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Note from the President



It's February 2009, and the Radio Club of America is just beginning to celebrate our Centennial. We have a whole host of activities planned for the annual banquet as well as other events throughout the year. The Fifth Annual QSO party was a great success as our members in the Ham Radio community were "On the Air" at the beginning of our anniversary. Even I dusted off my HF gear, fixed up my antenna and had a great time communicating with other members scattered all over the country.

We are departing from a number of traditions in the hope we can make the Radio Club events even more accessible for our members. This November, the annual banquet will be held in Washington D.C., the first time it will be held outside of New York City. We also are considering moving the event around the country so even more of our membership can attend this great event. I am looking forward to working with everyone as the new Radio Club president, and I hope to hear from you about your thoughts and concerns. Remember, this is your Club, and the board wants to be as responsive as possible.

See you at the IWCE breakfast in March. 73,

-Stan Reubenstein, WA6RNU, RCA President

The 100th Anniversary Commemorative QSO Party

The 100th Anniversary QSO Party indeed was an event to behold. The event was a two-day affair (Jan. 2-3), with Jan. 2 being the actual day 100 years ago the Club was formed. More than 160 QSOs were logged by W2RCA alone along with dozens more by member stations.

The three usual "suspects" -- Eric Stoll, Gil Houck and Mike Katzdorn -- capably manned W2RCA on Day One, and yours truly took on Saturday as W2RCA. Almost two dozen member stations checked in for both days, but not all the logs are in yet.

The Club call, W2RCA, caused quite a stir, especially on Saturday when most people were home from work. There were times on the 20-meter band where more than several stations were calling in at the same time!

More than two dozen stations, both members and non members, followed W2RCA to all three bands. Some of the member stations to achieve this "Triple Crown" feat were K0RL, N9UPG and N2NA, just to name a few. Some of the members who worked W2RCA included Stan Reubenstein (WA6RNU), W6NSV, N9UPG, N2NA, K2GJJ, N0JG, K0RL, W9PSE, AA1A, K0TTY, W5VXI, VE2CV, K4NBC, W8FSF, KB3LSX, W3BXO, W6EM and W2RS.

I am most certainly looking forward to this coming November when an even bigger Commemorative Event can be scheduled. Hopefully, multi W2RCA stations can be authorized for simultaneous operation as an ARRL "Special Event." Thanks for all the support and participation. 73 for now, *Bob Raide, W2ZM*

Want To Be A Radio Club Calendar Girl/Guy?

The Radio Club Marketing Committee is working hard on ways to promote the Centennial, and one idea includes putting together a 100th Anniversary calendar with photos. If you have some special Club-related shots you can share, we'd love to see them. Please e-mail your digital photos to Sandra Black at sblack@th.twcbc.com. Once completed, this special calendar will be available online at Café Press (www.cafepress.com/RadioClub) for purchase.

Do you know about Café Press? Not only will you be able to buy the upcoming calendar, but you also can order a Radio Club shirt, hat, mug, license-plate holder or even a wall clock with the Radio Club logo on it. Items are sent directly to you. Just click on the Café Press logo on the home page on the RCA Web site or go to www.cafepress.com/RadioClub and see the items available. Let Sandra know if there is something else you would like to have available.

In addition, while the Marketing Committee has some new ideas for getting the Radio Club name out there, it still needs your help. If there are any members who are teaching, speaking or presenting at any event in the near future, please contact Sandra Black at sblack@th.twcbc.com or 317/877-1091.

RCA breakfast at IWCE

Make plans now to attend the RCA breakfast at IWCE. Attached is the [reservation form](#). The breakfast will be on Thursday, March 19th from 7:30-9:00 am at the Renaissance Hotel Las Vegas, within walking distance from the Las Vegas Convention Center. Also plan to stop by the RCA booth #1151 on the show floor, and contact [Karen Clark](#) if you would like to assist with booth duty.

What's Going On With The Centennial Celebration?

The Centennial Event Committee continues to put together what it believes will be a fabulous gala to celebrate the Radio Club's 100th birthday, and you won't want to miss a minute. The Georgetown Conference Center is ready to take your hotel reservations for the two-day event (Nov. 20-21), with rooms set aside for \$189 per night; that room rate also is available if you come early or stay late. Just call **888/324-2111** and reference the Radio Club Centennial.

The festivities start Friday evening with a welcome cocktail reception, and a full day of exhibits, panel discussions, networking opportunities, awards, keynote speakers and buffets are planned on Saturday, culminating in the gala dinner and entertainment guaranteed to wow you. Also remember you will be steps away from Georgetown and, of course, the nation's Capital and all it has to offer.

While it might be a little early to think about transportation to the event, here are a few things to consider. Three airports service Washington, D.C. – Reagan National (take a cab to the hotel), Dulles International (take the Super Shuttle or another bus service) and BWI in Baltimore (easiest way is to take the train from BWI to Washington's Union Station, and then take a cab to the hotel). If you are coming in from the Northeast, try Amtrak. We do not advise that you rent a car. While there is ample parking at the hotel, there is almost no parking to be had in the city (and most parking garages are closed on the weekends), should you choose to take in some of the museums and galleries during your stay. Our best advice is to rely on cabs and the great Metro subway system to get around.

Do you know someone who isn't yet a member of the Radio Club of America? Click [here](#) for more information..
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✉ **We'd love to hear from you! Send your feedback to karen@radioclubofamerica.org or phone 303/948-4921. Produced for the Radio Club of America by Marketing Connection, Littleton, CO**

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