



## **IN-Newsletter**

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## **Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events**

### ***ARRL Executive Committee Meeting***

March 25, 2017 @ Denver, CO

### ***Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting***

March 26, 2017 @ Denver, CO

### ***Hamvention 2017***

May 19 – 21, 2017 @ Xenia, OH

## **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Tom Gallagher, NY2RF

Planning has begun for the July 2017 Board Meeting, which will be held at the Marriott Farmington for the first time in a very long time. (A newly hired banquet manager at the Marriott Windsor was not aware that the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July “belonged” to the ARRL and contracted another event for those dates.) The Windsor management was extremely apologetic, and helped facilitate initial communication with Marriott Farmington. We are currently negotiating the contract with Farmington to stay as close to the Windsor rates as possible. So far, they have been very accommodating. We expect a successful event as usual.

## **Development**

Reported by Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD

Development is pleased to announce two new Maxim Society Members: Joe Dubeck, NA9A, from the Central Division, and Dr. Ed Snyder, W1YSM, from the New England Division.

## **Education Services**

Reported by Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ

<b>Teacher Registration</b>	<b>Instructor Registration</b>	<b>Graduation Kit Requests</b>	<b>License Class Listings</b>
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### ARISS

Debra made contributions to the ARISS annual report, and the quarterly report to SCaN. We updated ARISS metrics for reporting to CASIS and SCaN.

### ARISS Contacts:

- February 26, a direct contact was made between individuals at the Raduga Space Communication Center of St. Petersburg, Russia and Astronaut Sergey Ryzhikov.
- February 25, a direct contact between students at Ecole primaire Elie Desplan, Boissières, France and Marie Castang, Saint Dionisy, France and Astronaut Thomas Pesquet, KG5FYG was successful.
- February 25, a direct contact between individuals at the Space Odyssey Project, Krasnoyarsk, Russia and Astronaut Andrei Borisenko was successful.
- February 22, a direct contact between students at the John Glenn Middle School, Maplewood MN and Astronaut Shane Kimbrough, KE5HOD was successful. There was an audience of 900. One television station and four print media outlets were also in attendance.

### Education & Technology Program

Debra published the [Winter issue of Radio Waves](#), our e-newsletter for instructors and teachers.

### **Field Services**

Reported by Dave Patton, NN1N

### Field Organization

Dan Ringer, K8WV, has been appointed the West Virginia Section Manager starting on March 1, after Section Manager Phillip Groves, N8SFO, (SM since July 2015) announced his resignation for personal reasons. Dan, who lives in Morgantown, will serve the remainder of the current term of office which ends on September 30. Dave Patton made the appointment in consultation with Director Jim Boehner.

Four balloted Section Manager elections during this winter season concluded on Tuesday, February 21, when election ballots were counted and verified by Field Services staff members Leona Adams, Gail Iannone, Regina Galuppi, Dave Patton and Steve Ewald.

The following elected Section Managers will begin their terms of office on April 1. In Arizona, Rick Paquette, W7RAP, of Tucson, was elected in a three-way race with Steven Wood, W1SR, and Virgil Silhanek, K7VZ. Robert Spencer, KE8DM, of Yuma, the out-going Arizona SM, decided not to run for another term of office. Robert had been Section Manager since 2013.

In North Texas, Jay Urish, W5GM, of Lowry Crossing, was elected Section Manager in his race versus Brent Boydston, KF5THB. Jay returns to the position after previously serving as the North Texas SM from 2009 to 2011. He will succeed Nancy McCain, K5NLM, of Fort Worth, who has been the Section Manager in North Texas for the past two years but decided not to run for another term of office.

Steve Morgan, W4NHO, was elected as the Kentucky Section Manager in his race against incumbent Section Manager Alan Morgan, KY1O. Steve, of Owensboro, has previously served as Kentucky Section Manager from 1991 to 1997. Alan has been SM for the last two years.

In Iowa, incumbent Section Manager Bob McCaffrey, K0CY, was re-elected in his race versus Paul Cowley, KB7VML. Bob will be starting his third term of office.

James Ferguson, N5LKE, of Searcy, will become the Section Manager of Arkansas on April 1. He was the only person nominated to run for the position when Dale Temple, W5RXU, of North Little Rock, decided not to run for another term office. Temple is completing his third consecutive term (six years) as Section Manager.

The following incumbent Section Managers, who did not face opposition during the nomination period, will begin new terms office on April 1: Malcolm Keown, W5XX (Mississippi); George Forsyth, AA7GS (Montana); Carl Gardenias, WU6D (Orange); Jack Mitchell, N7MJ (Wyoming).

### WIAW

In the previous week, Joe Carcia installed the new Icon IC-7300 HF/6m transceiver in the broadcast racks. He ran a spectral purity test on the new transceiver, as well as frequency measuring tests (center frequency adjustments) to all the broadcast transceivers. In addition, he also updated the web code practice files and their archives. Last week, Joe worked the early afternoon/night shifts on Tuesday through Friday for the vacationing Scott Gee. He also created the texts for the March WIAW Qualifying Runs.

### Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

### Product Review

Bob Allison is currently testing Temperature Controlled Master Oscillators for QST Product Review. Two transceivers were selected and tested as “stock”. Bob then tested three TCXOs in each; one that has the same name brand of the transceiver, and two “generic” brands, which cost 15 % of the price of the name brand. Bob also tested a single band RF amplifier.

### RFI

Mike Gruber responded to numerous TIS telephone calls and emails.

Mike was contacted by an Associated Press reporter regarding grow lights in Maine, concerning interference they cause. The story was published.

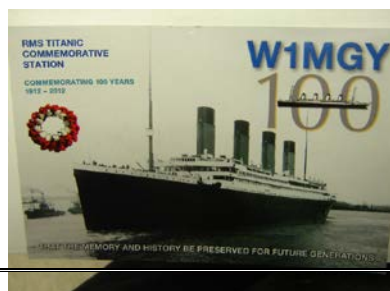
Mike worked on writing new material for the 2018 Handbook. All work was forwarded to Ward Silver.

Mike compiled a list of three complainants that were having interference issues from solar PV systems made by the same manufacturer. Mike then sent the CEO of that company a letter asking for help in resolving these issues.

### TIS

Zack Lau handled a large volume of emails and telephone calls from members who had technical questions.

### Extracurricular Activities



Mike Gruber has had the great honor to be trustee of W1MGY for many years. During that time, Mike ran special events for the RMS Titanic in April, primarily at the Titanic Museum in Indian Orchard, MA. Barry Hutchinson, KB1TLR has now taken over as trustee

“MGY.” The National Park Service has agreed to host the Titanic Event, which will take place at the Cape Cod National Seashore, specifically the Salt Pond Visitor’s Center in Eastham. Mike believes that this new location will provide great publicity for Amateur radio.

Bob Allison picked up a dilapidated Heathkit DX-100 transmitter. Despite its appearance, it works. Bob will be restoring it, after hours. Come by the Lab and see this 100 pound, 125 Watt AM/CW transmitter from 1955.



### **Membership Manager**

Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

February ended with 162,802 members – 155 members *ahead* of year-to-date goal. Responses to the February membership mailing are starting to come in, the next mailing is set to mail March 17. Multiple targeted and untargeted e-mails to lapsed and never-members brought in 314 members this month. The on-time renewal rate for February is 69.73% vs. 68.99% last February.

### **Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 Business Days
2017 DXCC Applications	1,836
2017 WAS Applications	267
2017 VUCC Applications	60

### **Sales and Marketing**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Yvette Vinci prepared a reminder emailing to members with a summary of “What’s Trending” in March *QST*. The notification was sent to 118,475 members on Wednesday, February 22.

Yvette reports that she completed a handful of tasks supporting Life Membership administration, including an order for 12 personalized plaques for newly elected Life Members. She is also working with our international mailer to investigate a small number of complaints about non delivery of *QST* among international members.

Jackie Ferreira produced a handful of email solicitations promoting publications and products. Products featured included *The ARRL Instructor’s Manual*, *2016 Periodicals DVD*, *Antenna Physics*, and bundled publication offerings featuring antenna, operating, and technical titles. Promotions throughout the President’s Day holiday yielded good results.

Bob Inderbitzen participated in a business plan meeting, and publications meeting. Jackie and Yvette helped prepare information contributed at these meetings.

Bob exchanged information with Section Manager John Bigley, to support John with materials for ARRL's exhibit at the National Association of Broadcasters show in April.

Bob prepared information for Board members, Section Managers, and staff supporting ARRL's exhibits and activities at Hamvention in Xenia, Ohio, May 19-21. Board members interested in volunteering should complete and submit the following online registration form by March 31: <http://www.arrl.org/hamvention-arrl-team-registration>. The online registration form will help us organize room reservations, badges, apparel and staffing for the event.

ARRL has received payment of \$6,975 for commissions earned on new and renewal subscriptions of RFinder made during the fourth quarter, 2016. Total commissions earned for 2016 were \$23,532. ARRL established an agreement with RFinder, creator of a web and app-based directory of Amateur Radio repeaters, in February 2016 to be our preferred online resource of repeater frequencies.

### **Secretary/Regulatory Affairs**

Reported by Dan Henderson, N1ND

In the past several weeks the Regulatory Affairs / Assistant Secretary Office has been busy on numerous fronts. Working with the Elections and Ethics Committee of the Board we are continuing the process for the special election for the Southwestern Division Vice-Director's office, which is vacant due to no candidates last fall. Three candidates have been cleared by the E&E Committee and we will have balloting this spring. The ballots will be counted at ARRL HQ on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Purchasing, Production and IT staff for their efforts with this extra election cycle work.

We continue to work with Vice-President Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, Field Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, and Field Services Supervisor Steve Ewald, WV1X, on the project to update the Official Observer program. Bi-weekly teleconferences are being held to advance the project, and the Regulatory Affairs Manager is spearheading the re-write of the Amateur Auxiliary training guide.

As secretary to the Programs and Services Committee, we participated in their teleconference of February 23, then prepared and circulated minutes. We are also working with Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzxo, KX9X, and General Counsel Imlay, on updating a chapter of the PR101 training course. We have been working with an OO in NY on a repeater interference claim. The alleged offender has now set up his one transmitter on the output frequency of the coordinated club repeater and is claiming the club is violating the Part 97 rules by interfering with his ongoing transmissions. We will be in touch with Laura Smith at the FCC so she is aware of what has taken place so far.

Several times weekly we do a dedicated search for new legislation that has been introduced into the various state legislatures – with 48 of the 50 in session through the end of February. Well over 1500 pieces of legislation have been reviewed. The vast majority do not affect Amateur Radio, but are returned as a “hit” in the initial screening because of several key words. After a quick review of the content, those bills can be removed from future searches. When we tag a bill to track, every time some action is taken by the legislature related to it, we receive an email notification. Once we “suppress” a bill, it is removed from our search, which makes the LexisNexis StateNet tool very useful for initial triage on state legislation. It does not track any level of ordinances lower than a state legislature level, which is why

SGLs and LGLs are very important “eyes and ears” in Amateur Radio’s efforts to monitor the regulatory activity that could impact us.

**Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations**

Leona Adams	03/31	PTO
“	04/07	PTO
Bob Allison	04/07 – 04/10	PTO
“	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Margie Bourgoin	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Steve Capodicasa	03/06	PTO
“	03/13	PTO
Joe Garcia	03/17	PTO
“	03/21	PTO
“	03/24	PTO
“	03/31	PTO
“	04/05 – 04/13	PTO
“	05/26	PTO
“	07/05 – 07/07	PTO
“	07/14	PTO
“	07/21	PTO
“	07/28	PTO
“	08/04	PTO
“	08/07 – 08/11	PTO
“	08/18	PTO
“	08/25	PTO
“	10/09	PTO
Lauren Clarke	03/06 – 03/10	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Michael Corey	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Steve Ewald	03/10 – 03/11	Nebraska State Convention, Lincoln, NB
Jon Faasen	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Norm Fusaro	03/14	Frankford Radio Club Meeting, PA
“	03/15 – 03/17	PTO
“	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Tom Gallagher	03/02 – 03/03	Orlando Meetings
“	03/24 – 03/27	Executive Committee and Administrative and Finance Committee Meetings, Denver, CO
“	03/31	PTO
“	04/18	Penn Fund Executive Board Meeting, NYC
“	04/21 – 04/23	Delaware State Convention, Georgetown, DE
“	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
“	06/01 – 06-04	SEA-PAC, Seaside, OR
Regina Galuppi	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Perry Green	TBD	Medical Leave
Mike Gruber	04/19	IEEE EMC Society, Batavia, IL
“	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Dan Henderson	03/14	PTO
“	03/24 – 03/27	Executive Committee and Administrative and Finance Committee Meetings, Denver, CO
“	04/13 – 04/22	Presentation at Mt Airy VHF Society’s annual ARRL

Bob Inderbitzen	03/23 – 03/26	Night and PTO Texas State Convention, Houston, TX
“	03/30 – 04/03	Nevada State Convention, Las Vegas, NV
“	04/14 – 04/15	Roanoke Division Convention, Raleigh, NC
“	05/17 – 05/22	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Sabrina Jackson	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Debra Johnson	03/29 – 04/03	NSTA national conference, Los Angeles, CA
Sean Kutzko	03/06	Fairfield Radio Club presentation, Fairfield, CT
“	03/09 – 03/12	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Kimberly McNeill	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Dave Patton	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Carla Pereira	03/08	PTO
Michael Scharr	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Becky Schoenfeld	04/10 – 04/13	PTO
“	05/18 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
Barry Shelley	03/03	PTO
“	03/24 – 03/27	Executive Committee and Administrative and Finance Committee Meetings, Denver, CO
“	03/28	Risk Strategies, Chicago, IL
Yvette Vinci	05/17 – 05/21	Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH

**Sincerely Compiled by,**  
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