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## IN-NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

[North American Sprint](#) CW | February 4

[Orlando HamCation](#), hosting the ARRL Florida State Convention, Orlando, Florida | February 9 – 11

[North American Sprint](#) RTTY | February 10

[School Club Roundup](#) | February 12 – 16

[ARRL International DX Contest](#) CW | February 17 – 18

Presidents' Day (HQ closed) | February 19

[North American QSO Party](#) RTTY | February 24 – 25

[Greater Houston Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL West Gulf Div. Convention, Rosenberg, Texas | March 1 – 2

[ARRL International DX Contest](#) Phone | March 2 – 3

[Raleigh Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina | April 6

[Rookie Roundup](#) SSB | April 21

[Dayton Hamvention](#), hosting the ARRL National Convention, Xenia, Ohio | May 17 – 19

[SEA-PAC](#), hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon | May 31 – June 2

[International Digital Contest](#) | June 1 – 2

[June VHF](#) | June 8 – 10

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-2, Newington, CT | June 10 – 14

[Knoxville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Delta Div. Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee | June 15

[Kids Day](#) | June 15

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 17 – 21

[ARRL Field Day](#) | June 22 – 23

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 24 – 28

## **Executive Office**

**Reported by Danielle Bialoglowy**

It was a busy couple of weeks preparing for, and supporting, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and related committee meetings. The Board meeting was held January 19 – 20, at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott.

A Member Bulletin with highlights from the Board meeting was emailed to members on Sunday, January 21: <http://www.arrl.org/member-bulletin?issue=2024-01-21>

An orientation was organized and held on Wednesday, January 17, for the new Vice Directors.

## **Marketing**

**Reported by Jason Leonard, Marketing Operations Manager**

On January 17, we announced that ARRL is the new publisher of Gordon West, WB6NOA: <https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-is-new-publisher-of-gordon-west-wb6noa>

We have taken delivery of the Gordon West books – the remaining inventory from the previous publisher. The books are quickly being shrink-wrapped with a printed piece that covers the back cover, indicating ARRL is the current publisher (including barcode, errata, and other ARRL resources). Thanks especially to Acquisitions Editor Mark Derks, KC1RVQ, for his contribution to this project. We have already started to receive orders for the books from dealers, which will be fulfilled this week.

Designs for covers are being completed for the new *Portable Operating Logbook*, a new printing of the Gordon West Technician Class book, and the new *Best of Arduino for Ham Radio* book.

Materials were prepared and shipped for our exhibit at Orlando HamCation, which will be held February 9 – 11. As part of our partnership with HamCation, Alex Norstrom, KC1RMO, readied the [ARRL Events App](#), which attendees can use to navigate the 2024 exhibits and forums. The app can be downloaded for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices, or use the [browser version](#).

## **Membership**

**Reported by Marc Spardello, W1NJ**

Revised membership applications for field use have been published. Section Managers and Board members will find these PDFs on their restricted areas of the ARRL website.

## **Development**

**Reported by Kevin Beal, K8EAL**

Donations continue to come in towards Education & Technology, Spectrum Defense, Diamond Club, and unrestricted support of ARRL. Donations are entered and acknowledgements are being sent in a timely fashion.

Year-end reports were finalized for the Board meeting.

## **ARRL Foundation**

**Reported by Christina Lessard, KC1TDM**

We have continued to field questions about the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program from applicants and others. The 2024 scholarship application cycle closed on January 10. Two hundred applications from students were received, which is an increase of 45 applications from 2023. Staff utilized a function in Kaleidoscope (the software program used to manage the applications) for the first time to send emails and texts to students with applications in process urging them to complete their applications. The Scholarship Committee will review applications over the coming months and align deserving students with scholarships that are managed by the Foundation.

The Grant Committee recommended five proposals from the October grant cycle to be funded, which the Foundation Board approved. The following grants will be awarded and announced via ARRL News:

- The Montgomery Amateur Radio Club in Silver Spring, Maryland, will receive a grant for instructional materials for the first year of a Radio Merit Badge program during MARC/DECT Field Day so that 40 Boy Scouts can participate.
- The Yonkers Amateur Radio Club in Yonkers, New York, will receive a grant to purchase 10 hand-held radios for training and instructional demonstrations, and ARRL publications such as an *ARRL Handbook*, *ARRL Antenna Book*, ARRL frequency charts, and an *ARRL Field Resources Manual*.
- The West After School Center, dba Afterschool Programs of Lancaster, Ohio, will receive support to hold a Wireless Technology and Family STEM Night in five different elementary schools. Activities include an interactive experience with a STEM trailer, building a paper circuit, and using a Morse code oscillator.
- The Augusta Preparatory Day School in Augusta, Georgia, will receive a grant to purchase additional parts for an AMSAT CubeSAT Sim.
- The Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering in Huntsville, Alabama, will receive an award to purchase two complete sets of Foxhunting equipment.

## **Education and Learning**

**Reported by Steve Goodgame, K5ATA**

Steve Goodgame prepared materials for an ARRL exhibit he has organized for the upcoming Texas Computer Education Association Conference, which will be held in Austin, February 3 – 7.

## **Advertising**

**Reported by Janet Rocco, W1JLR**

Janet Rocco committed all of the original advertisers for *The Parks On the Air Book* reprint. She noted that the advertisers were impressed with the success of the book.

## **W1AW**

### **Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q**

Joe Carcia gave a Zoom presentation about W1AW to twenty-three members of the Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society.

W1AW received (and replied to) the first of monthly Winlink 2000 test messages sent from FEMA Region 1 as part of the overall collaboration between DHS, FEMA, and ARRL (W1AW). The WL2K messages are sent to both W1AW and its SHARES call sign (NCS310). One of the purposes of these monthly tests is to verify communications between W1AW and other served agencies. These test messages are sent to a number of radio operators in FEMA Region 1. Each message contains detailed instruction on how to reply.

Joe participated in a SHARES Working Group Zoom Meeting on Friday, January 26. The purpose of the meeting was to give updates to various SHARES stations – ARRL/W1AW is NCS310 – on current events within the program.

Joe participated, along with Steve Goodgame, John McAuliffe, KD2ZWN, and TI Instructor Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, in a Zoom meeting with John Kruk, N9UPC, of Yaesu. The meeting was to discuss the W1HQ Yaesu Fusion repeater, located in the ARRL Laboratory.

Joe assembled an exterior automatic tuner system for the 176' doublet antenna mounted on the satellite tower. This antenna will be used for SHARES/WL2K/MARS applications. Given the lack of (out of stock) readily available bias-tees (DC-blocks) to feed the external tuner, Joe designed and built two bias-tees to feed DC power to the tuner.

W1AW received a generous donation from Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil Sound, consisting of:

3 – Pro Set 3 headsets	2 – AD-1-K adapters
1 – Heil PR 30	1 – AD-1-YM adapter
3 – Pro Set Elite headsets	2 – FS-3 foot switch
3 – AD-1-IC adapters	1 – Pro 7 Headset
2 – AD-1-Y adapters	1 – iCM BG microphone

## **Publications and Editorial**

### **Reported by Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY**

The March 2024 issue of *QST* went to the printer.

## **Emergency Management**

### **Reported by Josh Johnston, KE5MHV**

The Emergency Management Department has been working to review the suggested edits from the Editorial Department for the ARES Basic Course. We are also finalizing the Intermediate Course to be sent to editorial next week.

Josh Johnston participated in the all day EC-FSC meeting on Thursday prior to the January Board meeting.

**Field Services**

**Reported by Mike Walters, W8ZY**

Recognition is the theme of the moment with Field Services working with Directors to recognize ARRL Affiliated Clubs reaching 100, 75, 50, 25-year milestones this year.

We are working with Directors to clean up the appointment database on Assistant Directors for each Division. The effort will ensure accurate records and contact information.