

# HISTORY

Gothenburg's Radio Museum is run on a voluntary basis by members of the Radio History Society in West Sweden.

The Society was founded at a conference arranged by the Association of Swedish Radio Amateurs and held at the Industrial Museum in Gothenburg December 3 1983.

The initiators were Ulf Sjöden/SM6CVE, Erik Bergsten/SM6DGR and Bo Stjernberg/SM6ASD, all radio amateurs. They contacted Ingegerd Särilvik PhD, the Head of the Industrial Museum, other radio amateurs from West Sweden, Edgar Tobiasson, then the head of Swedish Telecom Radio, and Veine Andersson, Master of Engineering, of the Tateco company. They all reacted positively to the proposal to found a historical amateur radio society – they were after all, with few exceptions, radio amateurs themselves.

Erik Bergsten was chosen as the first chairman of the Society, which was named "The Historical Radio Society of West Sweden".

The Society's activities were established and integrated with the Industrial Museum, where items of radio equipment collected by the members were put on display. Later however, the museum was faced with the threat of closure. The Society went in search of premises where it would be able to display, under its own management, the technology of the radio equipment collected over several years. As a result, the Society was allowed to rent the unused Design Office of the old Taverner Shipyard.

At this time the Society changed its name to The Radio History Society of West Sweden (Radiohistoriska Föreningen i Västsverige). The name indicates a wider area in radio technology than just amateur transmission. The Society, under its new name has thrived ever since and is responsible for the upkeep of the Radio Museum. The museum opened on May 3 1994 in its present premises.

The Radio History Society of West Sweden

## RADIOMUSEET

(The Radio museum)

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Book guided tours and hire meeting rooms

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The Radio Museum is situated in the center of what is now the most expansive area in Gothenburg, Norra Älvstranden, with Ericsson, Sigma, Navet, Semcon, Caran, Chalmers TH and Lindholmen Science Park as its nearest neighbors.

*Finding your way to the Radio Museum (Radiomuseet):*

BY CAR

From E6, E20, RV40 or RV45 follow the signs for "Hisingen" and then for "155 Öckerö/N Älvstranden". Take the left exit to "Lindholmen / Lundby Strand".

BY BUS

Take bus nr16 from Brunnsparken to Regnbågsgatan. Check the bus timetable at "Tidpunkten" 0771-41 43 00 or [www.vasttrafik.se](http://www.vasttrafik.se)

BY BOAT

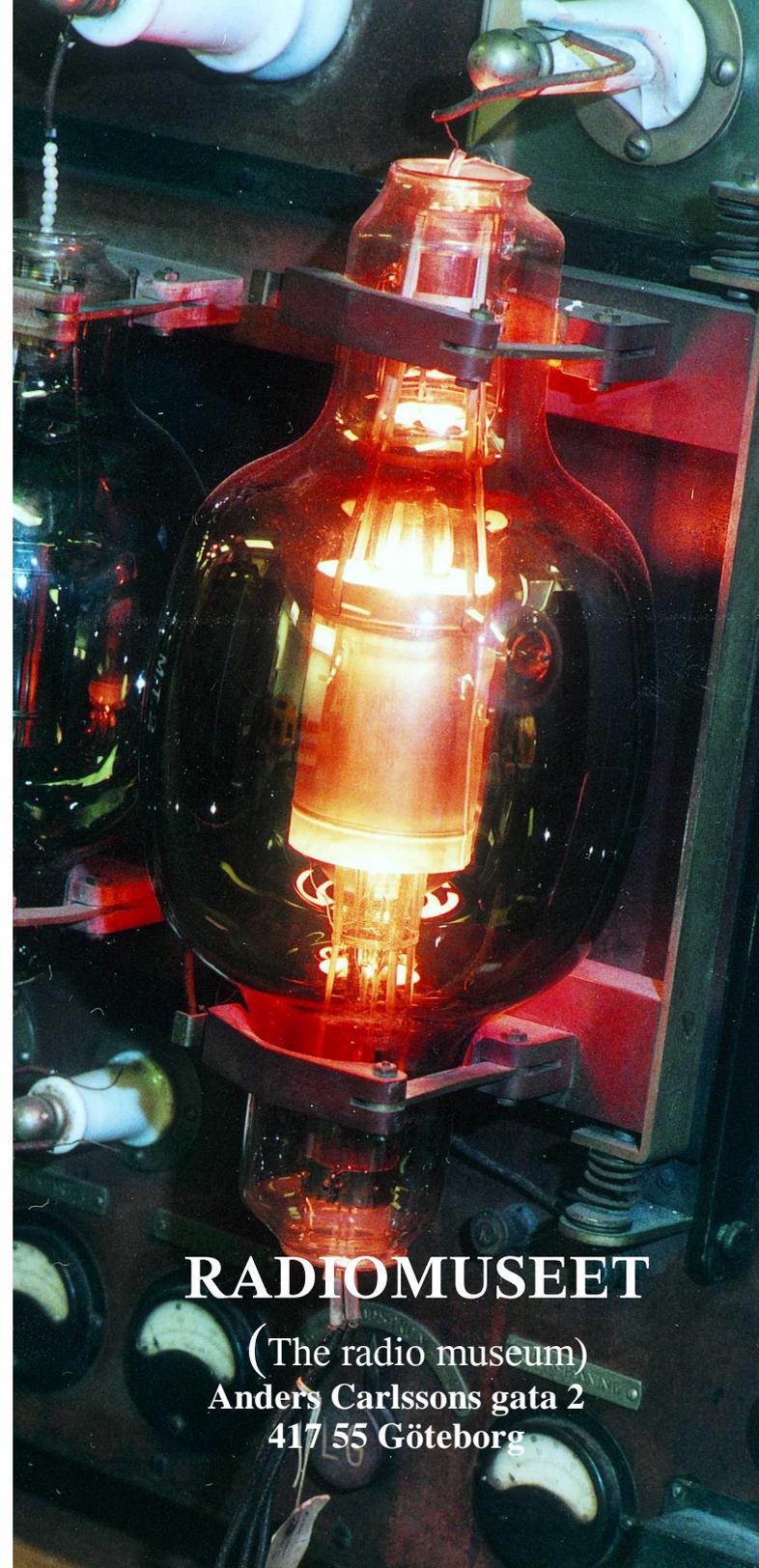
The ferry Älvsnabben / Älvsnabbare from Lilla Bommen or Rosenlund to stop Lundby Strand. Check the ferry timetable at "Tidpunkten" 0771-41 43 00 or [www.vasttrafik.se](http://www.vasttrafik.se)

### Opening hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12-15
Wednesday	12-20
Thursday	12-15
Friday	12-15

Saturday and Sunday 12 to 15 with the exception for larger holidays when the museum is closed.

By request, other opening hours can be arranged.



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The museum's area of more than 900 m<sup>2</sup> is filled with various types of radio equipment. The exhibition covers over the whole range of equipment from crystal receivers to luxurious stereo cabinets, televisions, and of course portable car radio equipment.

The TV section has 'do-it-yourself' kits from ELFA, from the time when it was cheaper to build your own TV than to buy it. It also includes the famous nylon stocking, which was rumored to convert a black and white TV into a color TV! AGA's classic and elegant corner TV in hardwood is also included in the collection.

Radio communication between vessels at sea and land bases has been important ever since time of Titanic, both for safety at sea and for contact between seaman and their relatives at home. Equipment for telegraphers at sea and the complete base station that was used at the Gothenburg Radio Station, a complete radio from MS Stena Gothica and different types of lifeboat radios – all this exhibited at the Radio Museum.

People who served military service as radio operators or technicians will appreciate the large number of Swedish military radios in the Military Radio section, and there are English, American, German and Russian radios to compare with. The unique radio transmitters that were mounted in English Liberator areoplans are also on display.

The area of land mobile radio with mobile phones is a new area that shows the development within the area of telephone and professional communication.

We have many examples of American radio equipment, bought by amateur radio enthusiasts and modified and adjusted for amateur radio traffic.

A large number of components and measurement instruments that have relevance for radio are available for study.

The museum has a shop that sells components, valves, radio equipment and unique radio literature.

The museum has a reference library with over 6000 books, magazines and service manuals from all over the world.



*K. G. Eliassons student project when he studied at Chalmers 1903. He started Gothenburg's first broadcasting transmitter 15 January 1923.*

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It accommodates ca 80 people.

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There you can:

- Take a virtual tour at the museum
- Search the museum's collection and library
- Study the museum shop stock
- Listen to radio reports about the museum
- Read about planned activities
- Read our members magazine Audionen
- Advertise and read our advertisements
- Discuss radio matters in the Radio museum discussion forum



The development of radio technique from when Marconi completed his first radio transmission over the Atlantic ocean until our time has been of great importance for the development of the Swedish society.

Current technology such as GPS, DECT, GSM, GPRS, EDGE and UMTS with mobile Internet, enables you to understand the complexity fully.

**It is all about Radio technology!**

*Swedish military Radio Station Ra200.*

