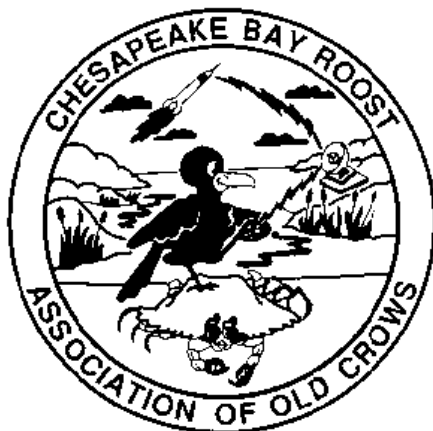


# CHESAPEAKE BAY

## ROOST

NEWSLETTER January 2008

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**Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, 17 Jan 2008  
1100 hours. in the HEM Conference Room!**

### From the President

#### **John's Corner**

Welcome to 2008, we had an exciting year in 2007, the Roost was very active. We won awards as the outstanding chapter in the large category and for recruiting the most new members in our region. The credit for those successes goes to you the members. I would like to thank Devi Rathod for her efforts in developing and administering the Roost membership program. We had excellent speakers for our luncheons thanks to the efforts of Devi and Jim Chism who defied all odds to find individuals to speak on rather short notice thanks for a job well done.

So what do we do for 2008? We must continue to develop the Roost by recruiting new members and participate more in community activities. We are once again asking for your support in planning the luncheons. Let us know what topics you would like addressed and if you know of a speaker let us know so that we may ask them to speak to us. In February there will be a Capitol Hill roundup where we get to meet with our representatives on the hill to solicit their support in sponsoring EW programs and other programs that impact the defense of our nation. Remember this also includes projects in the local area. If you would like to attend contact AOC headquarters at (703) 549-1600 or visit the website at [crows.org](http://crows.org).

As most of you are aware Blob's Park closed its doors for the final time on New Year's Day. We are actively seeking a new place to have the awards luncheon. If you have any suggestions please let a board of directors member aware of it so that we may take a look at the place.

Let us continue to work towards making the Chesapeake Bay Roost the model chapter in the AOC.

Here's hoping that each of you have a great 2008 and even greater years afterwards.

Regards

John Hawkins

Past President

([jhawkins@chesapeakebayaoc.org](mailto:jhawkins@chesapeakebayaoc.org))

### Monthly Membership Meeting Schedule

During the months of January through May 2008 the following activities are scheduled:

Jan	17	Thursday	Topic: "RF-over-fiber communications" Presenter: Mr. Bruce Montgomery
Feb	21	Thursday	Topic: TBD Presenter: TBD
Mar	20	Thursday	Topic: "Flexceiver, a software-defined radio with EW capabilities" Presenter: Mr. Mike Pascale
Apr	17	Thursday	TBD
May	8	Thursday	Scholar's Dinner and Awards

### *Chesapeake Bay Roost has a Home Page on the Internet!!!*

To access the home page on the Internet set your browser to:

<http://www.chesapeakebay/aoc.org>

Or go to the national web page at

<http://www.crows.org/linksChapters.htm>

and click on Chesapeake Bay Roost which is hyperlinked to our home page.

Once on the Chesapeake Bay Roost home page the following are available to you by clicking on them:

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[Awards](#)   [Historic Electronic Museum](#)

## Hail and Farewell

During the year we have gained and lost several of our membership due to many factors. Welcome to the new members we hope that you will enjoy being a part of the Chesapeake Bay Roost. Please provide a current email address to Jim Chism at [jchism@chesapeakebayaoc.org](mailto:jchism@chesapeakebayaoc.org).

To those that are departing we say farewell and that we have enjoyed your support for the Roost and the AOC and you will be missed. Please feel free to visit the roost meetings whenever you are in the area.

## Annual Awards Program and Holiday Party – Blob’s Park – 13 Dec 2007

Jim Chism

On 13 December, 84 Chesapeake Bay Roost members attended the chapters Holiday Party and award ceremony at Blob’s Park. All attendees enjoyed a sumptuous German buffet and corporate mementos provided by our corporate sponsors. This is the final year for the Holiday Party at Blob’s park since it closed the end of December 2007. The Chesapeake Roost wants to thank and recognize the following companies who made significant contributions to the CBR and AOC:

AAI  
Carwithen Assoc.  
Northrop Grumman  
Spyrus  
Micro Lambda  
Big Crow Management Office

Many thanks to Major Mike Miller for arranging for the color guard and chaplain for the event. Also thanks to Stephanie McClerman, AAI Corp, for producing the Holiday Award programs.

Our President recognized the following for their efforts and contribution to the AOC:

President’s Award  
Andy Vittoria

The Special Award was given to the Patriots Roost for their outstanding support to our Scholar’s Program.

The President also presented an award in appreciation to the following for their support at the

International Conference and Symposium in Florida:

Gloria Hawkins  
Devi Rathod-Hardesty  
Betty McCarty  
Dee Hill

Last but certainly not least, MSgt Tammy Lepird was recognized for her support to our enlisted personnel scholar’s award program.

It was acknowledged that the following roost members were honored at the convention in Orlando:

John Ohara, Gold Medal winner  
Roger Chang, Life Achievement Honoree  
John Hawkins, Life Achievement Honoree  
John McCarty, elected to the EW Hall of Fame.

## AOC Chapters of the Year 2006-2007

Policy and Procedures Memorandum 5-9 defines the criteria for selection of the Chapters of the Year. Chapter awards are given in three categories based on chapter sizes of large, medium, and small. Awards are given to the highest scoring chapter in each category. The evaluation of all sub-missions used a point structure based on the significance of each activity to the membership and the association. The selection was based on two major factors: what the individual chapter has done to further the goals of the association, and what it has done for its members. Announcement of the Chapters of the Year, and presentation of all other chapter awards was made at the Annual Chapter President's meeting during the AOC International Symposium and Convention in Orlando, FL in October 2007.

### Large Chapter (300+ members):

Chapter of the Year  
Dixie Crow Chapter

### Outstanding Chapters of the Year

Chesapeake Bay Roost  
Billy Mitchell Chapter

## Chapter Growth – Recruiting Mid Atlantic Region

### Chesapeake Bay Roost

#### **Scholarship Dinner –8 May 08**

by Roger Chang, Scholarship Chairperson

The Chesapeake Bay Roost will host its 22nd Annual Scholar's Recognition Dinner in the Pioneer Hall of the Historical Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD. The Chesapeake Bay Roost has given over \$200,000 in scholarship to high school students and enlisted scholars for over 20 years. Please plan on joining us on May 8, 2008 at the Historical Electronics Museum in Linthicum, Maryland for dinner, and guided tour of the Museum and presentations to honor our 2008 Scholarship and enlisted grant winners.



#### **Capitol Hill Awareness Day**

February 27-28, 2008 ♦ Washington, DC

AOC members are encouraged to attend the annual Capitol Hill Awareness Day (CHAD) immediately following the conclusion of the Capitol Hill Conference. CHAD is designed to train AOC members to effectively communicate to Congress and provide members the opportunity to meet their congressional representatives. CHAD is FREE, but you must be an AOC member to attend. For our international members, you are welcome to register and attend all session as well as the welcome reception; however, congressional meetings are reserved for U.S. citizens only.

#### **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 27**  
**The Ronald Reagan Building (Horizon Room)**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Begins at 2:00 p.m.**

Session 1: AOC Issues for the 110th Congress  
Session 2: How to Effectively Communicate to Congress  
Welcome Reception at the Capitol Hill Club, Washington, DC

**Thursday, February 28**  
**Capitol Hill**  
**Washington, DC**

Session 3: Congressional Perspective on EW  
Congressional Meetings  
Informal Debrief (TBD)

Go to URL:

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**Registration Form (pdf)**  
**On-Line Member Registration**  
**On-Line Non-Member Registration**

**Register on-line today to JOIN  
or RENEW your current  
membership!**

#### **I am not an individual member, how do I join?**

1. Go to the homepage (<http://www.crows.org>)
2. Click on the “Join AOC Today” icon or text located on the top right of the page
3. Fill out the “Join Association as Individual” page
4. Enter your payment information
5. Once you enter your payment information you will be given your membership ID on the next page
6. Click done and you will be directed to the member login page
7. You will receive a confirmation email when the transaction is complete

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## Help Spread the Word

By Charles Senft and John McCarty

As you may all ready know the Historical Electronics Museum (H.E.M.) is the repository for Association of Old Crows artifacts and historical literature. These items have been very helpful in preparing exhibits and displays, which are used to assist the general public in understanding of the role that Electronics play in the preservation of the nation and the protection of the War Fighters. However what the museum needs now is different materials that could be used to develop new and possibly more current displays. If each you would look around your work place and associated areas to see if there are old displays, mockups, prototype systems or other materials no long used that could contribute to an educational display. Please contact John McCarty at the H.E.M. by phone 410-765-6162 or e-mail [john\\_mccarty@yahoo.com](mailto:john_mccarty@yahoo.com) or P.O. Box 1693 MS-4015 Baltimore MD 21203. Any contributions or donations when on display will credit the donor and/or the source of the contributing agency if desired.

# 45th Annual AOC International Symposium and Convention

October 19-22, 2008

Reno,NV

Don't forget to budget for the 2008 International Symposium and Convention to be held in Reno, Navada. More information will be posted at the AOC web site:

[https://www.myaoc.org/EWEB/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=08CONV\\_Preview](https://www.myaoc.org/EWEB/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=08CONV_Preview)

