



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.

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

July 15, 2020 @ Zoom

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

July 16, 2020

2020 ARRL Second Board Meeting

July 17 – 18, 2020 @ Zoom

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL's "Eclectic Tech" podcast passed the 50,000 download mark this week!

ARRL Audio News two most recent editions, dated July 10, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrrlaudio/news/64146479/arrrl-audio-news-july-10-2020/>

- Downloads: 731,356
- Currently ranked #119 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 11 dated July 2, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/60864874/arrrl-eclectic-tech-episode-11/>

- Downloads: 53,340
- Currently ranked #111 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 7 dated July 9, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrrlontheair/64009903/arrrl-on-the-air-episode-7/>

- Downloads: 35,760
- Currently ranked #65 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, attended several meetings relating to the ongoing Personify conversion with Personify and staff. They also held monthly departmental meetings with Radiosport & Field Services and Editorial/Production, in addition to regular updates from across HQ.

Dee Methé, KC1MHN, and Carla continue with the planning and preparations for the July Board meeting, which will be held via Zoom.

Carla and Dee also continue to manage nomination requests and submissions for the 2020 Director/Vice Director elections.

Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Top Social Media Posts:

Facebook (95 engagements)

Go all the way to the top! #ARRL has everything you need to pass the #AmateurRadio Extra Class license exam with confidence. The new 12th edition of The ARRL Extra Class License Manual and 5th edition of ARRL's Extra Q&A are now shipping. Both books are available online at www.arrl.org/shop and as an e-book for the Amazon Kindle.

On the Air Facebook (49 engagements)

The July/August issue of On the Air starts mailing this week and will be available online to all ARRL members on Friday, July 3. The cover story, "Hitting the Heights with Summits on the Air," introduces you to the SOTA program, in which hams earn awards by getting on the air from peaks. July/August also features information on how to buy the right coaxial cable for your station, a walk-through of the tools and materials you'll need for soldering, an introduction to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and more.

Instagram (363 engagements)

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LinkedIn (18 engagements)

ARRL will be closed tomorrow Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. Wishing everyone a safe and fun holiday weekend! We will be back on Monday, July 6th. #ARRL #HamRadio #FourthOfJuly #IndependenceDay

Twitter (28 engagements)

New Amateur Extra Class License Manual and Extra Q&A Now Available <http://ow.ly/rPkv50AoqzJ>
#ARRL #HamRadio

Development

Reported by Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO

Melissa, Maryann Macdonald, KB1ZTH, and Regina Galuppi, W3DGI, have all returned to HQ! During the HQ shutdown, Melissa and Regina continued to work from home processing donations and Diamond Club renewals and the whole department continued Personify training during that time.

June was a busy month for Maxim Society. We are pleased to welcome Walter Sepaniac, N5TQ, of the West Gulf Division, Anthony Perales, AI1U, of the Southeastern Division and Lee Zalaznik, KI6OY, of the Pacific Division as the 288th, 289th and 290th members of the Maxim Society. We are also pleased to welcome Paul Sergi, NO8D, of the Great Lakes Division into the Century Class of the Maxim Society.

ARRL has received a \$10,000 gift through a member's IRA. This contribution is designated toward Spectrum Defense.

ARRL has received \$25,000 through the estate of Joseph Chaet, W1RGH, (SK) of the Southwestern Division. This bequest is unrestricted.

Melissa has been notified of a large bequest to ARRL through the estate of Leroy Koehler, W6ISN (SK). The bequest will be unrestricted.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to not send out a Spectrum Defense Fund solicitation in April as per schedule. The Spectrum Defense Fund solicitation scheduled for November will be sent out earlier; it is expected to be sent out in August. Development is also currently working on a Logbook of the World solicitation. This is in the early stages; it will be the first campaign done for LoTW which will be sent via email and targeted to current LoTW users.

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee will be sending in their scholarship recipient choices in the next two weeks.

The Development Department continues to participate in ongoing and extensive Personify trainings.

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W2LGA, received a nominating petition from Michael Douglas, W4MDD, of Wauchula, to run for the West Central Florida Section Manager position. New York City-Long Island Section Manager Jim Mezey, W2KFV, has been nominated to run for a new term of office. Nominations for this particular Section Manager election cycle need to arrive by September 4, and the new terms begin on January 1, 2021.

Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

Most of the ARRL Lab Staff continues to work at home, servicing our members via telephone and email. Bob Allison returned to the lab to work on *QST* Product Review testing, June 29th.

Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports from Harwinton that he has been very busy, with 11 new RFI cases, five of which have been referred by the FCC. Paul wishes to thank to Zak Lau, W1VT, for taking some of the

TIS calls normally handled by him, as he worked on drafting a rather lengthy Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee report to the board for their July meeting. Paul reports the two biggest noisemakers of the week were power line noise and solar power system noise. There are many companies now invested in producing solar power products; all have their own RFI characteristics, adding more challenges to the HF spectrum.

On a personal note, Paul's recent antenna project atop his 125-foot tower did not go well, with damaged coax and bent elements everywhere. Another attempt will be made on the 18th, when a 150-foot crane arrives on site. Let's all hope Paul's project goes well. If it does, Paul promises to share photos here in, "Weekly Report".

Bob Allison is pleased to report from the ARRL Laboratory that he has returned to the laboratory on a limited basis, for testing purposes only. Bob got right to work, completing testing of a high-performance HF/6m transceiver. Soon afterwards, Bob delivered the transceiver to Joel Hallas, WiZR, in Westport, CT, for review.



Bob also tested an inexpensive, dual band, handheld transceiver and has started testing of a solid state, high-performance HF/6m power amplifier.

Bob Allison received a nice donation for the ARRL, from Judith Baldwin, daughter of former ARRL CEO, Dick Baldwin, W1RU (SK). Judith donated 80 stick pins her father had collected while attending various Amateur Radio conventions over the years. Also included in the donation were key fobs, buttons and two of Dick's "W1IKE" (his former call sign) QSL cards, both of which were autographed in 1952, by General Dwight D Eisenhower. An inventory was taken by Bob and a letter of acknowledgement was composed and sent to Judith Baldwin by Maty Weinberg, with gratitude. The collection will make a fine display in the future.

Bob also wishes to report that ARRL Heritage Museum volunteer curator, Jonathan Allen, K2KKH, has resigned his volunteer job and moved to Arizona. The lab thanks Jonathan for his seven years of volunteer service to the ARRL Laboratory and for his dedication to the preservation of the ARRL Historical Collections.

At home, Bob Allison is pleased to report that a brand new NVIS dipole, cut for the 80-meter band, is working quite well, both for very short skywave signals and for regional communications. Bob tested it on Field Day, a good time to use a new antenna to see how well and in which directions it works. Bob reports it works equally well in all directions. The signal goes up, then down again. Fifteen miles via skywave does not sound like much, but it's the only way to drop a signal into one of Bob's friends as local topography prohibits any other signal path other than through repeaters. At night, Bob worked the UK with a 59 + 10 dB signal received at that end, using this dipole, so it's good for some DX.

Zak Lau reports from Newington that calls and email for technical help continue to be received by the laboratory staff. Zak receives the most difficult questions possible; all TIS questions are answered in a very timely manner by the lab staff. Zak reports that during off-hours, he worked former COO, Harold Cramer, WJ1B, on 6 meters. Harold passes his best wishes to the ARRL staff.

WIAW

Joe Garcia created the texts for the next week's WIAW Qualifying Runs. He also updated the Qualifying Run schedule and *QST* code practice source web pages. Joe processed five Qualifying Run certificates and five endorsements.

Joe processed regular QSL card requests and performed a quick swap on the 2-meter broadcast amplifier power supply. He also performed a firmware update to the Yaesu FTdx101MP Product Review unit. Joe also made a quick fix to the 80/40-meter fan dipole located in front of HQ.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. He also processed sixty-six electronic VUCC applications for a total of 5477 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	10 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	6,408
2020 WAS Applications	1,339
2020 VUCC Applications	526
2020 WAC Applications	72
2020 WPX Applications	518
2020 WAZ Applications	458

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	07/10	PTO
“	08/20 – 08/24	PTO
Bob Allison	07/14	PTO
Ken Bailey	07/10	PTO
Kris Bickell	08/10 – 08/14	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	08/14	PTO
“	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Garcia	07/10	PTO
“	07/16 – 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
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Regina Galuppi	08/08 – 08/15	PTO
Scott Gee	09/14 – 09/19	PTO
Dan Henderson	06/26 – 07/13	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	07/10	PTO
Dee Methé	07/24	PTO

Carla Pereira	07/24	PTO
Diane Petrilli	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

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