A HISTORY OF THE RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA

For the Years 2010 to 2022

RCA Embraces the Age of Partnering and New Technology

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The RCA leaders during this historical new technology period in the history of the Radio Club of America, the RCA leadership guided the club to embrace the rapid changes in communications technology. These leaders were RCA presidents:

Stanly Rubenstein (2009 & 2010), Vivian Carr (2011 & 2012), Bruce McIntyre (2013 & 2014), Sandra Black (2015), Tim Duffy (2016, 2017 & 2018) Carroll L. Hollingsworth Sr. (2019 & 2020), and John Facella (2021 & 2022).

During this historic period, the RCA added new programs and expanded many of its existing programs, including youth activities, young professionals, technical training, technology symposiums, women in wireless, and others. The Youth Activities committee added many new activities under the leadership of Carole Perry, RCA Youth Activities Chair. The Technical Symposium became an annual event that is valued by many communications industries, under the leadership of John Facella, RCA President.

The Radio Club has always valued its partners, during the period of 2010 to 2022 the RCA actively solicited a partnership with numerous communications organizations, including many of the new communications technology groups. The RCA solicited membership from professionals working in 5G, Satellite, Wi-Fi, Broadcast Radio, Terrestrial Broadcast, Wireless LAN, Blue Tooth, LTE, AI, Cyber Security, and more. John Facella, RCA President Emeritus worked for several years to get many organizations to partner with the RCA, as a committee chair, vice president and president,

There are Three partners that have provided numerous resources to the RCA, for this period in the RCA history. APCO International is a time proven partner with the RCA. This relationship has been a keystone for both APCO and the RCA for many years. The support that each organization provides to the other continues to benefit the members of both organizations. With the leaderships of Carroll Hollingsworth, RCA President Emeritus, and APCO Executive Director and CEO Derek Poarch this partnership strengthened and solidified the relationship. The Tom Sorley Memorial fund was created through this partnership.

The Antique Wireless Association (AWA) is more than a partner to the RCA, they provide the facility that displays, manages, and stores the historical RCA artifacts. The AWA Museum in Rochester, New York is a highly recommended bucket list item for anyone involved in Wireless Communications. This program will increase in size and scope in the future to provide RCA historical information and artifacts for members and the public forever. This RCA historical program has achieved this level of success with the leadership of Dave Bart, RCA President, and AWA President Robert Hobday. There are two volunteers who spend an enormous amount of time managing, cataloging, and exhibiting RCA historical material, Ed O'Connor, and Felicia Kreuzer. Each of these individuals are RCA and AWA members.

The International Wireless Communications Expo has provided the Radio Club of America with programs for “Young Professionals”, virtual interview series, virtual networking roundtable and other new innovative programs that provide information and communications to RCA members. With the Advent of COVID the RCA leadership was tasked with finding a way to communicate with and provide RCA information to its members. The solution was to use several new technologies in audio and video. With the leadership of Tim Duffy, RCA President Emeritus and Stephanie McCall, RCA member and IWCE Director of Sales, the RCA leadership was able to successfully provide webcasts, virtual meetings, symposiums, banquets and other events using virtual technologies.

The Radio Club of America has grown in many ways during the period of 2010 to 2022. Each of the RCA presidents who served during this historic time provided new innovations and embraced new technologies. As of the end of 2022, five of these seven past presidents continue to be active in serving and supporting The Radio Club of America.

The RCA embraced the Age of New Technology in many ways during this period. It partnered with many communications organizations. This produced many new members from every spectrum of the communications industry. This also allowed the RCA to become a very diverse international organization. The Radio Communications of America had produced several virtual events during this period. The RCA webcasts are viewed by members and nonmembers worldwide. The RCA is committed to continue to strengthen and grow through new technology and partnership with those who work and serve in new innovative communications industries.