

Radio Club of America Announces 2017 Award Recipients and Fellows

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Shining a spotlight on outstanding achievements in the field of wireless communications, The Radio Club of America (RCA) announces its 2017 award recipients and Fellows. Winners will be celebrated at RCA's 108th Banquet & Awards Presentation on Friday, November 17, 2017 in Pittsburgh PA.

Armstrong Medal: Dr. Eli Brookner, for outstanding achievements and lasting contributions to the radio arts and sciences and wireless communications.

Sarnoff Citation: Dr. James Breakhall, WA3FET, for exceptional contributions of a technical or non-technical nature to the advancement of electronic communications.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Ulrich Rohde, N1UL, recognizing his significant achievements and a major body of work accomplished over a lifetime that has advanced the art and science of radio and wireless technology.

Fred M. Link Award: Peter J. Madsen, K2PM, for notable achievements in land mobile radio communications.

Barry Goldwater Amateur Radio Award: Michael Kalter, W8CI, for unique contributions to the field of amateur radio.

Ralph Batcher Memorial Award: Thomas F. Peterson, Jr., for significant work in preserving the history of radio and electronic communications.

Vivian A. Carr Award: Dr. Mary Ann Weitnauer, recognizing outstanding achievements by a woman in the wireless industry.

Jack Poppele Award: Robert Hobday, N2EVG, for important and long-term contributions to the field of radio broadcasting.

Special Services Award: Charles Kirmus, W0CBK, for his many contributions to RCA's Youth Activities Program as a sponsor and volunteer.

RCA Young Achiever Award: Carissa Ferguson, KJ4EZA, for demonstrated excellence and creativity in wireless communications by a student of high school age or younger.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Richard DeMello Award:
(To Be Announced), for achievement at the highest level of personal professional conduct and performance in the local, state and national public safety communications arenas.

[Full listing of RCA Awards and previous recipients](#)

2017 RCA Fellows

Elevation to Fellow is made by nomination only to members in good standing for at least the previous five years and whose contributions to the art and science of radio communications, broadcast or the Radio Club of America are deemed outstanding.

David Bart,	KB9YPD
Dr. Nathan Cohen,	W1YW
Brent Finster,	K6BEF
Cheryl J. Greathouse	
Sean Johnson	
James M. Roden,	W5JR
Bruce Roloson,	W2BDR
Nancy Smith	