



From February 1923 until October 1927 there was a decline in activity. This was largely brought on by the rise in broadcasting and neighborhood annoyance over interference from local wireless telegraph stations, both amateur and commercial. This situation became so acute that "quiet hours" were imposed on evening operation of amateur stations. This had a notable dampening effect on the growth of amateur activities. However, through the efforts of Charles H. Jenkins, 3VX; Evan L. Rhoads and W. Walter Filson, 3BEI; a small group, sometimes as few as 12, continued to meet at each others' homes. It was during this period when short waves were being pioneered that one of SJRA's members, Norman R. Weible, 3BWJ, a Collingswood High School student, gained national prominence by being the first North American amateur to communicate with a South American over new-fangled short wave length and vacuum tube transmitters. This was a turning point to a swing upward in what was re-named Amateur Radio.

The 16th Anniversary, in June 1932, was celebrated by meeting in new quarters located in the American Legion Hall, Audubon. On October 15th, a series of 5 Meter portable stations were set up by SJRA members from Camden across the state to Atlantic City, over which the respective Mayors Stewart and Bacharach had radiograms relayed to each other. A now amusing incident occurred which nearly wrecked the project--a gust of wind blew Mayor Bacharach's message out of the window atop a fire tower at one of the relay sites. After descent by the operator and a futile search for the paper in the woods below, a repeat message had to be obtained from the previous relay station and the day was saved.

Minutes of the club meeting held March 17, 1932 reveal that South Jersey Radio Association received a station license with the call W3CIV.



When it was learned that Sr. Guglielmo Marconi would be visiting the United States in the early Fall of 1933, a radiogram was sent inviting him to speak at a combined SJRA and Philadelphia IRE meeting. Only because of conflicts in a hectic itinerary we could not be favored, but a very cordial decline by Marconi is in the SJRA archives.

A record meeting attendance occurred on February 15th, 1934 when 364 amateurs and engineers turned out to hear Major Edwin Howard Armstrong, who was the inventor of regenerative, super-heterodyne, super-regenerative and frequency modulation circuits, give a talk. This was Armstrong's first public address after many years of patent litigation. Anticipating the large attendance, this SJRA meeting was held in the ballroom of the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden.

In 1935, after moving to the Birchwood Club, Haddonfield, another record attendance occurred when Kenneth B. Warner, then General Manager of ARRL and Editor of QST, spoke to 200 at the October 24th meeting.

The November 1936 meeting had John L. Rehnartz for the speaker on "The Angle of Radiation and It's Effect On Point-To-Point Transmission", then a very basic and original presentation in the technicals annals.

On occasion of SJRA's 20th Anniversary, June 18th, 1936, Eugene C. Woodruff, President, ARRL, was the principal speaker.

The South Jersey Radio Association became incorporated under New Jersey law on March 1, 1937.