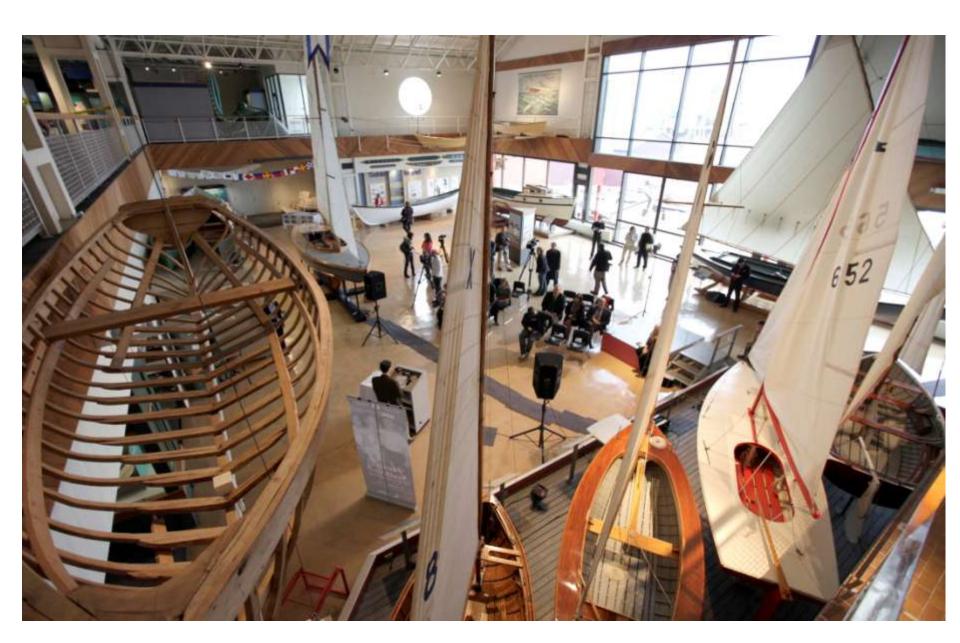
# HARC's New Exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (MMA)



MMA Focus: history of ships, small craft, sailing, and sailors in the Maritimes

#### MMA's main exhibition hall. HARC exhibit is on balcony facing hall.



#### **HARC's Permanent MMA Exhibit**

A large, new "Radio Office" with:

- Part A. A working modern amateur radio station
  - -CW/SSB/Digital
  - HF + 2m
- Part B. A working 1940s-1960s ship-board commercial/navy "radio office"
  - -CW/AM/MCW
  - -375 kc to 14.0 Mc

Antennas: -80/40 m doublet

- -40-10 m multiband vertical
- -2 m vertical

## The radio office's story for MMA visitors

Radio at Sea: ended age-old isolation of ships out of sight of land

- Greatly aided navigation:
  - accurate time for longitudes
  - coastal beacons, RDF
  - WX forecasts
- RX and TX distress calls
- Coordination of ships at sea
- Links with land



#### What Type of Ship's Radio Office Should Be Displayed?

Varied with: -time period,

-ship type and size,

-radio equipment used

1940s Marconi gear



1950s RCA Radiomarine gear



# Heart of the HARC 1940-1960s ship radio office display: The Canadian Marconi CM-11 Ship Transmitter-Receiver

#### Why the CM-11??

- -all Canadian design and manufacture
- -widely used 1942-1970s on ships + shore
- -uses available tubes and 115 VAC
- -I found two for free!!
- CM-11 "vital statistics"
- -TX + RX: 375-515 kc, 1.5-14.0 Mc
- RX ONLY: 78-550 kc, 14-30 Mc
- -23 tubes, Xtal or VFO frequency control
- AM, CW, MCW, RTTY
- -OUTPUT: 30W AM, 70 W MCW, 100W CW
- -WEIGHT: 479 lbs

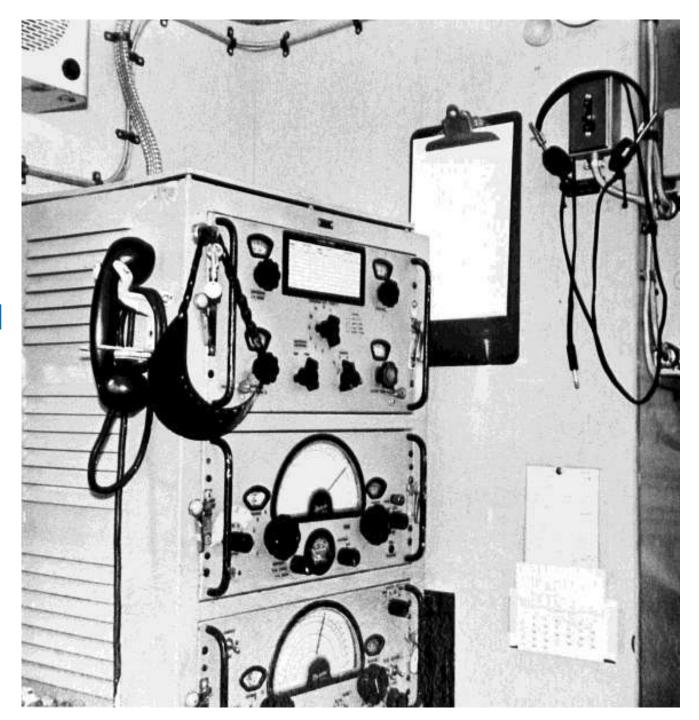


1960s Radio #1 in RCN destroyer *Haida*: multiple listening posts with CSR-5s, and remote units to operate CM-11s in Radio #2



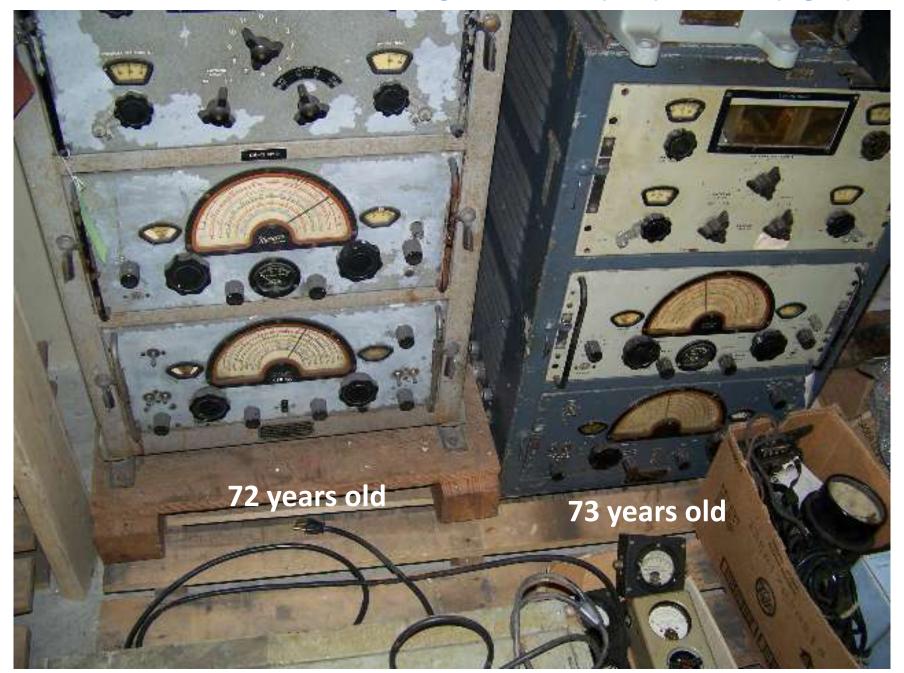
Sackville's radio office (1940s): locally operated CM-11

Tnx, Spud!





Quebec Radio Museum storage: CM-11A (left), CM-11 (right)



"As received" finish on the power supply



# May 2015: two CM-11s arrive in Canard!



#### **Goal:**

#### **CM-11 Restoration**

- -to good working order
- -to original appearance
- -with "period" accessories
- -with clear description of uses



### The CM-11 Restoration:

- 1. Diasassemble (12 subunits)
- 2. Choose units to restore, cannibalize
- 3. Strip down, clean, re-paint
- 4. Obtain missing parts + accessories
- 5. Overhaul mechanically
- 6. Ohmmeter, tube + capacitor tester checks
- 7. Overhaul electrically
- 8. Assemble subunits (TX, RX, Tuner, + 3 P/S sections)
- 9. Apply power to subunits
- 10. Test/Troubleshoot and Align subunits
- 11. Apply power to complete CM-11 + Test

**CSR-5A** in original paint color



CM-11A Power Supply: 250 lbs!





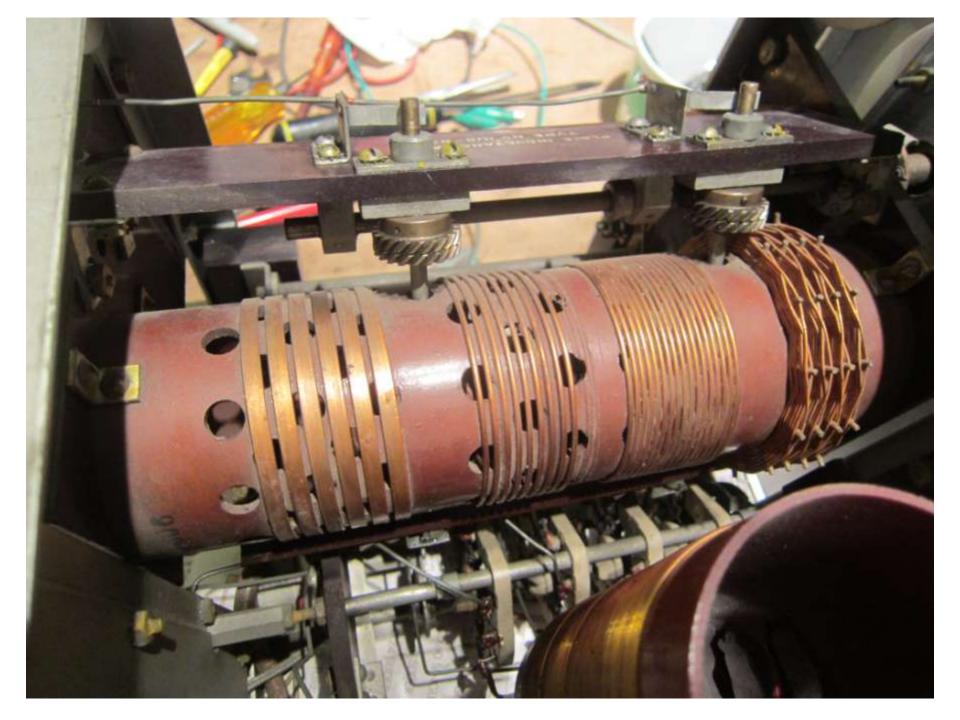


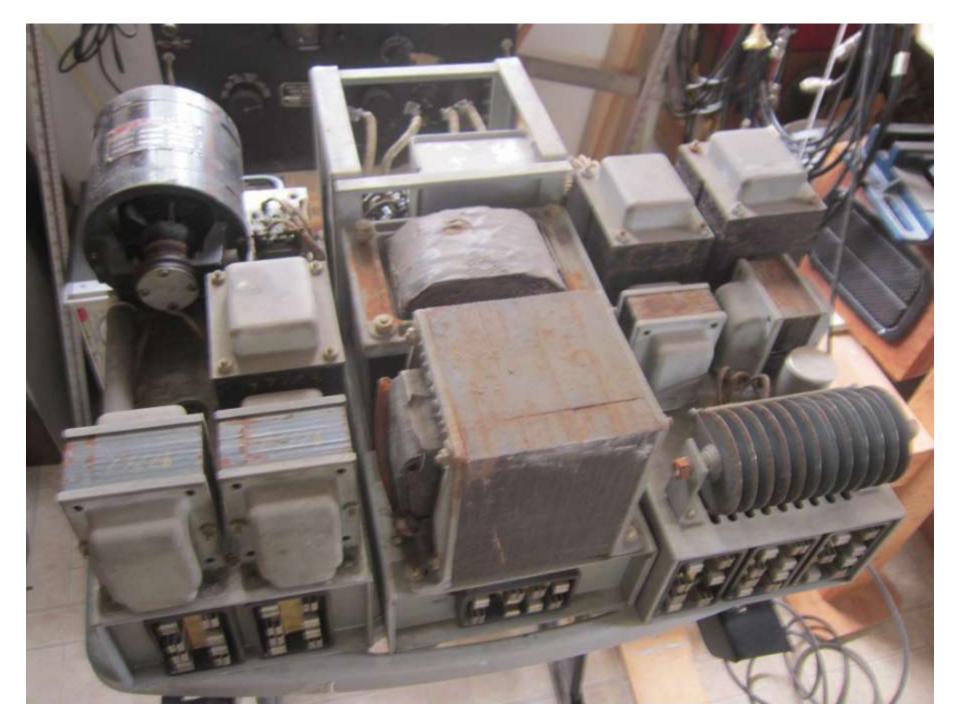




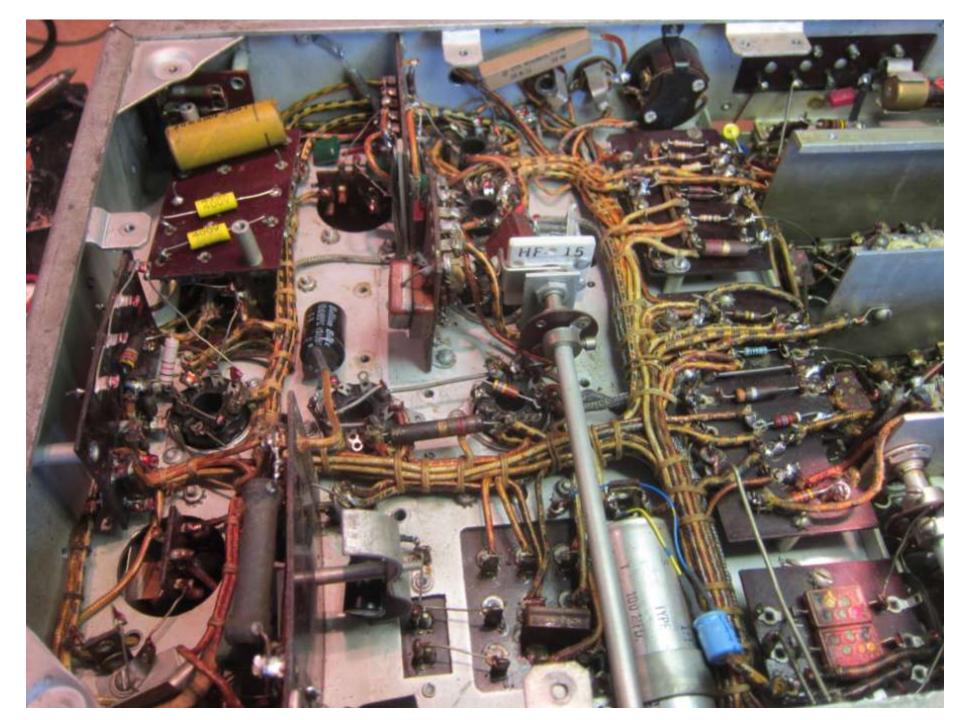


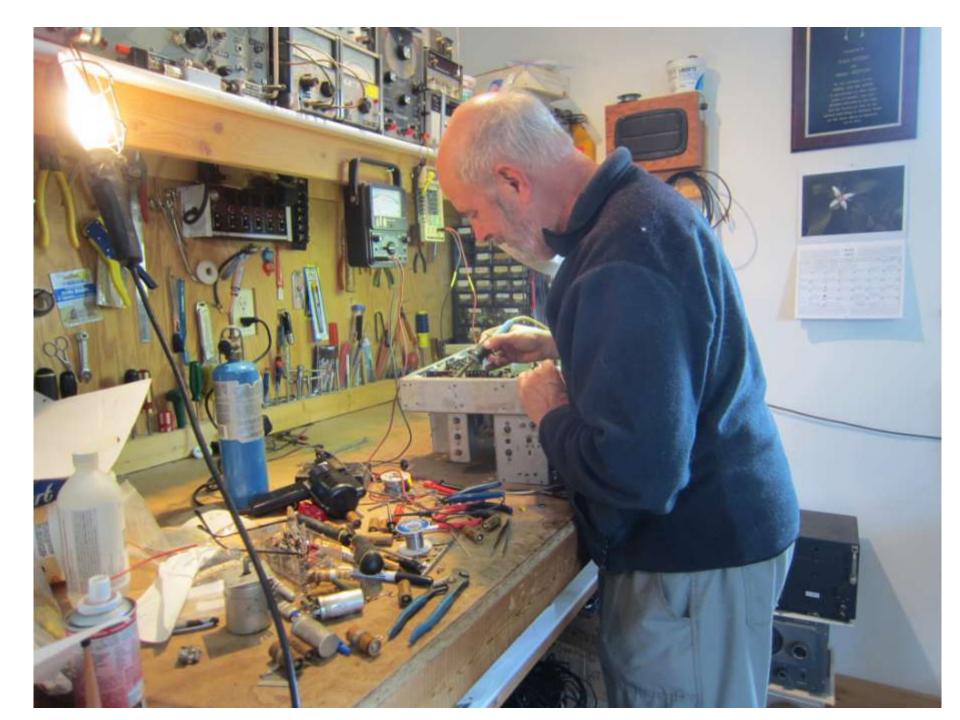


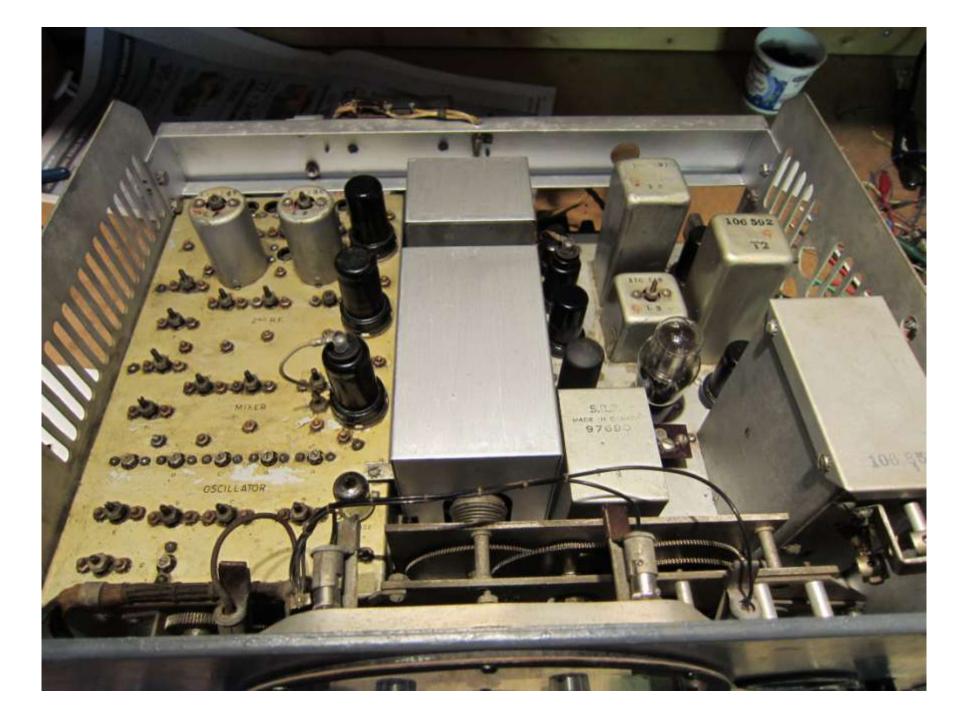












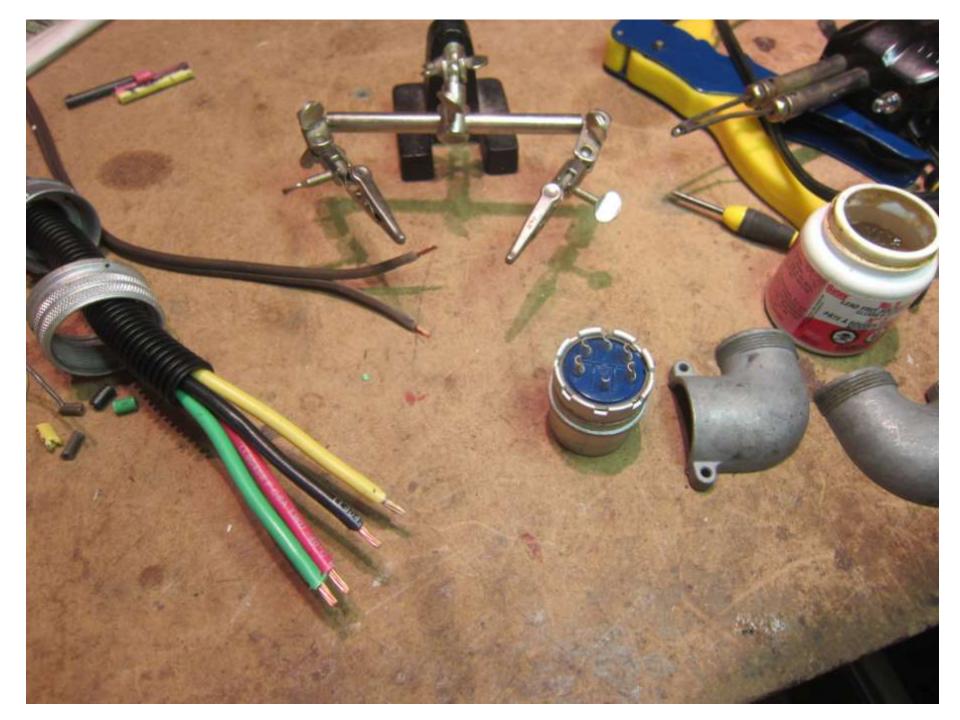














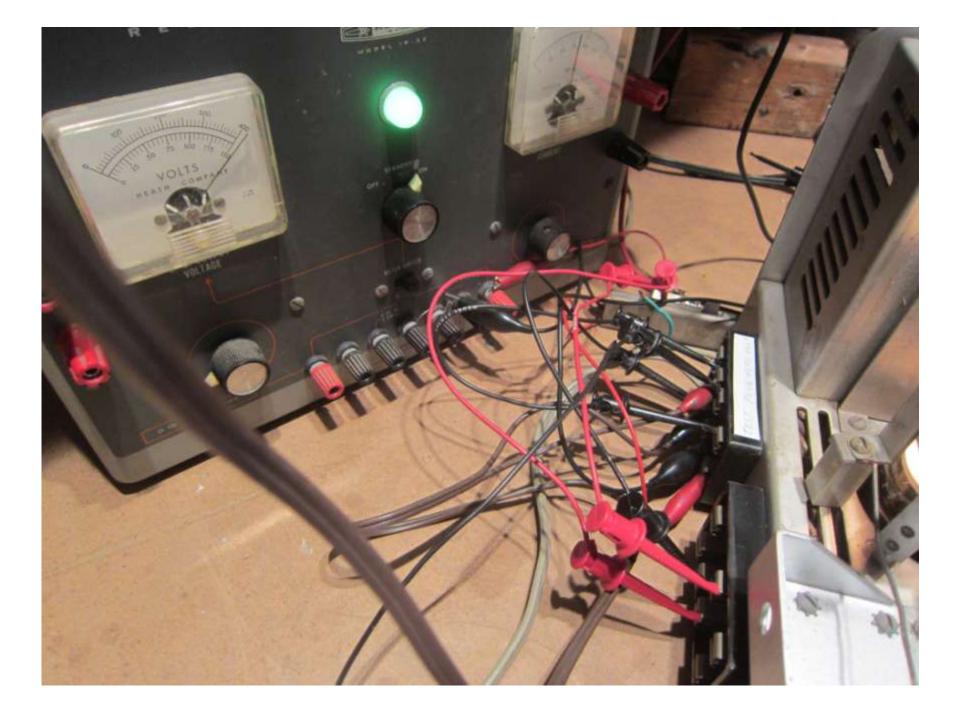
# The missing "Test Cable" and its snatch plugs

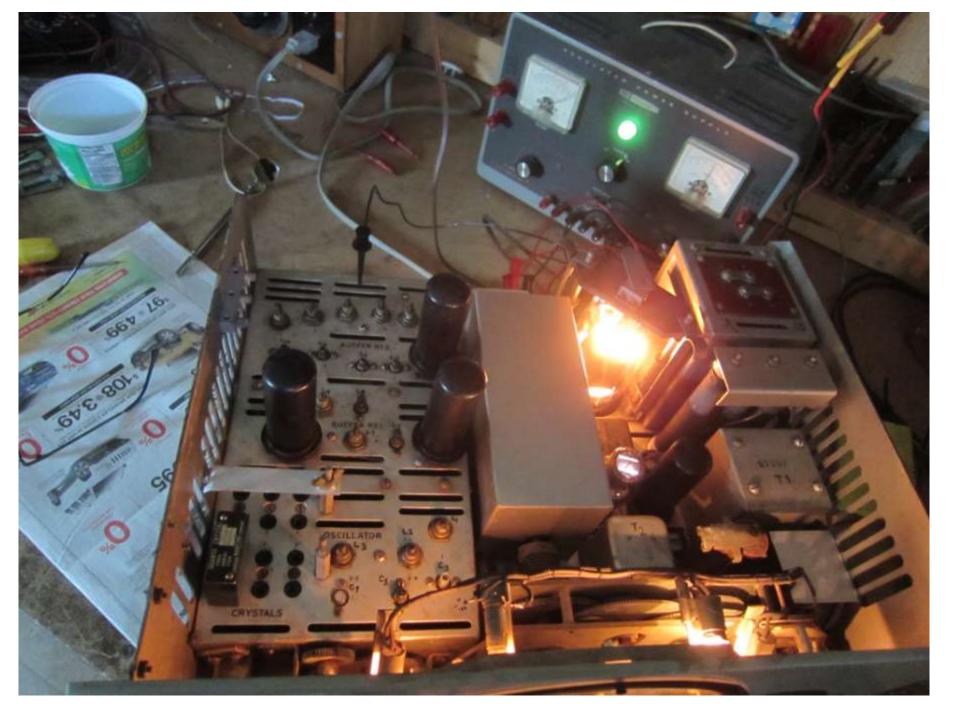
















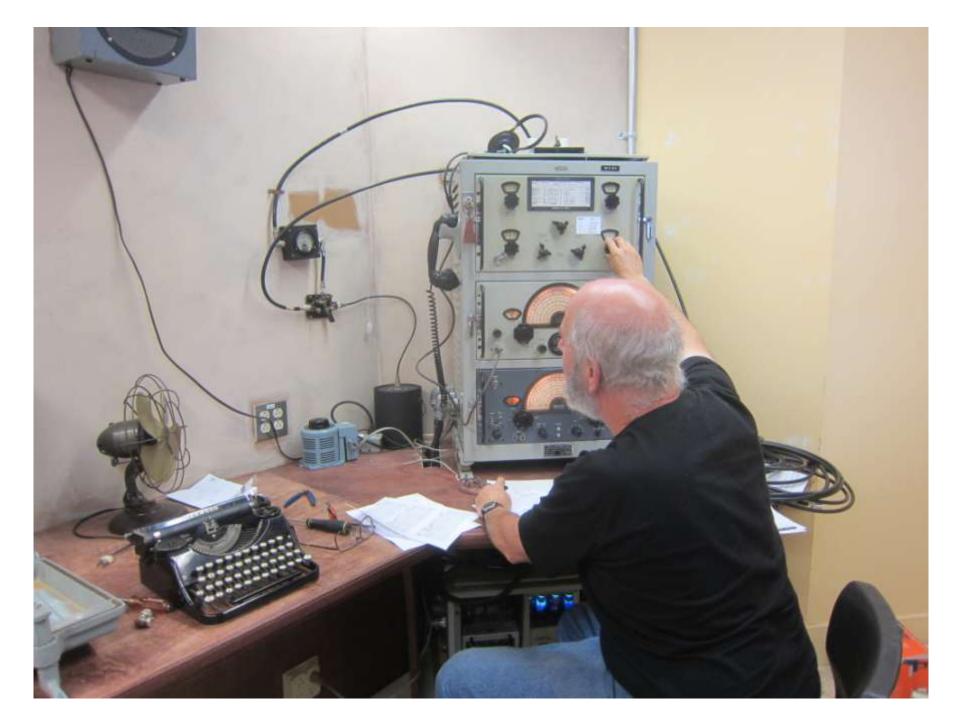






**Room built for HARC radio displays** 





#### **Amateur Station**

## **Ship's Radio Office**



# 1940s remote unit for CM-11 (for bridge, etc.)





## Not quite finished.....







# Tnx!

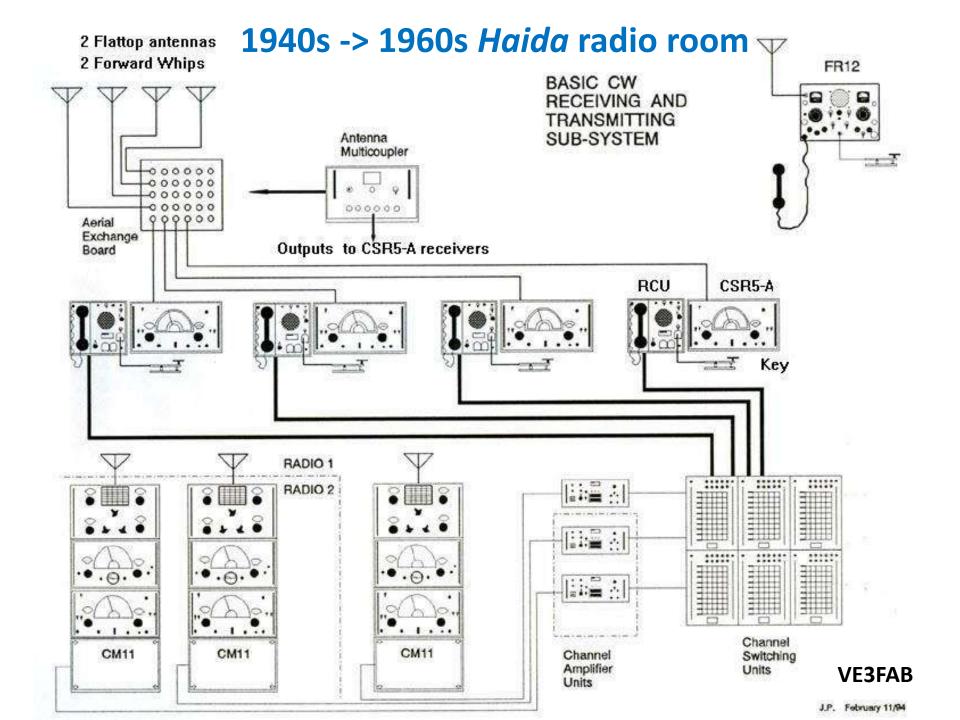
- Musee Quebequois de la Radio
  - Jacques Hamel: VE2DJQ Gave us two CM-11s
  - Donald Courcy: VE1SS Lots of moving muscle for CM-11s
    HARC
  - -Erik Hein VE1JEH Transported the brutes from Sorel, QC to Canard, NS!

#### **OTHER**

- -Tom Brent: CM-11 aficianado –575 kHz XTAL Filter
- -Jerry Proc: VE3FAB -HAIDA Radio Room restorer/info + manual source
- -Bill Perry: Mr. Amphenol connector
- -Wayne Blenkhorn: VE1BAB: key, decals, advice (former CM-11 operator)
- -Corey Mullins: MMA tech who built the Radio Office!

Listening in a ship's radio office with the CM-11's CSR-5 receiver





Radio office #1 on *Haida*. Remote units control CM-11s



#### Radio Office #2 on Haida

You can tell these CM-11s are mainly run in remote:

-no mill (typewriter)

-no key



### CM-11 and second CSR-5 RX often used together



**CM-11--> TX-RX** 

Combined Morse and radio training on the CSR-5 in WW2

