

RadioActivity 2010

Thursday Evening, June 10, Through Saturday, June 12

RadioActivity, the premier East Coast radio meet, will be held once again at the Sheraton Washington North Hotel in Beltsville, Maryland—located at Exit 29B (Rt. 212) off I-95 between Washington and Baltimore. The hotel is on the southwest corner of the interchange.

Hotel reservations are *separate* from meet registrations. To reserve a room, use the hotel reservation card on the last page of this pull-out, or call the hotel toll-free at (800) 325-3535 (local number: 301-937-4422). For reservations you may also go to the special website for this event, given on the hotel reservation form on the last page of this insert. Be sure to specify the Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club. **Hotel reservations must be received by May 18 for the discount rate.** Book early—last year discounted rooms filled up even before the cut-off date! (And, late reservations cost more.)

The hotel's special conference rate is \$99 per night, single or double. Washington/Baltimore area hotels are expensive, and this is a very attractive rate for a hotel of this caliber. Meet registration is required to participate in the auctions, Old Equipment Contest, attend seminars, and sell in the flea market. Name badges should be worn at all times. There is a discount for those who pre-register for the meet, and MAARC members get an additional break. **Pre-registrations must be mailed to MAARC on or before June 1 for the discounted rate.** (The registration fee includes your family, but banquet tickets and flea market spaces are extra.)

This year's theme is kit radios and radios bearing a brand name other than the company that built the radio, for example, Belmont radios bearing Western Auto's Truetone brand or Montgomery Wards Airline brand.

Seminars topics include Phonograph Repair by Donald Cochrane, Heathkit Test Equipment by Chuck Penson, A History of Tektronix by Dwight Moxness, and Ed Lyon's ever-popular Radio Repair Clinic. (No RadioActivity would be complete without that session!)

The registration desk will be open between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. Thursday night for those arriving early, **but there will be no flea market selling until Friday morning.** On Thursday evening there will be a showing of films about early radio. It is conceivable that at the last minute MAARC might be asked to run an estate auction on Thursday night as has happened once or twice in the past. Should that occur, it

will be announced on the MAARC website and in future issues of *Radio Age*.

The registration desk re-opens at 6 a.m. Friday, June 11, when the Radio Trader's Mart (flea market) also opens. Each space is one standard parking space into which you must fit your vehicle plus the items you have for sale. Reserve as many spaces as you think you need. Spaces are not marked and are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If you and a friend wish to have adjacent spaces, coordinate your arrival times. If you vacate your space, someone else may take it before you return. Sellers must display the flea market registration card where it is visible to buyers.

We strongly encourage attendees to enter items in the Old Equipment Contest (OEC). The contest categories, guidelines, and criteria are listed on pages 2 and 3 of this insert.

The main auction will be Saturday, during which there is a minimum opening bid of \$15 per item. **Non-members of MAARC will pay a higher auction commission (15 percent) than members (who pay only 10 percent).** This is yet another good reason to join if you are not already a MAARC member. Check page 3 for a complete explanation of auction policies. A no-reserve walk-around auction in the flea market parking area is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. This is the place to get rid of those boxes of junk or other items that are unlikely to bring \$15 or more in the main auction. The auctioneer walks through the parking lot auctioning items from tailgates. No commission will be charged during the walk-around auction and no paperwork will be kept. The buyer pays the seller immediately upon having the winning bid. (The walk-around auction will be held unless the weather makes that impossible.) Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, etc., will be available for purchase outside the hotel in the flea market area for lunch on Friday and Saturday, weather permitting, as well as breakfast items Friday and Saturday mornings.

The Friday night buffet banquet will feature some fine door prizes and a special radio display emphasizing this year's themes. Heathkit expert Chuck Penson will present a talk about Heathkit's General Products Division.

Banquet tickets are \$30 each. The buffet includes chicken, beef, and vegetarian dishes. A cash bar/social hour precedes the banquet. We anticipate that only a few banquet tickets will be for sale at the door. Pre-register so you won't miss this event.

RadioActivity 2010 Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 10 (Thursday)	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Registration desk open for early arrivers. See page 3 for complete list of registration desk hours.	Rear of hotel
	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Radio video showings, or possible special auction	Potomac Room
June 11 (Friday)	6 a.m.	Conference registration desk opens, flea market begins.	Rear of hotel
	9 a.m. to Noon	Old Equipment Contest entry log-in	Severn-Lochraven Room
	Noon	Seminar: Heathkit Test Equipment by Chuck Penson	Potomac Room
	Noon to 2 p.m.	Old Equipment Contest judging (contest room closed)	Severn-Lochraven Room
	1:30 p.m.	Seminar: Tektronix: 60 Years of Technology Development for Electronic Communications by Dwight Moxness	Potomac Room
	3 to 5 p.m.	Contest Viewing	Severn-Lochraven Room
	3 p.m.	Ed Lyon's <i>Radio Repair Clinic</i>	Potomac Room
	6 p.m.	Social Hour, cash bar	Rear of hotel
	7 p.m.	Banquet - Speaker: Chuck Penson - Heathkit Products	Ballroom
	For 1 hour following the banquet	Old Equipment Contest Viewing	Severn-Lochraven Room
June 12 (Saturday)	7 a.m.	Registration desk and flea market re-open.	Rear of hotel
	7 to 9 a.m.	Remove contest entries.	Severn-Lochraven Room
	8:30 a.m.	Walk-around auction in parking lot	Rear parking lot
	8:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Auction consignment check-in	Registration area
	10 a.m.	Seminar: Phonograph Repairs by Donald Cochrane	Ballroom
	11:30 p.m.	Auction consignment closes. All entries must be logged in.	
	Noon	Main Auction	Ballroom

Old Equipment Contest Categories for RadioActivity 2010

Theme: Radios Made by Someone Else

This includes radios made for such marketers as Sears Roebuck, Montgomery-Ward, Allied Radio, Lafayette Radio, Goodyear, Goodrich, and many more, plus any radio made from a full kit. In this latter case, we must EXCLUDE radios made from a basic coil-and-condenser kit, but supplemented by the kit builder supplying the rest of the needed components. A Heathkit would qualify, while a Freshman Masterpiece or Victoreen superhet kit might not, depending on how complete the Freshman or Victoreen kit had been.

Theme Categories:

1. Pre-1930 Sears Roebuck radio
2. Post-1929 Sears Roebuck radio
3. Montgomery Ward radio
4. Allied/Lafayette/Radio Shack radio
5. Other radios made by Colonial/Steward Warner/Wells-Gardner
6. Spiegel/Gamble-Skogmo radio
7. Goodyear/Goodrich/Western Auto/Firestone, etc. radio
8. Heathkit radio receiver
9. Heathkit transmitter

10. Heathkit audio component set (tuner-amplifier-speaker)

Standard Categories:

11. Factory-built passive receiver (crystal/coherer, etc.)
12. Pre-1930 battery-powered receiver
13. Golden-Age socket-powered set (tombstone/cathedral/big box)
14. European radio, table model, mains powered
15. Asian/Pacific Rim radio, table model, mains powered
16. Canadian radio, table model, socket powered
17. Loudspeaker (cone, diaphragm, or horn) or headphone(s)
18. Transistor pocket-sized radio
19. Transistor table model radio
20. Home-brew radio that looks factory built
21. Lazarus special (restored from utter junk, documented)

Special Awards

1. Best of Show. The entry that, in the opinion of the judges, best represents the contest criteria.
2. People's Choice. The OEC entry voted most popular by those who view the contest.
3. Significant Historical Merit. The entry(ies) that, in the opinion of the judges, has the most historical significance (for example, first of a kind, extreme rarity, influence on the industry, milestone event, etc.)
4. Preservation Award. Given to the entry(ies) that best emphasizes keeping the item original—no modern replacement parts, refinishing, etc.

Special awards 3 and 4 will not be given if the judges feel that no entry meets the criteria.

Contest Guidelines. The OEC judges use the following scoring weights:

- A. [0-20 pts] General Appearance. Is item restored, cleaned, and generally presentable, or just "as-found"?
- B. [0-10 pts] Item Rarity. Not as important as authenticity, but it counts for the item to be relatively hard to find.
- C. [0-20 pts] Authenticity. How much of the item is demonstrably authentic and not modified? Documentation may be crucial.
- D. [0-20 pts] Documentation. Ads, journal articles, books, schematics, news clips, description of historical significance of the item all help.

E. [0-20 pts] Entrant Effort. How much was done by entrant, based on item appearance and documentation?

F. [0-10 pts] Qualitative Bonus. The bonus is based on judges' judgment and experience.

Entries (except consoles) must be able to fit on a table and take up no more than 3' x 5' of table space. If your entry requires a display stand, you need to provide it yourself. No mountings may be fastened to the walls. Should the contest room fill to overcrowding, the contest officials reserve the right to limit the items submitted.

MAARC's Auction and Flea Market Policies

You may not participate in the auction as a buyer or seller unless you are registered for the meet. For the main auction there is a minimum opening bid of \$15 per item. Batch inexpensive items in box lots so that each lot will bring more than \$15. Sell boxes of junk during the walk-around auction Saturday morning. **Items that (in the judgment of the auction officials) are unlikely to sell for at least \$15 during the main auction will not be accepted.** Please limit consignments to antique radio/TV/audio items--no outboard motors! At the main auction, MAARC's commission for members is 10 percent of the selling price, with a minimum of \$1 and an upper limit of \$25. For non-members the commission is 15 percent, with a minimum of \$2 and no upper limit. Any item that does not reach its reserve (a minimum selling price) or any item that does not receive the \$15 opening bid will incur a no-sale fee of \$1 for MAARC members or \$2 for non-members. While sellers may specify a reserve price, lest we inhibit bidding, we do not announce the reserve price, mentioning it only in cases where the last bid has nearly reached the reserve, in which case we give the highest bidder an opportunity to up the bid (or let the seller drop the reserve selling price).

MAARC reserves the right to terminate consignment early if the number of items becomes too large to handle in the time and space available. Otherwise, consignment cut-off will be one-half hour before the start of the auction, at which time all paperwork must be turned in and all items tagged and in the pre-auction room. MAARC also reserves the right to limit the number of items consigned by one individual if the total number of items consigned is becoming too large.

If you are the seller, do NOT leave the auction before all of your items are sold! If you consign an item that does not sell, and you leave before the end of the auction, the item becomes the property of MAARC and may be sold at a future auction, with the proceeds going to MAARC, or disposed of, as MAARC sees fit. ■

The Radio & Television Museum

This year, MAARC is not offering a bus trip to the Radio & Television Museum in Bowie, MD, but the museum will be open Friday (10 to 5) and Saturday and Sunday (1 to 5), if you would like to visit on your own. Brochures with a map will be available at the registration desk.

Registration Desk Hours:

Thursday (10th): 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Friday (11th): 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5:30 to 6 p.m.
Saturday (12th): 7 to 10:30 a.m.

On or prior to June 1, 2010, mail the upper part of this preregistration form, with your check payable to MAARC, to:

Steve Hansman, 855 Arundel Drive, Arnold, MD 21012
 phone (410) 974-0561, email shans01A@comcast.net

(You will NOT receive a registration confirmation in the mail.) **After June 1** just register at the conference. (But you will pay a higher price at the meet.)
 Spouses/children do not need to register. Use a separate form for each registrant.

Item	Fee	Amount Enclosed
MAARC member family registration mailed on or before June 1 (MAARC member registration at the meet will be \$20)	\$15	
Non-member family registration mailed on or before June 1 (Non-member registration at the meet will be \$30)	\$20	
Banquet tickets: Number of tickets [_____] (Tickets may or may not be available at the meet.)	\$30	
Flea market spaces (no assigned spaces) Number of spaces wanted [_____]	\$15 first space, \$10 per each additional space	
Total enclosed. Make check payable to MAARC.		

Name _____ Email Address _____

Names of other family members attending _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Hotel where you will stay for RadioActivity 2010 _____

↑ **Send the upper part of this sheet to Steve Hansman, address above.**

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↓ **Return this lower part of the form (hotel registration form) to:** *(Hotel reservation cutoff date: May 18)*

Sheraton Washington North—Group Reservations
4095 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
 (800) 325-3535 or (301) 937-4422

Early booking rates: Single or double: \$99, plus 10% tax. Group: Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club,
 Special website: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1002101912&key=90FA3>

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date _____ Total # Rooms _____ # Nights _____ # People _____

2-double-bed rooms _____ 1-king-bed rooms _____ Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Name _____

Reservations require credit card number or one night's deposit.