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From Bruce D. Roloson, W2BDR, Curator

We have just closed the books on the 2011 Annual AWA Convention. Many of us who worked at the Convention were tired but pleased with the results.

A number of you commented that this convention had more of a social feel than in previous years. That was the plan for this year. We wanted for there to be more time to talk and get to know each other.

We also wanted more direct programming from our international members. The programs that they put on were outstanding. One of the comments that I heard several times was "I learned more this year than any other in recent memory." A great job by the international members and all the other presenters!



Museum Volunteers Help Run Convention

I would like to point out that many of the AWA Museum volunteers participated in running the Convention. These included Roy Wildermuth (Convention Chairperson,

Registration Chairperson, planning team member); Bob Hobday (Convention Master of Ceremonies, Hotel Contract Administrator, planning team member, auction helper, Chairman of membership meeting); Lynn Bisha (program introduction, auction helper, membership meeting staff, planning team Member); Ron Roach (museum open house planner, auction worker, membership meeting staff); Bruce Roloson (hotel operations and planning, membership meeting staff, estate planning for auction, auction helper, Awards Planner, planning team member); Stan Avery (oversee cash, payment of bills, final cash flow report).

Other members of the volunteer staff working at the convention were: Duncan Brown, Mike Csontos, Ed Gable, Joe Granica, Jim and Felicia Kreuzer, Sandy MacMillan, Lauren Peckham, Dick Ransley, Ron Walker, Dan Waterstraat, Warren Wiedemann, Barney and Jane Wooters. Many thanks to all of you who help make this Convention a memorable one.

Estate Donation and Disposal

At this Convention we were able to bring to the auction a large truckload of equipment made available by three wives of members who have passed on. These ladies were great to work with and I am glad the year we

worked together paid off for them as well as us. This is collection recycling at its best. One of the services we offer our members is assisting their families with planning of donation or disposal of their collections. This is becoming a very important part of our activities over past two years.

AWA will shortly be receiving the donation of a large collection from another estate. This new donation, which includes many fine pieces, will double the size of the display planned for the new museum. I plan to show photos of some of the highlights in the next issue of the *Journal*.

One of the problems that we are having is providing for the storage of equipment while the new museum takes shape. Operations Manager Ron Roach is working on plans to arrange for both temporary and long-term storage.

*From Ron Roach (W2FUI)
Museum Operations Manager*

Water IncurSION at Museum Building

On the Sunday just prior to the opening of the AWA Annual Convention, runoff from heavy rains caused an incurSION of water into our future museum building. This was swiftly handled by the sustained efforts of a number of our Tuesday volunteers, who responded to an emergency telephone tree alert.

During Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, all carpeting and base molding was removed, as well as a few inches of drywall at floor level. All material that was being stored in

the building, including lumber, steel shelving, radio tubes and CRTs was cleaned, dried, and placed in an elevated position.

This work was completed just in time to welcome the visit of Conference attendees on Tuesday afternoon. As previously planned, the visitors were treated to tours of the new museum campus as well as the currently operating museum in the Bloomfield Academy building. Professional cleaning and fogging of the building took place the following week.

Special Museum Tours

Although the formal Academy Museum visitor season ended at the close of September, a number of special tours have been scheduled during the following few months. The Rochester DX Association has planned its October meeting around a tour of the Museum campus and the Rochester VHF group has arranged to gather at the campus for their November meeting.

A Rochester theater group, The Penfield Players, has requested a tour of the campus prior to its latest production in November. The group also requested a period radio to be used as a production prop. Lynn Bisha prepared a Canadian Marconi radio for the purpose and, working with Bob Hobday, developed a print and artifact display to be shown while the production is running.

During September, prior to the onset of inclement weather, Dan Waterstraat and Bob Hobday smoothed and filled irregularities and pot holes on both sides of the future museum driveway. This work was done in anticipation of its use during the tours and the Tuesday volunteer activities.