

IN-NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Event

Executive Committee Meeting October 12 @ Denver, CO

Delta Division ConventionOctober 18 – 19 @ East Ridge, TN

FLEA at MIT October 20 @ Cambridge, MA ARRL Pacific Division Convention (Pacificon)
October 18-20 @ San Ramon, CA

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
November 16 @ Windsor, CT

Indiana Section ConventionNovember 16 – 17 @ Fort Wayne, IN

ARRL Podcasts

Please listen to the most recent editions of ARRL's podcasts:

ARRL Audio News dated October 4, 2019:

https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/49636985/arrl-audio-news-october-4-2019?sbe=1

So Now What? dated October 3, 2019 https://blubrry.com/arrlnowwhat/49566642/13-youre-not-just-a-tech/

The Doctor is In dated September 26, 2019

https://blubrry.com/arrl the doctor is in/49022850/keeping-water-out-of-coaxial-cables/

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, spent last week in Lima, Peru, attending the XX IARU General Assembly Region 2 meeting. President Rick Roderick, K5UR, also attended on behalf of ARRL. Both submitted reports to the assembly in advance of the meeting. Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, IARU Secretary, and Jay Bellows, K0QB, IARU Treasurer, attended as IARU officers.

Twenty member countries from North and South America (Region 2) were represented. Some agenda items from the week-long meeting included modifications to the Region 2 Constitution and Bylaws to comply with current banking requirements; band planning recommendations for satellite communications; and approval of the operational budget for the next three years. Officer elections were also held, and Jay Bellows was reelected to the position of IARU Treasurer. Sessions Howard attended included the

Technical Committee, Band Planning, Emergency Communications, and Satellite Coordination Group meetings.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN,

<u>Top Social Media Posts</u>

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn: QST's latest free article of the month is "Decoding Numbers Stations" by Allison McLellan. Start investigating these mysterious AM transmissions at www.arrl.org/this-month-in-qst before the digital edition of the November issue of #QST goes live October 4.

Twitter: FCC Proposes Fining New York Radio Amateur \$17,000 for Deliberate Interference http://ow.ly/yc1r101UhK8 #ARRL #HamRadio



Podcast Downloads and Charts



ARRL Audio News: 566,704 total downloads Currently ranked #42 in Apple Podcasts: US Tech News.

So Now What? 102,285 total downloads

Currently ranked #14 out of 250 on iTunes Hobbies Chart.

So Now What? recently hit the **100,000** downloads mark! The podcast debuted in March of 2019.

The Doctor is In: 1,200,811 total downloads

Very close to one-and-a-quarter million downloads!

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Preparations are nearly complete for the 2019 New Section Manager Workshop being held at ARRL Headquarters on Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13. Seven Section Managers are scheduled to attend, and they will travel to Newington on October 10. Workshop coordinator Steve Ewald thanks the Headquarters staff for their excellent support by welcoming participants and presenting informational sessions and leading discussions.

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that Louisiana Section Manager John Mark Robertson, K5JMR, has been nominated to run for a new term of office that begins on April 1, 2020. Nominations remain open until December 6.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Thank you to Steve Ewald and Dan Wall, W1ZFG, for covering the Tuesday through Thursday morning shifts for Joe Carcia, who had to take an unscheduled three days off from work. In the previous week, Joe processed three Code Proficiency certificates and one endorsement.

On Monday, Joe joined Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, in interviewing Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, for the "So Now What?" podcast.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week. Scott also processed two paper and eleven electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1,085 credits.

Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC

The third 2019 session of EC-001 (Introduction to Emergency Communication) ended on October 4. The fourth and final session begins on October 7, with more than 500 registered students. So far 440 students have successfully completed the course in 2019.

In addition, 76 students have completed EC-016 (Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs), and 93 students have completed PR-101 (ARRL Public Relations).

The successful operation of these three courses provides a strong foundation for the new Lifelong Learning program.

Radiosport

Reported by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

| Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time | 2 weeks |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Logbook Processing Time | 1 – 2 business days |
| 2019 DXCC Applications | 8,558 |
| 2019 WAS Applications | 1,580 |
| 2019 VUCC Applications | 744 |
| 2019 WAC Applications | 89 |
| 2019 WPX Applications | 615 |
| 2019 WAZ Applications | 540 |

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM

Yvette Vinci completed the annual Statements of Ownership, Management, and Circulation for each of ARRL's periodicals. The corresponding statements will be published in the December issue of *QST* and the Nov-Dec issues of *QEX* and *NCJ*.

Yvette also prepared a report for the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting with a listing of the elected Life Members since the last EC meeting—122 new Life Members.

Materials were assembled and shipped to support ARRL's booth at Pacificon, the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA (October 18-20).

The next bi-annual Tour Guide "Thank You" Lunch is Tuesday, October 22. At least 16 volunteers will be attending.

Warehouse Supervisor Steve Capodicasa reported that the warehouse team has been busy fulfilling backorders of the new editions of the *ARRL Antenna Book* and *The ARRL Handbook*.

Our team of Member Service Representatives handled 2,608 calls in September, versus 2,859 in September 2018. The team includes Margie Bourgoin, KB1DCO, Jon Faasen, AA1EZ, Liz Karpiej, KA1DTU, Kim McNeill, KM1IPA, and Cathy Stepina.

Now Shipping:

The ARRL Antenna Book new 24th edition Four-Volume Boxed Set Softcover, *The ARRL Handbook* 2020 edition Six-Volume Book Set and Softcover. http://www.arrl.org/shop/What-s-New/

Summary of Sales and Marketing Department telephone group, reported by Yvette Vinci:

| Week Ending | Calls Answered | Calls Per Hour | Total Talking | Average Speed of Answer |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Duration | |
| 9/27/2019 | 608 | 13.5 | 21:31:45 | 8 seconds |
| 9/20/2019 | 651 | 14.4 | 19:52:53 | 8 seconds |
| 9/13/2019 | 630 | 14.0 | 21:55:24 | 8 seconds |
| 9/6/2019 (4 days) | 569 | 15.8 | 22:57:36 | 12 seconds |

Summary of warehouse fulfillment activity, reported by Steve Capodicasa:

| Week Ending | Packages fulfilled | Member Premiums |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 9/27/2019 | 633 | 396 |
| 9/20/2019 | 472 | 301 |
| 9/13/2019 | 527 | 371 |
| 9/6/2019 (4 days) | 756 | 424 |

Hamfests / Conventions / Meetings / ARRL Representative / Vacations

| 10/18 - 10/21 | PTO |
|---------------|--|
| 11/01 | PTO |
| 10/21 - 10/23 | PTO |
| 11/14 - 11/15 | PTO |
| 11/21 - 11/22 | PTO |
| 12/03 | PTO |
| 10/11 - 10/14 | PTO |
| 10/18 - 10/21 | PTO |
| 10/17 - 10/21 | Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA |
| 10/25 | PTO |
| 11/25 - 11/29 | PTO |
| 12/23 - 12/31 | PTO |
| 10/18 - 10/23 | PTO |
| 10/28 | PTO |
| 10/10 - 10/11 | PTO |
| 11/25 - 11/27 | PTO |
| 10/18 - 10/21 | PTO |
| 10/10 - 10/14 | Executive Committee Meeting, Denver, CO |
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| " | 10/17 - 10/21 | Delta Division Convention, East Ridge, TN |
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| " | 11/13 - 11/17 | Indiana Section Convention, Fort Wayne, IN |
| " | 12/16 - 01/03 | PTO |
| Bob Inderbitzen | 10/11 | PTO |
| " | 10/14 - 10/16 | University of Arizona ARC, Tucson, AZ |
| " | 10/17 - 10/21 | Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA |
| Dee Methe | 10/11 (half day) | PTO |
| " | 10/17 - 10/22 | PTO |
| " | 11/07 | Jury Duty |
| Howard Michel | 10/11 - 10/13 | Executive Committee Meeting, Denver, CO |
| " | 10/18 - 10/20 | Delta Division Convention, East Ridge, TN |
| " | 11/07 - 11/08 | Warminster ARC, Warminster, PA |
| Diane Middleton | 11/11 | PTO |
| 44 | 11/25 - 11/29 | PTO |
| Michelle Patnode | 10/16 - 10/17 | NAB Show, NYC |
| " | 02/05 - 02/11 | PTO |
| Carla Pereira | 10/11 - 10/13 | Executive Committee Meeting, Denver, CO |
| 44 | 10/18 | PTO |
| " | 11/01 - 11/06 | PTO |
| 44 | 12/23 - 12/24 | PTO |
| Diane Petrilli | 10/25 | PTO |
| 44 | 12/23 - 12/31 | PTO |
| Yvette Vinci | 10/17 - 10/21 | Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA |

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