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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.*

#### **MTARS Tullahoma Hamfest**

March 13 @ Tullahoma, TN

#### **QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo**

March 13 – 14 @ <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

### ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The *ARRL Audio News* continues its streak in the US Top 40 (Tech News)! Please be sure to listen to the newest episodes of *Eclectic Tech* and *On the Air*, both released yesterday.

**ARRL Audio News** most recent episode dated March 12, 2021:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/74838341/arrl-audio-news-march-12-2021?sbe=1>

- 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 Middletown, W2DLM, held departmental meetings with the Editorial and Emergency Management managers, as well as a number of meetings covering a range of topics across departments. The Management Council met as well, with the discussion primarily focused on maximizing the impact of virtual events.

Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, shared an email she received from a member complimenting *QST* and thanking everyone involved in producing it. A quote from his message:

“EACH issue of *QST* is better than the last. How do you do it? In my imagination, it takes much dedication and love on your part. THANK YOU!!”

## **Communications**

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

### **Media Hits**

Please check out <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits> for the amateur radio news items highlighted on our Media Hits page.

### **Top Social Media Post through March 6**



**Facebook:** Learning Network Presentation: Talking to Astronauts: An Elementary School’s Exciting ARISS Contact presented by Diane Warner, KE8HLD.



**Instagram:** “The W7SX (Zavrel) Array,” in the April 2021 issue of *QST*, Robert J. Zavrel, W7SX.



**Twitter:** ARISS, NASA, and ESA Continue to Probe Amateur Radio Problems on ISS

<http://ow.ly/Wcuw50DPpB6>

#ARRL #HamRadio

<https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1367229582617755652/photo/1> news story

### Total Number of Social Media Followers through March 6

Main Facebook: 85,462

Main Twitter: 38,192

ARES Twitter: 18,548

Instagram: 13,102

On the Air Facebook: 2,025

LinkedIn: 1,812

Follow ARRL on social media! [www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media)

### Field Services

Steve Ewald, WV1X

In advance of the March 5 nomination deadline for this spring season's election cycle, incumbent Utah Section Manager Mel Parkes, NM7P, and Pat Malan, N7PAT, submitted nominating petitions to run for the next term of office that begins July 1, 2021; therefore, there will be one Section Manager election this spring in Utah.

As previously reported in the IN News, the following Section Managers were nominated for new terms of office. Since they have no opposition, they have been declared elected to start their new two-year terms of office on July 1. They are Marty Pittinger, KB3MXM (Maryland-DC); John Bigley, N7UR (Nevada); Bob Buus, W2OD (Northern New Jersey); Bob Beaudet, W1YRC (Rhode Island); John Litz, NZ6Q (San Joaquin Valley); and Dale Durham, W5WI (West Texas). In New Hampshire, Pete Stohrer, K1PJS, was the only nominee, so he will succeed John Gotthardt, K1UAF, as Section Manager on July 1.

### Lab

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

On Tuesday, March 2, Joe Carcia gave a W1AW presentation via Zoom to members of the Boca Raton ARA (<https://brara.org/BLOG/home/>). Joe also continues to work on the Hamplus 12-port antenna switch with its Green Heron wireless controllers.

## **Lifelong Learning**

Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Learning Network continued with "Talking to Astronauts: An Elementary School's Exciting ARISS Contact" presented by Diane Warner, KE8HLD, and guest panelist Rosalie White, K1STO, on Tuesday March 2, 2021.

To view the upcoming schedule of Learning Network 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>

## **Product Development**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

We've prepared ARRL's participation for the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo, which will be held March 13-14. ARRL has been promoted as a QSO Today partner. Key areas of our participation include David Minster's keynote which will be delivered during the event on Sat, Mar 13 at 3 PM Eastern time (2000 UTC). Since all of the forums and presentations are pre-recorded, David's keynote was video-recorded here in the HQ lobby which was transformed into a studio last Saturday. Sixteen of our staff will support two booths in the virtual exhibit hall, including a general ARRL booth and one for the ARRL Lab featuring "Ask the Lab" and short tours from inside W1AW. We'll keep these exhibit hours: 8 AM to 5 PM PST on Saturday, and 8 AM to 1 PM PDT on Sunday. Many ARRL member-volunteers also pepper the large schedule of presentations. Like last August's event, we'll receive much data from the organizers about the event including registrant information and activity. There's still time to register to 'attend.' Visit <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>.





Over the last two weeks, Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, participated in meetings for the Management Council, Product Development Department, development of the future Public Relations & Outreach Department, planning for a future Student Membership Challenge, PR Committee, ideas for a Field Day pullout in *QST*, and with subject matter experts preparing a Cycle 25 primer. Bob also provided support for website testing.

Bob produced videos for David Minster's keynote for the QSO Today Expo, a W1AW tour for the Learning Network featuring Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, and a W1AW training video for internal use.

At our invitation, Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, of the popular YouTube channel Ham Radio Crash Course completed an interview with the director of the short sci-fi horror film about SuitSat, [DECOMMISSIONED](#). The interview also includes Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, Chairman for ARISS. The interview is published on ARRL's YouTube channel and included a live premier on Feb 27: <https://youtu.be/sqjjZppQPWw>

We worked with member-volunteer J. Mitch Hopper, K9ZXO, who helped produce a 2021 ARRL Field Day primer for us. A second version includes Spanish-language subtitles. The videos will be published next week to ARRL's YouTube channel, and will premier as part of our exhibit at the QSO Today Expo, Mar 13-14.

Bob has migrated the monthly ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio webinars from GotoMeeting to Zoom. The change responds to feedback shared by students of campus radio clubs. Details can be found at [www.arrl.org/WeWantU](http://www.arrl.org/WeWantU)

We have established a web page to support idea-collection from members. An **ARRL Ideation** process was introduced by David Minster in his recent *QST* editorial. The web page is [www.arrl.org/ideas](http://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	2058
2021 WAS Applications	757
2021 VUCC Applications	206
2021 WAC Applications	25
2021 WPX Applications	194
2021 WAZ Applications	157

### **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	06/14 – 06/18	PTO
Joe Carcia	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
“	08/20	PTO
“	08/27	PTO
“	09/03	PTO
“	10/01	PTO
“	10/11	PTO
“	12/03	PTO
“	12/10	PTO
Scott Gee	04/01	PTO
“	04/08	PTO
“	09/13 – 09/20	PTO
Diane Middleton	03/22 – 03/26	PTO
“	04/12 – 04/16	PTO
Carla Pereira	03/23 – 03/31	PTO

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