

RadioActivity 2023

Thursday Evening, June 15 Through Saturday, June 17

The hotel we have used previously is undergoing extensive repairs, so this year's RadioActivity will be held at the Byzantium Center, 2747 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD. **Read all the fine print here to understand differences from previous meets!** This conference facility has excellent space for our auction, Old Equipment Contest, and seminars. It has a parking lot for our outdoor flea market but it also has an indoor air-conditioned gym where you can rent a table for a higher price than the outdoor flea market spaces where you provide your own table.

Several hotels are close by (see page 4). Choose whichever one you prefer. We are looking into getting a block of rooms at a discounted rate. Check next month's *Radio Age*.

Meet registration is required to participate in the auctions and Old Equipment Contest, attend seminars, and sell in the flea market. The conference name badge provided at the meet 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. **Meet pre-registrations must be received by MAARC by May 30.** (The registration fee includes your family, but banquet tickets and extra flea market spaces are additional.) After May 30 you must register at the meet. Note that for those who plan to attend **ONLY** on Saturday, there is a one-day registration fee option. MAARC strives to break even on this event, but rental prices are increasing. We have had to raise prices, but the cost of attending RadioActivity compares favorably to comparable meets.

The theme this year is vintage electronics made in the Maryland, DC, Virginia, and Delaware area. The meet features three Friday seminars on a variety of interesting topics plus Ed Lyon's always-popular radio repair clinic on Saturday morning.

Thursday evening (7:30 p.m.) will feature a tube, literature, and ephemera auction similar to those of past years, and there is a distinct possibility that it may be combined with an estate auction, so plan to arrive on Thursday.

The registration desk will be open between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Thursday night, **but there will be no vendor selling until Friday morning.**

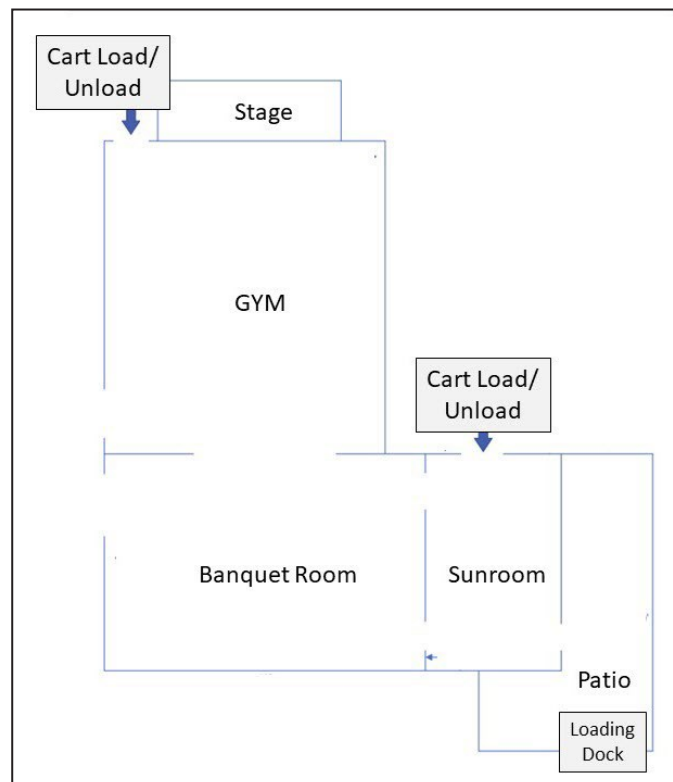
The registration desk and flea market open at 6 a.m. Friday. Parking lot flea market for outdoor vendors: \$20 for 2 spaces (one for your car and one for your own tables) for Friday and Saturday. Tables on covered patio for entire meet: \$25 first table, \$10 each additional table. Air-conditioned space in the gym for Friday and Saturday: \$30 per table, including table rental, \$10 for additional tables. (Don't bring your own tables for indoor or patio spaces.) Table spaces are limited, so book early. **No food or drink allowed in the gym at any time! Carts or hand trucks may enter only through the two doors shown—NOT through the main entrance.**

At the Saturday main auction there is a minimum opening bid of \$10 per item, and a \$1 fee for any item that does not sell. **Those who are not MAARC members will pay a higher seller's commission (15%) for their items.** (That's another good reason to join MAARC.) At the Thursday evening auction, the \$10 minimum bid requirement is waived, and there is no charge for no-sale items, but the commission charges are the same as at the main auction. Once an item is consigned, it may not be removed.

A no-reserve walk-around auction in all vendor areas will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The auctioneer walks around the vendor areas auctioning items offered by vendors. No commission will be charged during that auction and no paperwork will be kept. The buyer pays the seller in cash immediately upon having the winning bid.

The Friday night buffet banquet will feature door prizes. Tickets are \$49 each. Banquet tickets are partially subsidized by MAARC. (A vegetarian entrée will be included.) You must present your banquet ticket to enter the banquet room. A social hour precedes the banquet. We anticipate that only a few banquet tickets will remain for sale at the door. Pre-register so you won't miss this event.

MAARC and its officers are not responsible for any accident, injury, or loss that occurs at this meet.



RadioActivity 2022 Schedule

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| June 15 (Thursday) | 5:00 to 7:00 pm | Registration desk opens. See page 3 for complete list of registration desk hours. Auction consignment ends at 7 p.m. | Entrance Hall |
| | 7:30 to 9 pm | Tube & literature auction, possible estate auction | Banquet room |
| June 16 (Friday) | 6 am | Conference registration desk opens | Entrance Hall |
| | 9 am to 11 am | Old Equipment Contest entry log-in | Banquet room—cordoned off area |
| | 11:00 am to noon | Seminar: "History of FM Radio from 1902" by Mike Molnar | Banquet room |
| | Noon to 1 pm | Old Equipment Contest judging (contest room closed) | Banquet room—cordoned off area |
| | 1:30 to 2:30 pm | Seminar: "Acquiring and maintaining a tube tester in today's environment," by Paul Hart | Banquet room |
| | 2:30 to 3 pm | Contest Viewing | Banquet room—cordoned off area |
| | 3 to 4 pm | Seminar: "Assembling a Budget Hi-Fi system with Vintage Components," by Randy Warren | Banquet room |
| | 4 to 6 pm | Contest Viewing | Banquet room—cordoned off area |
| | 6 p.m. | Social Hour. | Banquet room |
| | 7 p.m. | Banquet begins. Banquet speaker: Ed Lyon "Electronics from Washington's Own Silicon Valley" | Banquet room |
| | For 1 hour following the banquet | Old Equipment Contest Viewing (Remove all contest entries by 10:30 pm.) | Banquet room—cordoned off area |
| June 17 (Saturday) | 7 am | Registration desk and flea market re-open | Entrance Hall and vendor areas |
| | 8:30 am | Walk-around auction | All vendor areas |
| | 8:30 to 11:30 am | Auction consignment check-in | Banquet room |
| | 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Ed Lyon's Radio Repair Clinic | Banquet room |
| | 11:30 am | Auction consignment closes. All entries must be logged in. | Banquet room |
| Noon | Main Auction | Banquet room | |

Old Equipment Contest Categories for RadioActivity 2022

Theme: Vintage electronics made in the Maryland, DC, Virginia, Delaware area.

1. Vintage electronics made or sold in the Mid-Atlantic region (Rico, Bendix, etc.)
2. Military and intelligence radios made or sold in the Mid-Atlantic region
3. Analyzers, measuring instruments, etc., from the Technology Corridors (I-270, U.S. Rt. 1, I-95), from companies like Watkins-Johnson (Gaithersburg), Westinghouse (Baltimore), Astron Corp. (Herndon), Sperry Marine (Charlottesville), T-Com (Columbia, MD), Adams-Russell (Herndon), Melpar (Falls Church), Litton (College Park), Racal (Rockville), NEMS-Clark (Rockville), Frederick

- Electronics (Frederick, MD), Weinschel Engineering, (Silver Spring), DOFL (Diamond Ordnance Fuse Labs, Silver Spring), Bendix (Baltimore), ERCO (Riverdale, MD), AAI (Aircraft Armaments, Inc) (Hunt Valley, MD), just to name a few.
4. Pink/salmon-colored radios
5. Radio/phono radios
6. Foreign radios
6. Novelty radios
7. Portable TVs
8. Audio equipment
9. Lazarus radios
10. As seen in 2022 *Radio Age*
11. Sound reproducers (earphones, speakers, microphones)
12. Recording equipment
13. Tombstone/cathedral radios

All OEC entries MUST be removed by 10:30 Friday night. The area is not secure after that.

OEC Contest Rules

Remember that documentation, especially noting any restoration or repair, and provenance are essential for an entry to be competitive. Awards may be given in each category.

Special OEC 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 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 Criteria. The OEC judges use the following scoring weights:

- [0-20 pts] General Appearance. Is item restored, cleaned, and generally presentable, or just “as-found”?
 - [0-10 pts] Item Rarity. Not as important as authenticity, but it counts for the item to be relatively hard to find.
 - [0-20 pts] Authenticity. How much of the item is demonstrably authentic and not modified? Documentation may be crucial.
 - [0-20 pts] Documentation. Ads, journal articles, books, schematics, news clips, restoration/repair notes, provenance, and description of historical significance of the item all help.
 - [0-20 pts] Entrant Effort. How much was done by entrant, based on item appearance and documentation?
 - [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

A Nearby Museum to Visit

(Brochures/maps available at the registration desk.)

National Capital Radio & Television Museum

The National Capital Radio & Television Museum (www.nrcrtv.org) is ~12 miles from the Byzantium Center. The Museum will be open Friday (9 to 4) and Saturday and Sunday (Noon to 4). Admission and parking are free. Exhibits feature radios and television in the home.

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 number of items submitted.

MAARC's Main Auction & Flea Market Policies

To participate in the auctions as a buyer or seller you must be registered for the meet. Vendors and buyers may register for Saturday only for \$15. At the main auction (Saturday) there is a minimum opening bid of \$10 per item. Batch inexpensive items in box lots so that each will bring more than \$10. Please 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 \$10 during the main auction will not be accepted.** Please limit consignments to antique radio/TV/audio items—no outboard motors! At the main auction, the seller's commission for MAARC members is 10 percent of the selling price, with a minimum of \$1 and an upper limit of \$50. For non-members the commission is 15 percent, and no upper limit. Any item that does not reach its reserve (a minimum selling price set by the seller) or any item that does not receive the \$10 opening bid will incur a no-sale fee of \$1. While sellers may specify a reserve price, lest we inhibit bidding, we mention the reserve price 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 price).

Consignment cutoff is at 11:30 a.m., 30 minutes before the start of the auction. MAARC reserves the right to terminate consignment early if the number of items becomes too large. By the 11:30 cutoff, all paperwork must be turned in and all items tagged and in the pre-auction area. Once the auction starts, only auction staff are allowed in the consignment area. 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. Once an item is consigned, the consigner may not remove it, or any portion of a box lot, from the auction.

Sellers: DO NOT leave the auction before all of your items are sold! If you consign an item that does not sell, and you do not pick up the unsold item at 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.

Registration Desk Hours:

Thursday (15th): 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Friday (16th): 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., with some breaks
Saturday (17th): 7 to 8, 9 to 10, and 11 to 11:30 a.m.
(closed 8-9 and 10-11 a.m.)

Hotel Information

You are responsible for choosing a hotel and booking your own reservation. MAARC is looking into getting a block of rooms at a reduced rate. Check MAARC's monthly email and the next issue of *Radio Age* for more information. Google maps will show the exact location of the hotels. The closest hotels to the Byzantium Center are less than a mile away but are costly. Some hotels further away have considerably lower rates. Your rate will depend on what days you check in and check out, and factors such as whether you are an AAA or AARP member. Hotel booking sites such as hotels.com and priceline.com may have better rates. Here are six nearby hotels, but there are others:

Best Western
2520 Riva Road
1-410-224-2820

Hampton Inn
124 Womack Drive
1-410-571-0200

Red Roof Inn
2520C Riva Road
1-877-843-7663

Courtyard by Marriott
2559 Riva Road
1-410-266-1555

Hilton Garden Inn
124 West Street
1-410-990-1100

Spring Hill Suites
189 Admiral Cochrane Drive
1-443-321-2500

On or prior to May 30, 2023 complete, detach, and mail the lower part of this preregistration form (with checks made payable to MAARC) to:

Rod Matzko, 3 Coloma Court, Sterling, VA 20164-5507, 703-406-2713, r2wb@comcast.net

Use a separate form for each registrant. You will NOT receive a registration confirmation in the mail. **After May 30** you must register at the conference at a higher price.

Spouses/children do not need to register. Do NOT send membership renewals along with your registration.



Detach Here and send to Rod Matzko

| Item | Fee | Amount Enclosed |
|---|---|-----------------|
| MAARC member family registration mailed on or before May 30 (MAARC member registration at the meet will be \$30) | \$25 | |
| Non-member family registration mailed on or before May 30 (Non-member registration at the meet will be \$40) | \$35 | |
| Registration (member or non-member) for Saturday ONLY | \$15 | |
| Saturday only outside flea market spaces. Number of spaces [_____] | First two outdoor spaces \$10, \$10 for each <i>additional</i> space | |
| Banquet tickets: Number of tickets [_____] (Tickets may or may not be available at the meet.) | \$49 per ticket | |
| Outdoor flea market spaces in vendor parking area Total number of spaces wanted [_____] | First two outdoor spaces \$20, \$10 for each <i>additional</i> space | |
| Table(s) in covered patio both Friday and Saturday —# tables [_____] | \$25 first table, \$10 each additional table | |
| Table(s) in air-conditioned gym (only Byzantium tables allowed) Total number of tables wanted [_____] | \$30 first rental table, \$10 each additional table | |
| Total enclosed. Make check payable to MAARC. | | |

Name _____ Email Address _____
(Print name neatly as you want it on your name tag.)

Names of other family members attending _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Hotel where you will stay for RadioActivity 2023 _____