



ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM

"MUSEUM SPARKS"

A QUARTERLY MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER OF THE ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM

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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. A RCA radio prototype magically restored By Robert Lozier KD4HSH of Monroe, NC of is now on display in the Museum. What started out as a mouse hotel with corroded parts and a pile of rotten firewood has been restored to a radio of beauty. Robert has done an amazing restoration and the AWA thanks him for his incredible craftsmanship.



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

RADIO FAB LAB – 2018:

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Museum Staff will welcome Radio Fab Class 2018 participants to begin a 12 week introduction into electronics and communication technologies for students age 10 to 16. Based on a successful 2017 RFL class (23 youngsters graduated), we are repeating the course. If you know of a youngster who would be fascinated by learning electronics, building projects, and understanding worldwide communications, please check out Radio Fab Lab on the AWA website at www.antiquewireless.org or call me at 585-314-7310. The class size will be limited 20 students on a first-come-first-serve basis.

“AFTER HOURS AT THE MUSEUM” – A SERIES OF BIMONTHLY PROGRAMS

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.

On May 5th, Dave Hayden presented a wonderful and nostalgic look at “Canandaigua Main Street – 1964 and Today” including a trip down memory lane with 1964 advertising and music.

The next presentation is Wednesday July 11, 2018 “Telegraph and Rochester Tombstones” will be presented by Bruce Roloson, Curator Emeritus, beginning at 7:30 pm. Many of the pioneers of the US telegraph industry were from Rochester and are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester.

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

- *“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 are held in the Museum on Wednesday nights beginning at 7:30 pm. The Museum opens at 7 pm for visitors to enjoy the Museum. Light refreshments will be served. Adult admission is \$10 including admission to the Museum, but as a member of the Museum, you will receive a 50% discount on your program ticket.

BLOOMFIELD 3RD GRADES AND HONEOYE FALLS- LIMA 4TH GRADES VISIT:

Recently, the Museum Staff hosted 67 third grade students from Bloomfield CSD and 154 fourth grade students from Honeoye Falls – Lima CSD. 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, sitting in the Voice of America Station exhibit, and talking on the old fashion wall telephones. What great groups of youngsters. Ah, the enormous energy of youth.





ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT:

Museum Staff was pleased to host a 20 students from RIT. It was a great visit and they had lots of questions for the historians.



2018 AWA SPRING MEET:

The 2018 Spring Meet was held Saturday May 5 at Veteran's Park Bloomfield, NY across Route 5 from the Museum. The full day included an open flea market, an AWA Bargain Table and Book Sale, tours of the Museum, and an auction of duplicate and surplus items from the Museum artifacts in the afternoon. Over 150 were in attendance.





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 4 full days of informational and educational programs, an outdoor flea market, a book fair, an auction, lots of good food,

MAKE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY YOUR LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS:

Can you help make a difference in a child's future – spark their interest in science and technology? Can you make a senior's trip down memory lane a highlight of their day? Yes, you can through a thoughtful gift to AWA.

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 historians for Tuesday and Saturday Museum open 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. Historians 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 or Saturday 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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