



**Ronald J. "Ron" Jakubowski, K2RJ,  
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Ron is concluding his first term on the Radio Club Board of Directors. His major accomplishments to date have been the digitizing all of the available *Proceedings* and Yearbooks and preparing to publish them, along with current material, on a DVD for the Centennial celebration. He is also organizing an Amateur Radio Special Event Station activity to be held in conjunction with the Centennial.

Ron is currently Chief Engineer – RF Systems for Bird Technologies Group, TX RX Systems division, and assists Public Safety customers with major performance issues caused by interference and other systems and equipment issues. He also serves on the TR-8 land mobile technical committee of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) as chair of TR-8.11, Antenna Systems and vice-chair of TR-8.18, Systems Compatibility.

Ron has a long history of RF Product and Systems Engineering and design experience and has held senior engineering positions at Allen Telecom, where he designed the cellular telephone and 800 MHz public safety coverage system used within the Washington D.C. Subway system and The Antennas Specialists Co., where he developed an industry-standard side-mount antenna pattern prediction program. Ron began his civilian career with Harris Corporation's RF Communications Division in 1974 where he designed IMTS mobile telephone systems and subscriber equipment.

He is retired from the Army Reserve at the rank of Major and served on active duty with the Strategic Communications Command at Fort Huachuca, AZ. As a member of the Reserve he was Staff Technical Advisor to FORSCOM Special Operations until his retirement in 1992.

Ron has more than 45 years of experience with Amateur Radio and radio clubs. He is currently editor and a Trustee of the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

He also remains active as a 40-year member of the Army Military Affiliate Radio System and serves on the Chief Army MARS Special Staff as Army Reserve Coordinator. He is a long-time member of ARRL, where he has served as Assistant Technical Coordinator.

He also finds time to be a Ruling Elder in Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) and serves as Clerk of Session as well as chief sound engineer and general technical assistant!

Ron is a graduate of Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

**Position Statement:**

As a member of the RCA Board of Directors, I would like to facilitate more membership participation in club activities, especially getting more young people interested in radio and its history. I would like to investigate conducting joint ventures with organizations such as the Antique Wireless Association and the Society of Broadcast Engineers. I would like to make sure we keep on getting top speakers for our annual banquet and make sure they are available to mingle with the members present like they used to.