



**Ronald J. "Ron" Jakubowski, K2RJ,
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Ron is concluding his second term on the Radio Club Board of Directors and currently serves on the Executive Committee. His major accomplishments have been the digitizing all of the available *Proceedings* and Yearbooks in the archives of RCA and publishing them on a DVD for the Centennial celebration. He also organized the Amateur Radio Special Event Station activity to be held in conjunction with the Centennial, and is doing the same for the Awards Banquet this year in Texas. He was also appointed Chair of the Website Committee and has been working to update it.

Ron recently retired from the position of Chief Engineer – RF Systems at Bird Technologies Group, TX RX Systems where he assisted Public Safety customers with major performance issues and also served on the TR-8 land mobile technical committee of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) as chair of TR-8.11, Antenna Systems and vice-chair of TR-8.18, Systems Compatibility. He relocated to Florida and now works part-time for Bird as a Senior Consultant.

Ron has a long history of RF Product and Systems Engineering and design experience and has held senior engineering positions at Allen Telecom, where he designed the cellular telephone and 800 MHz public safety coverage system used within the Washington D.C. Subway system and The Antennas Specialists Co., where he developed an industry-standard side-mount antenna pattern prediction program. Ron began his civilian career with Harris Corporation's RF Communications Division in 1974 where he designed IMTS mobile telephone systems and subscriber equipment.

He is retired from the Army Reserve at the rank of Major and served on active duty with the Strategic Communications Command at Fort Huachuca, AZ. As a member of the Reserve he was Staff Technical Advisor to FORSCOM Special Operations until his retirement in 1992.

Ron has more than 49 years of experience with Amateur Radio and radio clubs. He is currently active as a volunteer in Brevard County, FL emergency communications organization. He also remains active as a 45-year member of the Army Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS). He is a long-time member of ARRL, where he has served as Assistant Technical Coordinator. He also finds time to be an elder at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Cape Canaveral where he lives with his wife of 40 years, Kathleen.

Ron is a graduate of Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Position Statement:

As a member of the RCA Board of Directors, I have been proud to support and facilitate and will continue to promote more membership participation in club activities by occasionally moving the annual banquet out of the NYC area and, especially, getting more young people interested in radio and its history. I succeeded in helping to push the new relationship we now have with the Antique Wireless Association. I would like to see us do the same with other related organizations such as the Society of Broadcast Engineers and the Armed Forces Electronics and Communications Association (AFCEA).