



ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM

"MUSEUM SPARKS"

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"**MUSEUM SPARKS**" is a quarterly newsletter for the Friends of the Antique Wireless Museum and AWA Technology Explorers. Our welcome to our new members! We are very pleased to have you join AWA. Thanks for your support of the AWA Museum. Each quarter, "**MUSEUM SPARKS**" will provide general information, latest news, new exhibits and happenings at the Museum. "**MUSEUM SPARKS**" will also be posted on the AWA web site at www.antiquewireless.org for convenient referral.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?

Well, there is always something new at the Museum. The construction is complete on the 28 foot by 28 foot all-purpose room in the Museum. The inaugural use of the room was the first reunion class for the 2018 Radio Fab Lab participants (more on this event below). This room will allow us to host meetings, provide classes and programs, and could be used for parties. This is a wonderful addition to our Museum space and allows us to expand exhibits at the south end of the Museum.

When you visit, always browse through the display shelving. David Kaiser continues to add interesting and unique items on those shelves each week.

RADIO FAB LAB – REUNION CLASS:

On February 24th, the Museum hosted a reunion class for Radio Fab Lab participants and Museum Staff in the new all-purpose room. Rus Healy K2UA presented a fascinating presentation on Software Defined Radio (SDR) covering the many features and functions available. The reunion class was requested by some of the AWA Technology Explorers and parents of the fall 2017 Radio Fab Lab class.

The Radio Fab Lab series will be offered again this fall. Stay tuned for details on the 2018 Radio Fab Lab in future issues of "**MUSEUM SPARKS**".

"AFTER HOURS AT THE MUSEUM" – A NEW SERIES OF BIMONTHLY PROGRAMS

The first of the *After Hours at the Museum* series – a Live Old Time Radio Show – was enjoyed by a sellout crowd of nearly 70 in the new All-Purpose Room. Our guests reported they had a wonderful evening. I know the cast members had a super time!





After Hours at the Museum will be led by experts from academia, industry and the Museum. The series will cover a broad spectrum of entertaining topics from the history of radio and television to the latest developments in communications and entertainment technology. Our region continues to generate an extraordinary amount of wireless innovation and our communities are rich with creative and technical expertise. *After Hours at the Museum* is designed to be entertaining and informative for adults and young adults and will be held in the Museum for 90 minutes on Wednesday evenings.

The next presentation is Wednesday May 2, 2018 “Canandaigua Main Street – 1964 and Today” – a nostalgic look at 1964 music, advertisements, and the history of Canandaigua Main Street by Dave Hayden beginning at 7:30 pm

After Hours at the Museum will combine laughter, learning, camaraderie, and networking. The remaining schedule of 2018 programs includes:

- “*Canandaigua Main Street 1964 and Today*” by Dave Hayden - May 2, 2018
- “*Telegraph and Rochester Tombstones*” by Bruce Roloson - July 11, 2018
- “*Impact of Radio on Society*” by Robert Hobday - September 5, 2018
- “*The Item in Question at the Museum*” by William Hopkins - November 7, 2018

This series should be great fun, educational, and entertaining. The programs will be held in the Museum on Wednesday nights beginning at 730 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Adult admission will be \$10 including admission to the Museum, but as a member of the Museum, you will receive a 50% discount on your program ticket.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 54 FROM BLOOMFIELD VISIT THE MUSEUM:

Recently, the Museum Staff hosted Cub Scout Troop 54 from Bloomfield New York. The youngsters, parents and Museum Staff had a great time. The youngsters seemed to be most fascinated by listening to Morse code, the thunder of the 1000 watt spark transmitter, and sitting in the Voice of America Station exhibit. What a great group.



2018 AWA SPRING MEET:

The 2018 Spring Meet will be held Saturday May 5 at Veteran's Park Bloomfield, NY across Route 5 from the Museum. The full day will include an open flea market, an AWA Bargain Table and Book Sale, the Museum will be open, and an auction of duplicate and surplus items from the Museum artifacts in the afternoon. Admission for the day will be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. If you want to sell items in the Flea Market, a vendor pass is \$7.

2018 AWA ANNUAL CONVENTION:

The AWA Annual Convention will be held Tuesday evening August 14 to Saturday, August 18 at the RIT Inn in Henrietta. The convention includes 3 full days of informational and educational programs, an outdoor flea market, a book fair, an auction, lots of good food, tours of the Museum, and 4+ days of good fellowship.

MAKE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY YOUR LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS:

Help AWA provide for the preservation and sharing of communications history by making a charitable gift to AWA through your will or trust. There are many creative and flexible options that can benefit you, your loved ones and AWA in its commitment to preserving history. If you are updating your will or trust, consult your tax advisor on the many options available.

With the passage of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, individuals, age 70 ½ and older, may direct any sum up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to any qualified charitable organization, including Antique Wireless Association, EIN 16-1501004. While this outright gift would not produce a charitable income tax deduction, it would fulfill your required minimum distribution requirement without increasing your taxable income. Again,

please consult your tax advisor to determine whether this is a financially attractive option for you.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AT AWA:

Did you know that the AWA and AWA Museum are operated by a 100% volunteer staff? We are always looking for volunteers at AWA and especially guides for Tuesday and Saturday Museum hours. We will train you and what a great way to learn all about the history and technology of 200 years of communications. The Museum Staff works at the Museum on Tuesdays doing a wide variety of work. Docents are also needed for Saturday afternoon Museum hours. If you would like to come out and volunteer, we can always use your help. Just call me at 585-314-7310, call the Museum at 585-257-5119 on a Tuesday or Saturday, or just show up at the Museum on a Tuesday and say "I'm here to help." It is fun and very rewarding.

AWA WEB SITE and FACEBOOK:

For ongoing contact information, membership applications, news, announcements, program schedules, AWA history, and lots of useful links to other radio sites, please visit www.antiquewireless.org or the AWA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/antiquewirelessmuseum (using CTRL+CLICK to follow the URLs.)

MUSEUM HOURS:

The Museum is open on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm and Saturdays from 1 pm to 5 pm. We are closed on major holidays and holiday weekends so our volunteers can enjoy the holidays with their families.

Don't forget, as a Member of AWA, your admission to the Museum is always free.

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