



**ARRL** The National Association for  
**Amateur Radio®**

## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

[Raleigh Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina | April 6

[Rookie Roundup](#) SSB | April 21

[Dayton Hamvention](#), hosting the ARRL National Convention, Xenia, Ohio | May 17 – 19

[SEA-PAC](#), hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon | May 31 – June 2

[International Digital Contest](#) | June 1 – 2

[June VHF](#) | June 8 – 10

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-2, Newington, CT | June 10 – 14

[Knoxville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Delta Div. Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee | June 15

[Kids Day](#) | June 15

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 17 – 21

[ARRL Field Day](#) | June 22 – 23

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 24 – 28

[HAM RADIO](#), Friedrichshafen, Germany | June 28 – 30

[HamCon: Zion](#), hosting the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention, St. George, Utah | July 12 – 13

[IARU HF World Championship](#) | July 13 – 14

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | July 15 – 19

Second Meeting of the Board of Directors | July 19 – 20

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-2, Newington, CT | July 22 – 26

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-3, Newington, CT | July 29 – Aug 2

## **Membership**

A cross-departmental team met again on the implementation of the free student membership offering for full-time students aged 21 and younger. This work is ongoing.

## **Emergency Management**

**Reported by Josh Johnston, KE5MHV**

A first month of ARES reporting has been completed using the new electronic Form-2 for the EC's, and the updated Form-4.

We began the data collection of ARES groups around the country to support upcoming campaigns to promote ARES, and to support a database to find ARES groups.

## **Development**

**Reported by Kevin Beal, K8EAL**

Design of the invitation for the annual Donor Recognition Reception at Dayton Hamvention is in process and the Save the Date has been emailed.

Work has begun on the 2023 Annual Report. Various departments within ARRL will be contacted to provide information in the coming weeks.

The Development Associate vacancy has been posted online [HERE](#).

## **ARRL Foundation**

**Reported by Christina Lessard, KC1TDM**

The Foundation received twenty one grant applications from organizations seeking funding for amateur radio related projects or initiatives. The Grants Committee and Foundation Board will review the submissions, and decisions will be made within the coming month.

## **Marketing**

**Reported by Jason Leonard, KC1ULC**

A design was completed for the cover of the new *Best of Arduino Projects for Ham Radio* book.

Jason Leonard, KC1ULC; Marc Spardello, W1NJ, and Alex Norstrom, KC1RMO, finalized a schedule for new member onboarding emails. A series of five emails were sent out to new members starting last week.

Jason and Marc sent email to people who downloaded and used the ARRL Events App at Orlando HamCation®, taking advantage of the user information collected with the app to help engage members and prospective members. One email thanked members who downloaded the app, and another encouraged those who were not members to join.

New designs have been prepared for a series of email messages to new hams, promoting ARRL membership. Among these is a new campaign for new hams focusing on ARRL advocacy, learning, and education.

Jason started work on the cover design for the upcoming *Hints & Hacks* book.

Additional revisions were completed to the web page promoting the ARRL Library Book Set:  
[www.arrl.org/Library-Book-Set](http://www.arrl.org/Library-Book-Set).

Initial designs were created for a 2024 ARRL Field Day logo.

February was the first month our sales of the Gordon West license preparation books since becoming the new publisher. We sold over 1,700 copies of the books.

### **Publications and Editorial**

**Reported by Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY**

The April issue of *QST* was released to the printer.

The March/April issue of *On the Air* magazine was released to the printer.

### **Education and Learning**

**Reported by Steve Goodgame, K5ATA**

The Education and Learning Department has started receiving grant requests for the ARRL/ARDC STEM Kits grant. This grant is intended to equip classrooms with Arduino microcontroller kits, basic electronics kits, and Geochrons. Kits have been sent to Alabama, Missouri, Texas, Illinois, and South Carolina so far.

Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, is preparing to travel to Denver, Colorado, to exhibit at the National Science Teachers Association National Conference. This is a large educational conference with the vast majority of attendees being actively engaged in STEM education.

### **VEC**

**Reported by Maria Somma, AB1FM**

#### *Amateur General Question Pool*

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators ([NCVEC](#)) Question Pool Committee ([QPC](#)) has removed one General Class license question. The QPC of the NCVEC has deleted question G1E09 because they have determined the question is defective and must be withdrawn. They discovered that, as worded, the question is showing the wrong correct answer. Question G1E09 must be withdrawn from the pool effective immediately and should be removed from examinations as soon as possible. Updated question pool files, including the errata and new information, have been posted on the NCVEC General-class question pool web page. Additionally, this information will be posted to the ARRL website and will appear in the ARRL Letter.

#### *Amateur Extra Question Pool and Examinations*

The VEC department is already working to create the twelve new Extra exam booklets which must be used for Extra Class license exams starting on July 1, 2024. We will supply our officially appointed, field-stocked VE teams with new Extra Class exam booklet designs around mid-June.

### **2024 ARRL National Convention Planning**

**Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R**

We're quickly approaching the 2024 ARRL National Convention, which will be hosted by Dayton Hamvention, May 17 – 19. Our team staff leading a variety of ARRL exhibits, activities, and program representation has been committed for the convention.

Messages have been sent to the ARRL Board and Section Managers with a summary of planning for the National Convention, and an invitation to register for those who are interested in volunteering as part of the ARRL Team at Hamvention. Those interested in volunteering to support our exhibits and activities should complete our online registration form **by Thursday, April 4**. The online registration form will help us organize hotel room reservations, badges, apparel and staffing for the event. For questions, please contact Bob Inderbitzen.

Presenters have been committed for ARRL's slate of 2024 ARRL National Convention forums at Dayton Hamvention. This work was closely coordinated with the Hamvention Forums Chair, Chris Rismiller, N8PEM.

### **Public Relations**

Dr. Bob Heil, K9EID, passed away on February 28, 2024. ARRL News items were prepared and published to the website and [ARRL Letter](#).

Throughout the last few months, ARRL has been supporting HamSCI, the Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation community, by publishing news and information about a series of experiments that will engage the participation of the ham radio community for the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. See, for instance, [www.arrl.org/news/solar-eclipse-one-month-away](http://www.arrl.org/news/solar-eclipse-one-month-away).