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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Events listed below are subject to change at any time; information will be updated as soon as it becomes available. See also the ARRL [Contest Calendar](#) and [Hamfest and Convention Database](#).

[EME Contest](#) | December 18-19, 2021

[Rookie Roundup](#) CW | December 19, 2021

Christmas Holiday; HQ Closed | December 24, 2021

New Year's Holiday; HQ Closed | December 31, 2021

[Straight Key Night](#) (CW) | January 1, 2022

[Kids Day](#) | January 1, 2022

February 2022 [digital edition](#) of QST goes live | January 7, 2022

[RTTY Roundup](#) | January 8-9, 2022

[January VHF Contest](#) | January 15-17, 2022

New Director and Vice Director Orientation | January 18, 2022

ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT | January 21-22, 2022

Winterfest, hosting the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, Collinsville, Illinois | January 22, 2022

Capital City Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Delta Division Convention, Jackson, Mississippi | Jan. 28-29, 2022

2022 [ARRL National Convention](#) at Orlando HamCation®, Florida | February 10-13, 2022

Yuma Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, Arizona | February 18-19, 2022

Dayton Hamvention, an ARRL-sanctioned hamfest, Xenia, Ohio | May 20-22, 2022

## Executive Office

It is with great sadness that we share news that former ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, died on December 12. Please see the [ARRL News](#) story and Mary's [obituary](#).

Reminder: Staff and Board members participating in the 2022 ARRL National Convention, in Orlando in February, should complete the team registration form quickly (it was due December 15). The information collected on the form will help us complete hotel room reservations, produce exhibitor badges, and distribute team shirts. Complete the form here:

<https://form.jotform.com/213254214468150>



**David Minster and Diane Middleton played the part of elves...delivering holiday gifts to each of the HQ staff. We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday!**



## Field Services

**Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X and Mike Walters, W8ZY**

We are saddened by the loss of Virginia Section Manager Joe Palsa, K3WRY, who died on December 7. He had served as the Virginia SM since February 2015. Until a new SM can be elected this winter and take office on April 1, 2022, former Virginia Section Manager Carl Clements, W4CAC, has been appointed by Field Services Manager Mike Walters, W8ZY, to temporarily fill the position.

Terry Buzzard, KA8TNF, and Jack Smith, KE4LWT, have been nominated to run for the Virginia Section Manager position. In North Carolina, there is a two-way election between incumbent SM Marvin Hoffman, WA4NC, and Tony Jones, N4ATJ. Candidate statements and ballots have been produced this week, and they are being printed. The ballots are scheduled to be mailed to members in Virginia and North Carolina no later than by January 3, 2022.

Georgia Section Manager Jim Millsap, K9APD, has resigned for personal reasons, effective December 14. He has served since October 1. A search for a replacement for the current term of office that continues through September 30, 2023, has started.

When the nomination deadline for the winter-season Section Manager election cycle arrived on Friday, December 10, the following incumbent Section Managers were declared re-elected to new terms of office starting April 1, 2022, since they did not face opposition: John Fritze, K2QY (Eastern New York), George Miller, W3GWM (Eastern Pennsylvania), John Mark Robertson, K5JMR (Louisiana), Joe Speroni, AHØA (Pacific), Dave Kaltenborn, N8KBC (San Diego), and Chris Stallkamp, KIØD (South Dakota).

**Radiosport**  
**Reported by Sharon Taratula**

We are happy to announce the re-introduction of the wooden, legacy 5 Band DXCC plaques. Anyone wishing to order this plaque can reach out to us at: [dxccadmin@arrl.org](mailto:dxccadmin@arrl.org). An order form is available from our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/DXCC-Item-Order-Form>

<i><b>Processing Time</b></i>	<i><b>Most Recent Week</b></i>	<i><b>Difference Over Previous Week</b></i>
Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	4 Weeks	None
Logbook Processing Time	3 Business Days	-1 Day
<b><i>YTD Applications</i></b>		
2021 DXCC Applications	10,350	+410
2021 WAS Applications	3,110	+60
2021 VUCC Applications	1,676	+21
2021 WAC Applications	118	0
2021 WPX Applications	941	+20
2021 WAZ Applications	821	+16

**Product Development, Public Relations, and Outreach**  
**Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R**

We continue to collect registrations for February’s ARRL National Convention; [www.arrl.org/expo](http://www.arrl.org/expo). Paid registrants for the National Convention program and luncheon at the DoubleTree Hilton SeaWorld on Thursday, February 10 has topped 100. Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, managed a handful of planning details with the hotel.

Kathleen Callahan, KC1MBY, and Bob met with Contest University organizers Tim Duffy, K3LR and Teri Grizer, K8MNJ to review planning for their workshop at the National Convention. Contest University is one of the four all-day “Training Tracks” being offered to participants attending the convention program at the DoubleTree Hilton SeaWorld on Thursday, February 10. This is the first time Contest University is coming to Florida.

Bob coordinated many activities to help support and execute the successful 160-Meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party held overnight on Saturday, December 11 (Dec. 12 UTC). He also produced a live video stream for the event, and edited a summary [news story](#) announcing the winners with contributions from colleagues.

Bob handled press inquiries about amateur radio’s involvement in providing public service and emergency communications in response to weather warnings leading up to, and the devastating damage caused by, tornados in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois on December 10. Information was gathered by Ken Bailey from Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators. A summary is published in the [ARRL Letter](#).

Bob met with students and advisors for the monthly ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Zoom meeting on December 14 – our last for the year. We enjoyed a presentation from Temple University Amateur Radio Club, K3TU, sharing their experience pairing the university club with the ECE department to serve as a key component of the undergraduate curriculum.

### Publications and Editorial

The following is a summary of e-newsletter subscribers.

- **ARRL Letter** (December 16); 113,203 members and 1,863 90-day website guest accounts
- **ARES Letter** (December 15); 38,782 members and 274 guests
- **ARRL Contest Update** (December 8); 25,848 members and 170 guests

The February 2022 issue of *QST* was released to the printer.

### W1AW

On Saturday, December 11, W1AW was activated for the 10-Meter Contest, 160-Meter Transatlantic Centennial QSO Party, and for general QSOs to commemorate the anniversary of the Transatlantic Tests. Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, organized volunteers. He also copied the special message transmitted by W2AN/1BCG, a special event station operating a [replica 1BCG transmitter](#) from the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut.

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Some building maintenance is continuing to be completed at W1AW including repointing and replacing brick that has deteriorated from weather and decay.



The following is a summary of our celebration of the centennial of the ARRL Transatlantic Tests.

-- Editorial contributions from Bob Naumann, W5OV, and Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

The impetus for jointly celebrating the centennial of the achievement of transatlantic communications via amateur radio began in May when RSGB President Stewart Bryant, G3YSX and ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, exchanged messages supporting the collaboration of our two national societies. In a rare commemorative salute to this event, both the ARRL and RSGB used the same cover artwork on their December periodicals!



On Saturday evening, December 11, 2021 (0200 UTC, Dec. 12) W1AW was active in the [160-Meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party](#), which was jointly sponsored and organized by ARRL and RSGB. This event celebrated the achievement of amateur radio signals crossing the Atlantic – when, in December 1921, ARRL sent Paul Godley, 2ZE (SK) to England to establish a receiving system using the best American equipment available. Earlier tests had failed, and no signals were heard.

On the journey to Scotland, Godley was coincidentally on the same ship with a brilliant young engineer named Harold Beverage. Beverage and Godley spoke during the journey, and Godley incorporated the Beverage Antenna in his receiving system to great success. This chance meeting is but one piece of this wonderful story and historic achievement.

From Ardrossan, Scotland, Godley was successful receiving the signals of radio amateurs in North America. As it was proclaimed in QST in January 1922, **“WE GOT ACROSS!!!!!!”** Yes, QST published 6 exclamation points. This was truly a big deal, “epoch making”, 100 years ago.



There was a knock at the door at W1AW around 8:30 PM Eastern time. It was Bruce Godley Littlefield, Paul Godley's grandson, and his wife Nancy Littlefield.



Mr. Littlefield brought the original certificate awarded to Paul Godley by ARRL 100 years ago. The large certificate, which includes an ARRL Resolution, was given to Godley for his historic achievement of engineering and operating the receiving system that was installed in Ardrossan Scotland where the first amateur signals were successfully heard from North America. Mr. Littlefield also generously presented ARRL with a full-size professional photographic print of this certificate which will be framed and displayed proudly at HQ. CEO David Minster, NA2AA, graciously accepted the gift from Mr. Littlefield.

The 6-hour activation commemorating Godley's achievement began just minutes before 0200 UTC on Dec. 12, with David Minster attempting a planned, initial contact from W1AW with GB2ZE, the RSGB's portable station in Ardrossan.





David used his 1914 (the year ARRL was founded) Vibroplex “bug” to try to make the initial contact. Unfortunately, conditions were not good enough for W1AW to hear them at the beginning of the event. Later on, we were able to make contact with GB2ZE as conditions improved.

There were 261 contacts made from W1AW throughout the activation, and 235 from the stations sharing duties as GB2ZE in Scotland. Contacts were made with many notable ops. including top of the honor roll, W1JR, Joe Reisert, who we had recently seen at the ARRL New England Division Convention in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

The GMDX Group of Scotland announced that it would award a *quaich* — a traditional Scottish drinking cup representing friendship — to the first stations in North America and the UK, including the Crown



Dependencies, to complete contacts with both W1AW and GB2ZE during the QSO Party. **The cup winners are ARRL Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM, and Bob Barden, MDOCCE (Isle of Man).**

We made many QSOs with both North America and European stations in the event. Key to doing this was the installation of our own Beverage Antenna which aided greatly in hearing weak European signals. W1AW was able to log several of the commemorative operations in the UK including GB2ZE, G6XX, and others.

An Elecraft K4 transceiver was selected for the W1AW activation – a subtle nod to the American technological innovation employed by Godley for the original Tests. The radio was just recently received at HQ and is currently being tested by the Lab for an upcoming QST Product Review.

Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R configured our audio and video equipment to stream the W1AW activation LIVE on YouTube. The video has had nearly 2,000 views: <https://youtu.be/Xe-QilwudTc>

Bart Jahnke, W9JJ took the final shift, making the final QSOs. The event ended at 0811 UTC with 19 countries worked.

Each participant recorded in the official W1AW and/or GB2ZE logs is eligible for a [commemorative certificate](#) designed by ARRL and RSGB. Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, readied the online certificate generator for [contests.arrl.org](https://contests.arrl.org). Participants do not have to submit their logs.

The W1AW activation participants included David Minster, NA2AA; Joe Carcia, NJ1Q; Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R; Bob Naumann, W5OV, and Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. Thanks also to Ed Hare, W1RFI and Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF for their support in installing the receive antennas and other tasks.

A summary story was posted to [ARRL News](#) on Dec. 14.



*Edited by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Director of Public Relations and Innovation*