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The ARRL family mourns the loss of Pacific Division Director, Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, SK, who passed away last week. He will be missed by his constituents, HQ staff he came to know over the years, and his fellow Board members.



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.

Northeast Virtual HamXposition

November 6 – 8 @ <https://hamxposition.org/>

59th Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest

November 7 @ Hoosier, IN

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

November 14, 2020

Tampa Bay Hamfest/Florida State Convention

December 11 – 12 @ Plant City, FL

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The *ARRL Audio News* passed a new milestone of over 800,000 downloads! It also continued its streak of ranking in the Top 40 podcasts, USA Tech News. *Eclectic Tech* is on the threshold of 100,000 downloads!

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated October 30, 2020:



<https://blurbry.com/arrlaudionews/69671088/arrl-audio-news-october-30-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 806,085
- This episode hit #37 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 20 dated November 5, 2020



<https://blurbry.com/eclectictech/67861539/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-20/>

- Downloads: 99,008
- Currently #172 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 10 dated October 8, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/68537769/arrl-on-the-air-episode-10/>

- Downloads: 64,297
- This episode hit #125 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, continued with many meetings this week, as he meets with departments and individual managers to discuss ongoing operations and initiatives. Some of those meetings included Management Council, where David was updated on the status of ongoing projects; departmental meetings with Development and IT; meetings discussing regulatory matters; meetings with Editorial and WIAW/W1HQ; as well as regular Personify updates. Diane Middleton, W2DLM, also joined in some of these meetings.

David held his first all-staff meeting, held via Zoom, with all of ARRL's employees. In the 40-minute meeting, David expressed his enthusiasm for the ARRL and its mission, and shared a general overview of his expectations and goals.

Carla Pereira worked with Maty Weinberg, KB1EIB, Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, and Shelly Bloom, WB1ENT, from the Production Department to determine what our full collection of Gil cartoons consists of.

Carla submitted the minutes of the October 22 Executive Committee to the full committee for review. They will be posted once they have been approved.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, continues compiling data for the corporate calendar currently being put together. Please remember to send relevant departmental information to her as it becomes available.

Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W1MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Media Hits

Recent posts to the ARRL website's "Media Hits" page include:

- A story from a German television news program about a ham who will be on-the-air from Antarctica with the callsign **DP0GVN**, using the QO-100 geostationary satellite amateur radio transponder
- A story about an Ohio ARC placing first in their classification during this year's Field Day competition
- A link to the October 31 episode of the *QSO Today* podcast featuring ARRL's very own Ria Jairam, N2RJ, as the featured guest

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



Now Trending on Social Media...

Facebook/Instagram:

A contributed Halloween and ham radio story sent by E. Gordon Mooneyhan, W4EGM, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Also on ARRL's Public Relations Committee.

<https://www.facebook.com/ARRL.org/photos/a.10150606751017408/10158061037587408/?type=3>

Twitter

Oldest Known US Radio Amateur, Cliff Kayhart, W4KKP, SK at 109
<http://ow.ly/j9OA50C6uKl> #ARRL #HamRadio
<https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1321899315896459264/photo/1> news story



Total Number of Social Media Followers through October 31:

Main Facebook: 85,533

Main Twitter: 38,623

ARES Twitter: 18,636

Instagram: 12,237

On the Air Facebook: 1,788

LinkedIn: 1574

Don't forget to follow ARRL on social media! www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Matt Strelow, KC1XX, and Andrew Toth – both of XX Towers Inc., - were on hand Tuesday, October 27 to perform the Autumn W1AW/W1HQ antenna and tower inspections. For W1AW, they also installed new Yaesu G5500 Azimuth/Elevation rotators (replacing old Yaesu G5400 rotators). They also replaced the old 2 meter crossed yagi, old 70 centimeter crossed yagi, and old 23 centimeter yagi antennas with new M-Square Antennas, specifically models 2MCP14, 436CP30, and 23CM22EZA, respectively. The old antenna boom was also replaced with a M-Square FGCB60 fiberglass boom. All these components are used for the W1AW Satellite Antenna system. The system also includes a SSB Electronics 2.4 GHz "BBQ" grill antenna for receiving. (This particular antenna was not replaced.) New coaxial pigtailed were installed as well.

A boom-to-mast plate used for a M-Square 20M5 20-meter yagi (used for visitor operations), was also replaced. The old boom to mast plate was found to be cracked.

Joe Carcia readied the rest of the equipment in preparation of the antenna work. He also processed six Qualifying Run certificates and created the texts for the W1AW weekly Qualifying Runs.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, processed nine paper and thirty-two electronic VUCC applications for a total of 2998 credits. He also worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen participated in the Management Council meeting and other small group meetings.

Bob met with Lucinda Moody, AB8WF, Program Coordinator for the Courage Kenny Handiham Program. The meeting contributed information to support our objective to improve the accessibility of ARRL content for blind and visually impaired members, and to identify resources for to help disabled hams.

We published resources to help engage members in ARRL's opposition to the FCC fees proposal for Amateur Radio Service applications including a summary page at www.arrl.org/FCC-Fees-Proposal. Google Analytics ranked the page as one of our top 10 this week. Bob subsequently fielded an inquiry from *Communications Daily* about the large number of amateurs filing comments.

Bob produced an ARRL PR Update for PIOs and PICs urging their efforts to gather stories and report on readiness and response of amateur radio during and after the recent tropical storms, hurricanes, wildfires, and any time amateurs are called upon for public service.

By working with one of our volunteer PIOs in Eastern Pennsylvania, Bob supported an objective of the PR Committee to produce a [story](#) about the KDKA commercial broadcast centennial.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	9,940
2020 WAS Applications	2,315
2020 VUCC Applications	1,102
2020 WAC Applications	130
2020 WPX Applications	854
2020 WAZ Applications	765

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
Joe Garcia	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
“	11/30 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Norm Fusaro	11/13 – 11/16	PTO
Scott Gee	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/23 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	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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