



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Covers the period February 4, 2019 – February 10, 2019

Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:

Southwestern Division Convention

February 15 – 16 @ Yuma, AZ

Louisiana State Convention (59th Acadima Hamfest)

March 8 @ Rayne, LA

Nebraska State Convention

March 9 @ Lincoln, NE

North Carolina State Convention

April 20 @ Raleigh, NC

2019 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention

May 17 – 19 @ Xenia, OH

Northwestern Division Convention (SeaPac)

May 31 @ Seaside, OR

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the two latest episodes of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated February 8, 2019:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/41673860/arrl-audio-news-february-8-2019/>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

President Rick Roderick, K5UR, completed the list of Board Committee assignments for 2019. Carla Pereira loaded the updated committee lists to the ARRL website:

<http://www.arrl.org/board-committees>

Mintz + Hoke held a meeting at HQ with the ARRL working group to update us on the status of the project, and to discuss the outline of agreed-upon deliverables.



Howard Michel, WB2ITX, traveled to Orlando, FL with HQ staff and volunteers to attend 2019 Orlando Hamcation (ARRL's Southeastern Division Convention.) In addition to joining the ARRL team in the booth, he participated in the official ARRL Forum and sat in on the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative discussion. He also attended the Chairman's dinner, as well as meeting individually with ARRL important

donors and high-involvement volunteers. Read more about Hamcation 2019 in the Sales & Marketing section of this newsletter.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

David Isgur and Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, took part in four interviews with candidates in consideration for the ARRL's Public Relations Committee. The interviews were done over three nights via video conference call.

David and Michelle, along with Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, continued working on the ARRL "So Now What?" podcast. Before the first episode launches, we have already started getting questions emailed to us. In addition, Clark Burgard, N1BCG, of iNetradio is displaying "So Now What?"—along with ARRL's other podcasts—on his website: www.inetradio.com

Michelle filmed a Product Review for the April 2019 edition of Digital *QST* with Bob Allison, WB1GCM.

David worked on a story to introduce the new ARES Plan, as approved by the ARRL Board of Directors.

Michelle took photos of Joe Carcia and Scott Gee for the W1AW Endowment for Lauren Clarke, KBIYDD.

Media Mentions

Among the most notable stories posted to the Media Hits (www.arrl.org/Media-Hits) web page were:

- A feature story on the C4ISAnet website about how a knowledge of amateur radio makes engineers and software developers better at their jobs
- A television news story about Huntington (Texas) students connecting with the International Space Station via amateur radio
- The comic strip "Rex Morgan, M.D." introduced a story arc that involved a plane crash and featured an amateur radio operator coming to the rescue

Top Social Media Posts

Facebook: ARRL is undertaking a new initiative to provide online educational opportunities to a broad range of radio amateurs. The Lifelong Learning Initiative will seek to provide a series of learning tracks that will serve the needs of the various interest groups within the Amateur Radio community. While designed for everyone with an interest in learning more about Amateur Radio, the Lifelong Learning Initiative will initially focus on creating online learning opportunities for new and newer hams, a segment of the Amateur Radio community desperately searching for educational and instructional and resources. The ARRL Board of Directors set the Lifelong Learning Initiative in motion, endorsing and funding the program and approving the hiring of advertising agency Mintz + Hoke to work with ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager Kris Bickell, K1BIC, and other ARRL staffers in building this learning environment. Mintz + Hoke will conduct the research necessary to identify the different educational needs within the broader Amateur Radio community.



LinkedIn: If you're uncertain about tackling the small parts in #SMD work, let Dino Papas, KL0S, teach you about his success with "Soldering Surface-Mount Devices" using a pair of soldering irons. Read it now as the free article of the month from the March 2019 issue of #QST, and keep any eye out for the digital edition when it goes live February 8.

Instagram: The ARRL's Radiosport Department is introducing completely redesigned and upgraded plaques for its DXCC Challenge and DXCC Five Band Challenge awards. For DXers, what a vibrant way to celebrate these accomplishments! Get more info at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc> #ARRL #HamRadio #DXCC #Awards



Twitter: Earth's Magnetic North Pole Shifts toward Siberia <http://ow.ly/9grw101tpQ8> #ARRL #HamRadio

Development

Reported by Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD

Lauren was part of the ARRL team that traveled to Hamcation this past weekend and had the opportunity to meet with numerous ARRL donors over the weekend.

Development received notification that both the husband and wife who generously supported ARRL throughout their lifetimes both passed away this past year. ARRL is named as a beneficiary of their estate and will receive 50% of their residual estate. This gift is unrestricted.

ARRL was notified last fall that it is the beneficiary of a SK's Edward Jones account. This donation was received last week in the amount of \$337,126.

Lauren is preparing a solicitation mailing for the W1AW Endowment to be dropped by the end of February to 40,000 members.

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams reports that Nevada Section Manager John Bigley, N7UR, has been nominated to run for another term of office as Section Manager. Nominating petitions for this election cycle are due by March 8, and the new term begins on July 1.

Section Manager election ballots from members in Arizona, Iowa, and North Texas have been arriving at ARRL Headquarters, and they are due no later than Friday, February 15. Ballots are scheduled to be counted on Tuesday, February 19.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

WIAW

Joe and Scott Gee, WB9RRU, participated in a MARS teleconference on February 7. Present were MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, Carey Heckman, W1EAR, and Region 6 Army MARS Director Rod Warner, AAA6RD. The purpose of this teleconference was to discuss the installation of, and subsequent training for, new MARS communications software at WIAW.

Joe met with Michelle Patnode, W3MVP and Dave Isgur to continue work on the new podcast.

Scott worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week. He processed four paper and eleven electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1031 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 – 4 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 – 3 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	1,359
2019 WAS Applications	279
2019 VUCC Applications	83
2019 WPX Applications	83
2019 WAZ Applications	114

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, Kim McNeill, KB1WUX, Lauren Clarke, Bob Inderbitzen, and Howard Michel supported ARRL's expanded presence at Orlando HamCation, Feb 8-10 -- this year's ARRL Southeastern Division Convention. The event is the second largest hamfest in the US. Bob posted pictures to the ARRL [Facebook](#) page throughout the convention.

President Rick Roderick and his wife Holly attended and supported our large exhibit area which included additional support from Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt and his spouse Sherry, KM4VSW, as well as many Section Managers and Field Organization volunteers. Other volunteers helped support the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative and Radiosport (card checking).

Bob and Howard met with member-volunteers Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, and Tony Milluzzi, KD8RTT, to hear their ideas for continuing to grow interest for the Collegiate Amateur Radio program. We also enjoyed a presentation made by HamCation to Amateur Radio educator Carole Perry, WB2MGP, bestowing on her the honor of the newly established "Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award." Thanks also to Jackie Ferreira and the Warehouse team for their part in readying us for the convention.



Our membership and book store at the event contributed over \$31,000 in sales (vs \$26,700 in 2018) including 299 membership applications (283 in 2018) totaling 442 membership years. A larger-than-typical 25% of the applications were from new or previous members.

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Joe Garcia	07/01 – 07/03	PTO
“	07/12	PTO
“	07/19	PTO
“	07/26	PTO
“	08/02	PTO
“	08/05 – 08/09	PTO
“	08/16	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	08/30	PTO
“	10/14	PTO
Lauren Clarke	03/07 – 03/11	PTO
Scott Gee	03/25 – 03/29	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/17	PTO
“	06/10 – 06/12	PTO
“	10/17 – 10/18	PTO
Dan Henderson	03/08 – 03/10	Nebraska State Convention (Lincoln Hamfest)
“	04/15 – 04/22	PTO
“	05/07 – 05/10	PTO
“	05/18 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Dayton, OH
“	07/01 – 07/03	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	03/04 – 03/08	PTO
Howard Michel	02/15/19	PTO
“	04/25 – 04/26	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/19	ARRL National Convention/Hamvention, Xenia, OH
“	05/20 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Xenia, OH
“	05/30 – 06/02	SEA-PAC, Seaside, OR
“	06/04	International Microwave Symposium, Boston, MA
“	06/05 – 06/09	West Gulf Division Convention (HamCom), Plano, TX
Diane Middleton	02/20	PTO
“	03/08 – 03/11	PTO
“	06/24 – 06/28	PTO
Carla Pereira	05/16 – 05/19	ARRL National Convention/Hamvention, Xenia, OH
“	05/20 – 05/21	Executive Committee Meeting, Xenia, OH

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