



## **IN-Newsletter**

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**December 16, 2016**

*Covers the period December 3 – December 9, 2016*

### **Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events**

#### ***Logbook Study Committee***

January 18, 2017 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### ***New Director and Vice Director Orientation***

January 18, 2017 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### ***Administration & Finance Committee Meeting***

January 19, 2017 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### ***Programs & Services Committee Meeting***

January 19, 2017 @ W1AW, Newington, CT

#### ***Annual Board Meeting***

January 20 – 21, 2017 @ Windsor, CT

#### ***ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention***

January 27 – 29, 2017 @ Hatillo, Puerto Rico

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Tom Gallagher, NY2RF

The founder of RFinder came to ARRL HQ to meet with Tom Gallagher and Steve Ford to discuss our on-going partnership with them regarding publication of the Repeater Directory.

Tom was invited to a lunch meeting with State Representative Gary Byron at the State Capital. The visit included a tour of the Capital building. Representative Byron is very active in supporting Newington businesses, and has made efforts to keep the ARRL involved.

Tom was the featured guest on the December 7 episode of “Ham Nation”, hosted by Bob Heil. Ham Nation is broadcast around the world and covers a broad range of topics. The live recording of Ham Nation is simulcast on 5085 kHz WTWW shortwave. Please use the link below to watch the interview with Tom:

<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation/episodes/277?autostart=false>

Tom was the guest speaker at the Meriden ARC Christmas party on December 8. The event included presentations of awards HAM of the Year and Elmer of the Year. The evening was hosted by Dr. Ed Snyder, a generous financial supporter of ARRL initiatives.

Tom was also the guest speaker at the Fair Lawn ARC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner in Fair Lawn, NJ on December 9. There were approximately 70 attendees for Tom's presentation and they are still receiving positive feedback on the evening. ARRL surprised the ARC with a beautiful birthday cake featuring the ARRL logo.



### **Development**

Reported by Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD

Contributions as of November 31, 2016

Diamond Club	Spectrum Defense	Education & Technology	Legislative Issues Advocacy	Misc. Unrestricted
\$311,374	\$190,437	\$182,231	\$48,273	\$104,009

CEO Tom Gallagher, PR Manager Sean Kutzko and Lauren Clarke met with a donor interested in endowing to support the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative. We are working out final details for a gift agreement.

### **Education**

Reported by Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ

#### *ARISS*

A direct contact via W2IR with the Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci) in Schenectady NY was successful Saturday, December 10. Local television station WRGB produced a story that gave accurate representation of amateur radio's role in the event. You'll find the story at:

<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/local-high-school-students-chat-up-astronauts-aboard-iss>

Other contacts supported during the week include a telebridge with students at Collège Jean Charcot, Saint Malo, France and a direct contact via R9HP with Tomsk Polytechnic University, in Tomsk, Russia. Amateur radio slow-scan images were transmitted from the ISS Service Module as part of the Moscow Aviation Institute MAI-75 education experiment. The transmissions were received by schools with ham radio stations and by ham operators and shortwave listeners in parts of Europe and Russia.

#### *Education & Technology Program*

Debra continues to work on finalizing the schedule for the Teachers Institute next summer, researching ad buys for publicity, managing the production of a video about the TI, and the development of revisions to the instructional boards used in the Teachers Institute.

On December 7, Debra met with the education sub-committee of the PSC for an organizational webinar with the project teams that the committee has organized to review activities of the ARISS program, the Teachers Institute, and the development of license instructor support materials.

### **Field Organization**

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams reports several Section Manager nominations arrived prior to the Friday, December 9 nomination receipt deadline. There will be an election in Kentucky. Steve Morgan, W4NHO, of Owensboro, Kentucky, was nominated, and he will run against current Kentucky Section Manager Alan Morgan, KY1O.

There will also be an election this winter in Iowa. Paul Cowley, KB7VML, of Ames, Iowa, has been nominated to run, and current Iowa Section Manager Bob McCaffrey, K0CY, has also been nominated to run for another term of office.

Brent Boydston, KF5THB, of Henrietta, Texas, has been nominated run for the North Texas Section Manager's position, and he will face Jay Urish, W5GM, of McKinney, Texas. Chris Brewer, N5GMJ, who was previously nominated, decided to withdraw his nomination.

As noted in an earlier edition of IN News, there will be a three-way Section Manager race in Arizona this winter with Steven Wood, W1SR, Rick Paquette, W7RAP, and Virgil Silhanek, K7VZ.

James Ferguson, N5LKE, of Searcy, Arkansas, was the only Section Manager nominee. He will succeed Dale Temple, W5RXU, as Section Manager starting in April, 2017. Dale, who has been Section Manager since 2011, decided not to run for a new term of office.

The following incumbent Section Managers were the only nominees in their respective sections after the December 9<sup>th</sup> deadline passed. Their new terms of office will also begin April 1, 2017: Malcolm Keown, W5XX (Mississippi); George Forsyth, AA7GS (Montana); Carl Gardenias, WU6D (Orange); Jack Mitchell, N7MJ (Wyoming).

### **Field Services**

Reported by Dave Patton, NN1N

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec 10 and 11, staffers Bob Allison, Kathy Allison, Dave Patton, Bob Inderbitzen, and Tom Gallagher travelled to Greenwich CT to commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first TransAtlantic signal reception by Amateurs in 1921. They were joined by N1ALF, N1BCG, WA1SFH, WV2ZOW, KB3WFV, NY3B, K9FJ to build a 3A Field Day style station in a school gymnasium with the goals of putting N1BCG into amateur logs around the world, making a push to activate the AM mode, and establish contact with GB2ZE in Ardrossan, Scotland, where the original first reception occurred. The BBC covered the event on the Scotland side with video, audio and interviews.

In 1921, ARRL sent Paul Godley, 2ZE, over to Scotland with a fancy Armstrong receiver to listen to the week-long series of transmissions from 1BCG in Greenwich (and other transmitting stations mostly on the East Coast of the US.) Radio Club of America members built the station in Greenwich at the QTH of BCG. This event in 1921 was later called the world's first DX contest by W3LPL!

Today's RCA also helped sponsor the special event sending its newly elected Vice President and a Board member, who both did a great job on the air. A total of 517 QSOs were logged using N1BCG through poor to fair conditions on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17 and 10 meters. Clark, N1BCG, who conceived this event and helped with the organization, obtained this call sign years ago to honor this significant event in the history of radio. Thanks to Tim Duffy, DXEngineering, Joe Carcia, Mike Gruber, Sean Kutzko, Becky Schoenfeld, and Lindy Gallagher for their help in pulling-off this event.

#### WIAW

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives, as well as the weekly CW code practice QST source web page. He also readied operating equipment – and constructed antennas for 80, 40, and 20 meters – that were used with the N1BCG Transatlantic Reception Anniversary Special Event (held on Sunday, December 11).

Scott worked on fast and slow code practice texts for the upcoming week. He also processed VUCC certificates and endorsements.

#### Media & Public Relations

Reported by Sean Kutzko, KX9X

PR Manager Sean, KX9X returned to work on December 9 after being hospitalized December 5. He will be taking it slow for the remainder of 2016.

National Parks on the Air crested 975,000 QSOs over the December 10/11 weekend. IT is inevitable that NPOTA will reach 1 million contacts by 2016.

Sean produced ARRL Audio News with Carla Pereira on December 9. He also distributed a press release concerning HR1301 not being passed in the 114th Congress, and ARRL's vow to push for it again in the 115th Congress.

#### Membership

Reported by Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

November ended with 164,453 members. This represents a loss of 601 members from October; a loss of 856 was forecast. We are 464 members *ahead* of the year-to-date goal. The greatest sources of acquisition for the month were the web site and direct mail. The on-time renewal rate for November is 66.65% vs. 70.93% last November.

A dozen+ holiday-themed e-mails are being prepared to promote membership this month. E-mails will also be sent to online Guests and users of ARRL's Online Exam Review for Ham Radio.

The last membership mailing for 2016 was sent Friday, December 9; the January mailing will be sent January 13.

**Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

**DXCC**

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1-2 Days

**Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations**

Leona Adams	12/27 – 12/28	PTO
Bob Allison	12/26 – 12/30	PTO
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Jackie Ferreira	12/27 – 12/30	PTO
Steve Ford	12/22 – 01/02	PTO
Norm Fusaro	12/22 – 12/27	PTO
Tom Gallagher	12/14 – 01/03	PTO
“	01/27 – 01/29	ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention, Hatillo, PR
Scott Gee	12/12 – 12/13	PTO
“	12/23 – 12/27	PTO
“	02/20 – 02/24	PTO
Perry Green		Medical Leave
Dan Henderson	12/05 – 01/09	Medical Leave
Gail Iannone	10/07 – 01/09	Sick Leave
Bob Inderbitzen	12/28 – 12/30	PTO
Debra Johnson	12/19	PTO
“	12/23	PTO
Sean Kutzko	12/22 – 12/30	PTO
Lisa Kustosik	12/15 – 12/16	PTO
“	12/22 – 12/23	PTO
Monique Leveque	12/21 – 01/02	PTO
Carla Pereira	12/23	PTO
Diane Petrilli	12/16	PTO

**Sincerely Compiled by,**  
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