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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please note: events listed below are still subject to cancellation at any time as circumstances change. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (online)

August 13-15

Huntsville Hamfest

August 21-22 @ Huntsville, AL

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

ARRL Audio News



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudio/news/>

- #63 Apple Podcasts | United States of America | Tech News
- Downloads YTD: 130,163 Jan 1 to July 22, 2021. 127,355 Jan 1 to July 22, 2020
- Latest episode: July 23

Eclectic Tech



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/>

- Downloads YTD: 71,434 Jan 1 to July 22, 2021. 59,474 Jan 1 to July 22, 2020
- Latest episode: July 29

On the Air



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/>

- #230 Apple Podcasts | United States of America | Technology
- Downloads YTD: 52,336 Jan 1 to July 22, 2021. 41,162 Jan 1 to July 22, 2020
- Latest episode: August 12

Chief Executive Office

Deidre Methe, KC1MHN

David Minster, NA2AA, and Kelly Wells, attended an Executive Committee meeting with Kelly jumping right in and taking minutes. David and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, attended the Editorial and Lab monthly meetings. In addition, David met with IARU members. He held several calls with Board members, as well a conference call and numerous meetings with staff on a variety of topics.

On July 15th, ARRL held a grand reopening of HQ with Legislative members, Board members, IARU members and staff. It was a hot day but a great event! More in Bob Inderbitzen's, NQ1R, report below.

There were A&F, PSC and Historical Committee meetings held on July 15th as well.

The ARRL Second Board meeting took place on July 16th & 17th at the Hartford Windsor Marriott. It was the first time the Board held an in-person meeting since January 2020. It was very productive and successful. Sadly, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, has stepped down as Director for the Central Division and will continue to serve as the EMC Committee Chairman. Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, will now be Director for the Central Division and Brent Walls, N9BA, has been appointed Vice Director. Congratulations to Carl and welcome Brent!

Dee continues to receive, and vet submitted candidate petitions for the upcoming Director/Vice Director elections and the E&E Committee is busy reviewing them for approval of eligibility. The elections are for the following divisions: Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern and Roanoke.

Product Development

Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

On Thursday, July 15, ARRL Headquarters hosted a rededication ceremony, recognizing ARRL's commitment to all radio amateurs who enhance the communications capability and security of the nation. The event was attended by staff and the Board of Directors who were here for committee and Board meetings. We secured the participation and attendance of a slate of VIPs for the ceremony, including Connecticut District 1 US Congressman John B. Larson; Connecticut State Senator Matt Lesser; Glenn A. Field, KB1GHX, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service Boston/Norton office in Massachusetts; and representatives of the American Red Cross, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), Radio Amateurs of Canada, Connecticut General Assembly, and the Town of Newington. A [summary](#) of the rededication ceremony was included in the ARRL Letter and ARRL News the same day, and video posted to ARRL's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/9xF0Rh-wrN4>. Thanks to so many staff who contributed to the successful and memorable ceremony.

Leading up to the rededication ceremony, Bob supported a handful of media interviews to increase the visibility of ARRL and Amateur Radio, including this 24-minute radio interview on WTIC Face Connecticut Today <https://omny.fm/shows/wtic-public-affairs/face-ct-7-11-21>

Bob provided support leading up to, and during, the weeklong Teachers Institute – configuring our media studio with new cameras and equipment. The new equipment supports live video streaming, 4K video recording, and minimizes post-production editing. Special thanks to Kris Bickell, K1BIC, who used

the equipment significantly with the instructors leading the virtually held TI, and for his help using the workshop to fine-tune the new setup.

Field Services

Mike Walters, W8ZY

The Field Services team has been very busy for the last two weeks in getting ready for and reacting to the Board meeting. We have been continuing to hold meetings with the Divisions on new programs with Section Managers and new projects like rolling out Teams to the field leadership.

Steve Ewald, WV1X, and Leona Adams, W1LGA, have been very busy working on Hamfests and Conventions for the coming months. It seems that folks are starting to come out of the Covid bunkers and wanting to have meetings in person again. There is lots of interest in having the League support conventions with programs and guest speakers.

Mike is working with the Section Managers in scheduling new meetings and building that communication layer that has been lacking. On the club's front, there were several awards for longevity clubs from the board meeting and a couple that were generated from Section Manager meetings. We are working to recognize those clubs and pursue others that need recognition.

W1AW

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

On Monday, June 28, Joe gave a Zoom presentation of W1AW to members of the Livonia ARC (<https://livoniaarc.com/>). At least 25+ members were present. A lively Q&A followed afterwards, in addition to some questions asked during the presentation.

On Wednesday, July 14, Joe assisted Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, ARRL Teacher's Institute instructor, with a live YouTube video of W1AW (shot on Steve's YouTube channel). The video was well received and watched by a number of participants.

On Thursday, July 15, Joe participated in a Lifelong Learning Webinar that showcased the W1AW video tour.

In anticipation of a visit by Dave de Coons, WO2X, who will assist with adapting "Node Red" and the Raspberry Pi in W1HQ, Joe temporarily assembled the Green Heron Everywhere AS-1204F antenna switching system in the museum area and W1HQ. He also processed three (3) Qualifying Run certificates and one (1) endorsement.

Scott processed one (1) paper and eighty-six (86) electronic VUCC applications for a total of 7,148 credits. He also worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week.

Lifelong Learning

Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Teachers Institute was offered in a virtual format for the first time. There was a total of 19 sessions presented from July 12-15, with 33 teachers participating from across the U.S. and one foreign country. Thanks to the following individuals for their efforts in making this year's program a huge success:

- CEO David Minster, NA2AA, for his inspirational welcome message
- Ally Flynn, KM3ALF, for her invaluable assistance in coordinating the event
- TI Instructors Larry Kendall, K6NDL, Matt Severin, N8MS, Tommy Gober, N5DUX, and Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, for their engaging presentations (with special thanks to Steve for his extensive work editing videos)
- ARRL staff members Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, and Paul Cianciolo W1VLF, and guests Diane Warner, KE8HLD, and members of the Long Island CW Club, for their presentations
- Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, for his work on greatly expanding our video production capabilities in the media room, and Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, for providing social media exposure

To view a recording of this presentation and previous sessions, and to register for upcoming webinars, please visit: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

Presentation proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis:
<http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form>

Public Relations & Outreach

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

Top Social Media Posts July 4 - 10

Facebook/Twitter: Happy Fourth of July from ARRL Headquarters! Wishing everyone a safe and fun holiday weekend. We will reopen Tuesday, July 6.

#ARRL #HamRadio #FourthOfJuly #IndependenceDay

Instagram: Check out ARRL's newest question-and-answer column, "Ask Dave."

In the August 2021 digital edition of QST (live July 7), columnist Dave Casler, KEØOG, begins answering hams' questions, and one of the answers will have a corresponding video on our YouTube channel. If you have a question for Dave, submit it to askdave@arrl.org, and he may answer it in an upcoming issue. arrl.org/qst #ARRL #HamRadio #QST



Facebook/Instagram: You can still chase DX while operating a modest station on lower frequencies. Christian Bravo, W4ALF, shares how the right equipment, tools, and modes can help you make the most DX contacts in his August #QST article, "Tips for Earning Nine-Band DXCC." Read it in the print edition (coming soon) or the digital edition! arrl.org/qst #ARRL #HamRadio



Twitter: Matt Severin, N8MS, ARRL Teachers Institute Instructor demos a homebrew anemometer used in his weather sensor demonstration. Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, ARRL Teachers Institute Instructor, demos how to take #AmateurRadio on the go with his daughter's (KI5HTA) Icom IC-705. (3/3)
<https://twitter.com/arrrl/status/1415359994623561733/photo/1>



Social Media Followers July 11 – July 17

Facebook: 85,536

On the Air Facebook: 2,327

Twitter: 38,760

ARES Twitter: 18,767

Instagram: 13,701

LinkedIn: 1,976

Podcast Total Downloads/ YTD

On the Air: 129,349 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 19, 2020 with 40,695

Eclectic Tech: 190,264 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 19, 2020 with 58,724

Audio News: 971,520 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 5, 2020 with 739,402

New episodes

On the Air – August 12

Eclectic Tech – July 29

Audio News – Every Friday. 7/23

Media Hits

Featuring Amateur Radio in the news with ARRL's reopening!

<http://www.newbrithainherald.com/NBH-Newington+News/393429/national-association-for-amateur-radio-turns-up-dial-once-again-at-newington-headquarters#.YPWF9Tld7BQ.twitter>



Ham radio operator earns society's Lifetime Achievement Award

Monroe Journal (Mississippi) July 6, 2021



(From the Monroe Journal article above)

[How A Group Of Dedicated Volunteers Are Keeping California's Wildfires At Bay](#)

NPR (California) July 16, 2021

For more Media Hits, please visit: www.arrl.org/media-hits

Hurricane related Media Hits and ARRL news are also available via www.arrl.org/2021-hurricanes

ARRL Newsletters Circulation

The ARRL Contest Update: 25,665

The ARRL Letter: 111,267

The ARES Letter: 38,194

Radiosport

Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2021 DXCC Applications	5,659
2021 WAS Applications	1,952
2021 VUCC Applications	946
2021 WAC Applications	83
2021 WPX Applications	595
2021 WAZ Applications	505

LAB

Ed Hare, W1RFI

Ed participated in the in-person meeting of the ARRL Historical Committee. The committee discussed the need to develop a short-term plan to get a better understanding of the state of the historical collections and to then develop a 5-year plan and a long-term plan for the preservation of amateur radio history. The committee intends to meet monthly until these goals are well underway.

The renovation of the W1HQ facility is progressing. The room is freshly painted, a very old floor has been replaced, a wire-management system has been installed to keep most of the wires out of sight, three desk/benches are installed and ready to be populated. Two equipment racks will house computer-controlled transceivers, amplifiers and power supplies and remote antenna switching is being integrated with Node Red computer control running on Rasberry Pi computers. The Lab thanks Dave Coons, WO2X for a site visit this week, helping to integrate the system and computer control.

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation

David Minster	08/13 - 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest
Kathleen Callahan	08/13 – 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest
Bob Inderbitzen	08/13 - 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest

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