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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.

Ozarkcon

April 10 @ <https://ocon.rleepotter.com/index.html>

2021 Virtual International DX & Contesting Convention

April 16 – 18 & April 23 – 25 @ <https://www.dxconvention.com/>

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

April 24 @ Zoom

ARRL Tennessee State Convention

June 19 @ Knoxville, TN

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL Audio News most recent episode dated March 19, 2021:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/75104285/arrl-audio-news-march-19-2021/>

- Downloads: 889,255
- Currently #40 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 29 most recent episode dated March 11, 2021



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/73182400/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-29/>

- Downloads: 141,803
- Currently #210 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 15 most recent episode dated March 11, 2021



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/74669155/arrls-on-the-air-episode-15/>

- Downloads: 93,331
- Currently #135 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held departmental meetings with the Lab, Radiosport, Marketing Communications, and VEC. David also attended meetings pertaining to IT, Personify, assorted meetings with staff, and training sessions for the QSO Today Virtual Expo.

David served as the keynote speaker for the QSO Today event, held over the weekend. Read more about the Expo below, in the “Development” and “Product Development” sections of this newsletter.

The two new committees formed by the Board of Directors in January, (the Investment Management Committee, and an ad hoc committee to study license exam fees for youth) both met last week.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, completed the project of scanning and uploading *all* of our archived copies of past IN-News newsletters to the website. The files date all the way back to 1985, when the newsletter debuted.

Communications

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Media Hits

This week’s highlighted posting is a terrific feature from the current issue of *Outside* magazine. Please check out <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits> for this and other amateur radio news items highlighted on our Media Hits page.

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Development

Reported by Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO

ARRL is pleased to welcome: Gary Audiss, N6SI, of the Pacific Division; Jerome Baliukas, K7ENH, of the Southwestern Division; David Daley, AC2BA, of the Atlantic Division; Warren Fugate, W3WE, of the Atlantic Division; and Daniel Goelzer, KD3G, of the Atlantic Division. They became the 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th and 305th members of the Maxim Society.

Melissa Stemmer, working with ARRL staff members including Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, Jon Faasen, AA1EZ, and Kim McNeil, KM1IPA, took part in the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo on March 13th as a representative in the ARRL Booth interacting with visitors to the tables.

The 2021 Diamond Club Premium was soft launched during the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo keynote speech given by CEO David Minster. This year’s premium is a unique commemorative display honoring the 1964 Amateur Radio Stamp and First Day Issue, and EmComm’s contribution to the 1964 Alaskan earthquake and other times of crisis and natural disasters that have occurred throughout the years including Hurricane Katrina. The lucite ‘postcard’ features the original 1964 Amateur Radio Stamp as well as a specially designed Diamond Club Challenge Coin. To learn more about the premium, including the history behind it, please visit <http://www.arrl.org/2021-diamond-club-premium>.

Melissa, Maryann Macdonald, KB1ZTH, and Regina Galuppi, W3DGI, have been training and testing in Personify daily along with participating in team training calls throughout the week.

Lab

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Joe Carcia connected once more with Jeff Ach, W2FU, to work out some finer points with the Hamplus 12-port antenna switch and its Green Heron wireless controllers.

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He processed nine Code Proficiency certificates as well as regular QSL card requests.

Joe also participated in the QSO Today Virtual Expo held during this past weekend. Joe manned the virtual W1AW table and gave tours of W1AW (via Zoom) every two hours during the event. With three monitors running simultaneously, Joe kept one Zoom meeting window open for the tours and other uses; another dedicated to the virtual table; and the third monitor to demonstrate to attendants the software used for all the scheduled CW and digital transmissions. This allowed for easy transitions between the tours and chatting with visitors to the W1AW table.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, processed fourteen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1523 credits. He also worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week.

Lifelong Learning

Kris Bickell, K1BIC

The Lifelong Learning department continued planning for Teachers Institute 2021. The planning team (Kris Bickell, Ally Flynn, KM3ALF, Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, and ARRL's three Teachers Institute instructors, Matt Severin, N8MS, Tommy Gober, N5DUX, and Larry Kendall, K6NDL) continued discussions for the virtual event, which will take place the week of July 12, 2021.

ARRL's Learning Network continued with "Technicians: Life Beyond Repeaters" presented by Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, on Tuesday March 9, 2021. To view the upcoming schedule of Learning Network webinars, and view recordings of previous presentations, visit:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learningnetwork>

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>

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

A word of thanks to all of the staff who helped plan for and support ARRL's participation for the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo which was held March 13 – 14. While the event organizer had significant technical issues that impacted attendees, speakers, and exhibitors – our team mustered through it. We supported two virtual exhibits on Saturday and Sunday, with on-site staff representatives for the ARRL Lab, W1AW tours, Member Services, Radiosport, ARRL Field Day, and Field Services. Live video and audio was used, allowing participants to fully interact with our staff. A pre-recorded keynote address was delivered by David Minster, NA2AA, on Saturday afternoon. The event was also attended by some ARRL Board members including President Rick Roderick, K5UR. With Rick Lindquist's help, we included a summary of the event in this week's ARRL Letter with instructions for attendee-access to the on-demand presentations until April 16; <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>.

Bob Inderbitzen led meetings to familiarize our QSO Today exhibit team with the virtual event platform. He also participated in meetings involving a future Student Membership Challenge and worked with subject matter experts preparing a Cycle 25 primer. During the week leading up to the QSO Today Expo, we populated the virtual event platform with ARRL assets for our exhibits.

Bob participated in the monthly ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio webinar on Tuesday, March 9. The meeting, our first since moving from GotoWebinar to Zoom, had our largest group of student participants yet.

We are beginning to receive member-contributed ideas via the new **ARRL Ideation** web page, introduced by David Minster in his recent *QST* editorial. The web page is www.arrl.org/ideas. While the process is being fully-developed, Bob already receives and acknowledges all idea submissions, and shares ideas with David and other colleagues for additional consideration.

Radiosport

Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2021 DXCC Applications	2304
2021 WAS Applications	816
2021 VUCC Applications	220
2021 WAC Applications	40
2021 WPX Applications	214
2021 WAZ Applications	180

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	04/02	PTO
“	04/08 – 04/12	PTO
“	04/23	PTO
“	05/21	PTO

Kathleen Callahan	03/19	PTO
"	03/26	PTO
"	06/14 – 06/18	PTO
Joe Garcia	03/19	PTO
"	04/02	PTO
"	05/28	PTO
"	07/02 – 07/09	PTO
"	07/16	PTO
"	07/23	PTO
"	07/30	PTO
"	08/06 – 08/13	PTO
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Scott Gee	04/01	PTO
"	04/08	PTO
"	09/13 – 09/20	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	03/19	PTO
"	04/01 – 04/02	PTO
"	04/12 – 04/16	PTO
Diane Middleton	03/22 – 03/26	PTO
"	04/12 – 04/16	PTO
Carla Pereira	03/23 – 03/31	PTO

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