



MAY 2009

Dear CMMC Member

Restoration work has begun on the exterior of the historic buildings at the Marconi/RCA Receiving Station. The large size of the work crew and the many construction vehicles, trucks and dumpsters attest to the fact that the contractor intends to complete this job in a timely fashion. We are working with the contractor, the Historical Commission and the Town to transition the work from the exterior of the building to the interior as time goes on.

In the meantime, Monday night, May 11, at Town meeting, voters will get the opportunity to approve Article 21 on the Warrant, "Marconi RCA Wireless Receiving Station Lease Authorization Operations Building." For those of you who are registered voters in Chatham, I hope you will take the opportunity to help give this article, which has been unanimously approved by the Selectmen, overwhelming approval by the voters. For a look at Article 21 - Marconi RCA Wireless Receiving Station Lease Authorization Operations Building [go to www.chathammarconi.org](http://www.chathammarconi.org).



Chuck Bartlett,
President
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center

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THE FUTURE CHATHAM MARCONI MARITIME CENTER RESTORATION BEGINS ON OPERATIONS BUILDING



The recent arrival of construction equipment on the Marconi/RCA campus marks a giant step forward toward achieving our goal of opening a museum and educational resource center at the Operations Building in the summer of 2010. Restoration of the grounds and the exterior of the buildings have begun! The Town of Chatham, using \$870,000 of Community Preservation funds, will restore the exteriors of the four buildings on the site. S.O.M. Construction Enterprises of Dudley, Mass. submitted the winning bid for the work - a bid which came in nearly \$100,000

under what the town of Chatham had calculated during healthier but costlier economic times last year. This project is expected to be completed by early July. The Marconi site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and S.O.M. Construction is certified by the state of Massachusetts to perform historic preservation work.

[For more information go to www.chathammarconi.org](http://www.chathammarconi.org)

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CMMC and narrated by
Walter Cronkite.

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IRS.
Leonard Magnusson, Treasurer

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REP. SARAH PEAKE VISITS FUTURE CMMC MUSEUM

State Representative Sarah Peake visits our future museum during restoration of the Marconi campus.

On April 9th Rep. Sarah Peake, a long time supporter of CMMC, visited the historic Marconi/RCA site to get a first hand look at the restoration efforts now underway. Rep Peake has re-filed legislation in Boston in an attempt to get CMMC an exemption of the Prevailing Wage Law in order to allow CMMC to use local contractors for our renovation of the Operations Building's interior, due to start this summer.



FRED CARL FROM MARCONI STATION IN BELMAR, NJ PRESENTS REPLICA OF CHATHAM'S MISSING 1914 PLAQUE

Marconi Station in Belmar, NJ sends
replica of 1914 Plaque to replace
Chatham Marconi's missing plaque.

Chuck Bartlett, CMMC board
president, and Len Sussman, Chatham
Selectman, accept the plaque replica from
Fred Carl, InfoAge Board Chairman, on
April 15, 2009.

[For the whole story go to](#)

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