

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



XAWA JOURNAL POLICY ON PROMOTING EVENTS: The *AWA Journal* is pleased to list the meets and meetings of any established antique radio organization, whether or not it is associated with the AWA. Send your information to Marc Ellis, Editor, *AWA Journal*, P.O. Box 1306, Evanston, IL 60204-1306. E-mail mfellis@alum.mit.edu. Closing date is six weeks prior to first day of month of issue.

Calendar of AWA Activities

Nov. 5 (tentative) CC-AWA Fall Swap Meet	Dec. 3-4 & 10-11 2011 Bruce Kelley Memorial 1929 QSO Party
Nov. 6 AWA Trustees Meeting	Jan. 18-19 & 21-22 2012 Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest

Calendar of Meets

(AWA logo identifies AWA-sponsored events)

CC-AWA FALL SWAP MEET

November 5 (tentative)

Greensboro, NC

For details, visit the CC-AWA web page at cc-awa.org.



AWA TRUSTEES MEETING

November 6

At the Media Center (Building 2) of the future AWA Electronic Communications Museum complex at 6925 Rts. 5 & 20 (intersection with Rt. 444), Bloomfield, NY. Begins at 1 p.m.



2011 BRUCE KELLEY MEMORIAL 1929 QSO PARTY

December 3-4 and 10-11

See the "Amateur Radio" column in this issue.



2012 LINC CUNDALL MEMORIAL CW CONTEST

January 18-19 and 21-22

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Recurring Meetings

• The Antique Radio Club of Illinois (ARCI)—Meets bi-monthly. Meets generally held at the American Legion Hall, Carol

Stream IL but meets in June in conjunction with the 6-Meter Club of Illinois at the DuPage County Fairgrounds and once per year for Radiofest at the Willowbrook Illinois Holiday Inn. Check website for schedules, details and maps.) Contacts: President, Olin Schuler oshuler@comcast.net; Club Public Contact, Art Bilski, 630-739-1060, clubinfo@antique-radios.org. Website www.antique-radios.org.

• Antique Radio Collectors of Ohio—meets first Tuesday of each month at 2929 Hazelwood Ave., Dayton, OH (4 blocks east of Shroyer Rd. off Dorothy Lane) at 7 p.m. Also annual swap meet and show. Membership: \$10.00 per year. For more info, contact Karl Koogler: mail to above address; phone (937) 294-8960; e-mail KARLKRAD@GEMAIR.COM.

• California Historical Radio Society—For info on current meetings, call the CHRS hotline: (415) 821-9800.

• CARS, the Cincinnati Antique Radio Society—Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Gray's History of Wireless Museum, which is part of The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, Inc., located in a building that is now on the National Historic Register at 8070 Tylersville Road, Westchester, Ohio. 45069. For more information contact Bob Sands at (513) 858-1755.

• Carolinas Chapter of the AWA—Hosts four "mini-swap-meets" each year (in January, May, July and October) plus an annual conference, "Spring Meet in the Carolinas," on the 4th weekend in March. Executive committee meets approximately quarterly. For more info, visit the web site at CC-AWA.ORG or contact Ron Lawrence, W4RON, Chapter President, P.O. Box 3015, Matthews, NC 28106-3015; phone (704) 289-1166; e-mail W4RON@carolina.rr.com.

• Central Ohio Antique Radio Assn.—Meets at 7:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month at Devry Institute of Technology, 1350 Alum Creek Rd., Columbus. (1-70 Exit 103B.) Contact: Barry Gould (614) 777-8534.

• Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club—Meeting and auction begins 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Location: Telford Community Center on Hamlin Ave. in Telford, PA. Annual dues: \$15.00, which includes a subscription to the club's monthly newsletter *The Oscillator*. For more info contact Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club, P.O. Box 5053, New Britain, PA 18901. Phone (215) 345-4248.

• Houston Vintage Radio Association (HVRA) meets the fourth Saturday (January thru October) at Bayland Park 6400 Bissonnet, 9 a.m. in SW Houston. Each meeting includes an auction and program. Annual two day convention held in February includes three auctions, old equipment contest, technical talks, swap meet, and awards banquet. One day MEGA auctions held in the spring and fall. A newsletter, *The Grid Leak*, is published bi-monthly. Event postings, announcements, photos and other features are available on HVRA web site: www.hvra.org. Membership is \$20/yr.

AWA LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Cost: \$500 (U.S.), \$600 (elsewhere.) Make out your check to Antique Wireless Association and send it to AWA Membership, P.O. Box 421, Bloomfield, NY 14469-0421. E-mail awamembership@rochester.rr.com.



Address: HVRA, P.O. Box 31276, Houston TX 77231-1276 or call Bill Werzner, 713-721-2242; email: werz1943@gmail.com

• Hudson Valley Antique Radio & Photo Society—Meets third Thursday of month, 7 p.m. Meeting, swap meet, and membership info: Peter DeAngelo, President, HARPS, 25 Co. Rt. 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916. (914) 496-5130.

• Indiana Historical Radio Society—Meets quarterly in Feb., May, Aug. and Oct. Flea market, old equipment contest and auction at all events. *The IHRS Bulletin* has been published quarterly since 1971. For meet details and information about the club and our Indiana Historic Radio Museum in Ligonier, IN. see our website at www.indianahistoricalradio.org, contact Herman Gross, W9ITT, at 1705 Gordon Dr., Kokomo, IN 46902-5977 (765) 459-8308, or email w9itt@sbcglobal.net.

• London Vintage Radio Club—This Ontario, Canada club meets in London on the first Saturday of January, March, May, June and November. Annual flea market held in Guelph, Ontario in September in conjunction with the Toronto club. Contact: Lloyd Swackhammer, VE3IIA, RR#2, Alma, Ontario, Canada N0B1A0. (519) 638-2827. E-mail contact is Nathan Luo at lvrcreditor@yahoo.com.

• Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club (MAARC)—Meets monthly, usually on the

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REGIONAL MEETING REPS

California.....Floyd Paul, W6THU
 CanadaTo Be Announced
 D.C. AreaPaul Mooney, K4KRE
 Indiana.....Herman Gross
 New York.....Ronald Roach
 Carolinas Chapter.....Ron Lawrence, W4RON
 Texas.....David Moore (Houston)

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

Our 50th anniversary commemorative booklet *Fifty Years of AWA* has received high marks from everyone who has seen it. We still have a stock of this profusely-illustrated 60-page AWA history available for those who would like extra copies or those who were not members at the time of distribution and didn't receive one. Cost is \$7.00 per copy postpaid, no limit. But once they're gone they're gone—so act now if you are interested! Send your check to Antique Wireless Association, Box 421, Bloomfield, NY 14469-0421.



With the Chapters



As I write this it's Sunday night of the Labor Day weekend. I spent Friday and all day Saturday at the Shelby/Dallas hamfest. It is one of the oldest in the Southeast; I think this was their 55th anniversary. I've been attending since my high school electronics teacher, Rick Bilbro K4KAV, took me for my first visit in 1970. I think I've missed only three since then. There are so many CC-AWA members there that we could almost call it a club event.

Our Summer Swap Meet in Valdese took place just a few weeks ago. There was a rain forecast for that Saturday so the attendance was much lighter than normal. This was also the first CC-AWA event I've ever missed. I normally ride-share with Robert Lozier but he was busy getting ready to leave for Rochester and I didn't feel comfortable driving that far by myself without someone to talk to to help keep me awake. Some of the new drugs the doc has me on for my bad back and arthritis tend to make me sleepy.

The long overdue issue of *The Carolina Antenna* is at the printer and due to be in the mail later this week. Judy Edwards did a fantastic job putting this one together. There are pages and more pages of color photos of the CC-AWA Annual conference "Antique Radio Charlotte." The long overdue part is completely my fault. Judy had asked me for my president's column a long time ago. I got started on it and then it slipped through the cracks while I was planning for the next annual conference.

The plans for the Charlotte conference and the conference-within-a-conference ("The Charlotte International Cryptologic Symposium") have really taken on a life of their own. The folks at the Sheraton hotel, our home for the past 17 years, called me last in July asking how to handle people from the UK and Europe who were calling to make room reservations eight months before the event.

Our list of speakers, already containing

seriously big names in the crypto world, had grown to the point where we felt that we couldn't handle any more. But people whom we just couldn't turn down continued to turn up.

Among those who will be speaking are Debbie Desch Anderson, daughter of Joe Desch, the man who designed the US Navy "Cryptanalytic Bombe," is speaking and showing the documentary: "The Dayton Codebreakers;" Richard Brisson, who is retired from the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC, Canada's version of our NSA) will be giving several presentations; Jerry McCarthy of the UK, a software programmer who has developed a three-rotor Enigma simulator and a simulator for the SZ42/Tunny machine will speak; Jim Oram will give a presentation on his "Bletchley Park 70th Enigma Reunion" video as well as talks on restoration methods for Enigma machines; Retired Col. Bill Williams of the NSA's Center for Cryptologic History has told us they're working on something special for Charlotte; David Hamer of the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation will give a talk about the museum and their work to save crypto history.

This is going to be a historical event—the FIRST ever of its kind in the US that is open to the public. The next event on our calendar is the Fall Swap Meet in Jamestown NC. Jamestown was our first mini meet and normally is one of our best. Brad Jones, who also is the auctioneer for the Charlotte conference, will handle both the main Friday auction and the Saturday "Radio Rescue" end of swap auction.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2012 "Antique Radio Charlotte." Mark your calendars NOW so you don't forget it.

As always you can find detailed information on all of CC-AWA events on our web page at CC-AWA.ORG.

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AWA NETS

(EASTERN TIME)

PHONE

SUNDAY:

7237 kHz, SSB, noon (NCS: various);

3837 kHz, AM 4:00 p.m.

(NCSs: KA2J & W2AN)

(Also runs on Sat.—same time)

MONDAY:

*1945 kHz \pm , SSB or AM, 8 p.m., (NCS Joe Cro, N3IBX)

TUESDAY:

14274 kHz, SSB, 2:30 p.m. (NCSs: KC3YE and W0FXV)

3837 kHz SSB, 8 p.m. (NCS: WB2SYQ)

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY:

The AWA Bruce Kelley HF Net

3837 kHz \pm kHz, SSB, 9:30 a.m. NCS: Mon.

W3JW; Wed. WA2TWS; Fri. W3GMS

**After some 14 months of operation, the AWA Top Band 160 meter net is alive and flourishing. However, the published frequency, 1900 kHz, is running into significant interference problems, and the decision has been made to QSY to 1945 kHz. This is still being evaluated, but seems to work much better. Anyone wishing to check in is advised to listen on 1945, Monday evenings, at 8 p.m. Eastern time. It is an open net, and everyone is welcome.*

CW

DAILY, 4 p.m., 3588 or 7050 kHz. Protocol, informal. Check both frequencies for activity and join in, or call AWA de (your call) and see what you stir up. First WEDNESDAY of each month, 8 p.m., 7050 kHz

2-M REPEATER (Rochester Area)

MONDAY, 7:00 p.m. (NCS: N2WZS)

Receive 145.110 MHz

Transmit 144.510 MHz

110.9 PL

third Sunday of the month at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center in Davidsonville, MD. (But meets once or twice a year in Northern Virginia—check website for schedules, details and maps.) Contacts: President, Steve Hansman, 855 Arundel Drive, Arnold, MD 21012, (410) 974-0561, email: shans01a@comcast.net; Membership Chair, Geoff Shearer, (703) 818-2686, email: gshearer2@verizon.net. Website www.maarc.org

- New Jersey Antique Radio Club—Meets second Friday each month, 7:30 p.m. Holds three annual swap meets. Visit the website, www.njarc.org or contact Phil Vourtsis, 13 Cornell Pl., Manalapan, NJ 07726, (732) 446-2427, pvourtsis@optonline.net.

- Northland Antique Radio Club (Minneapolis/St. Paul)—hosts four events with swap meets each year (in February, May, September and November) including an annual conference, “Radio Daze,” for two days in mid-May. Annual dues are \$12.00, which includes a subscription to the club’s quarterly newsletter. For more info, visit our web site at www.northlandantiqueradioclub.com.

- Northwest Vintage Radio Society—meets the second Saturday of each month at Abernethy Grange Hall, 15745 S. Harley Ave. Oregon City, OR. Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Membership \$25.00 per year. Guests welcome at all meetings and functions except board meetings. Spring show, the second Sat. in May. For more information, contact Mike McCrow 503-730-4639; e-mail: tranny53@comcast.net.

- Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors—Meets second Saturday of each month, (except for April, October, and December), at Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK. Visitors welcome. Dinner/Socializing, 6 p.m., meeting, 7 p.m. Swap meets on second Saturday in April and October at 8 a.m., Midwest City Community Center, 100 N. Midwest Blvd., Midwest City, OK. Membership \$15/year including monthly *Broadcast News*. Info: contact Jim Collings at (405) 755-4139 or jrcradio@cox.net. Website: www.okvrc.org.

- Ottawa Vintage Radio Club—Meets monthly (except June and July) in the

Conference Room, Ottawa Citizen, 1101 Baxter Rd., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Lea Barker at (613) 829-1804 or check www.ovrc.org. Membership: \$10 Canadian/yr.

• The Pittsburgh Antique Radio Society welcomes visitors to our Saturday flea markets, contests and clinics held at least four times yearly. A fall auction is included in September and our annual luncheon program is on the first Saturday in December. An annual Tri-State Radio Fest is held in April. Our journal, *The Pittsburgh Oscillator*, is mailed quarterly. For more information visit us at <http://www.pittantiqueradios.org>, email President Chris Wells at radioactive55man@comcast.net, or phone Treasurer Tom Dixon at 412-343-5326.

• Society for Preservation of Antique Radio Knowledge (SPARK)—Meets monthly at Donato's Pizzeria, 7912

Paragon Rd., Centerville, OH. Annual swap meet. Membership, \$18/year. Write SPARK Inc., P.O. Box 292111, Kettering, OH 45429; e-mail sparkinc@juno.com or call John Pansing at (937) 299-9570.

• Texas Antique Radio Club—Meets alternate months in Kyle and Shertz, TX. Contact: Doug Wright, 625 Rolling Hills Dr., Canyon Lake, TX 78133. e-mail edjw@gvtc.com; website www.gvtc.com/~edengel/TARC.htm

• Vintage Radio and Phonograph Society (VRPS) meets monthly on the third Saturday. Located in the Dallas, Fort Worth Metroplex, our current activities are annual convention, auctions, swap meets, repair training sessions and monthly programs. For details visit our website www.vrps.org, or by contacting VRPS President Jim Sargent at (817) 573-3546 or bsargent@swbell.net

Convention Doings

Dear AWA Friends,

This is the fourth time I have written about the AWA Convention and the 50th time it has been written about.

This year's Convention was a very special one. I think you all felt it. It is hard to put into words. Mark Ellis coined the term "Total Immersion" when we wrote our advertising copy last year and that is exactly what happened this year.

I remember my first Convention as a museum volunteer. I set up an exhibit of military radios using dynamotors. "Real Radios have Motors" I called it. In one evening I talked to more fellow enthusiasts than I had in my entire life before then. This year was the same. For five days I felt like I was living in a world of collectors and enthusiasts.

We had some real firsts this year. It was the longest Convention yet, and we initiated a true International spirit. The International dinner was very well attended not just by the guests from afar, but from our U.S. folks who wanted to see and hear what these people had to say. I am remiss if I do not thank Anders Widell for his co-authorship of this new and very fine addition to our Convention.

Bob Hobday again brought us fine entertainment with Blue Jimmy at the pizza party on Wednesday night. One young new member said to me "AWA ROCKS." I love to hear that. We need to "rock" and get these young vital folks into our organization.

Thursday night we debuted a new Buffet. What a great place to spend the evening after the first day of the flea market. Great food and great company. A chance to unwind. And all you can eat!

Our Banquet keynote speaker this year is a special guy. He took a rather reluctant person and threw him into the job of running the 2008 Convention. That person was me and it has been my honor to do so since then. The special guy is Bruce Roloso, who, assisted by Richard Ransley and Lauren Peckham, took us through a slide show describing 50 years of AWA Conventions. Lots of things have changed over 50 years but the important things have remained the same.

The AWA Auction this year saw the usual large quantity of donations as well as some estates. It was a marathon event beginning at 7:00 a.m. (yes we heard you) and finishing about 2:00 p.m. I think the auction workers deserve a great deal of credit for

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working at a frenetic pace for nearly 4 days to put this event together.

Yours truly purchased an Atwater Kent clock radio. A radical departure from my black wrinkle/olive drab purchases. I had been looking for one for my wife for quite a while. And this just proves out the fact that you can usually find what you want in Rochester.

Next year the Convention will be held from Tuesday August 21 through Saturday August 25 at the RIT Inn. Registration will open on the Convention website immediately after the 2011 AWA Trustees meeting on in early November.

Roy Wildermuth, Chairman
AWA 2012 Convention
“WE ROCK”