



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Covers the period February 11, 2019 – February 17, 2019

Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:

Louisiana State Convention (59th Acadima

Hamfest)

March 8 @ Rayne, LA

Nebraska State Convention

March 9 @ Lincoln, NE

Administration & Finance Committee

Meeting

April 6 @ Denver, CO

North Carolina State Convention

April 20 @ Raleigh, NC

2019 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention

May 17 – 19 @ Xenia, OH

Northwestern Division Convention (SeaPac)

May 31 @ Seaside, OR

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the two latest episodes of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated February 15, 2019:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/41842382/arrl-audio-news-february-15-2019?sbe=1>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held monthly departmental meetings.

The Management Council met for a productive meeting last week and ended with several promising ideas to be followed up on.

Carla made additional updates to the ARRL website's ODV-related pages.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

Facebook: Congratulations to Amateur Radio educator Carole Perry, WB2MGP, the first recipient of the newly established "Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award" presented by 2019 Orlando HamCation. The award, to be given annually in Perry's name, recognizes outstanding dedication in educating and advancing today's youth about #HamRadio. A fellow and director of the Radio Club of America (RCA), Perry is a past Dayton #Hamvention Ham of the Year and a recipient of the #ARRL Instructor of the Year Award. She sits on the RCA Scholarship Committee, and she chairs the RCA Youth Activities

Committee, which she established in 2007. She has moderated the Dayton Youth Forum for 31 years. (Photo, Bob Inderbitzen NQ1R)

Instagram: Technical papers are solicited for presentation at the ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC), to be held September 20-22 at the Marriott Detroit Metro Airport Hotel. Papers will also be published in the Conference Proceedings. Authors do not need to attend the conference to have their papers included in the Proceedings. The submission deadline is August 5, 2019. Submit papers to via e-mail to maty@arrl.org, or via post to Maty Weinberg, KB1EIB, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Papers will be published exactly as submitted, and authors will retain all rights.

LinkedIn: ARRL is accepting applications for the position of Radiosport and Field Services Manager at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. This is a full-time, exempt position with a competitive salary. The successful candidate would be responsible for managing the Radiosport and Field Services functions, including employee training, and program and services delivery to members and field volunteers. <https://lnkd.in/eqAXgbM>

Twitter: FCC Invites Comments on Amateur Radio-Related Petition for Rule Making <http://ow.ly/mqrB101u3Sd> #ARRL #HamRadio

Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

QST Product Review

Bob Allison finished testing a high-performance HF/6m transceiver. It is now in the hands of the reviewer.

Bob also began testing a 2200-meter transverter. This device is used to convert 160-meter transmissions to 2200 meters and 2200-meter reception to 160 meters. Dial wise, 1.807 MHz = 137 kHz. The 2200-meter band is the only low frequency Amateur Band. This is the very first equipment designed for this band to arrive at the ARRL Laboratory. It will be interesting to read about this device in QST, not to mention what the antenna will be like. A full size, half-wave dipole for that band is 3,416 feet long.

Travel

RFI Engineer, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, will be attending Hamcon, in Burlington, VT. Paul will be making a presentation about the many flavors of Radio Frequency Interference and importantly, how to identify and mitigate it. This will be Paul's first trip to an Amateur Radio convention on behalf of the ARRL.

Bob traveled to Yuma, Arizona, to attend the ARRL Southwest Division Convention. There was a good crowd on hand for both days. Bob packed the room with his forum about understanding the test data seen in QST Product Reviews. Bob also enjoyed meeting and greeting appreciative members and talking to a few who had critiques. Bob, along with Southwest Division Director, Dick Norton, N6AA, and Arizona Section Manager, Rick Paquette, W7RAP, signed up/renewed 41 ARRL members. Director Norton and Rick Paquette also had a packed room during the ARRL forum, late on the last day of the event.

WIAW

Joe met with Michelle Patnode, W3MVP to record the "official" 2nd episode of the new podcast. He also updated the web code practice files and their archives. Joe processed one Qualifying Run certificate and one endorsement. He processed regular QSL card requests.

Joe also repaired one of the Acom 2000A broadcast amplifiers. Its tubes were damaged when the old 40-bulletin antenna had failed. In addition, the temperature sensors atop the tube chimneys needed to be replaced.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He processed seven paper and ten electronic VUCC applications for a total of 597 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 – 4 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	1,584
2019 WAS Applications	320
2019 VUCC Applications	100
2019 WPX Applications	92
2019 WAZ Applications	133

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, prepared the bulk email notification for the March 2019 digital edition of QST, distributed to ARRL members on Monday, February 11. The distribution list included 116,994 members. She also reports that on Tuesday, February 19, a reminder emailing was sent to members with a summary of “What’s trending” in March *QST*—taking advantage of some early analytics shared by Michelle Patnode. The notification was sent to 117,580 members.

Supervisors worked on 2018 performance appraisals.

Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, reported that we received a \$2,997 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation for Q4/2018 program activity; YTD \$8,676 (Y2017 \$8,022; Y2016 \$6,699; Y2015 \$4,724; Y2014 \$1,913). The foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible AmazonSmile items to ARRL—from purchases made by members and friends who have selected American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as their charity of choice. More information is available at <http://www.arrl.org/Amazon>. We encourage member participation in AmazonSmile through e-mailings, social media posts, ARRL News, and e-newsletters.

Jackie also reports that a special offer postcard promoting ARRL publication orders mailed to 10,000 past purchasers.

Now shipping: [HF Dipole Antennas for Amateur Radio](#). An email introducing this new publication was distributed on February 15.

Summary of Sales and Marketing Department telephone group, reported by Yvette Vinci:

Week Ending	Calls Answered	Calls Per Hour	Total Talking Duration	Average Speed of Answer
2/15/2019	774	17.2	27:46:42	10 seconds
2/8/2019	764	16.9	27:23:21	8 seconds
2/1/2019	923	20.5	34:29:52	13 seconds

Summary of warehouse fulfillment activity, reported by Steve Capodicasa:

Week Ending	Packages fulfilled	Member Premiums
2/15/2019	1124	574
2/8/2019	907	648
2/1/2019	1,104	617

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Joe Carcia	03/01 (half day)	PTO
“	07/01 – 07/03	PTO
“	07/12	PTO
“	07/19	PTO
“	07/26	PTO
“	08/02	PTO
“	08/05 – 08/09	PTO
“	08/16	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	08/30	PTO
“	10/14	PTO
Lauren Clarke	03/07 – 03/11	PTO
Scott Gee	03/25 – 03/29	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/17	PTO
“	06/10 – 06/12	PTO
“	10/17 – 10/18	PTO
Dan Henderson	03/08 – 03/10	Nebraska State Convention (Lincoln Hamfest)
“	04/15 – 04/22	PTO
“	05/07 – 05/10	PTO
“	05/18 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Dayton, OH
“	07/01 – 07/03	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	03/04 – 03/08	PTO
Howard Michel	04/22 – 04/26	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/19	ARRL National Convention/Hamvention, Xenia, OH
“	05/20 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Xenia, OH
“	05/30 – 06/02	SEA-PAC, Seaside, OR
“	06/04	International Microwave Symposium, Boston, MA
“	06/05 – 06/09	West Gulf Division Convention (HamCom), Plano, TX
Diane Middleton	03/08 – 03/11	PTO
“	06/24 – 06/28	PTO
Carla Pereira	05/16 – 05/19	ARRL National Convention/Hamvention, Xenia, OH
“	05/20 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Xenia, OH

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