



# ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®

## IN-NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events:

*Please note: events listed below are still subject to cancellation at any time as circumstances change. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.*

#### QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (online)

August 13-15

#### Northeast HamXposition

September 10-12 @ Marlborough, MA

#### Huntsville Hamfest

August 21-22 @ Huntsville, AL

#### RRRA Hamfest

September 25 @ West Fargo, ND

### ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

#### **ARRL Audio News**



<https://blubrry.com/arraudio/news/>

- #61 Apple Podcasts | United States of America | Tech News
- Downloads YTD: 134,057 Jan 1 to July 28, 2021. 131,720 Jan 1 to July 28, 2020
- Latest episode: July 29

#### **Eclectic Tech**



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/>

- Downloads YTD: 72,460 Jan 1 to July 28, 2021. 61,056 Jan 1 to July 28, 2020
- Latest episode: July 29

#### **On the Air**



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/>

- Downloads YTD: 53,103 Jan 1 to July 28, 2021. 41,989 Jan 1 to July 28, 2020
- Latest episode: August 12

## **Chief Executive Office**

Deidre Methe, KC1MHN

David Minster, NA2AA, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, attended the Marketing Communications, Lifetime Learning, Advertising, Marketing, RadioSport and Field Services monthly meetings.

In addition, there was a Management Council meeting, a Learning Center soft launch strategy meeting, plus the Assortment Planning Committee meeting. David, and the CEO of Personify, engaged in a conference call last week.

David also participated in several calls with the Board members and numerous staff meetings on a variety of topics.

Dee completed follow up items from the Board meeting and continues to receive and vet submitted candidate petitions for the upcoming Director/Vice Director elections. The elections are for the following divisions: Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, and Roanoke. The E&E Committee is busy reviewing them for approval of eligibility.

Kelly Wells is busy getting acclimated in her new position drafting multiple sets of minutes for approval.

## **Development**

Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLQ

We are pleased to welcome Richard Dubroff, W9XW, of the Central Division, Kenneth Cowin, KD2HHT, of the Hudson Division, Rodney Stafford, W6ROD, of the Pacific Division, Donn Baker, WA2VOI, of the Dakota Division, Charles Fullgraf, KE4OAR, of the Delta Division, John Ritter, K7VGF, of the Northwestern Division and Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD, of the New England Division as the 317<sup>th</sup>, 318<sup>th</sup>, 319<sup>th</sup>, 320<sup>th</sup>, 321<sup>st</sup>, 322<sup>nd</sup> and 323<sup>rd</sup> members of the Maxim Society. We are also pleased to welcome Thomas Hutton, N3ZZ, of the Pacific Division into the Benefactor Class of the Maxim Society.

Melissa has been working with Lifelong Learning Manager Kris Bickell, K1BIC, on the upcoming Education & Technology Fund solicitation, which is targeted to be sent out to members in late August or early September.

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Awards for the 2021-2022 academic year have been disbursed to the recipients' institutions of higher learning. Preparations for the 2022-2023 scholarship application period are underway.

The ARRL Foundation Board of Directors will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, to discuss the scholarship and grant programs.

## Product Development

Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, is nearing completion on a proposal for joint events with the Radio Society of Great Britain to celebrate the centennial and achievement of amateur transatlantic communications (1921-22). Bob, in conjunction with Nick Totterdell, G4FAL, RSGB HF Contest Committee Chair are working on the planning.

As Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, and Ed Hare, W1RFI, begin to install equipment in the new ARRL Radio Lab, Bob brought in four electricians to quote additional electrical outlets for the room.

Bob handled some media inquiries about recent amateur reports of 40-meter jamming. He has described the observations of non-amateur signals believed to originate from the direction of Cuba as “peer-to-peer information exchange among hams, corroborating observations of interference on our well-monitored Amateur Radio spectrum.”

## Operations

Bob Naumann, W5OV

The ARRL has been approved as an official Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. (<https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/about>)

The ability to bestow Presidential recognition to our volunteers is a tremendous honor. Recognizing the great work and commitment of our volunteers can deliver a powerful message, one that encourages others to act.

This new membership benefit will allow volunteers to earn various levels of awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award earned after 4000 hours of qualifying volunteer work.



One significant benefit is that many other volunteer organizations participate in the President's program, and hours invested in other organizations can be combined with work done on behalf of the

ARRL towards the personal achievement awards. More details will be available as we integrate this with our volunteer programs.

### W1AW

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Report for the weeks ending July 24, 2021:

On Monday, July 19, Joe gave a Zoom presentation of W1AW to members of the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society in St. Louis (<https://www.w0ma.org/>). As part of the tour, he was able to bring the USB-tethered camera outside to briefly show off the towers. Joe readied antenna pieces for the antenna/tower inspections to be held on Tuesday, July 27. He also processed two (2) Qualifying Run certificates.

Scott processed one (1) paper and seventy-six (76) electronic VUCC applications for a total of 6,568 credits. He also worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week.

### Lifelong Learning

Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Learning Network continued with "Learning with High Altitude Balloons" on Thursday July 22. Jack McElroy, KM4ZIA and Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN, talked about their experiences with high altitude balloons and explained how to get involved and prepare to launch successfully! Their presentation showed how high-altitude balloons are a great way to involve more youth in Ham Radio and how it is a fantastic learning experience for students.

To view a recording of this and previous presentations, and to see an upcoming schedule of webinars, visit:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

Proposals for new topics are accepted on a rolling basis. If you have a topic you would like to present, please use the following form:

<http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form>

### Public Relations & Outreach

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

Social Media Followers July 18 – July 24

**Facebook:** 85,505

**On the Air Facebook:** 2,335

**Twitter:** 38,784

**ARES Twitter:** 18,778

**Instagram:** 13,720

**LinkedIn:** 1,979

Podcast Total Downloads/ YTD

**On the Air:** 129,349 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 19, 2020, with 40,695

**Eclectic Tech:** 190,264 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 19, 2020, with 58,724

**Audio News:** 971,520 as of July 19, 2021. Compared to July 5, 2020, with 739,402

Top Social Media Hits/Posts July 18-24

**Facebook:** Amateur Radio Operators in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands have been supporting emergency communication in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Photo: Klaus Baerwinkel  
[www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-responds-to-flooding-in-western-europe](http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-responds-to-flooding-in-western-europe) #ARRL HamRadio  
#AmateurRadio



**Twitter:** FCC Investigating Alleged "Jamming" on 40 Meters <http://ow.ly/EEBB102QwWU> #ARRL  
#HamRadio

[Sigel woman recalls working amateur radio work during 1996 flood](#)

The Courier Express (Pennsylvania) July 22, 2021

For more Media Hits, please visit: [www.arrl.org/media-hits](http://www.arrl.org/media-hits)

Hurricane related Media Hits and ARRL news are also available via [www.arrl.org/2021-hurricanes](http://www.arrl.org/2021-hurricanes)

ARRL Newsletters Circulation

The ARRL Contest Update: 25,665

The ARRL Letter: 111,267

The ARES Letter: 38,194

**Radiosport**

Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	5 Business Days
2021 DXCC Applications	5,864
2021 WAS Applications	2,000
2021 VUCC Applications	1,023
2021 WAC Applications	83
2021 WPX Applications	615
2021 WAZ Applications	513

**LAB**

Ed Hare, W1RFI

Ed Hare organized and attended a number of meetings associated with the IEEE EMC Society 2021 Virtual Symposium.

Now that Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, has assumed the responsibilities of the ARRL Product Review Test Engineer, the position of ARRL EMC Engineer has been posted on the Employment section of the ARRL web page. This is a full-time position here in the ARRL Lab in Newington.

**Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation**

David Minster	08/13 - 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest
Kathleen Callahan	08/13 – 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest
Bob Inderbitzen	08/13 - 08/15	Huntsville Hamfest

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