

## Special Exhibits

Did you know that the Lower Mainland of BC was



home to several radio and television manufactures like Spilsbury & Tindall, Vancouver Radio Laboratories/Chisholm and Glenayre? Or that the 'walkie-talkie' was developed by a local? Well now is your chance to find out more as we have dedicated exhibits on these for you to explore...

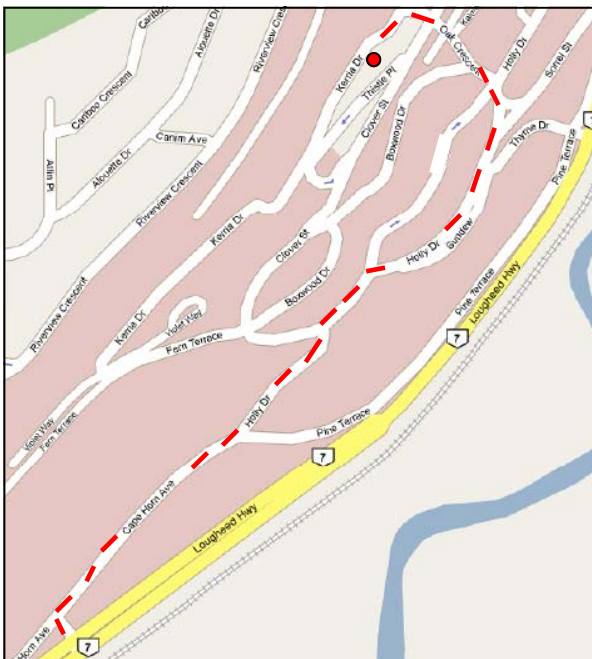


The part radio played in the rescue of the survivors of the 'Titanic' is well-known. SPARC has a replica of the radio room on the 'Carpathia' for visitors to explore and imagine what it would have been like that terrible April night in 1912. Imagine the desperate 'SOS' messages sent from the Titanic, and the excitement and disbelief of the radio operator aboard the Carpathia! Our replica is filled with authentic-era equipment and displays.

## How to find us & Information

We are located in the scenic grounds of the Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam. Turn off the Lougheed Highway at the lights opposite Colony Farm road, and then turn right into the Riverview grounds. Follow Cape Horne into Holly Drive, turn left at Oak Crescent and then left at Kerria Drive. (Look out for the few 'SPARC' lawn signs.)

SPARC is open from 10:00am through 4:00pm Sundays or by appointment. Admission by donation. Ample free parking near by.



SPARC is a non-affiliated charity museum and preservation society (registered federal charity # 88967 6177 RR0001) established for the preservation of antique radio in Canada. It does not promote individual collectors, or personal sales and repairs of electronic equipment. SPARC will undertake repair and restoration work on behalf of the public on a donation basis. All work will be undertaken by experienced volunteers.

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## SPARC Radio Museum



Ever wondered about the inventions and history behind those devices we all take for granted like broadcast radio, TV, and even mp3 players and DVDs? Whether you have or not, a visit to **SPARC** museum (**Society for the Preservation of Antique Radio in Canada**) will provide the answers, and will take you through almost 150 years of interesting exhibits—memory lane for some—and never-seen-before amazement for others.

Interested? Come for a visit and look at our website: [www3.telus.net/radiomuseum](http://www3.telus.net/radiomuseum) or just search for SPARC Radio Museum on the internet.

## About SPARC



SPARC was founded in the early 1990's by a dedicated group of radio enthusiasts focused on preserving the history of electronic communications in the 19th and 20th centuries. The then new electronic media influenced and transformed our lives beyond all recognition. It brought local, national and worldwide communications into our homes, first with radio, soon to be followed by television, 'hi-fi' and computing. We take all these electronic communications devices for granted these days, but it is worthwhile to take some time to see and appreciate the inventions and progress of electronic technology through the decades.



## Our Displays

There are many facets to Radio, and our exhibits reflect this. Sections are devoted to 'consumer' radio and television, others to military communications and marine radio, and finally an amateur radio (or 'Ham') section. And throughout SPARC Museum you will see displays that are filled with artefacts that are whimsical and even unbelievable, but always educational.



Unlike many museums, many of our exhibits 'work' - they do stuff. We can play music from wax cylinders, or tune into modern-day stations with 80 year-old technology (yes it works!), and we even have our own, fully operational broadcasting studio.



## A Working Museum

The beauty of SPARC is that it is a dynamic and living entity, not just a museum of 'old stuff'. In addition to our exhibit areas, we have large stockrooms of radio equipment and parts that are used in the restoration of new exhibits or radios brought in by members of the public who may wish to have a prized family heirloom restored. To this end, many of our volunteers work at our well-equipped workbenches and re-finish shop. Visitors are most welcome to see restoration in action, as well as discuss techniques with our volunteers. If you are interested, become a volunteer yourself and we will teach you how to bring sets that have been 'dead' for decades back to life!

From this...



To this!

