



CHATHAM MARCONI MARITIME CENTER 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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2025: A Year of Change and Growth

Dear Members and Friends,

We are proud to share the remarkable progress we've made together in 2025. Thanks to your support, the Center strengthened its role as a vibrant hub where innovation, history and learning come together.

It was a successful operating year for the Center, anchored by solid Museum revenues (\$48K) and capped by the most successful general fundraising campaign in the Center's history (\$130K).

We exited the year with valuable lessons about updating our infrastructure, strengthening education programs, and improving business practices. The Center welcomed a new executive director, treasurer and bookkeeper who quickly became a very effective team. Our operating budgets are well controlled, and our endowment continued to grow and is poised to surpass \$500K in 2026.

Strengthening Partnerships

Collaboration is a cornerstone of our success. Through partnerships with educational institutions, community organizations and industry leaders, we expand our reach and amplify our impact, bringing new perspectives and opportunities to the public. In particular, we want to acknowledge the F. J. Brotherton Charitable Trust

for a grant to upgrade the Museum's exhibits, and the Roessner Family Foundation for a grant to enrich the museum experience for older students.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we are energized by the opportunities before us. Plans are underway to make the 20th century history of Chatham Radio/WCC relevant to 21st century generations through new and enhanced exhibits, while strengthening the museum's companion STEM education outreach. With the nation's 250th anniversary, we are especially excited to share Chatham's unique role in global communication with a new audience of American history enthusiasts. Your support as a donor, member or volunteer makes all of this possible. Your generosity and engagement help us honor the past and inspire the future.

Thank you for being part of the Chatham Marconi community!

Bob Fishback
President

Jen Falvey
Executive Director

Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

Sources of Funds

\$234,000



While Chatham Marconi's revenue generation reflects the seasonal nature of social and economic activity on Cape Cod, the museum hosts visitors and offers education programs year-round. The Center's success depends on your generous support. Memberships, admissions and fees generate less than half of our budget. Grants, corporate sponsorships and individual donations are crucial to bridge the gap and meet each year's operational budget by funding operations, new exhibits, educational programs and special events.

The Center operates on a calendar-year fiscal basis. 2025 was a notably strong year for donations and a building year for internal operations. The charts at left summarize the Center's sources and uses of operating funds. Of note, \$44,000 of restricted funds reserved for new exhibits and approximately \$6,000 reserved for the Chatham Marconi TechSmart educational initiative were expended in 2025 and partially offset by current income.

Uses of Funds

\$229,000



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The Center's most recent IRS Form 990 is available on our website.

Museum Honors Station's Critical Role in WW II

Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum brings to life the extraordinary story of 20th century wireless telegraphy communication and its global impact. Through interactive exhibits and interpretation, we ensure that the legacy of Chatham Radio/WCC remains accessible and inspiring to people of all ages, including 3,800 who visited in 2025. Exhibit preparations delayed the Museum's opening until May, but revenues rebounded and slightly exceeded 2024's full-year results. Many thanks to David Smith and the volunteer Museum Committee for both the new exhibit and the excellent operating results.

The Museum marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the Battle of the Atlantic and the station's crucial role in bringing the war to a close. Chatham's strategic location made it an important military site hosting Navy, Army and Coast Guard installations. None was more important than Station C, the Navy's designation for Chatham Radio's facilities. A top-secret installation covertly intercepting U-boats' encrypted wireless messages, it enabled the Allies to dramatically reduce devastating losses of ships



and supplies supporting the war in Europe. The Museum's collection includes many original WW II artifacts, and ***Can You Keep a Really Big Secret?*** proved eye-opening for visitors, showing Station C's significant contributions, life in Chatham, and Cape Cod's role in preparation for the D-Day invasion.

Our popular 2023 exhibit, ***Golden Age of Trans-Atlantic Ocean Liners*** was extended for another season, and Max Smith, a museum studies graduate student, returned as summer museum manager, working with a crew of dedicated volunteer docents to give visitors insights into Chatham Radio/WCC and Station C.

Learning the Science and the Story



Teaching the science of wireless communication and sharing the story of the station are central to Chatham Marconi's work, with in-school and on-campus education programs to promote STEM learning and awareness of the science behind our wireless modern life. New 2025 grant

funding enables us to expand the scope of our programs to include museum-based history projects for secondary school and college students.

Chatham Marconi TechSmart's mission is to prepare children for success in a connected world by exploring the power and possibilities of information technology. With the support of family foundations and individual donors, we have provided no-cost classroom communication science lessons and museum field trips to hundreds of local fourth grade children since 2019. Modifications instituted this year are designed to ensure that TechSmart can continue to bring STEM enrichment opportunities to Cape Cod children in the coming years.

Summer STEM, our on-campus classes for elementary and middle school children living or vacationing on the Cape, once again engaged participants in the excitement of exploring science, technology, engineering and math. In classes including robotics, astronomy and Minecraft, they experimented with new ideas and creative activities and shared enthusiastic reviews about fun and memorable learning experiences. We've added new classes for 2026, and our teachers look forward to welcoming young scientists for another great summer!

New directions in education at the Center will be possible thanks to the Roessner Family Foundation's **Marconi-RCA Museum History Grant** to fund the first phase of a history education program. This collaboration between history teachers and museum docents builds upon the station's unique history and primary source materials to engage older students in museum experiences and foster their appreciation of local maritime communication history.

Our education programs are made possible by donors' commitment to learning and consistent support. Thank you for helping us "touch the future."

Chuck Bartlett Named Director Emeritus

A Chatham Marconi Maritime Center Founder, long-time President, and Education Director, Chuck Bartlett has invested countless hours and boundless commitment in the success of the Center. With his retirement from the Board, he can now add Director Emeritus to his accomplishments. With gratitude for his many contributions and 23 years of service, the Board of Directors unanimously approved his selection in June.

Chuck and Stephanie Bartlett and their family have been members of Chatham Marconi from the very beginning and contributed to the Center's vitality with over two decades of involvement in a variety of roles. Our longest-serving Board President, an Executive Director, and Director of Education, Chuck has been a dedicated advocate for educational opportunities and a driving force behind the development of STEM programs for local children and summer visitors to the Cape.

As President, he led the Center through major challenges including passing two bills in the State Legislature and raising a million dollars for the building renovation and start up of the Museum and Education Center.



Chuck with Princess Elettra Marconi Giovannelli

"I was originally attracted to Chatham Marconi because of its efforts to revitalize the old Marconi-RCA radio station and tell the story of what went on there during most of the last century. Like many other people, I had driven by the campus for years but never knew that during its heyday the station was the busiest ship-to-shore radio station in the country. It's a great story to tell, and we have a very engaging museum."

Chuck Bartlett, Director Emeritus

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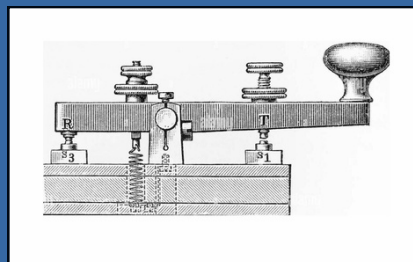
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