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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.

Straight Key Night

0000 UTC 01/01 – 2359 UTC 01/01 @ W1AW

Ham Radio University

January 9 @ <http://hamradiouniversity.org/>

New Director Orientation

January 13 @ Zoom

2021 ARRL Annual Board Meeting

January 15 – 16 @ Zoom

HamCation 2021 Special Edition (virtual)

February 13 – 14 @ <https://www.hamcation.com/>

OSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

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

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Please be sure to check out a new episode of *Eclectic Tech*, released today. The *ARRL Audio News* ends the year with its Top 40 streak unbroken!

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated December 18, 2020:



<https://blurbry.com/arrlaudionews/71722744/arrl-audio-news-december-18-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 834,003
- This episode hit #40 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 24 dated December 31, 2020



<https://blurbry.com/eclectictech/70423427/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-24/>

- Downloads: 114,287
- Currently #231 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 12 dated December 10, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/71301347/arrl-on-the-air-episode-12/>

- Downloads: 75,091
- This episode hit #131 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, continued a heavy schedule of meetings across departments as he proceeds further in depth into existing operations, as well as new and ongoing initiatives. He and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, also held the monthly departmental meetings, including Marketing Sales, Lifelong Learning, Product Development, IT and Development. David also has been receiving regular updates on the Personify transition. He also met with First Vice President Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, who drove up to HQ for the meeting.

David has also begun accepting invitations to appear at (virtual) amateur radio events, and to speak on some ham-centric YouTube channels. A few of those include an interview on K5ATA Ham Radio, an appearance with DX Engineering, and being the featured guest for the Fair Lawn ARC (New Jersey) December meeting. David intends to add more appearances next year as his schedule allows.

Noting the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the rising costs of putting on a show, **Ham-Com**, Texas' largest ham radio event, will be closing permanently. You can learn more here: <http://www.arrl.org/news/texas-biggest-ham-radio-show-ham-com-is-closing>

The FCC announced that the requirement to include at least one email address on all amateur radio applications will go into effect on June 29, 2021. The FCC also proposed to lower the licensing fee from the original recommendation of \$50 to \$35.

Planning for the 2021 Annual Board Meeting is underway.

Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Media Hits Highlight

This week's highlight is a feature story about a NASA astronaut on the International Space Station using amateur radio to connect with people back on Earth. Originally printed in the *LA Times*, it was picked up by several other outlets around the country. Read more on our Media Hits page:

<http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>

Don't forget to follow ARRL on social media! www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Tom Sly, WB8LCD, of Kent, Ohio, has been appointed as the Ohio Section Manager starting January 1, 2021. Tom will be fulfilling the Section Manger position that Scott Yonally, N8SY, is vacating to become

the Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division on January 1. Scott was elected to the Vice Director position in November, and he has served as the Ohio Section Manager since January of 2014.

Tom Sly was appointed by ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, after consulting with Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK. Tom's appointment as Section Manager continues through September 30, 2022. Tom is an ARRL Life Member and has been serving as the Ohio Section's Affiliated Club Coordinator since 2017.

Steve Ewald and Leona Adams, WILGA, have been preparing for the Ohio Section Manager transition. SMs from around the country are continuing to submit their end-of-the year section expense reports to Headquarters for processing.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

December marked ARISS' 20th anniversary of continued radio operation from the International Space Station. You can find more details at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/sstv-event-to-help-ariss-mark-20-years-of-continuous-ham-radio-operation-in-space>

The year-long celebration ended with a slow-scan television (SSTV) event over the holidays. Joe Carcia tracked the ISS and setup to receive the SSTV pictures that were transmitted. Here are a few of the pictures received:



Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, KC1B

Stay up-to-date on the latest offerings from the ARRL Learning Network: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>.

You can view recordings of past webinars here: <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/arrl-learning-network>.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	11,946
2020 WAS Applications	2,990
2020 VUCC Applications	1,268
2020 WAC Applications	167
2020 WPX Applications	1,082
2020 WAZ Applications	931

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	12/31	PTO
Steve Ewald	01/07	PTO
Jackie Ferreira	12/31	PTO
Norm Fusaro	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
Scott Gee	05/10 – 05/17	PTO
“	05/20 – 05/21	PTO
Dan Henderson	12/17 – 01/06	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Diane Middleton	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Tim Norcia	12/30 – 12/31	PTO
Michelle Patnode	12/21 – 01/04	PTO
Becky Schoenfeld	12/31	PTO
Lisa Tardette	12/30 – 12/31	PTO

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!