



**IN-NEWSLETTER**  
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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.*

**Administration & Finance Committee Meeting**

November 14, 2020

**Tampa Bay Hamfest/Florida State Convention**

December 11 – 12 @ Plant City, FL

**New Director Orientation**

January 13 @ Zoom

**2021 ARRL Annual Board Meeting**

January 15 – 16 @ Zoom

**ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The *Eclectic Tech* podcast has passed 100,000 downloads in less than a year of its debut! *Audio News* continues its streak of hitting the Top 40 (USA Tech News), reaching #28 on the charts! And please be sure to check out a brand new episode of *On the Air*, released yesterday.

**ARRL Audio News** most recent edition dated November 6, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/69981322/arrl-audio-news-november-6-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 811,166
- This episode hit #28 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

**Eclectic Tech Episode 20** dated November 5, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/67861539/arrl-eclectic-tech-episode-20/>

- Downloads: 101,190
- This episode reached #172 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

**On the Air Episode 11** dated November 12, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/70201883/arrl-on-the-air-episode-11/>

- Downloads: 65,022
- Currently ranked #227 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

## **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, held meetings last week on a number of topics including: the new Style Guide being developed by the Marketing Communications team; content accessibility for visually impaired members; in-depth informational meetings with Radiosport/Field Services and Lifelong Learning; meetings with Editorial about the “Second Century” column, as well as their monthly departmental meeting with Diane Middleton, W2DLM; and a meeting with Lab management at W1HQ to discuss updates to the station. He also continues to attend regular Personify meetings, as well as impromptu conversations with managers about ongoing initiatives.

## **Communications**

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

### **Media Hits**

Recent posts to the ARRL website’s “Media Hits” page include:

- A “Santa on the Air” event in Colorado allowing children to safely interact with Santa while also learning about amateur radio
- Elementary school students in Maine contacting the International Space Station with assistance from a local radio club

Read these stories and more at <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>.

### **Now Trending on Social Media...**



### **Facebook/Instagram**

A contributed election and ham radio story contributed by Bob Mente, NU3Q, Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

<https://www.facebook.com/ARRL.org/photos/a.10150606751017408/10158070831847408/?type=3>

### **Twitter/Instagram**

*QST* December article post on Field Day scores and how covid-19 impacted it.

### **Total Number of Social Media Followers through November 7:**

Main Facebook: 85,521

Main Twitter: 38,640

ARES Twitter: 18,651

Instagram: 12,253

LinkedIn: 1,583

On the Air Facebook: 1,803



**Don't forget to follow ARRL on social media!** [www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media)

### Development

Reported by Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO

We are pleased to welcome Ren Roderick, K7JB, of the Northwestern Division, Thomas Williams, WA1MBA, of the New England Division, Joseph Kennedy, WQ6Q, of the Pacific Division, Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, of the Delta Division, and Joe Locascio, K5KT, of the Southwestern Division, as the 293<sup>rd</sup>, 294<sup>th</sup>, 295<sup>th</sup>, 296<sup>th</sup> and 297<sup>th</sup> members of the Maxim Society!

ARRL has received \$101,000 through the estate of Walter Groce, AJ1L, (SK) of the Southeastern Division. This bequest is designated toward Education & Technology, W1AW, and to support amateur radio operators who assist in disasters occurring within the boundaries of the USA.

Melissa has been notified of a bequest to the ARRL Foundation through the trust of Carl Johnnen, KA1ICG, (SK) of the New England Division. The amount of the bequest is unknown at this time.

A Year End solicitation is being sent out to our donors and is scheduled to go out the first week of December. Members who donate \$75 or more to ARRL will be sent two ARRL face masks, designed exclusively for our donors.

The Development Department continues to participate in ongoing, extensive Personify trainings.

### Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Plans are in place for the Field Organization Team to count the New York City-Long Island Section Manager election ballots on Tuesday, November 24. Ballots are due to arrive at Headquarters no later than Friday, November 20.

Leona Adams, W1LGA, and Steve Ewald are beginning to work on their input for January *QST*, including the Section Manager nomination notice for new terms of office beginning July 1, 2021. Field Organization activity reports from October are arriving now and will be compiled for the monthly Field Organization Reports column.

Information, supplies, and ARRL reference books are being sent to Section Managers who are starting new terms of office in January and to new Field Organization members who have recently been appointed.

### Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Thanks to Bob Allison, WB1GCM, Paul Bourque, N1SFE, Ed Hare, W1RFI, and Greg Kwasowski, W1GJK, for their assistance in pulling LMR-400 solid conductor coaxial cable and Amphenol RG-11 75-ohm cable from ARRL HQ to W1AW. (Two buried PVC conduits connect W1AW to ARRL.) The LMR-400 connects W1HQ's antenna patch



panel to a spot on W1AW's antenna patch panel. This allows W1HQ access to W1AW's antennas. The RG-11 will be used to improve on the CATV signal from Cox to W1AW. Joe Carcia coordinated the event. Additional photos of the effort can be found at: <M:\W1AW\11052020 Wire photos\Report> (All photos by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP.)

Joe presented W1AW on a Zoom meeting with members of the Billerica Amateur Radio Society (<https://www.w1hh.org/>). There were 33 club members on the Zoom call. In attendance was ARRL First Vice President Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF. The Zoom presentation ended with lively conversation and Q&A session. Joe also used the opportunity to show the new W1AW long-sleeve gray shirt to the BARS members.

Joe also updated the web code practice files and their archives. He processed three Qualifying Run certificates and one endorsement. Joe also processed regular QSL card requests.

Joe ran through final testing of *fldigi* for its eventual implementation for sending all W1AW's scheduled CW transmissions. Joe also met with Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, David Minster and Ed Hare to discuss changes/updates to W1HQ.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, processed seven paper and twenty electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1,948 credits. He also worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week.

### Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Learning Network continued with a session titled "How to Get Started in Amateur Radio Contesting" presented by Anthony Luscre, K8ZT on Tuesday November 3. This presentation focused on the basics of contesting, what you need to get started, and how to get involved in one of amateur radio's most engaging activities. This was Anthony's second presentation for the Learning Network.

The upcoming webinar schedule and recordings of previous presentations can be found online at:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

If you would like to share your amateur radio experience, and have an idea for a topic that is interesting to a broad audience of hams, feel free to submit your proposal for an upcoming presentation:

<http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form>

### Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	10,191
2020 WAS Applications	2,392
2020 VUCC Applications	1,129
2020 WAC Applications	148
2020 WPX Applications	870
2020 WAZ Applications	786

**Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations**

Leona Adams	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
Ken Bailey	11/17	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	11/23	PTO
“	11/25	PTO
Joe Carcia	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
“	11/30 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Norm Fusaro	11/13 – 11/16	PTO
“	11/30 – 12/04	PTO
Scott Gee	11/16 – 11/18	PTO
“	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
“	05/10 – 05/17	PTO
“	05/20 – 05/21	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	11/13	PTO
“	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/23 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Michelle Patnode	12/21 – 01/01	PTO
Maria Somma	11/13	PTO
“	11/19 – 11/25	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
“	12/18 – 12/31	PTO
Melissa Stemmer	11/23 – 11/25	PTO

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