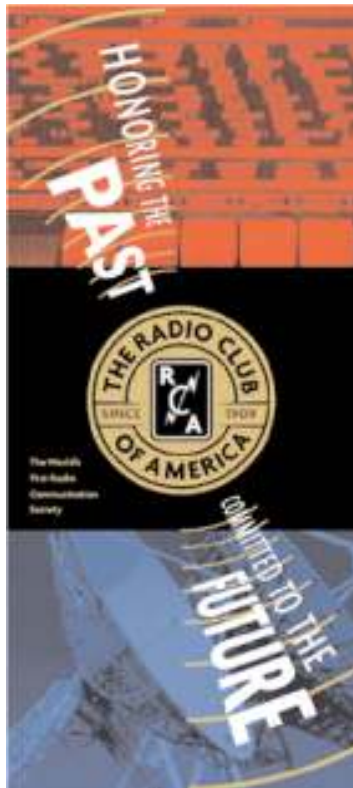




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Meet Marty Cooper Online

Roman Kitka, co-founder of Genesis Campus and a RCA *Fellow*, recently conducted a video interview with Marty Cooper, executive chairman of ArrayComm and RCA Vice President. In the interview, Marty discusses the early days of cellular and some thought-provoking comments on the future of wireless. To view this video interview or to read it, go to <http://www.thoughtleader.net>. Here's a little teaser:

"Meet Martin 'Marty' Cooper, father of the portable cellular phone. Inspired by watching Star Trek's Captain Kirk talking into his communicator, Cooper was the 'Thought Leader' who fired the wireless revolution where you call a person and not a place. Marty grew up in Chicago and earned a degree in electrical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. After four years in the navy Marty was hired by Motorola in 1954, and began work developing portable products including the first handheld police radio in 1967. Cooper then led Motorola's cellular R&D team and is the inventor named of record for US patent 3906166 "Radio telephone system" filed on October 17, 1973. He is considered the inventor of the first portable handset and the first person to make a call on a portable cell phone on April 3, 1973, to the bewilderment of passers-by in a New York City street.

Mr. Cooper co-founded Cellular Business Systems, Inc. and led it to dominate the cellular billing industry with a 75 percent market share before selling it to Cincinnati Bell. He has been granted eight patents in the communications field. In 1992, he had co-founded ArrayComm, Inc. and has grown the company into the world leader in smart antenna technology with 400 patents issued or pending worldwide. Today, Martin Cooper, an energetic 79 year old is trying to change the way we use the Internet. "Cellular was the forerunner to true wireless communications," he said. "And just as people got used to taking phones with them everywhere, the way people use the Internet is ultimately going to be wireless. With our technology, you will be able to open your notebook anywhere and log on to the Internet at a very high speed with relatively low cost. "But when people get used to logging on anywhere, well, that's going to be a revolution." It is a revolution in which Martin Cooper wants to play an important role."

Marty Cooper is Speaker at RCA Breakfast at IWCE

To meet Marty in person, he's the featured speaker at the upcoming **RCA breakfast at IWCE** Feb. 28 at The Treasure Island Hotel. The sponsors for this event are: Schwaninger & Assoc., Radio Soft, Tait Radio Comm., Mission Critical Comm. and IWCE/MRT. Please reserve your space [today with this registration form](#).

Proceedings Set To Go Digital

You'll be happy to hear that Ron Jakubowski, one of our new board directors, has offered to scan the older issues of the Proceedings so that they can be placed on a CD. The plan is to have this special commemorative CD available for sale at the 100th Anniversary celebration next year. This is going to be a big undertaking for Ron and large savings for RCA.


Plans For The 100th Anniversary Underway

The Radio Club board has been busy deciding on just the right place for our very special 100th Anniversary Celebration. There will be a full day for the Technical Symposium in conjunction with the Banquet in 2009. Our Technical Symposium committee is currently seeking speakers & papers for the event. Please contact Richard "Rich" Reichler at rjwireles@aol.com or at 818/222-7483. Help make this a one-of-a kind event. Says Phil Casciano, RCA president, "If any member has any other ideas on what we can be doing as part of this special 100th anniversary celebration, please let us know."

RCA Membership On The Rise

According to Membership Committee Chairman Craig Jorgensen, applications continue to be submitted to his office. "In fact, I have received three more since the last newsletter, so when these people have been approved by the Membership & Exec. Committee, we will have more than **1,000** members," he says. "I am personally delighted that, through the hard work of our Membership Committee, some of our Board members, and past Board members, we have been able to reach one of President Casciano's major objectives for the Membership Committee. I join with him in looking forward to the day when we can announce we now have 2,000 members."

Jorgensen continues, "As important as it is to continue to see our membership grow, it is even more important that we remember the intellectual and motivational values each member can bring to the Radio Club of America. In that regard, I want to thank each of our new members as well as their sponsors who have joined the Club over the past four years, for it is each of you and all of our existing members who will help the Radio Club reach new heights."

The Radio Club of America is always looking for volunteers to help with events, committees, research, and many other things. To volunteer, check out the Committee page on the website for the list of committees and chairs to contact. Do you know someone who isn't yet a member of the RCA? Be sure to direct him or her to our Web site for a downloadable application. Click [here](#) for more information.. Do you know someone who wants to sponsor an event? Contact us  ***We'd love to hear from you! Send your feedback to karen@radioclubofamerica.org or phone 303/948-4921.***

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