

Summer Speaker Series

Thursday Evenings, July 5 - August 30



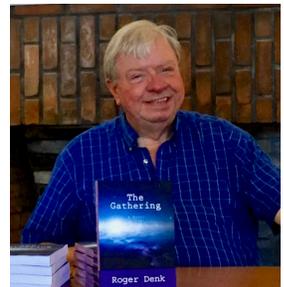
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center divides its 2018 Summer Speaker Series into two parts. July's programs will feature the history of Marconi in America, the formation of RCA's Chatham Radio operations, and what it was like to work there. The August programs will focus on acquisition of the former Marconi/RCA sites by the citizens of Chatham, and preservation of the history. Most programs will be presented in its air-conditioned Education Center at 831 Orleans Road, North Chatham MA 02650 (the large brick building on Route 28 opposite Ryder's Cove).



The Speaker Series is free to CMMC Members, and Members' courtesy Guest Passes will be honored. The General Admission fee for each non-member is \$5.00, and the fee for children age 12 and under is \$3.00. Each week's program will begin at 5:30 PM, and typically runs 60 to 90 minutes. No reservations are required.

July 5 "Alternating Currents: The Genius of and Competition Between Marconi and Tesla", with Dr. Roger Denk

ROGER DENK will focus on the ground-breaking work by these two men, with an emphasis on the personalities of each. Both men advanced science with incredible speed, but only one - Marconi - was successful financially. It will highlight Marconi's entrepreneurial sense and Tesla's failures. Whereas most of what we know of these two men recounts their work and achievements, the talk should add more substance and illuminate them as geniuses to whom owe much.



July 12 "The RCA Story", with Dick Kraycir

DICK KRAYCIR will continue with the RCA story that began when Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America made the landmark sale of the Chatham Campus to RCA. The sale may have been a boon to the American Marconi Company stockholders, but Princess Elettra Marconi remembers it as a tragedy. There are always winners and losers in deals like this. The Marconi Board of Directors' circular of November 1919 reveals that General Electric was a major influence on the establishment of RCA.

July 19 "Chatham Heard Round The World", with Dr. Ed Moxon

ED MOXON and co-presenters will discuss RCA's technological advance of 1948, building the South Chatham Transmitter facility. The 70th Anniversary of Chatham's Transmitters is the featured exhibit for 2018 at the museum.

July 26 "Working At Chatham Radio WCC", with Harris Pitnof

HARRIS PITNOF and co-presenters will tell their stories of what it was like to work at Chatham Radio WCC, and include stories about new technology that was introduced here over the years.

August 2 "Capturing History Part I", with Norman Pacun

NORM PACUN will tell the story of revealing the history of the Marconi/RCA Campus, and placing the site on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

August 9 "Capturing History Part II", with Maraide Sullivan

MARAIDE SULLIVAN and the FRIENDS OF FOREST BEACH will tell the story of how this group engineered the 1990 sale between MCI and the Town of Chatham of the nearly 100 acres of the Marconi/RCA Campus, preserving much of it from future development.

August 16 "2002-2003 - Founders of the First Museum", with Roslyn Coleman and the Museum Committee

ROZ COLEMAN narrates a slide show covering the years 2002 and 2003 when the first CMMC volunteers worked to help stabilize the buildings on the Marconi/RCA campus. The story continues with Princess Elettra Marconi's first visit to the campus and CMMC's new museum. Many members of that first museum committee, pictured below, will participate in telling the story.



August 23 "2003-2010 - Goals, Visions and Accomplishments", with Roslyn Coleman

ROZ COLEMAN and co-presenters narrate a slide show covering the years 2003 through 2010 as CMMC grew. AmeriCorp, the story of "The Untold Story", developing international connections, help from early corporate supporters, exchanges with sister Marconi sites such as Belmar, NJ, and an encouraging second visit by Princess Elettra Marconi. CMMC's "prime movers" such as Barbara Cotnam, Chris Seufert, Barbara Waters, Betty and Len Magnusson, and Ed Moxon will provide perspective.



August 30 "2003-2014 - Marconi Campus Renewal Years", with Alan McClennen



ALAN McCLENNEN, consultant to the Town of Chatham and advisor to CMMC, and co-presenters narrate a slide show telling how Chatham employed Community Preservation Act Funding to restore the Marconi/RCA Campus. The structures on this site comprise the last 1914-era Marconi Wireless campus to remain intact. Key participants Frank Messina, Chuck Bartlett, Sarah Peake, and Rick Roy have been invited to join the discussion.