

2011

Antique Radio Charlotte



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

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
March 24-25-26, 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.

Anyone who pays registration for the 2011 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.

If you can't attend the conference, membership dues for the CC-AWA are \$10 per annum. Mail your CC-AWA dues to membership chairman Clare Owens - address is listed above.

Any correspondence, including any newsletters that get published, will be disbursed electronically. Please make sure that the CC-AWA has a current email address on file.

From the Conference Chairman



Ron Lawrence—W4Ron

2011 marks our 32nd anniversary since our local group hosted our first meet in Charlotte in 1979. Back then it was called the AWA Southeastern meet, it was started in 1975 by our old friend Lew Elias W4DBT. After Brian Harrison and I attended our first meet in Winston-Salem in 1978, Lew asked Robert Lozier if we would like to start having the meets in Charlotte. We had no idea what we were doing but we gave it a shot. Now here we are 32 years later at the fine Sheraton Hotel having grown to be one of the largest antique radio meets in the country.

Last year we had attendees

from 4 foreign countries and 26 states.

This years Forums will mainly focus on Repair and Restoration, from Tubes and Tube Testing to Ultrasonic cleaning & Nickel Plating and finally repairing vintage volume controls.

Thursday evening I will be giving a talk about my 40+ years of radio collecting, besides collecting old radios I also collect the stories that go with them and telling these stories is one of my favorite things.

There are a couple of new things for 2011; we've added another meal event, for Thursday evening we now have a Soup-Sandwich & Desert Buffet. This now allows you to arrive Thursday morning and not have to move you car until you leave Saturday afternoon because every meal is available right here at the conference. From the Kickoff Luncheon on Thursday to the Buffet Thursday evening to Breakfast and lunch from the food cart in the registration tent Friday; the Friday Evening Banquet; breakfast again Saturday morning from the Food Cart and our Wrap-up Luncheon early Saturday



afternoon. There is now no reason to go off site in search of something to eat.

We're also adding Cash Prizes to the Old Equipment Contest. Best of Show will get \$100 plus an engraved plaque, Best Restoration, Best Presentation and Peoples Choice will each get \$50 and a Gold Ribbon.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in March 2011.

2011 CC-AWA SWAP MEET DATES

Be sure to check the CC-AWA web page for updates.

JAN. 15

Mebane, NC

MAY ??

Spencer, NC

AUGUST ??

Valdese, NC

Nov ??

Greensboro, NC

WWW.CC-AWA.ORG/

CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

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

AUCTION AND CONTEST

CHECK-IN ALL DAY

9:00 AM

Registration Desk Opens in hotel lobby.

11:30 AM

Kick off luncheon in main lobby.

1:00 PM

Programs & Forums. Most forums will last 20 minutes to 1 hour, with a 5 minute break in between each program.

4:00 PM

CC-AWA Annual Members Meeting.

6:30 PM

Soup & sandwich buffet

8:00 PM

Evening program and social hour

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

6:00 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 1 pm.

1:00 PM

Old Equipment Auction

7:30 PM

Banquet and reception

9:00 PM

Contest room open for viewing of contest entries and social hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

**FLEA MARKET
OPEN ALL DAY !**

7:00 AM

Registration tent opens

9:00 AM

"Radio Rescue" check in; Last call for "Old Equipment Contest" check ins.

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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Date: Thursday, March 24
1 to 4 pm

TUBES AND TUBE TESTING

by Kirk Cline

Kirk will be talking about Testing Tubes for Antique Radio Use. He will talk about & show various tube testers how they work and which types are the best to use for radio tubes. He will take questions from the audience.



NICKEL PLATING AND ULTRASONIC CLEANING

by Robert Lozier



All this equipment we enjoy collecting so much has to be cleaned to some degree in order to preserve it. Robert will again extol the virtues of ultrasonic cleaning. For cleaning of metals and ceramic it remains the "gold standard" method.

Once you have clean parts, you often find that nickel plate (especially on pre-1930 equipment) is too far gone to be presentable. The good news is that many parts can be effectively plated in the home shop. The methods for shop use have remained virtually unchanged for over 60 years. You will get to see in person how simple the setup is.

Many radios have decorative brass bezels and other tags that get corroded over time. Robert will show you how easy it is to re-finish/ re-color them.

He will provide equipment recommendations and supply sources that you can use.

REPAIRING AND REBUILDING VOLUME CONTROLS

by Mark Oppat

The "King of Controls" Mark Oppat of oldradioparts.net will reveal all the little details involved in replacing volume, gain, tone and misc. controls. Topics will include tapers, taps, shaft types and how to replace rare dual types such as used in the Philco 70 and 90 radios. Info flyer will be provided.



2011 AWA ROCHESTER CONFERENCE

by Roy Wildermuth



40+ YEARS OF A LIFE IN ANTIQUE RADIO

by Ron Lawrence, W4ron



Ron has been collecting antique radios for almost 41 years. He has been directly involved with the planning of the Charlotte conference for more than 30 of those years. All of that time adds up to a lot of stories and one of Ron's favorite things to do is tell stories!

Thursday evening Ron will be talking about how he got started collecting, some of his favorite stories plus showing lots of photos and answering your questions.

Afterwards the Contest and Auction rooms will be open for viewing.



OLD EQUIPMENT CONTEST

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 - 5 tubes sets
 - d. Sets with 6 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
 - a. Horns
 - b. Cone Reproducer
8. Military Radio Equipment, any era
9. Test Equipment
10. Vacuum Tubes

11. Radio Literature, Books, Magazines & Advertising
12. Radio Literature, books or magazines
13. New construction from old parts or replicas of vintage equipment.
14. Survivors-Completely original and unrestored sets any era, they may have been cleaned, but that's all.
15. 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 of Show will get \$100 plus an engraved plaque.

BEST RESTORATION WITH PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTATION AS BACKUP

Best Restoration will each get \$50 and a Gold Ribbon.

BEST PRESENTATION

Best Presentation will each get \$50 and a Gold Ribbon.

PEOPLES CHOICE

**"BEST IN CONTEST" VOTED ON BY
THOSE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE**

Best Restoration, Best Presentation and Peoples Choice will each get \$50 and a Gold Ribbon.

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

2010 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW

Bob Slagle
Reynrad

BEST RESTORATION

Robert Lozier
Cleartone

BEST PRESENTATION

Ron Lawrence
Radiola FH Horns

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Don Patterson
Murdoch Transmitter
and Receiver

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PLEASE PRINT

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE : _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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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 2011
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	_____	_____ <u>FREE</u>
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	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Soup & Sandwich Buffet New!	\$15	N/A	_____	\$ _____
Friday Evening Banquet	\$25	N/A	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$15	N/a	_____	\$ _____
Total:				\$ _____



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.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Dates: March 24-25-26, 2011

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 "Antique Radio Charlotte" and you'll get the conference rate of \$87 per night, which is pretty good since the normal room rate there is \$199.



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