



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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

#### ***W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention***

September 22 – 23 @ Pigeon Forge, TN

#### ***World Maker Faire***

September 23 – 24 @ New York City, NY

#### ***Wisconsin State Convention***

September 29 – 30 @ Milwaukee, WI

#### ***United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI)***

October 2 – 6 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### ***South Carolina Section Convention***

October 7 @ Rock Hill, SC

#### ***GLHamCon (Great Lakes Division)***

October 7 – 8 @ Brooklyn, MI

#### ***NAB Show***

October 18 – 19 @ New York City, NY

#### ***Pacificon (Pacific Division Convention)***

October 20 – 22 @ San Ramon, CA

### **ARRL Audio News**

Below is a link to the latest edition of the ARRL Audio News Podcast, dated September 15, 2017:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/26982806/arrl-audio-news/#autoplay>

Mike Corey was interviewed by WFSB for a segment on the role of ham radio and the ARRL in Hurricane Irma relief efforts:

<http://www.wfsb.com/clip/13686389/radio-amateurs-in-ct-prepare-to-help-with-irma-relief-efforts>

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Tom Gallagher, NY2RF

Tom Gallagher continued the departmental annual budget planning meetings along with Barry Shelley and Diane Middleton. He also continued, with a small group, the search for a Media and Public Relations replacement.

Carla Pereira and Dan Henderson continue working with the Ethics & Elections Committee for the 2017 board elections, being held November 17.

## **Field Services**

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

The Field Organization Team provided information support to our Emergency Preparedness Team and to ARRL Section Leaders with regard to relief efforts in Florida including the Florida Keys following Hurricane Irma.

Steve Ewald and Leona Adams received and compiled the monthly Field Organization Reports column for November QST. Leona also issued congratulatory letters to the Section Managers who were either elected without opposition or re-elected without opposition to new terms of office beginning January 1, 2018. Last week's IN Newsletter presented the list of Section Managers in detail.

## **ARES**

### Amateur Radio Emergency Service August 2017 National Report

Sections Reporting this Month	43/71 - AR, AZ, CT, DE, EB, EMA, ENY, EPA, EWA, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, LAX, MDC, ME, MI, MO, MN, MS, NC, NLI, NM, OH, OR, PAC, PR, SFL, SJV, SNJ, STX, SV, TN, VA, WCF, WPA, WV, WWA, WY
Total Number of ARES Members reporting this month	22,016
Active ARES Nets this Month	2733
Active ARES Nets this Month with NTS Liaison	516
ARES Training and Exercise Events	3846 events – 37,932 person hours
ARES Public Service Events	452 events – 14,529 person hours
ARES Emergency Events	174 events – 10,453 person hours
Total Events and Hours	4359 events – 63,616 person hours
Total Volunteer Value this Month	\$1,195,366
Average Value of a Single Volunteer this Month	\$54.52
Significant National Level Events	2
HQ Emergency Response Team Activations	1
W1AW Emergency Activations	1
Ham Aid Deployments	None
National Media Hits	19
National Partner Meetings	1
Field Services Staff Training Hours	0

## **Lab**

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

## **W1AW**

On Monday and Tuesday, W1AW continued to monitor the various nets that activated for Hurricane Irma. This was performed until the various nets secured operation.

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He cut two additional 40-meter dipole antennas for use with the Ham-Aid kits. Joe upgraded the lighting in the Icom IC-PW1 amplifiers in the broadcast racks. He installed the donated Orban Optimod 9300 audio processor in the broadcast racks as well. Once

he obtains the proper cabling, he'll wire the unit into the audio chain used in the broadcasts. On Tuesday, Joe recorded – with Michelle Patnode behind the camera - a 30-second video for use with the “Tech Tip Tuesday” series. The theme of the video was how to interface your radio to a PC to operate digital modes.

Lori Kosier, N1SMK, ARRL Lab volunteer, will soon assume the responsibilities of processing the remaining 2014 W1AW/xx Centennial QSL card requests that continue to be received at HQ. Joe will be installing QSL printing software for her use, and will train her in the process once the software is properly configured.

Scott worked on fast and slow code practice texts for the upcoming week. He processed one paper, and thirteen electronic VUCC applications, for a total of 686 credits.

### **Media and Public Relations**

Michelle Patnode

#### *Tops Posts across social media platforms:*

**Facebook** – Ham Aid kits are on their way from ARRL to San Juan, Puerto Rico for staging to Saint Thomas.

**(Engagements: 417)**

**Twitter** – Amateur Radio Volunteer Response Continues to Historic Hurricane Irma

<http://ow.ly/ItTc30f4G6q> #ARRL #HamRadio

<https://twitter.com/arrl/status/907320235635724288/photo/1>

**(Engagements: 122)**

**ARES Twitter** – Ham Aid kits are on their way from ARRL to San Juan, Puerto Rico for staging to Saint Thomas. [https://twitter.com/ARRL\\_ARES/status/907995847815823361/photo/1](https://twitter.com/ARRL_ARES/status/907995847815823361/photo/1)

**(Engagements: 57)**

**Instagram** – Introducing #TechTipTuesday at #ARRL. This week, Bob Allison, WB1GCM, shares a #TechTip. #HamRadio

**(Views: 433 / engagements: 98)**

### **Production/Editorial**

Reported by Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY

The November 2017 issue of *QST* is at the printer. We are beginning work on Microwave Update 2017.

### **Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 Business Days
2017 DXCC Applications	8143
2017 WAS Applications	1005
2017 VUCC Applications	439
2017 WPX Applications	425

## **Sales and Marketing**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Advance sales of the 2018 *Handbook* to individuals has topped 2,000 copies. These orders, which will be fulfilled in October, include the promoted, bonus personalized ARRL Member call sign badge.

Yvette Vinci has completed the Statements of Ownership for our periodicals *QEX* and *NCJ*. She is finishing the statement for *QST*. This reporting is required annually by the US Postal Service.

Materials were assembled and shipped to support the ham radio clubs exhibiting at the World Maker Faire in New York City, Sep 23-24. Bob Inderbitzen, Tom Gallagher, and Director Mike Lisenco will attend the event to support the volunteers. Last year's event attracted 90,000 people.

Yvette helped organize ARRL's exhibit for the upcoming Great Lakes Division Convention in Michigan next month.

Bob Inderbitzen and Yvette have negotiated lower prices for FedEx express shipping to non-U.S. destinations, for packages weighing 5 to 10 lb. Pursuing the lower rates is intended to help increase sales of ARRL publications to international members and customers.

Now shipping: The ARRL 2018 Calendar, featuring photos that help underscore an initiative from the ARRL 2016-2020 Strategic Plan: get involved, get active, and get on the air!

[www.arrl.org/shop/ARRL-Calendar-2018](http://www.arrl.org/shop/ARRL-Calendar-2018)

Bob and Barry Shelley held a meeting with colleagues from VEC, Publications, and Membership to review our strategy for the online ARRL Exam Review resource. An online survey is being prepared to seek feedback from ARRL License Manual owners who may use the online resource for review and exam practice.

We have updated the presentation of our social media communities (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) on the ARRL Member Services page in *QST* (p 14). The changes will appear in an upcoming issue.

Bob published a web landing page to collect news and information summarizing the response by Amateur Radio volunteers for Hurricane Maria; [www.arrl.org/maria](http://www.arrl.org/maria). The page is maintained by Michelle Patnode with additional content contributions from Mike Corey as required.

Additional work was completed to revise 2018-19 planning.

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

Steve Capodicasa	09/18 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Garcia	09/29	PTO
“	10/02	PTO
“	10/09	PTO
“	12/01	PTO
“	12/08	PTO
Norm Fusaro	10/06 – 10/07	South Carolina Section Convention
“	10/09	PTO
Tom Gallagher	09/23	World Maker Faire, New York City, NY

“	10/17	Albany Amateur Radio Meeting, Albany, NY
“	10/18 – 10/19	NAB Show, NYC
“	10/20	PTO
“	10/26	Montgomery County ARES/RACES and Philadelphia Digital Repeater Association Meeting, PA
Regina Galuppi	10/30 – 11/03	PTO
Scott Gee	09/22 – 09/25	PTO
“	10/26 – 10/27	PTO
“	11/02 – 11/03	PTO
Mike Gruber	09/25 – 09/29	PTO
Dan Henderson	09/21 – 09/24	SEDCO W4DXCC, Pigeon Forge, TN
“	09/25 – 09/26	PTO
Gial Iannone	12/18 – 12/29	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	09/23 – 09/24	World Maker Faire, New York City, NY
“	09/29 – 09/30	Wisconsin State Convention, Milwaukee, WI
“	10/19 – 10/23	Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA
“	10/24	PTO
Lisa Kustosik	10/09 – 10/27	PTO
Kim McNeil	10/06 – 10/08	Great Lakes Division Convention, Brooklyn, MI
Michelle Patnode	10/18 – 10/19	NAB Show, NYC
Carla Pereira	10/19 – 10/23	Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA
“	10/24	PTO
Diane Petrilli	09/29	PTO
Barry Shelley	10/19	Non-Profit Companies Seminar
“	11/03 – 11/06	PTO
Jon Siverling	10/06	PTO
Yvette Vinci	09/29	National PCC Conference, Mashantucket, CT
“	10/06 – 10/08	Great Lakes Division Convention, Brooklyn, MI
“	10/09	PTO

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