Why Join RCA?

Network with other wireless professionals at industry gatherings

Participate in historic preservation

Leverage the knowledge and expertise of RCA members

Support our unique STEM education program that creatively uses amateur radio through RCA’s Youth Education Program

Participate in recognizing Young Achievers at Dayton Hamvention and other events

Recognize wireless professionals under 30 through the Young Professionals program, in cooperation with IWCE

Receive highly regarded technical publications including the Aerogram and twice-yearly Proceedings

Attend the Annual Technical Symposium, a forum for leading edge wireless innovation

Be a part of the Awards Banquet that recognizes achievement. Awards celebrate achievement in wireless by scientists, entrepreneurs, women, scholars, veterans and young people

Collaborate with the AWA and other wireless organizations

Support college scholarships for students pursuing wireless careers

Who We Are

We are a group of men and women united in a common cause since 1909, making us the oldest professional wireless communications society in the world. We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit, dedicated to preserving the heritage of radio communications and advancing the future of wireless and broadcast science and technology by encouraging young people to pursue wireless careers, with unique middle and high school education programs, by supporting university-level wireless students and recognizing the achievements of young professionals under 30.

What We Do is guided by these goals

Promote, protect and encourage the study, practice and knowledge of wireless

Create learning experiences for the young and recognize older students and professionals

Disseminate knowledge through events, workshops, the annual Technical Symposium and publications

Encourage the highest ideals of professionalism and ethical standards

Provide opportunities for wireless professionals to socialize and network, sharing ideas and collaborating on projects

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We were founded and nurtured by giants in the industry such as Major Edwin H. Armstrong, Dr. Allen B. Dumont, Fred Link, David Sarnoff, Jerry Minter, Jack Poppele and Senator Barry S. Goldwater. We are grounded in a distinguished history while our members go forward, every day, to push the boundaries of technology and create ground-breaking developments in consumer and enterprise wireless.

**Specific Outreach Programs**

- Scholarships to college students
- Youth Education for middle school and high school children, introducing math and science concepts through amateur radio
- Historic preservation, in cooperation with AWA and other groups
- Collaboration with industry organizations including APCO, IWCE, NPSTC, and the U.S. Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association

**How to Participate**

- **Become a member.** Membership is open to those actively involved in the wireless or broadcast industry and who will commit to advancing the ideals of the Radio Club.
- **Volunteer.** People with expertise in amateur radio, QSO events, broadcast and advanced wireless technologies are always welcome. We can also use donations of radio equipment for Youth Education programs.
- **Donate.** We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit. Support the work of RCA with a sustaining gift. You can also contribute to our scholarship or Youth Education programs.

Major Edwin H. Armstrong, RCA member, held 42 patents, developed FM and the superheterodyne receiver system, ushering in the age of wireless for military and consumer use. The RCA Armstrong Medal is awarded to those who make major contributions to wireless communications.

Dr. Eli Brookner, Armstrong Medal recipient, is shown here with Dr. Ulrich Rohde, recipient of the RCA Lifetime Achievement Award, at the 2017 Awards Banquet in Pittsburgh, PA.

Young Achievers at the 30th annual RCA Youth Forum, Dayton Hamvention 2017.