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Radio Club of American Centennial Gala Features Info-Packed Panels, Amateur Radio Event

September 14, 2009 – The Radio Club of America, the country's oldest professional wireless organization, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a two-day special Centennial Gala event – slated for Nov. 20-21, 2009 – at the Georgetown University Conference Center and Hotel in Washington, D.C., highlighted by a variety of panel sessions focusing on current and historical topics in the fields of broadcast radio and RF communications.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, and lasting until 4 p.m., panelists participating in the six sessions will discuss everything from amateur radio education in the classroom to what's happening with mesh networks. In addition, Radio Club members will be operating an Amateur Radio Special Event Station, W2RCA. The Club will be running two or more stations remotely via an Internet connection, and Radio Club members attending the Centennial Gala who have an amateur operator's license are welcome to participate and to help keep the station active from Friday afternoon (Nov. 20) through Sunday afternoon (Nov. 22). Arrangements are in the works to allow those who cannot travel to Washington, D.C., to participate from their home stations.

The following is a list of Radio Club of America Centennial Gala panels and their participants (*as of Sept. 13, 2009*):

- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.: “The Resurgence of Amateur Radio,” moderated by Rich Reichler (Technical Sessions chairman and Life member of the Radio Club of America)

Presenters include Henry Richter, who will discuss communicating with space craft (including historical information); and Carole Perry, who will talk about technologies used by amateur radio operators, including youth education information.

- 10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.: “Association Leaders Roundtable: Wireless Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” moderated by Debra Baker (fellow and member of the Radio Club of America board of directors)

Presenters in this Q&A session include Mike Fitch, president and CEO, PCIA – the Wireless Infrastructure Association; Stan Reubenstein, president, the Radio Club of America; Michael Altschul, senior vice president and general counsel, CTIA – The Wireless Association; Richard Mirgon, president, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – International

- 11:15 a.m. - noon: “What's New In Transmission Technology,” moderated by Andrew Seybold (principal, Andrew Seybold Inc., and a fellow of the Radio Club of America)

Presenters include Peter Moncure, founder of RadioSoft, who will address the NXDN protocol common air interface and its use in setting up a nationwide push to talk dispatch service network involving 150 MHz – 900 MHz, including using IP and the Internet; and Dana Dulabone, owner of Advanced Frequency Engineering, who will provide details of next-generation (4G) wireless possibilities and who will use them.

- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: “Do We Need More Spectrum, and What For?” moderated by Debra Baker

Presenters include Mark Crosby, Enterprise Wireless Alliance; Harlin McEwen, Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation; Dale Hatfield, independent consultant and adjunct professor in the Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program at the University of Colorado at Boulder; Stu Overby, senior director/Global Spectrum Strategy at Motorola; Marty Cooper, chairman, CEO and co-founder of ArrayComm (*invited*)

- 2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.: “Trends in IP Convergence,” moderated Keith Kaczmarek (president, Cyren Call Communications, and a member of the Radio Club of America)

Presenters include John Facella, director/Public Safety Markets at Harris Corp., RF Communications Division, who will offer a review of IP technology as it relates to mission-critical communications needs along with some thoughts on the convergence of broadband and narrowband technologies to serve public safety; and Mike Hunter of RCC Consulting will discuss RF mesh networks.

- 3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.: “Centennial Gala Panel Wrap-Up,” moderated by Rich Reichler

A free-for-all discussion of the day’s topics with moderators, presenters and special guests

For more information about the Radio Club of America’s Centennial Celebration at the Georgetown University Conference Center and Hotel in Washington, D.C., please contact Karen Clark, executive director, at 303/948-4921 or at exsec@radioclubofamerica.org or Mercy Contreras, Centennial Committee chairman, at mercycontreras@comcast.net. Those wishing to participate in the Amateur Radio Special Event Station should contact Ron Jakubowski at k2rj@roadrunner.com.

To make hotel reservations at the Georgetown University Conference Center and Hotel in Washington, D.C., call 888/324-2111. A block of rooms have been reserved for this special occasion at a rate of \$189 per night. Be sure to mention the Radio Club of America.

About the Radio Club of America

The Radio Club of America is the world’s oldest radio communications society, founded in 1909 in New York City to promote cooperation among those interested in the advancement and scientific study of radio communications. Formed by a small group of dedicated radio amateurs and experimenters a century ago, the Radio Club of America counted among its early members the best in the radio communications industry: Maj. Edwin H. Armstrong, David Sarnoff, Louis Hazeltine, John V. L. Hogan, Paul Godley and Allen B. DuMont, to name just a few—these pioneers shaped the industry. Today, the RCA is composed of modern pioneers, advancing the field of radio communications. Members also join the RCA to network with other industry professionals, to raise money for scholarships and to record radio communications history so that future pioneers may continue to build on the Club’s strong foundational cornerstone.

For more information, please visit <http://www.radioclubofamerica.org>.

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