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## Meeting Notice

Our January meeting will take place on Friday, 1/12 at InfoAge in Wall Township, room 9032A. We'll be conducting our annual 'members only' auction and present information about participating in the upcoming annual Broadcast Band DX Contest.

We do plan to livestream the meeting on our YouTube channel, so if you aren't able to make it there in person, please join us online. [www.youtube.com/@njarc](https://www.youtube.com/@njarc) Sorry, no online bidding.

## Calendar of Events

January 12: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge  
January 19: HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY  
February 9: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
February 13: DVHRC monthly meeting, Telford PA  
February 16: HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY  
February 24: NJARC Winter Repair Clinic, InfoAge  
March 8: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge  
March 12: DVHRC monthly meeting, Telford PA  
March 16: NJARC Spring Hamfest/Swapmeet, Parsippany  
April 12: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
April 19: HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY  
April 26-27: International Marconi Day, InfoAge  
May 4: NJARC Spring Repair Clinic, InfoAge  
May 9-11: Kutztown Radio Show, Kutztown PA  
May 17: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge  
May 22: Wall High School Scholarship Awards  
May 24: : HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY  
June 14: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
June 21: ARRL Field Day, InfoAge  
June 21: : HARPS monthly meeting, Suffern NY  
July 12: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
July 27: NJARC Summer Hamfest/Swapmeet, InfoAge  
August 9: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
August 24: NJARC Summer Repair Clinic, InfoAge  
September 13: NJARC monthly meeting, InfoAge  
September 19-21: Kutztown Radio Show, Kutztown PA  
October 1-5: AWA Annual Conference, Henrietta NY  
October 11: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
October 26: Fall Repair Clinic, InfoAge  
November 8: NJARC monthly meeting, Princeton  
Nov. 16: NJARC Fall Hamfest/Swapmeet, Parsippany  
December 14: NJARC Holiday Party, Jackson

## From the President's Workbench

Greetings Fellow Enthusiasts!

Here is a quick rundown of happenings and events in 2023.

We ended the year with a membership of 230, which was 20 less than when we ended the year 2022. We lost 3 longtime members: Bob Nikelsky, Pete Grave and Dave Terwilliger. Sadly, we lost member Jarrod Nelson, to a drug overdose at age 43. On a more positive note, all of our newest members are under 65! And one of them is even 26!

Our Club's Treasury was "hacked" but our money was restored after some maneuvering.

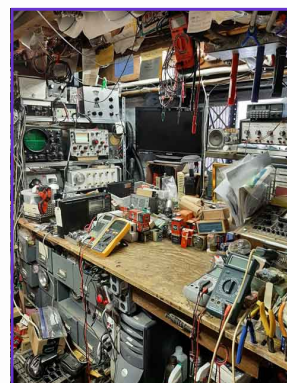
AM radios were to be eliminated in all new hybrid/electric cars and trucks, but thousands of petitions were signed. It did not happen, and will not happen.

"Master Scanner" Jerry Ingordo added the 6 volumes of SAMS Photofact<sup>®</sup> Picture Guide 1946-1960 to our club's library.

President Rich "audio bombed" club member Paul Bursh of Tube-Talk radio fame, his interview on The Morgan Show on radio station WBZ 1030 kHz, Boston.

Speaking of "radio" Bob Bennett, YouTube's Radio Wild, restored a table-top Stromberg Carlson set for WABC's "Other side of Midnight" host, Frank Morano, as a surprise Christmas Present from his wife.

JD Auction Services, owned by club members John Tyminski and Darren Hoffman, had a banner year in auctioning vintage radio, audio and electronics. They "entertained" us with the sale of 2 Telefunken ELA M251 Condenser microphones, with bids ending at \$37,000 and



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## President's Workbench

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the microphones destined for use in a recording studio in L.A.

Our intrepid RTM Docents were honored with a complimentary dinner at our Annual Holiday Party at the West Lake Golf & Country Club in Jackson.

As a club, we were very fortunate to have had informative and entertaining presentations by Prof. Mike Littman, Leo Assur, Al Klase, Bob Bennett, Mike Molnar and Bob Tevis. We finally entered the 21st century with our new color trifold club brochure thanks to Al Klase, with my instigation.

On a philanthropic note, the NJARC presented its first recurring University Scholar Award to a STEM student recipient at the Wall Township High School.

— Richard Lee, Pres. NJARC

## More about our 2024 Meetings

While some of our 2024 events are still to be finalized ("TBA" or to be announced) our schedule for 2024 has been finalized, subject to any unforeseeable changes. (See the full schedule on page 1 of this issue.)

For our **February meeting**, although he has not yet selected the topic, we'll be enjoying a presentation by Prof. Mike Littman who never fails to come up with something spectacular from his own collection or from something in the Princeton University archives.

At our **May meeting**, Bill Burns will be our guest speaker and will talk about "The Atlantic Cable" while at our September meeting, John Stoll will discuss "Tube Testers in My Collection."

In **October**, "Mister October" (our own Mike Molnar) will offer us another of his well-researched presentations. Everything Mike has done has been world-class and this one will surely continue that tradition.

Remember that reservations are required for our **Repair Clinics**. Contact President Rich Lee to make a reservation. Places fill up fast!

Our Spring and Fall **Hamfest/Swapmeet** events will take place as usual at the Parsippany PAL and our Summer Tailgate Hamfest/Swapmeet will again be on the lawn at InfoAge.

The **Kutztown Radio Show** has been scheduled for Spring 2024 and Fall 2024. It sold out last time, so if you plan to vend, get your reservation in early. The **AWA Conference** will take place in the fall again and continues to offer world-class presentations, contests and a swapmeet that although modest, still often brings out some surprisingly high-end items.

The club participates in several ham radio events including **National Marconi Day** and **ARRL Field Day**. Come out and see what they're all about

And of course our **Radio Technology Museum** at InfoAge continues to offer a superb visitor experience. Volunteer historians are always welcome and needed!

## Collecting Juvenile Communications Fiction - Part 2

By Marsha Simkin (Continued from November 2023 issue)

### Hardy Boys Mystery Stories - Franklin Dixon

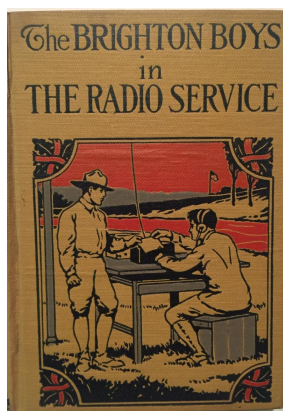


Short Wave Mystery - 1945



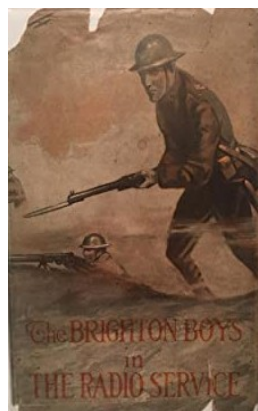
The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories is one of the best known of the boys book series. First published in May 1927 (copyrighted May 16) by New York publisher Grosset & Dunlap, the Hardy Boys have never gone out of print and they remain popular today with close to 500 titles published across several different series. This volume was the 24th book in the original series.

### The Brighton Boys Series - Lt James Driscoll

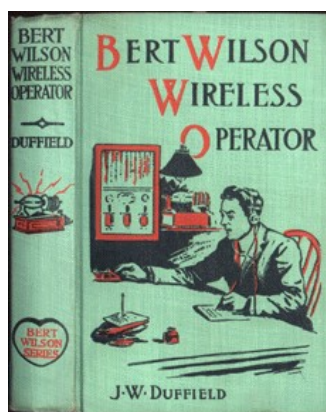


In the Radio Service - 1918

The Brighton Boys series was an early action series featuring good friends and mostly military themes. Set in the Great War (WW1), it dealt with all the patriotism, heroism and adventure meant to appeal to an American boy.



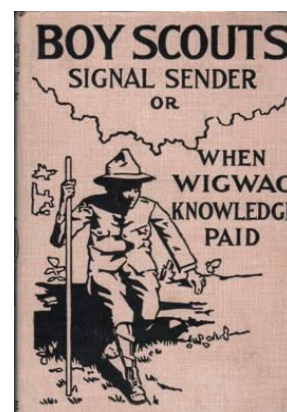
### Bert Wilson Books - J W Duffield



Wireless Operator - 1913

A series of stories for boys, full of outdoor life and adventures, athletic sports, etc - wholesome, clean and instructive.

### Boy Scouts Series - Fletcher



Signal Sender - 1913

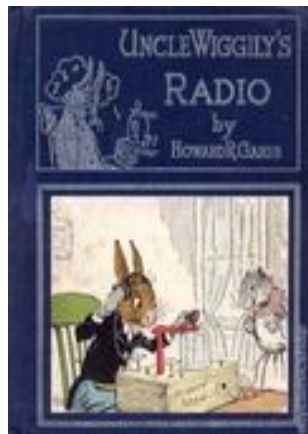
One of the many Boy Scout series for the youth of the time.



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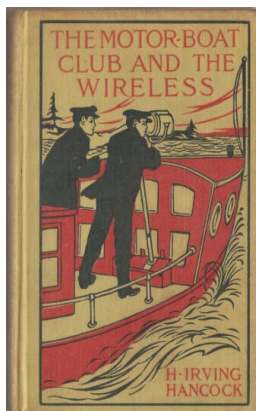
The Uncle Wiggly Series - Howard Garis



Uncle Wiggly's Radio or  
How the Bad Animals Listened In - 1924

Uncle Wiggly Longears is the main character of a series of children's stories by American author Howard R. Garis. He began writing the stories for the Newark News in 1910. Garis penned an Uncle Wiggly story every day (except Sundays) for more than 30 years, and published 79 books within his lifetime.

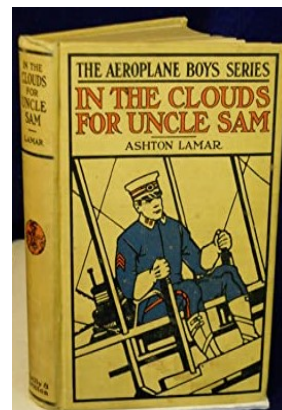
The Motor Boat Club Series - H Irving Hancock



And the Wireless - 1909

"The keynote to these books is manliness. The stories are wonderfully entertaining, and they are at the same time sound and wholesome. The plots are ingenious, the action swift, and the moral tone wholly healthful. No boy will willingly lay down an unfinished book in this series, at the same time he will form a taste for good literature and the glory of right living."

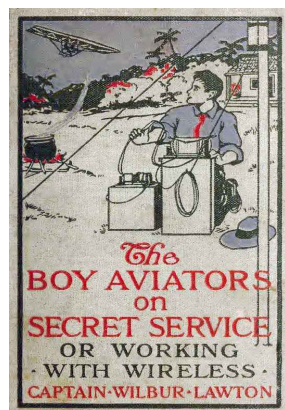
The Aeroplane Boys Series - Ashton Lamar



In the Clouds for Uncle Sam  
or Morry Marshall of the  
Signal Corps - 1910

Published between 1910 and 1913, the Aeroplane Boys series consisted of 8 books aimed at boys fascinated by the new technology of flight. It focused on the adventures of a group of amateur flyers.

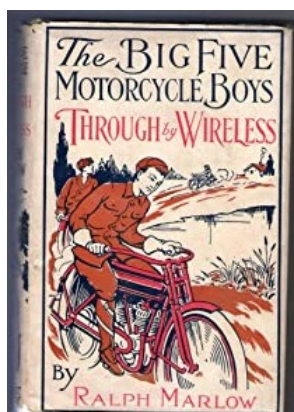
Boy Aviators Series - Captain Wilbur Lawton



On Secret Service  
or Working with the Wireless - 1911

Up-to-the-minute AIRSHIP Books which record the most thrilling experiences any daring aviator could wish for. The stories are written by a famous aviation instructor and are technically correct in details.

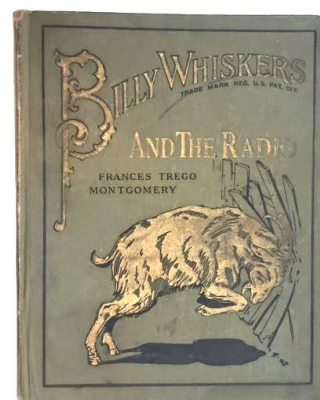
The Big Five Motorcycle Boys Series - Ralph Marlow



Through by Wireless - 1914

"It is doubtful whether a more entertaining lot of boys ever appeared in a story than the 'Big Five,' who figure in the pages of these volumes. From cover to cover the reader will be thrilled and delighted with the accounts of their many adventures."

Billy Whiskers - Frances Trego Montgomery



And the Radio - 1927

"Billy Whiskers" series, relating the comical experiences of a pet goat. There were about 25 titles in the series.

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# New Jersey Antique Radio Club's

## Spring Swap Meet and Ham Fest



Parsippany PAL Building

33 Baldwin Road

Parsippany, NJ 07054

Just off Route 46,

Adjacent to Smith Field



## Saturday March 16th, 2024



### Refreshments Available

(40) 8 Foot Tables

\$30.00 for members

\$35.00 for non-members

Reserve Additional tables \$25.00

At the door \$30.00

### Open to the Public

8am to 12 noon

Vendor setup at 7:15am

\$7.00 Entrance Fee

Club Donation

### For Directions

Visit our website: [www.njarc.org](http://www.njarc.org)

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