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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Events listed below are subject to change at any time. See also the ARRL [Contest Calendar](#) and [Hamfest and Convention Database](#).

ARRL [Volunteers On the Air](#) (VOTA) | Yearlong

Dayton Hamvention®, ARRL [Great Lakes Division Convention](#), Xenia, Ohio | May 19 – 21

SEA-PAC, ARRL [Northwestern Division Convention](#), Seaside, Oregon | June 2 – 4

ARRL [International Digital Contest](#) | June 3 – 4

ARRL [June VHF](#) Contest | June 10 – 12

[Kids Day](#) | June 17

TI - 1 Introduction to Wireless Technology (ARRL [Teachers Institute](#)), Newington CT | June 19 - 23

[HAM RADIO](#), Friedrichshafen, Germany | June 23 – 25

ARRL [Field Day](#) | June 24 – 25

[IARU HF World Championship](#) | July 8 - 9

TI - 1 Introduction to Wireless Technology (ARRL [Teachers Institute](#)), Newington CT | July 10 - 14

TI - 1 Introduction to Wireless Technology (ARRL [Teachers Institute](#)), Dayton OH | July 17 - 21

Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors | July 21 - 22

TI - 2 Remote Sensing and Data Analysis (ARRL [Teachers Institute](#)), Newington CT | July 24 - 28

## Executive Office

The Executive Office finalized preparations for the A&F Committee meeting, which was held in Denver, Colorado, on April 15.

## W1AW

**Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q**

On Wednesday, April 12, Matt Strelow, KC1XX, and Andrew Toth – both of XX Towers, Inc. – were on hand to perform the Spring W1AW/W1HQ antenna/tower inspections. For W1AW, the balun on the upper rotatable 20-meter Yagi (on the center tower) was replaced, as was its coaxial jumper. New coaxial jumpers were installed on the 2 meter/70 centimeter Yagis located on the north tower. The regular bolts on the north tower thrust bearing (that secures the mast) were replaced with stainless-steel set screws. The old bolts were long, and occasionally interfering with the coax rotator loop atop the thrust bearing/top plate. In addition, the satellite antennas were aligned. No issues were found during the W1HQ antenna/tower inspections.

Thanks to Janet Rocco, W1JLR, for her efforts in getting Begali Keys (<https://www.i2rtf.com/>) to sponsor the Code Proficiency certificate (Qualifying Runs). The new certificate is now being sent to those who qualify for the initial certificate. The Certificate of Code Proficiency Recipients page in *QST* (May 2023, page 36) reflects the new sponsorship.

## Development

**Reported by Kevin Beal, K8EAL**

The new position of Development Operations Manager has been posted and interviews are currently underway.

RSVPs for the Dayton Donor Reception are currently being received and handled by Regina Galuppi, W3DGI.

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news about the upcoming retirement of longtime ARRL staff member Maryann Macdonald, KB1ZTH. Maryann is one of the original members of the Development office here at ARRL, originally brought in by the late Mary Hobart, K1MMH (SK) as she built a team that would be successful in launching the Second Century campaign. Maryann has served in several offices within ARRL, having a combined 46 years of service supporting the League and the Foundation. For many of our donors, Maryann has been the first voice they hear at the other end of the phone when they renew their Diamond Club membership. Her impact on the organization is embodied in the distinctive Diamond Terrace bricks and garden benches that greet ARRL members and staff when they approach the Headquarters building. Like these bricks, which she faithfully managed for many years, the impact of her work will last for generations to come. Maryann shared that she looks forward to moving to a warmer climate down south to be closer to family and where her granddaughter will go to college. But, regardless of her QTH, she will always be welcome home here at ARRL HQ. Her last official day is Friday April 21. We all wish Maryann very 73 in her well-earned retirement.

## Editorial

**Reported by Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY**

We have reached an agreement with Parks on the Air (POTA) to produce a POTA-themed book.

## Lab

Ed Hare, W1RFI, has stepped down as Lab Manager. “Ed has been working here at 225 Main Street since February of 1986,” said Bob Naumann, W5OV, in a message to staff. “He’s done a few varied jobs here, but it’s safe to say that the Lab and Ed are essentially synonymous. Ed has guarded the reputation of the ARRL Lab very well, and indeed, the ARRL Lab is well-respected not only in the amateur radio hobby, but by radio manufacturers, the IEEE, the FCC, and various other groups that Ed has represented the ARRL’s interests to.”

“One of Ed’s key contributions to Amateur Radio is his mission to save us all from Broadband over Power Lines, or ‘BPL’. Ed’s creativity and tenacity completely derailed an industry that was intent on deploying that technology despite how bad it would impact Amateur Radio.”

Please join us in congratulating Ed on his 37 years of service to ARRL and for his contributions to our wider Amateur Radio Service.

## Membership

### **Reported by Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM**

The Second Century column “Making a Big Decision – Together,” featured on page 9 in the April issue of *QST*, has sparked positive feedback. Handfuls of members advised that they have opted out of print and switched to digital as their magazine preference after reading the editorial written by David Minster, NA2AA. Members are also eager to share their thoughts via the online survey that will be made available beginning May 1, and can be completed throughout the entire month.

We are pleased to welcome four new ARRL HQ volunteers into the fold: Harold Kramer, WJ1B (former ARRL COO); Greg Matthaey, KA2MKM; Walter Styslo, K1WMS, and Ed Hare, W1RFI (former Lab Manager).

ARRL HQ and W1AW had nearly 40 visitors on Thursday and Friday, April 13 – 14, following the 46th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference and Microwave Update 2023 held in Windsor, CT. A special “Thank you” goes out to our volunteers who went above and beyond to help accommodate this large group of visitors.

## Education and Learning

### **Reported by Steve Goodgame, K5ATA**

The monthly Zoom gathering for the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program met on Tuesday night, April 11. The meeting was attended by 37 participants, and included students and advisors from across the community of active collegiate amateur radio clubs. Next month’s meeting will be held in-person at Dayton Hamvention.

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