



# **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.*

### **Administration & Finance Committee Meeting**

May 16, 2020 @ Zoom and teleconference

### **ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

**ARRL Audio News** two most recent editions, dated May 15, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/60605429/arrl-audio-news-may-15-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: *unavailable*
- This episode is currently ranked #80 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

**Eclectic Tech Episode 7** dated May 7, 2020



<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/arrl-2/eclectic-tech>

- Downloads: *unavailable*
- This episode hit #82 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

**On the Air Episode 5** dated May 15, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/60417324/arrl-on-the-air-episode-5/>

- Downloads: *unavailable*
- This episode is currently ranked #190 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, continue to hold meetings throughout the week, including departmental meetings with Radiosport & Field Service, and Editorial, and multiple update meetings regarding multiple departments. Barry and Diane continue to navigate the complex operational guidelines around Covid 19, and consistent communication with the Board of Directors.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, continues to support the planning and preparations for the ARRL National Convention in 2021.

Carla continues to support some media and public relations needs, including daily monitoring of the @newsmedia and @disgur email accounts.

## Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP



### Top Social Media Posts

**Facebook:** (315 engagements) **Instagram:** (257 engagements)

Half a century ago, QST featured nine licencees from the 1970 Novice Roundup Contest. For a look at what seven of those radio amateurs are up to now, check out Steve Ford's, WB8IMY, article, "Where Are They Now?" available as the Free article of the Month for the June 2020 issue of #QST. The digital edition goes live May 8. #ARRL #AmateurRadio #ThrowbackThursday

**On the Air Facebook:** (94 engagements)

The May/June issue of On the Air starts mailing this week and will be available online to all ARRL members on Friday, May 8. The cover story, "Go-Kit Basics," offers tips for putting together a public service go-kit to suit a number of needs. May/June also features an antenna stand project, an explainer on modulation, tips on buying a mobile radio, and more.



**Twitter:** (60 engagements)



It's National #WeatherObserversDay! While also known as #StormSpotters, they help the @NWS to report severe weather to keep communities safe. Read "Severe Weather Spotting: 6 Questions Answered", in the Mar/Apr issue of On the Air Magazine & listen to Ep. 3 of the OTA Podcast! <https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1257337910883426304/photo/1>

## Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, has been in touch with all of the Section Managers who are not facing opposition during this springtime election season and who will be preparing to start their new terms of office on July 1. She has also been sending out informational supplies and "welcome" correspondence to new Field Organization appointees.

Leona and Steve Ewald have been preparing for July *QST*. Leona submitted the Section Nomination announcement for the fall Section Manager election cycle. Steve finished up work on the 2019 Simulated Emergency Test article and has been receiving monthly Field Organization reports for July *QST*.

## Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

The ARRL Laboratory staff has been in regular contact with Lab Manager Ed Hare. Lab staff continues to take phone calls and answer email.

From Newington, Zak Lau, W1VT, tracked down the template the file to SRF to add to the “QST-in-Depth” web page. This requires a lot of memory recall, as the archived site has no search function. Zak also cleaned up the ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search listings for the September 1969 *QST*. There were dozens of duplicate listings that cluttered the search results. He was careful not to discard listings for articles with multiple authors or authors with multiple call signs. Putting a slash between two calls basically hides both calls from searches. There were also a few typos and busted calls that were fixed. He also added the missing pages to the April 1968 Station Activities. While it would be easier to make these corrections with paper *QSTs* from the Library, it is still possible to make them away from the office. These days, most of the error reports are the result of operator error. There are also reports resulting from not implementing a feature of the old CMS, the ability to hotlink new scans with the index editor.

From Coventry, Bob Allison reports that he has completed and posted an A through Z index of Technology Topics, found in the technology section of the ARRL Web Site. A common complaint is members cannot find what they are looking for. The issue was resolved by referring to the new index, found on the Technology Home Page. Bob continues to look for relevant articles and videos that will be helpful to our members to be posted and linked.

Bob continues to assist Terry Glasgow, W1TR, with on-air audio tests of a new SDR transceiver. An RF feedback problem was found on 6 meters, with a solution worked out that will be passed along to the manufacturer.

Off hours, Bob Allison has been on the HF bands/6-meters, and wishes to pass along many unsolicited wishes of goodwill to the ARRL staff, with gratitude, for their work during the national emergency. What we are doing has not gone unnoticed. Bob is pleased to report that former lab staff member, Mike Gruber, W1MG, now has a big signal on 6 Meters. AM works well for local communications on that band; here’s what Bob uses:

What is that? It’s a Gonset G-50, 6 Meter AM (only) transceiver, manufactured in 1959. Original cost was \$160, or \$1410 today. The Audio quality in both directions is quite good! Power Output is 25 Watts carrier, fed to a 5 element Yagi up 35 feet. Bob has an identical radio in his garage ham shack.



From Harwington, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports that he continues to work with FCC’s Laura Smith on a number of cases. There were several other cases that cropped up, some were very time consuming. One case was over a year old and involved a powerline located 4.4 miles from the operator’s home. After much work on the part of the ham (who taught the utility company how to use their RFI locating equipment), the high voltage transmission line was corrected. The location of the fault was on a mountain top transmission line and necessitated crew and equipment be brought in by helicopter.

Paul also handled several TIS calls, mostly the usual questions about antennas etc., and helped nine members resolve their RFI/interference problems.

## WIAW

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. Scott processed seventeen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1821 credits.

Joe Carcia created the texts for the week's WIAW Qualifying Runs. He also updated the code practice *QST* source and Qualifying Run schedules web pages. Joe also compiled the Qualifying Run call list for inclusion in *QST*.

## Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Please continue to find the latest news and information on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic to ARRL members and our global amateur radio community at [www.arrl.org/COVID-19](http://www.arrl.org/COVID-19).

Bob Inderbitzen provided support for a handful of groups and projects including the ARDF Committee, PR Committee, and future ARRL Learning Center.

Bob worked with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, producing a special video message from Rick to our members. The video supports a campaign organized by the Marketing and Communications Department for what would have been the week of Dayton Hamvention, May 15-17. You can see President Roderick's message, "ARRL at home and here for you," on [YouTube](#) or [DropBox](#).

## Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	8 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	4,704
2020 WAS Applications	810
2020 VUCC Applications	253
2020 WAC Applications	40
2020 WPX Applications	338
2020 WAZ Applications	332

## Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	06/26	PTO
“	07/09 – 07/13	PTO
“	08/20 – 08/24	PTO
Joe Carcia	07/06 – 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
“	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	05/21 – 05/29	PTO
Diane Middleton	06/22 – 06/26	PTO
Carla Pereira	06/03 – 06/05	PTO

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