

# **Antique Radio**

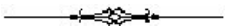


## **Charlotte 2010**

**An annual conference for antique and  
vintage radio collectors and historians**



**Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
March 25-26-27, 2010**



**Carolinas Chapter of the  
Antique Wireless Association**

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Membership in the Carolinas Chapter of the Antique Wireless Association (CC-AWA) is open to anyone with an interest in old (antique) radios. Membership dues for the CC-AWA are \$10 per year. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the "national" Antique Wireless Association.

If you are not already a member of the national AWA, your first year's dues will be \$25, this includes the \$10 for CC-AWA dues and \$15 for your first year's dues in the national AWA. Mail your CC-AWA dues to membership chairman Clare Owens - address is listed above.

**NEW FOR 2010:** Anyone that pays registration for the 2010 conference will automatically receive one year's membership in the Carolinas Chapter of the AWA. This is only chapter membership and does not include membership in the Antique Wireless Association. If you are already a paid member in the chapter, your membership will be extended one year."

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## From the Conference Chairman



### Ron Lawrence—W4Ron

**T**he 2010 Charlotte Antique Radio Conference promises to be one of the biggest, most exciting and at the same time one of the saddest shows we've ever had. Just two days after last years conference, while winding down and trying to return to the normal world we got the shattering phone call that one of our long time friends, a strong club and meet supporter and world class radio collector Ernie Hite was dead from a heart attach. Ernie had missed the meet due to work requirements; it was the only show he had ever missed. If you have attended the conference before you're sure to have seen Ernie's smiling

face at the registration table in the hotel lobby.

What makes the 2010 conference exciting is that Ernie's family has asked us to sell his incredible collection of rare museum quality radios. The bulk of the collection, more than 200 items will be sold in an absolute auction on Thursday evening of the show.



*Ernie Hite III*

Along with the estate auction we will still have our regular Friday afternoon auction where anyone registered for the conference can consign items to be sold.

Another special event this year, the Tube Collectors Association (TCA) is hosting a tube collectors meeting on Thursday morning before the regular start time of the conference. This event will start at 9am and is open and free to everyone. There will be several presentations on top-

ics of interest to tube collectors and historians, plus some casual tube selling and trading. The tube conference will be over just in time for our Kick Off Luncheon at 11:30am.

Our forum sessions on Thursday afternoon will have a number of well know presenters including John Dilks K2TQN the author of the Old Radio column in QST magazine, Eric Wenaas the author of the new book on Radiola, James O'Neal, Felicia Kreuzer and AWA Conference chairman Roy Wildermuth.

Of course Friday morning we will have our normal flea market kicking off at 8am with our now famous LeMans Start. The flea market will continue on Saturday morning followed by our Radio Rescue end of meet auction.

Other events include our Old Equipment Contest with the judging on Saturday morning and our Friday evening Banquet.

I hope everyone enjoys the 2010 Charlotte Antique Radio Conference.



## 2010 CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 25, 2010**

Items for the regular Friday auction may be checked in when ever the auction preview room is open.

**We will make every effort  
to have the auction  
preview room open all  
day Thursday.**

**9:00 AM**

**SPECIAL TUBE  
COLLECTORS ASSN EVENT**

**10:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION DESK  
OPENS IN HOTEL LOBBY**

**11:30 AM**

**KICKOFF LUNCHEON IN  
THE SHERATON LOBBY**

**1:00 PM**

**AFTERNOON FORUMS**

**4:00 PM**

**CC-AWA ANNUAL  
MEMBERS MEETING**

**6:00 PM**

**AUCTION PREVIEW. LAST  
HOUR FOR VIEWING  
BEFORE HITE AUCTION**



**7:00 PM**

**THE ERNIE HITE  
COLLECTION ESTATE  
AUCTION**

The Ernie Hite collection will be sold in a special auction on Thursday evening, March 25, 2010. There will be no reserve; all items go to the highest bidder.

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 26TH, 2010**

**6:30 AM**

**REGISTRATION TENT  
OPENS AT ENTRANCE TO  
FLEA MARKET**

**8:00 AM**

**FLEA MARKET OPENS FOR  
TRADING ALL DAY. WITH  
OUR NOW FAMOUS AND  
MUCH IMITATED,  
"LEMANS START"**

**10:00 AM**

**CHECK-IN EQUIPMENT  
FOR AUCTION AND  
CONTEST UNTIL 1PM.**

**1:00 PM**

**OLD EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

**7:30 PM**

**BANQUET AND RECEPTION**

**8:30 PM**

**CONTEST ROOM OPEN FOR  
VIEWING OF CONTEST  
ENTRIES**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 27TH, 2010**

**FLEA MARKET  
OPEN ALL DAY !**

**NOTE: Special "Saturday  
ONLY" admission is FREE**

**7:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION TENT  
OPENS**

**9:00 AM**

**"RADIO RESCUE" CHECK  
IN; LAST CALL FOR "OLD  
EQUIPMENT CONTEST"  
CHECK INS; VINTAGE  
AMATEUR RADIO FORUM,  
HOSTED BY GARY CARTER**

**10:00 AM**

**CONTEST ROOM CLOSED  
FOR JUDGING**

**11:00 AM**

**"RADIO RESCUE" END OF  
MEET AUCTION**

**1:00 PM**

**ANNUAL CC-AWA  
MEMBERS LUNCHEON  
WITH CONTEST AWARD  
REVIEW**

**2:00 PM**

**CONTEST ROOM OPEN FOR  
VIEWING AWARDS.**

**3:00 PM**

**REMOVE CONTEST  
ENTRIES**



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## **SPECIAL TUBE COLLECTORS ASSN. EVENT**

**Date:** Thursday, March 25  
9 am

There will be several talks on tube history, special hand-outs, door prize drawings, tube related displays, and some informal tube-trading. TCA President Ludwell Sibley will be here from Oregon, he will give a talk on some recent tube discoveries. Other presentations are still being confirmed.

This special event is free and open to anyone interested, it will be over in time for the Kickoff Luncheon.

## **FORUM SPEAKERS**

**Date:** Thursday, March 25  
1 to 4 pm



Most forums will last 20 minutes to 1 hour, with about 15 minutes in between each.

## **REGINALD A. FESSENDEN THE REAL STORY**

by James O'Neal



While doing research in 2006 for an article commemorating the 100th anniversary of the fabled 1906 Christmas Eve broadcast by Reginald Fessenden, author James O'Neal discovered both inconsistencies and a lack of contemporary documentation. He published his findings in October 2006, but has continued his research, hoping to find evidence to support the Fessenden story. He will be presenting his latest information on the topic.

## **WIRELESS NORTH POLE, THE ADVENTURES OF DON MIX**

by John Dilks K2TQN

Imagine for a minute you are a young 21 year old ham living in Connecticut with your parents. You have recently completed your schooling and are thinking

about a career in radio. Self-taught, you are able to build or troubleshoot any radio circuit; you have honed your Morse skills and are one of the top radio operators around, well known by your peers. So what are you going to do? It is early winter 1923. You receive an invitation from Hiram Percy Maxim to apply for the position of radio operator on an expedition to the North Pole.



John has written the popular Old Radio Column in QST for 10 years now. This is one of his most requested talks, loaded with original photos taken by Don Mix and Captain Donald MacMillan during their one year there. Life was hard for Mix and crew, and exciting! The story is taken from the daily journal written by Don Mix.

## **100 YEARS OF THE RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA AND E. H. ARMSTRONG**

by Felicia Kreuzer

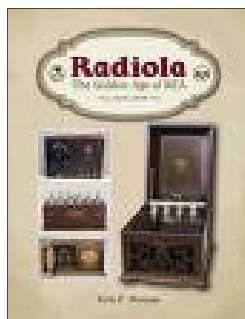
## **AWA ROCHESTER CONFERENCE Q&A**

by Roy Wildermuth (W3RLW)  
AWA Conference Chairman

Roy will talk about the 2010 AWA Rochester Conference and take questions from the audience.

## **RADIOLA - THE GOLDEN AGE OF RCA 1919-1929**

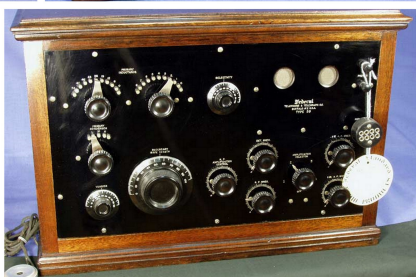
By Eric P. Wenaas



Eric P. Wenaas will be talking about the research that went into writing his fantastic book on the first 10 years of RCA.

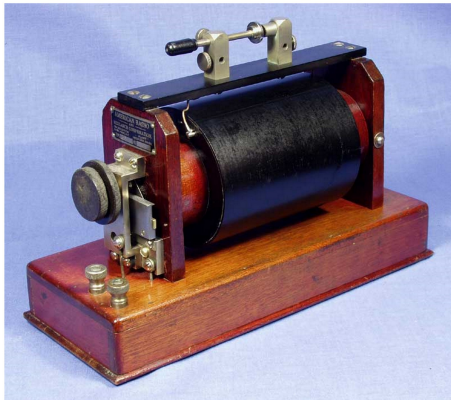
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**SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED AT  
SPECIAL THURSDAY NITE AUCTION!**







The following items are some of the items from the estate of Ernie Hite III that will be auctioned Thursday night, March 25th, 2010.

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- Lot 12 - Magnavox AC-3 amplifier with brass based rainbow tubes.
  - Lot 15 - Magnavox R2-B with rare 6" bell. The ultimate ham shack horn for 1922.
  - Lot 29 - Atwater Kent Model 10 in Pooley cabinet - Bring a truck for this beauty!
  - Lot 35 - Premier Electric 4 tube set of 1923 in quarter sawn oak cabinet. A handsome set.
  - Lot 36 - Ezer Bowman Time Receiver. Circa 1914/16 with Murdock phones.
  - Lots 39-41 - Paragon 10-R R.F. Amp., RA-10 Tuner, DA-2 Detector Amplifier
  - Lot 49 - Wireless Specialty - IP-501A - Excellent condition with 3 Good BBTT UV-201's
  - Lot 68 - Marconi V2 with reaction coil and correct tubes and Lot 24 - AJS british horn.
  - Lot 81 - Federal 61 receiver, if you don't like that, there is also a Federal 110 & 59!
  - Lot 88 - Melco Supreme receiver - very interesting design using unique pancake inductors
  - Lots 120 & 119 - Grebe RORK amplifier and Grebe CR-8.
  - Lot 135 - Nazi era Peoples Receiver - VE301 Dyn by Wega.
  - Lots 148, 154-157 Superb 50/60's vintage commercial & ham gear.:Collins, TMC, Hammarlund, etc.
  - Lot 152 - deForest circa 1919 - 15 unit panel set - AWA 2009 - Best of Show winner
  - Lot 167 - All 6 - 1919 issues of Radio News plus 20 other lots of top quality books, mags & catalogs
  - Lots 180 - 218 BBTT UV-200, 201, 200A & 201A's sold in lots of 3 to 5 ea. Some good others for display

And remember, almost all of these sets come with correct vintage tubes!

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**Be sure to check the web page  
cc-aawa.org  
for the complete listing!**

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**We will make every effort to have the auction preview room open all day Thursday**

## **RULES**

The CC-AWA is not able to accept any payment via any form of credit card, debit card or other electronic transaction. It is at the sole discretion of the auction cashier whether to accept payment in any form other than cash in US dollars.

If you are not known by the cashier and wish to make payment by check or travelers checks, you must notify us in advance and receive acknowledgment that the cashier will accept your payment method.

### **NOTE OUR \$25 MINIMUM**

1. Your item (or box lot) must have a reasonable expectation of bringing a closing bid greater than \$25 in order to consign to this auction.
2. CCAWA charges the seller a 10% commission to help to defray costs of this conference. There is no buyer premium.
3. You may set a minimum bid you will accept for your goods.
4. CCAWA makes no claims as to the ownership, authenticity or operating condition of any goods put up for sale. **WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET.**
5. You must be registered for this CCAWA annual conference in order to participate as a buyer or seller.
6. It is our intention to have volunteers on duty at all times that the auction preview room is unlocked. However; the hotel or the organizers of this conference will not be held liable for theft, loss or damages to property consigned for this auction.

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## OLD EQUIPMENT CONTEST

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1. Pre-1912 Electrical devices, non radio
2. Pre-1920 receivers & transmitters and wire line telegraph items
3. 1920's era Broadcast receivers
  - a. Passive Detectors & 1 tube sets
  - b. 2 - 3 tube sets
  - c. 4 - 6 tubes sets
  - d. Sets with 7 or more tubes
4. 1930's - 40's - 50's era
  - a. Cathedrals & Tombstones
  - b. Consoles
  - c. Catalin & Bakelite
  - d. Television receivers
5. Transistor Radios
  - a. Large Multiband Portables
  - b. Early pocket sets
  - c. Novelties sets
6. Communications Equipment Rx & Tx
  - a. Pre WW2
  - b. Post WW2
7. Sound Reproducers, Cones & Horns
8. Military Radio Equipment, any era
9. Test Equipment
10. Vacuum Tubes
11. Radio Literature, books or magazines
12. New construction from old parts or replicas of vintage equipment.
13. Survivors-Completely original and unrestored sets any era, they may have been cleaned, but that's all.
14. Special "Display Only" category For those not interested in being judged. **ANYTHING GOES HERE**

**NOTE:** Sets that have previously won a first place ribbon at this meet are ineligible for judging in the "regular" contest, "Special" categories excluded.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best of Show The Lew Elias Award"
- Best Restoration (with photos and documentation as backup )
- Best Presentation
- Peoples Choice "Best in Contest" voted on by those attending the conference

### SENIOR CLASS AWARD- "THE BEST OF THE BEST"



Entries **MUST** include a **BLUE RIBBON** won in a previous contest.

**SENIOR CLASS 1, pre 1930**  
**SENIOR CLASS 2, post 1930**



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We must have the name and address of everyone (NOT FAMILY MEMBERS) that you are pre-registering. If you are registering more than two, please use separate sheet.

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AWA  
OR THE CC-AWA TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.  
PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO  
LATER THAN MARCH 15TH. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO: CC-AWA**

**MAIL To: CC-AWA 2010  
c/o CHIP MCFALLS  
742 SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL Rd.  
GRAHAM, NC 27253**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you plan to take part in any of the conference on Thursday or Friday you must register and pay the registration (admission) fee. Vendor space rental does NOT include the admission fee. If you plan to bid in either the Thursday or Friday auction you must register, your conference registration number is your auction bidder number.

We must have the name and full address of everyone that registers. Spouses and significant others are admitted free. Admission on Saturday is FREE and there is no need to fill out a registration form. This FREE admission is ONLY for Saturday.

PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE POST MARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15TH!

CONFERENCE FEES	PRE-REGISTRATION	AT THE DOOR	QUANTITY	SUB-TOTAL
Admission (spouses free)	\$15 each	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Special Saturday Admission	Free	Free	_____	_____ FREE _____
Vendor Space Rental *	\$30 for the first space \$20—each additional space }	\$35	_____	\$ _____
* vendor space dental does NOT include admission fee				
Thursday Kick-Off Luncheon	\$15	N/A	_____	\$ _____
Friday Evening Banquet	\$25	N/A	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$15	N/a	_____	\$ _____
Total:				\$ _____

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

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**Dates:** March 25-26-27, 2010

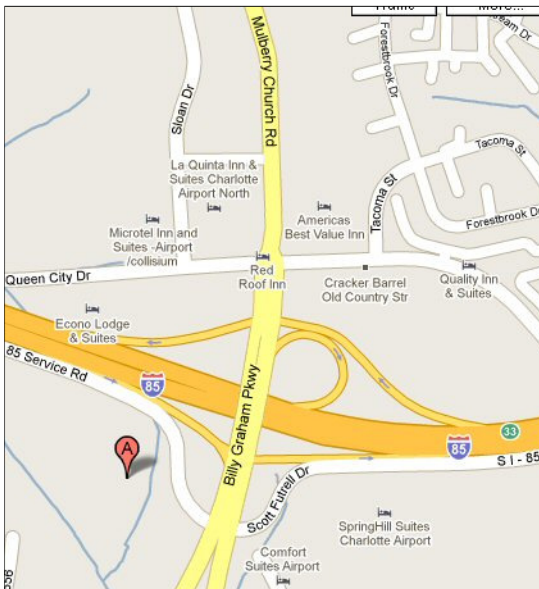
**Hotel:** Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel\*  
3315 Scott Futrell Drive  
Charlotte North Carolina 28208  
Phone: (704) 392-1200



\* at the intersection of I-85 & the Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte NC

To make a reservation, you just need to say "March 25-27 2010" & "Antique Wireless" and you'll get the conference rate of \$87 per night, which is pretty good since the normal room rate there is \$199.

Remember the Tube Collectors Association will be having their conference at the Sheraton on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. So be sure to make your reservations early this year. You won't want to miss a single minute of this exciting Conference and Auction. If you should have any problems, please call the Sheraton directly and ask for Brandon Derrick the sales manager at extension #150.



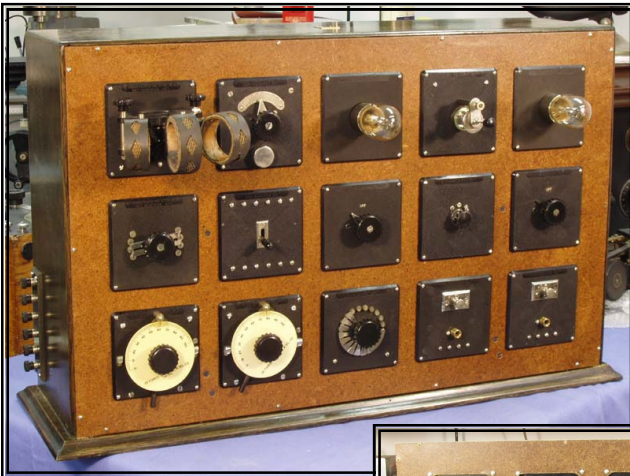
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## BEFORE



*This photo is a picture of  
Ernie Hite just after he bought the  
deForest 15 Panel at the 2000 Charlotte show.*

## AFTER



*This set is one of the  
items to be auctioned  
Thursday night  
March 25, 2010.*

