



IN-NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENT

Most upcoming events have been cancelled until further notice. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.

2020 ARRL Second Board Meeting

July 17 – 18, 2020 @ Zoom

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Please listen to ARRL's podcasts, all of which are new since the last IN Newsletter!

ARRL Audio News two most recent editions, dated June 12, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arraudio/news/62233544/arrl-audio-news-june-12-2020/>

- Downloads: 720,795
- This episode is currently ranked #45 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 9 dated June 4, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/60074804/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-10/>

- Downloads: 44,486
- This episode hit #193 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 6 dated June 11, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/62124192/arrl-on-the-air-episode-6/>

- Downloads: 32,755
- This episode is currently ranked #121 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Please welcome new Assistant Editor Meghan Reilly, who joined the Editorial/Production staff in late May.

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, continue to run operations remotely, and sometimes working from HQ as restrictions allow. In addition to continuous updates from management and constant Board contact, they also focused much attention on the ongoing Personify project.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, and Carla Pereira continue with the planning and preparations for next month's Board meeting, to be held via Zoom.

Dee and Carla also continue to process request and submissions for the 2020 Director and Vice Director elections for the Atlantic, Dakota, Delta, Great Lakes and Midwest Divisions.

Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Top Social Media Posts

Facebook (99 engagements) Instagram (114 engagements)

Find out how to create "A Raspberry Pi USB Serial Server" for remote operating in the July issue of #QST. Mike Erbaugh, N8ME, explains how this can help users access a USB device from multiple computers. Read more about it in the print edition or the digital edition, live now! www.arrl.org/qst.



On the Air Facebook (42 engagements)

The May/June issue of On the Air's project, "Build a Portable Antenna Mount," can be completed in a weekend and makes a great stand for the ground-plane antenna that we showed you how to build in the January/February issue. Drive right onto the stand, place your antenna in the holder, and get on the air!

Twitter (34 engagements)

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Twitter (34 engagements)

International Postal Service Disrupted <http://ow.ly/R4xJ102gCn3> #ARRL #HamRadio

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, has been in touch with all three candidates in the Puerto Rico Section Manager election that is taking place this summer. She is receiving candidate statements and is working with other Headquarters staff members to prepare the election materials.

Steve Ewald and Leona have been assisting new Section Managers and those Section Managers who are continuing or getting set to start new terms of office on July 1st.

Steve also received and compiled monthly Field Organization reports for the August QST column.

Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

The Lab Staff continues to service our members by answering many phone calls and emails.

Zak Lau, W1VT, reports from Newington that he has revised the dimensions of the two element 6M Yagi on the VHF page, for better performance on the popular 50.313 FT8 frequency. It was originally optimized for SSB/CW use, lower in the band. FT8 activity may have been at an all time high over the weekend, during the ARRL's June QSO Party, with excellent e-layer skip both days. This antenna is small, compact and exhibits gain. Zak was active on 6 meters and made over 300 *FT8 contacts*, with well over 100 grids. VUCC in a weekend!

Bob Allison reports from Coventry business as usual, and is pleased to announce he will be returning to the Lab to test equipment for QST Product Review on June 29th. Bob was also active on 6 meters during the QSO Party, making 162 contacts (50% CW, 50% SSB) in 76 grids squares. Compare this score with Zak's all digital score on 6 meters! Bob reports that during testing of major transceivers, he never thought high dynamic ranges would ever be needed on 6 meters. With David Sumner, K1ZZ, lurking about at 50 dB/S9 1 kHz away and with so many strong signals packed together in the CW portion, Bob used about every filter on his FT5K. A combination of many homebound hams and strong e-skip made for remarkable and memorable openings, the best Bob has ever witnessed. During the openings, Bob worked Directors Carlson, W9XA, and Blocksome, K0DAS, former President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Ward Silver, N0AX, former CEO Dave Sumner (too easy), Dave Patton, NN1N, and Sean Kutzko, KX9X, plus lab staff member Zak Lau.

From Harwinton, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reported that he had many membership interactions, with two new RFI cases opened. As usual, each case is different and each has its own timeline. Much work continues with existing RFI cases. Notable examples are an on-going case regarding a neighbor's Samsung Stove that turns itself on in the presence of Amateur transmissions, and a case of RFI generated by a water pump and several cases regarding solar energy installations. Paul also had an inquiry about using parts of the ARRL Handbook in a college curriculum, which he passed along to the appropriate staff member. We all wish Paul had his ginormous 6-meter antenna array up this past weekend, but good news—it will be up in the air again soon! It should be noted that the entire laboratory staff is active on the air, on a regular basis (in off hours, of course).

Show and Tell, at right: Bob & Kathy Allison's, KA1RWY, 6-meter antennas: Cushcraft 5 element Yagi at 35 feet; the omnidirectional M-Squared HO Loop is used for general listening and local roundtable nets.



W1AW

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, created the texts for the week's W1AW Qualifying Runs. He updated the Qualifying Run schedule, and *QST* code practice source, web pages.

Joe began to perform firmware upgrades to the various AREDN units situated in W1AW and the Lab. He also installed a large TV monitor in the main area to allow visitors to view the WEFAX Satellite passes and other items of interest.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. He also processed two paper and thirty-eight electronic VUCC applications for a total 2356 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	10 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	5744
2020 WAS Applications	1150
2020 VUCC Applications	390
2020 WAC Applications	54
2020 WPX Applications	451
2020 WAZ Applications	418

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	06/26	PTO
“	07/09 (half day)–07/10	PTO
“	08/20 – 08/24	PTO
Ken Bailey	06/19	PTO
“	06/23	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	06/22	PTO
“	06/26	PTO
“	07/06	PTO
“	08/14	PTO
“	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Carcia	07/06 – 07/10	PTO
“	07/16 – 07/17	PTO
“	07/24	PTO
“	07/31	PTO
“	08/03 – 08/07	PTO
“	08/14	PTO
“	08/21	PTO
“	08/28	PTO
“	10/09 – 10/12	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Regina Galuppi	08/08 – 08/15	PTO
Scott Gee	09/14 – 09/19	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	07/06 – 07/10	PTO
Diane Petrilli	06/19	PTO
“	06/26	PTO
“	07/10	PTO
“	07/17	PTO
“	07/24	PTO
“	07/31	PTO
“	08/03-08/07	PTO
“	08/14	PTO

“	08/21	PTO
“	08/28	PTO

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