single space: Saturday, \$30.

The entertainment at the Friday Night banquet will feature Chicago's very own LEGACY GIRLS (see article), re-creating the amazing sounds and style of the 1940's ANDREWS SISTERS. Come and enjoy! Banquet tickets are priced at \$35 per person, or 2 for \$65.

RADIOFEST 2014 FEES

Selling Spaces – 1st \$45.00 Pre-registration, \$50.00 On site registration; Additional Spaces \$35.00; Saturday Only \$30.00

Banquet – \$35.00 each; \$65.00 per couple

8' Table Rentals – \$15.00 each; Only through pre-registration

This year *Radiofest 2014* will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, and the 70th anniversary of D-Day in World War II. Communications technology leaped forward as a result of each historic event. A special Atrium display will feature hardware and memorabilia from both periods. — And a heads-up to our military radio collectors and their friends. Special plans are brewing for the vintage ham station that operates at each *Radiofest*.

Don't forget that this year's contest offers a chance to show off some of those prized items in your collection. In keeping with the theme, the categories include military radios (see article). So bring and share something as you participate in our annual temporary displays of wonderful artifacts.

The opening night auction will be in the hotel Ball Room followed by our traditional pizza party. Our enhanced A/V equipment makes it a "class-act!" The huge quantity and

excellent quality of items available in the auction made this a great event. Jim Sargent from VRPS is returning to co-manage the auction. We look forward to refinements in our computerized check-in, sale tracking, and expedited check-out procedures.

Radiofest 2014 speaker's programs will feature four sessions, with a break during the noon hour, to accommodate the ladies luncheon. Subjects include military radio in World War II, Amateur radio activities on a radio-silent home front, vintage radio repair, and more. Stay tuned for further details.

The Donation Auction is scheduled for Saturday 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. -- And remember, *Radiofest* is your show!! And, we are looking for suggestions on ways to improve it. The feedback we received last August was extremely helpful. If you have a good idea, please contact Olin Shuler at oshuler@comcast.net.

RADIOFEST 2014 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY (7/31)

Pre-Registration Available After 5pm Main Auction at 6:30pm (Main Ballroom) Free Pizza Party After Auction

FRIDAY (8/1)

7am Registration / Radiofest Opens
Flea Market All Day
Special Event Ham Radio Station - All Day
Hospitality Tent & Food Service - All Day
Educational Programs (East Ballroom)
Ladies Luncheon (Restaurant)
Old Equipment Contest (West Ballroom)
Banquet & Entertainment (East Ballroom)

SATURDAY (8/2)

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

NEWS FROM THE HAMSHACK BY JIM NOVAK

GONSET'S LINE OF VHF AM TRANSCEIVERS REMEMBERED

Gonset was a well known name in ham equipment back in the 1950's and '60s, manufacturing a variety of radios including the famous Communicators, which were basically an AM transmitter, receiver, and 110 VAC/6 or 12 VDC power supply decks, all stacked in a "cube" format and housed in a heavy perforated white enamel finish steel cabinet with a handle and coax connector on top. They had tunable receivers and crystal controlled transmitters. Available in versions for six meters (50-54 MHz) and two meters (144-148 MHz), the Communicator III was easy to use and also available as a "CD" – Civil Defense – version approved by the Office of Civil Defense Management for federal funds. The CD version sported a bright yellow paint job. The only electrical difference was a wider 'receive' bandwidth to accommodate signals that were slightly off frequency. The very first Communicators, Models I and II, were in a grey cabinet, had screwdriver adjust transmitter tuning controls, and used a "magic eye" tube instead of a panel meter.



Gonsett Communicator.

My two meter Communicator III, which uses a 2E26 tube as a final amplifier, puts out about 4 Watts of RF on 144.4 MHz. Receive sensitivity was what could be called adequate, but when the tiny Nuvistor tube appeared on the scene, intended for use in TV tuners, several manufacturers, including Ameco, marketed preamps using either a 6CW4 or 6DS4 which were small enough to fit inside the Gonset's cabinet, and which provided a quite worthwhile improvement in noise figure and sensitivity.

FRIDAY LADIES' LUNCHEON

Janet LaVelle will once again host the Ladies' Luncheon on Friday. Janet is working with the hotel catering office to whip up a special feast for all the ladies. Table prizes will be awarded. Ladies, this is your special time to relax, so please join Janet for a great luncheon!

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. Special Event Station KC9IPB 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 708-447-7876 or WA9FIH@aol.com. We will be installing antennas and checking out equipment on Thursday afternoon. Thanks!

FREE SATURDAY SELLERS' RAFFLE

To thank our sellers for participating, we will offer a free Sellers' Raffle scheduled on Saturday. 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 Saturday morning. Items donated to the club will be sold at either the Donation Table or the Saturday 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.





ARCI Membership (\$20.00)

(If not currently a member)

RADIOFEST



July 31st thru August 2nd, 2014

Willowbrook Inn, 7800 South Kingery Hwy (Rte 83) Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 325-6400

All hotel reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn Discounted Hotel rates for ARCI members begin at \$99.00.

Sepuelari Only (\$10.00)

RADIOFEST Will Feature a Large Radio Swap Meet, Radio Contest, Informational Presentations, Appraisal Tent & Auctions. Also the banquet returns with entertainment and awards

Events and Schedule subject to change. Watch our website for updates at: www.antique-radios.org

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

	Similary Only (\$20.00)			
First Selling Space \$ \$45.00 Pre-Registration \$50.00 On Site Registration	Banquet (Four Course Meal) and Show Breast of Chicken With Raspberry-Pecan Sonce			
Additional Spaces \$25.00 Each Pre-Registration \$35.00 Each On Site Registration #	### Attending times \$35.00 = \$			
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In order to mail out your confirmation and parking/selling location prior to RADIOFEST we must receive your registration on or before July 10, 2014. Registrations received after that date will need be to picked up at the registration booth at the show. Parking and selling locations will be assigned by ARCI and may vary on day of show. Make check payable to ARCI and mail to: ARCI of Edward & Judy Buether; 1039 Treest Ave.; Forest Park, IL. 60130 Bare Questions or need more information? Check our website at www.antique-radio.org or send e-mail to clubiafo@antique-radio.org				
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RADIOFEST HOTEL — SAME LOCATION

Radiofest 2014 will return to the Willowbrook Inn & Conference Center, not far from both Chicago airports (20 miles from O'Hare and 15 miles from Midway). Hotel reservations for July 31 - August 2, 2014 must be made directly with the Willowbrook Inn. The hotel is offering discounted rates for radio show attendees starting at \$99.00. You must mention ARCI to get the discounted rate. Last year there was some confusion with the national booking service about room rates, so we recommend calling the hotel directly. We strongly recommend that you make your reservations early. Last year the hotel sold out.

Willowbrook Inn & Conference Center

Willowbrook Inn Reservations: (630) 325-6400 Hotel & Conference Center Front Desk: (630) 325-6400 7800 South Kingery Hwy (Rte 83) Hotel Fax: (630) 325-2362

Willowbrook, IL 60527

Check-In: 3:00 PM -- Check-Out: 12:00 PM



SPECIAL RADIOFEST DISPLAY By Keith Shreiter

THE WORLD WARS

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and the 70th anniversary of D-Day in World War II. Many new radio technologies were born in both wars. We invite you to commemorate the anniversaries of THE WORLD WARS by participating in our special display theme for *Radiofest 2014*. 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 WWI and WWII military radio items. We are also looking for your contributions such as:

- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard radios
- Related telephone, telegraph, wireless and other communications items

RADIOFEST 2014 CONTEST CATEGORIES

With Awards For:

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Muchow "Best Of Show" Award
People's Choice Award
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Chairman's Trophy; Best Restoration; Best Historical Display 1st, 2nd, 3rd Per Category

- Radios Pre-1930
- Radios Pre-WWII (to 1945)
- Radios Post-WWII (1946 & later)
- · Military Radios
- Catalin & Rare Plastic Radios
- Transistor & Novelty Radios
- Speakers
- Vacuum Tube Audio
- Radios Made In The Midwest
- Open

RADIOFEST 2014 SPECIAL ATRIUM DISPLAY

THE WORLD WARS

Military radios and memorabilia from WWI and WWII to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI and the 70th anniversary of D-Day. If you have an item you wish to display, please fill out the form in this issue.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET

The East Ballroom will be the site of the annual "Carl and Carolyn Knipfel Banquet". The entertainment will feature Chicago's very own LEGACY GIRLS, a trio deftly re-creating the amazing sounds and style of the 1940's ANDREWS SISTERS. Come and enjoy! Banquet tickets are priced at \$35 per person, or 2 for \$65.



The Legacy Girls – The Sounds and Style of the Andrews Sisters.

PROGRAMS

Keith Schreiter and Olin Shuler are coordinating our speaker programs this year. Planning for our speaker programs is well underway, and this year promises to offer another top notch lineup. A sneak peak at the outstanding program and the addition of a NEW Radio Clinic under the tent this year are shown on the next page.

EQUIPMENT CONTEST & SPECIAL DISPLAY

The equipment contest will be set up in the West Ballroom as usual. See the listings below. Note, the best of show award hasbeen newly renamed as the "Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Muchow Best of Show Award" in memory of the recent passing of Mrs. Muchow. In addition, rare and interesting artifacts and equipment dating from "The World Wars" will be on display in the Atrium. See Keith Schreiter's article which outlines the details of this special display.

RADIOFEST 2014 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS (As of June)

RADIO CLINIC UNDER THE BIG TOP

Ed Huether

An informal, open clinic covering radio repair topics, welcoming questions and offering advice.

MOTOROLA IN WWII

Olin Shuler

Learn about critical production of communications equipment and contributions to the war effort.

THE VACUUM TUBE AUDIO

Pete Nauseda

Q&A session: validate your beliefs & learn the innermost secrets of "glassware circuits".

HAM RADIO FORUM

Bill Ross

Learn about the contributions of Amateur Radio during the enforced silence in WWI, and videos from WWII plus Show & Tell with your favorite piece of ham radio equipment.

WWII EXPERIENCES "UP FRONT"

Frank Glas

Learn about WWII from a veteran bombardier with a view from the nose of the plane.

REMEMBERING CHARLES STINGER

Robert Sands & Robert White

Recall Charlie's days at WLW and the Voice of America as a radio engineer, historian and humanitarian.

- Advertising and memorabilia from WWI and WWII
- Related items from famous news stories and other events

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

Please submit the RADIOFEST 2014 SPECIAL ATRIUM DISPLAY REGISTRATION FORM which will be available at the April meet and is also downloadable from our ARCI website. Submit it to Keith Schreiter 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 Atrium 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 Keith Schreiter at: N9QDS@ARRL.NET if you would like to participate.

MAIN AUCTION & PARTY ON THURSDAY NIGHT

The Main Auction will take place on Thursday evening in the Ballroom from 6:30-8:30pm followed by a FREE Pizza Party for ARCI members. Pre-registered attendees will be able to pick up their packets by 5pm on Thursday to set up. Registration for the Main Auction will open by 5:00pm or earlier. As always, if the hotel can accommodate us, we will open earlier in the late afternoon for registration.

This year, ARCI will again partner with the Vintage Radio Phonograph Society (VRPS) from Irving Texas to run the main auction, and Greg Hunolt from the Wisconsin Antique Radio Club, Inc. (WARCI) will handle the computers and processing. Jim Sargent, from Texas, will call the auction, and will be assisted by our regular team of volunteers. The past few years, our opening auction has been a huge success! The post-auction pizza party continues to be very well received and lasts until midnight. The ARCI auction team is examining ways to make the auction flow smoothly and quickly. More details will come in the June issue of ARCI news.

The auction's format will stay much the same as last year, allowing sellers to continue to state a confidential reserve. We plan to simplify and thereby speed up the check-in process, and minimize the amount of handling and moving of the merchandise.

Fees are \$5 per item for sellers (\$10 for non-members), bidding cards at \$2 each (\$3 for non-members) and a 5% buyer's premium. Please contact me (oshuler@comcast.net) if you have any questions or comments.



RADIOFEST 2014



SPECIAL ATRIUM DISPLAY AUGUST 1, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2014

THE WORLD WARS

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 FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT APPROXIMATELY 3PM WITH TAKEDOWN AFTER 10PM FRIDAY NIGHT. SATURDAY 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:

NAMECALL SIGN
ADDRESS
PHONE (EMAIL
SERVE AS DOCENT? (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO HOURS FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT KEITH SCHREITER AT:



Radiofest 2014

July 31 to August 2

Thursday - Friday - Saturday

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The Willowbrook Inn 7800 South Kingery Hwy (Rte 83 & I-55) Willowbrook, IL 60527 (1-630-325-6400)

COMMEMORATING THE WORLD WARS

THURSDAY

- Setup Day (NO SALES)
- Main Auction 6:30pm in the Ballroom using big screen video. Followed By Free Pizza Party!! (ARCI Members)
- Pre-Registration Packets Available After 5pm

FRIDAY

- 7am Radiofest Opens
- Registration open
- Flea Market open All Day
- Noon Ladies Luncheon
- Educational Programs
- Ham Radio Ops All Day
- Hospitality Tent All Day
- Hotel Food Service

SPECIAL EXHIBIT MILITARY RADIO

- 100th Anniversary WWI
- 70th Anniversary D-Day
- Military Radios
- Memorabilia

EQUIPMENT CONTEST

- 1 Radios Pre-1930
- 2 Radios Pre-WWII (1945)
- 3 Radios Post-WWII (1946)
- 4 Military Radios
- 5 Catalin & Rare Plastic
- 6 Transistor & Novelty
- 7 Speakers
- 8 Vacuum Tube Audio
- 9 Radios Made In Midwest
- 10 Open Category

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Motorola During WWII - Olin Shuler (Motorola Quality Engineer)

Vacuum Tube Audio Q&A - Pete Nauseda (Technical Expert in Audio)

Ham Radio Forum: Amateur Radio In WWI & Videos From WWII - Bill Ross (Radio Historian)

WWII Experiences "Up Front" - Frank Glas (WWII Bombardier)

Remembering Charlie Stinger - Bob Sands & Robert White (CARS)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ARCI Registration Form: http://www.antique-radios.org. Pre-Registration Deadline: July 1.

Hotel Reservations: Front Desk 1-630-325-6400, Ask for ARCI room rate of \$99.00 per night.

Seller Fees: 1st space: \$45 pre-reg./\$50 onsite. Additional spaces: \$35 pre-reg./\$35 onsite. Saturday Only \$30. Banquet tickets: \$35/person, \$65/couple. <u>8' TABLE RENTALS</u> \$15 each (pre-registration only). No charge for general admission. Membership required for attending programs.

Questions? Call 630-739-1060. See www.antique-radios.org.