

Record Attendance for CCA Activities at 1998 Dayton Hamvention, Banquet

Dayton '98 banquet maxed out at 100 plus, largest attendance ever for the CCA banquet. Over 43 door prizes were donated by the following: W6ZZ, WA5VVT, WA4UPV, K2WE, KODAS, K0FLY, AC1Y, N4XO, KF8XU, W6WJN, and Rockwell/Collins.

The guest speaker was Dennis Brothers, WA0CBK. Dennis shared with us his experiences while working with Collins and after leaving Collins his work as the authorized Collins service station.

The following CCA members were recognized for their significant contributions to the CCA during the past year:

Wayne Spring, W6IRD, for donating the KWM-2 for raffle prize and was also recognized as one of our senior technical consultants; John Bess, WA5VVT, for his ongoing support for all CCA nets; Gayle Lawson, K0FLY, for last year's Cedar Rapids meeting effort and Collins equipment family pictures; Mark Hovda, N0JWI, for his Cedar Rapids meeting support; Jim Stitzinger, WA3CEX, for restoring and making the Collins van available for our Dayton booth and Sandy Metzler, KW6KW, for organizing our new West Coast net and his support of the weekly Sunday 20-meter net.

Also recognized were Dennis Brothers, WA0CBK, this year's guest speaker, Bob Peters, K1JNN, for setting up the Marriott hotel for the Dayton meeting and his help with newsletter production, Jenks Garrett, K5YNZ, for production support of the *Signal*; Maury Guzik, W5BGP, for production support of the *Signal* and finally to Bill Wheeler, K0DEW, founder and outgoing President of the CCA.

The main door prize, a KWM-2 donated by W6IRD, was won by Bob Love, KOMFA, the second door prize, a "jar" of crystals, donated by WA4UPV, was won by John Peterman, W9VG.

The booth this year featured the original Collins S-Line Demo Van fully restored and owned by Jim Stitzinger, WA3CEX. The Collins demo van is a 1964 Ford Econoline with a custom installation of a complete S-Line station inside. It was thought to have made its last previous appearance at the Dayton Hamvention in 1967 or 1968. Jim found the

van and purchased it from a former Collins amateur dealer. After a three-year labor of love, it was restored to its original condition and configuration and ready for the Hamvention again—30 years later.

The van drew a tremendous amount of attention. Visitors were given a reproduction of the original Collins S-Line pamphlet used at shows in the 1960s. Visitors were curious to know the history of the van and the Collins Collectors Association. This history was supplied by CCA members manning the booth. The van was a photo opportunity for a great many cameras as folks wanted their pictures taken with the van and the equipment. A former Collins employee stopped by and did a double take when he saw the van. He related how he drove it to the 1964 ARRL National Convention in New York City.

The booth also featured a fully operational S-Line ham station supplied by the Collins Amateur Radio Club of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A Cushcraft R7000 vertical antenna was installed on the building roof. Visitors to the booth could sit down and make a contact on the air using the Club's call—W0CXX/8. Approximately 30 contacts were made from the Hamvention.



Rod Blocksme, KODAS, helps unload the Collins Comm Van from its Ryder truck after a 2000 mile journey from California to Dayton. —AC4FQ



At the Mike with Butch Schartau

President, Collins Collectors Association

Once again we have experienced that great amateur adventure—the Dayton Hamvention. The featured events of the CCA at Dayton, the Banquet and the CCA booth with WA3CEX's Collins van were a great success. My thanks to all who make this possible.

Now it's on to Dallas in October. Jay, KK5IM, and his talented staff promise to put on an outstanding CCA Convention for the membership. The Dallas team gave us a preview of the Dallas convention at the Dayton banquet. Watch the *Signal* for the details and please plan on attending.

We are already looking ahead to 1999, Dayton will continue to be an annual CCA event. W9BEA, Wally, and WA8VSJ, Art, have indicated they are willing to get things going for next year. Following Dayton something on the west coast may be in order, any ideas? The raffle of the KWM-2 donated by W6IRD has provided us with some up front money to get major events going.

Included in this *Signal* are the revised by-laws approved at the board of directors meeting held at Dayton as well as the Treasurer's report. You will note that the number of board of directors has been reduced to five. This number will provide a more efficient leadership team to better respond to the needs of the CCA membership.

Election of the board will take place this summer via a mail ballot included with the third quarter *Signal* mailing. A nominating committee was appointed at the board meeting to provide a list of candidates.

In closing for this quarter's *Signal* President's column, I would like to remind you all that we are always looking for inputs for future data sheets. I know there is a tremendous source of potential Collins articles just waiting to be published.



Summer is in full swing across the country. Of course, that means QRN levels are up on the lower bands. Nevertheless, there is still activity on the 75m Nets as well as the Sunday 20m Net. A small group of folks have also started to gather on 14.263 mc during weekday evenings! This is *totally* informal! There will be no set times, no net controls, no check-in lists, no advertising, no swap listings! Only a nice, informal discussion group! Listen in, if you get a chance!

I was unable to participate in the "Your Favorite Collins Rig" Theme Night on Thursday, 21 May 1998. I have some information from Jim, W4THU, and his report was that the QRN level was very high and propagation conditions were poor. There was only a handful of check-ins as a result. I will reschedule this event for the upcoming Winter Theme Night schedule.

The West Coast 75m Net has been a great success! I want to thank Sandy, KW6KW, for taking on this task! This net meets every Friday evening on 3895 kc at 8 PM Pacific Time. Sandy is usually the host, though he has had others help with that responsibility. The following are some comments from Sandy:

"The Friday 75m West Coast CCA Net is going strong...with around 100 stations that participate over a period of time. Obviously, the Winter months see more check-ins into the net...average around 25. The Spring/Summer months brings us an average of 12 check-ins weekly...but they're a great bunch of guys...very knowledgeable and very enthusiastic about Collins. We've been running in the old AM-style roundtable format and it has worked very well.

What's very interesting is how many stations listen to us weekly without checking in. I receive e-mail on a regular basis from up to 6 stations weekly who enjoy listening to the roundtable discussions, but don't join in for various reasons (no license, TVI-RFI problems, no 75m antennas, etc.). One guy, Sam (KQ6WO) started listening to us when we first started, but couldn't join in because he only had a no-code Technician license. I know this because I would talk to him locally on 2-meter simplex. He said his desire to join our discussions gave him the incentive to learn the CW to pass his General exam about a month ago... and he passed his Advanced two weeks ago!"

What is happening on the West Coast is reminiscent of what happened when Bill Wheeler, KODEW, started the Collins Net back in 1988. Many more stations were listening than checked in. The many cards, letters, phone calls confirmed that SWLs, Novice and Tech Class hams, and other Collins enthusiasts without the means to check in were regular listeners. My favorite story was from a gentleman that didn't have the license or antenna to check into the 20m Net, but he listened religiously and actually restored and repaired a KWM-2 by LISTENING to the Technical portion of the Net! He eventually got on the air a joined in!

I want to thank all of the folks that have continued to support and participate in our HF Nets. Our current Net schedule is unchanged, other than the new informal group on 14.263 in the evenings. Hope to hear you all on the air this summer!

—73 de W8RO

HELP FILL THIS SPACE!

This is YOUR newsletter and we need YOUR help to keep the pile of material available for publication.

We need:

- Shack pictures
- Brief stories of interesting "finds"
- Feature stories about interesting CCA members
- Volunteers to write Data Sheets

Please send your submissions to the Editor!

Next *Signal* is due out in August!

VE3HC is Hospitalized

Transformer maker and CCA member Fred Hammond, VE3HC, suffered a stroke on June 20 and was hospitalized in Hamilton, Ontario.

According to Stan White, VE3FKD, the stroke affected Fred's left side but will be returning to his Guleph, Ontario home if there is improvement.

Fred's long amateur career and his strong interest in Collins equipment was recently profiled in the *Signal*.

We join all CCA members in wishing Fred a speedy and complete recovery.

Join Us on the Air!



• 14.263 mHz
Sundays
at 2000Z

• 3805 kHz
Tuesday nights

• 3875 kHz Thurs. nights

• 3895 kHz Friday nights

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Bylaws of the Collins Collectors Association, Inc.

a Texas Non-Profit Corporation

As Revised May 14, 1998

ARTICLE I- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1.01 The purpose of this organization is to preserve Collins Radio history and to promote Collins Radio equipment use, understanding and care and establish and provide a Collins Radio information archives

ARTICLE II- OFFICES AND REGISTERED AGENT

2.01 The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Texas shall be located in the City and County of Dallas. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Corporation may require from time to time.

The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The agent and the address may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERS

CLASSES OF MEMBERS AND DUES

3.01 The Corporation shall have two classes of members. The designation of such classes and the qualifications and rights of such classes shall be as follows: REGULAR MEMBER, upon payment of annual dues shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Corporation and receive an annual subscription to the Corporation's official publication, the *Signal*; the class of HONORARY LIFE MEMBER may be conferred by the Board of Directors upon anyone for such reasons as it may see fit. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS receive all benefits of a regular member except for voting rights and they are under no obligation to pay annual dues.

RULES OF MEMBERSHIP

3.03 Any person who has a bonafide interest in the history, operation, restoration and preservation of Collins amateur radio equipment is, upon application and payment of annual dues, a member of this Corporation.

3.04 Dues are paid on an annual basis beginning on the processing of application and ending twelve (12) months later.

3.05 Each member whose dues are not in arrears may cast one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

3.06 Membership is not transferable or assignable.

3.07 The Board of Directors will cause a notice to be mailed to each member before the end of his membership term to aid in the timely renewal of membership and dues.

ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL POWERS

4.01 All affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors need not be residents of Texas but must be members in good standing of the Corporation.

4.02 The number of Directors shall be five (5).

MEETINGS AND QUORUM

4.03 A regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at least once each calendar year. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or without the State of Texas, for the holding of additional meetings without other notice than such resolution.

4.04 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

4.05 The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Directors.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS,

TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

4.06 A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President to furnish a list of candidates for each Director position. These candidates, along with space for write-in candidates, shall appear on a mail ballot for election by the membership beginning in 1998. Said ballots will be mailed to each regular member who is not in arrears on or before August 1.

4.07 The Directors shall be elected to two-year terms with terms commencing on October 15 of the year of election.

4.07(a) In order to provide staggered terms for Directors and to assure continuity of the Board of Directors, commencing with the results from the first election in 1998, two (2) of the five (5) Director positions will be identified as being up for election at the end of a one-year term.

These two (2) positions shall be randomly selected by a drawing from the five (5) elected Directors immediately after taking office. At the end of the first year term (October 15, 1999) only the two (2) Director positions so identified will be up for election. The remaining three (3) Director positions will remain in office for one additional year (October 15, 2000). On or before October 15, 2000 these three (3) Director positions shall be nominated and elected to two-year terms as set forth in 4.06 and 4.07 above.

In this fashion there will be an election each calendar year for two (2) or three (3) Director positions to fill staggered terms of two (2) years in length. 4.08 Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

INFORMAL ACTION BY DIRECTORS

4.09 Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

4.10 The Directors of the Corporation shall, upon taking office, elect among themselves a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one Director-at-large. Said officers shall serve for the length of their term as Directors.

4.11 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall chair all meetings of the Board of Directors and any annual meeting of members. He shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. The President shall be required to give an annual report to the members concerning the activities of the Corporation in the past year.

4.12 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

4.13 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; give all notices as required by law or these bylaws; be custodian of the corporate records;

keep a register of the addresses of members and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

4.14 The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time shall be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall be required to make a financial report to the Board of Directors at each annual meeting. A report will then be made to the members of the Corporation.

He shall be responsible for providing the Secretary and the Publications Manager with an up-to-date list of members for the subscription list of the *Signal*.

The Treasurer shall also be responsible for providing and filing the necessary documents required by competent authority with regards to the non-profit status of the Corporation.

APPOINTEE MANAGERS

4.15 The President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Publications Manager and a Net Manager to manage the communications functions of the Corporation.

4.16 The Publications Manager shall have responsibility for all aspects of the *Signal* newsletter and any other published materials produced by the Corporation.

4.17 The Net Manager shall have responsibility for all aspects of the various amateur radio nets sponsored by the Corporation.

4.18 The Publications Manager and the Net Manager shall serve as *ex-officio* members of the Board of Directors but will have no voting rights on issues before the Directors and may be excused from portions of meetings of the Directors at the discretion of the Directors.

COMPENSATION

4.19 The Board of Directors may from time to time elect to reimburse members of the Corporation for such expenses deemed necessary for conducting the business of the Corporation. Requests for such reimbursements will be filed on the proper form with substantiated receipts.

ARTICLE V- REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS

5.01 Revisions to these By-Laws must be approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the general membership for ratification by mail ballot.

5.02 Revisions so ratified must be incorporated into the record book of the Corporation and promptly filed with the Secretary of State.

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS at their regular annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, this 14th day of May, 1998:

(signed)

Butch Schartau, President

Rod Blocksme, Secretary of the Meeting

Nominations for Board of Directors

The CCA is currently accepting member names for the five Board of Directors positions. A nominating committee has been appointed for the purpose of selecting candidates for the directors. The committee consists of the following CCA members: Hap Perry, WA4UPV, Chairman; Jenks Garrett, K5YNZ; Peter Lower, VE3URO; Steve Salmon, K7XB and Smith Schunann (Smitty) W0DRU.

The committee will compile a list of candidates to be voted on by the CCA membership. The list of candidates will be published in the third quarter *Signal* along with the procedures for voting.

The Board of Directors are responsible for the total direction and operation of the CCA. If you would like to submit candidates for the Directors positions, contact Hap Petty, WA4UPV at 11316 Robert Carter Road, Fairfax, VA 22039 or any of the nominating committee members.

Candidates submitted shall be active CCA members capable of providing leadership to meet the goals of the CCA and willing to make a commitment of their time to provide the necessary leadership and direction to the association.

The results of the election will be announced at the Dallas convention this coming October.

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CCA Website Has New URL

Thanks to the generosity of Bob Peters, K1JNN and Performing Technologies of Dallas, Texas, the CCA now has its very own Domain Name Server (DNS) on the Internet.

All website materials were recently transferred to the new server and will be updated as time permits. You should change your browser bookmark from the old address to simply: www.colcol.org. This URL will take you directly to our homepage.

Performing Technologies has donated the high-speed Internet connection and enough server space to allow us to expand our information capabilities and eventually to operate our own "members only" mail reflector in the near future.

Bob Peters paid the initial registration fee to for the DNS name. Thanks Bob!

Collins Collectors Association, Inc.

Financial Statement

May 11, 1998

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1998 \$ 4,361.20
Check Disbursements from January 1 - May 11, 1998:

Signal and other Itemized Expenses (\$7,617.78)
January through May Deposits for Memberships and Back Issue Sales \$ 8,705.50
January through May Deposits for Dayton Dinners \$ 2,944.00
Ending Balance as of May 11, 1998 \$ 8,392.92

Active members as of May 11, 1998 706
Subscription renewal rate 91%

George DuBose, AC4FQ
Treasurer



More Dayton Fun...

Bob Peters, K1JNN, and Jay Miller, KK5IM, take a break from the frantic buying and selling at their flea market booth. At right, Jim Stitzinger, WA3CEX, poses at the operator's desk of his restored Collins Communications Van which was the center piece of the CCA exhibit inside Hara Arena. Jim will also be bringing the van to the Dallas National Convention this coming October.

-W1RC, AC4FQ

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