



IN-NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENT

Most upcoming events have been cancelled until further notice. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL Audio News dated March 27, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arraudio/news/57741759/arrl-audio-news-march-27-2020/>

- Downloads: **662,647**
- Currently #79 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech dated March 26, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/55965794/arrrl-eclectic-tech-episode-4/>

- Downloads: **12,632**
- Currently #112 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air dated March 11, 2020



<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/arrl-2/on-the-air-2?refid=stpr>

- Downloads: **13,331**
- Currently #91 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Much of last week was spent adjusting to rapidly changing information and circumstances at HQ due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. Many conventions had already been cancelled the week before, and just about all of the remaining events scheduled through the end of April were cancelled by mid-week. Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, asked HQ managers to identify what tasks could be done by their staff remotely, and how operations may or may not be affected. By Thursday, as more shelter-in-place edicts were issued around the country, Barry and Diane began coordinating with Michael

Keane, K1MK, Dave DiStefano, KB1DAD, and the rest of the IT staff to prepare as many staffers to work from home as possible should the governor of CT make the same decision.

As expected, that executive order was in fact announced by Governor Lamont last Friday, declaring that all non-essential businesses state-wide close doors by 8pm on Monday, March 23, and allow workers to work from home wherever possible. Fortunately, over ¾ of HQ's staff have been able to make the adjustment to working remotely and are still serving the membership and meeting production deadlines, though the evolving situation continues to be closely monitored by Officers and Board members. Barry, Diane, IT staff and many managers reported to HQ on Monday to finalize all the details needed to enable remaining staff to work remotely and to close the office that evening. The governor's announcement stated that CT should expect this order to last through April 22. The governor's statement can be read at: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/03-2020/Governor-Lamont-Signs-Executive-Order-Asking-Connecticut-Businesses-and-Residents-Stay-Safe>.

A link to the most up-to-date information on Covid-19 for members and volunteers can be found on the ARRL homepage at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-news-coronavirus-covid-19>.

On behalf of all HQ staff, we would like to especially thank the IT team for working tirelessly to prepare for HQ's shutdown, as well as responding promptly to the myriad requests for help this week as staff adjust to working remotely. Thank you!

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

Top Social Media Posts

ARRL Main Facebook: The Hamvention Executive Committee, working closely with local and state health officials, has decided to cancel 2020 Hamvention. Hamvention was scheduled to take place May 17-19 in Xenia, Ohio, and was sanctioned as an #ARRL convention. It is the world's largest annual amateur radio gathering. <http://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-announces-cancellation-of-2020-show> #hamradio #amateurradio

On the Air Facebook: Feed line – your radio station won't work without it. Read "Untangling Feed Lines" in the March/April 2020 issue of *On the Air* to find out how to choose the right line for your station setup.



Twitter: Dayton Hamvention Announces Cancellation of 2020 Show <http://ow.ly/pApM102cli6> #ARRL #HamRadio



Instagram: See how a university radio club is keeping connected amid #socialdistancing. (Oct 2019 photo; left to right: Gary Grindle N7GSG and Anthony Schlecht KG7YTR) <http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-clubs-connect-amid-social-distancing> #ARRL #HamRadio #beardown

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Section Manager election ballots and candidate statements for Illinois, Indiana, Maine and Oregon Sections were printed. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed by April 1st.

Ohio Section Manager Scott Yonally, N8SY, and Oklahoma Section Manager, N0IRW, have been nominated to run for new terms of office in their respective ARRL Sections. Nominations for this particular election cycle are due in Newington by June 6, 2020, and the terms of office begin on October 1, 2020.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Kris Bickell, K1BIC, and Bob Inderbitzen are working together to develop ways to recruit experienced member volunteers to give remote presentations as regular offerings. Our initial cut at this planning may enlist assistance from Field Organization volunteers, including Section Managers, to help us identify subject matter experts from across the variety of amateur radio interests and topics. We teleconferenced with Idaho SM Dan Marler, K7REX, who runs a weekly web conference for the Section Managers, to seek some feedback and more ideas.

Bob has engaged Ed Hare, W1RFI, for the Lab's assistance as we refine the design specifications for ARRL's basic build-a-radio kit offering. Bob continues to work with two student engineers from Florida on the project. Kris Bickell is closely following this planning for opportunities to keep this project aligned with our learning initiatives.

A handful of administrative tasks were completed in the wake of Hamvention's decision to cancel their 2020 event, e.g., informing member volunteers and many other stakeholders, cancelling travel reservations, etc.

Bob created a [video](#) using some footage he shot in 2018 to help support a post on ARRL's Facebook page featuring March QST's member spotlight on Ed Finnegan, K9ECF. The video includes an interview conducted by Central Division Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA, at EAA AirVenture. Bob also produced a [short article](#), picked up for ARRL News, summarizing one college radio club's effort to keep connected on-air amid the current social distancing measures.

Bob also provided additional support for colleagues as preparations were made anticipating a decision to work-from-home.

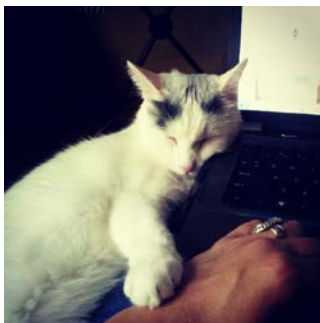
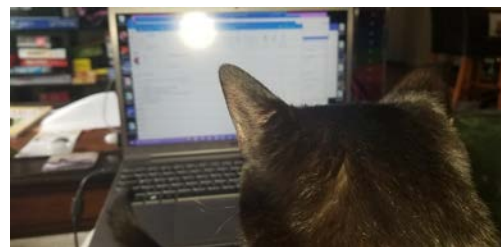
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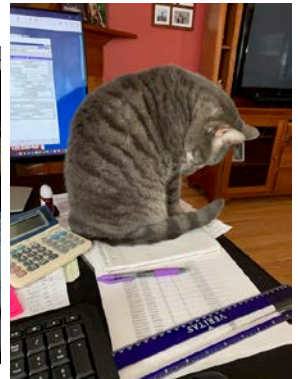
Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	3,473
2020 WAS Applications	501
2020 VUCC Applications	162
2020 WAC Applications	40
2020 WPX Applications	210
2020 WAZ Applications	178

And Finally...

As the first week of our new normal comes to a close, we may all be feeling a bit squirrely and missing our colleagues (who in many cases are also friends.) Please enjoy this collection of “Working from Home” photographs (including the sub-group of “Four-Legged Assistants”).





Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	05/08	PTO
"	07/09 – 07/13	PTO
Joe Garcia	04/10	PTO
"	05/22	PTO
"	07/06 – 07/10	PTO
"	07/17	PTO
"	07/24	PTO
"	07/31	PTO
"	08/03 – 08/07	PTO
"	08/14	PTO
"	08/21	PTO
"	08/28	PTO
"	10/09 – 10/12	PTO
Steve Ewald	04/03 – 04/14	PTO
Regina Galuppi	08/08 – 08/15	PTO
Scott Gee	04/02 – 04/03	PTO
"	05/14 – 05/15	PTO
"	09/14 – 09/19	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	05/21 – 05/29	PTO
Diane Middleton	03/30 – 04/07	PTO
"	04/20 – 04/21	PTO
"	06/22 – 06/26	PTO

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