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## Tune in for these events

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Saturday is a day radio buffs will want to circle right away. The question will be how to straddle both events on that day.

Camp Evans in Wall will be celebrating International Marconi Day, in honor of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, considered the father of radio. And Rutgers University will be holding its annual NJ Folk Festival, which will feature performances by Jim Murphy, an award-winning musician who started a country program on WJLK-FM in Asbury Park.

Last August, Murphy became the first New Jerseyan to be inducted into the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame for his 45 years of contributions to traditional music. The award was presented to the singer/songwriter during the National Traditional Country Music Association's (NTCMA) annual old-time music festival, held in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

A Hank Williams fan, Murphy, who also writes and performs his own material, often performs tributes to Williams and lends a hand with the Hank Williams International Society.

In 1963, Murphy, who lives in Brick, launched "The Country and Folk Concert" program on WJLK. Six years later, Murphy formed the band Jim Murphy & The Pine Barons, a mainstay of the Albert Music Hall in Waretown. Murphy will perform at 12:15 p.m. Saturday during the festival, then take the stage at 1:30 p.m. to join the Country Music Legends and Saul Broudy.

The Folk Festival, in its 38th year, was founded by Angus Gillespie under the Department of American Studies at Rutgers. Events will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Douglass Campus in New Brunswick.

The International Marconi Day (IMD) event gets under way at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at the Project Diana site at Camp Evans. Why so early? Because the Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club (OMARC), now listed on the Web as an official International Marconi Day Station (named so by the event's sponsor, the Cornish Amateur Radio Club), will be taking to the air early to make contact with stations in Europe.

"Amateurs around the world would like to make contact with us to try for an award from the (Cornish) club," says Jeffrey Harshman, an OMARC member and volunteer at the camp. The award goes to amateurs who make contact with 15 or more official IMD stations during the event time, Harshman says.

Maureen Nevin Duffy hosted "Asbury Radio — The Radio Voice of Asbury Park," a weekly public affairs talk show at WYGG-FM, for more than six years. Please send your comments and suggestions regarding Radio Somewhere to [AsburyRadio@aol.com](mailto:AsburyRadio@aol.com) or 3 Deal Lake Court, Asbury Park, N.J. 07712

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