



# **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.*

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

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

**ARRL Audio News** two most recent editions, dated May 29, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrrlaudio/news/61440871/arrrl-audio-news-may-29-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 706,891
- This episode is currently ranked #33 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

**Eclectic Tech Episode 8** dated May 21, 2020



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

- Downloads: 38,220
- This episode hit #191 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

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



<https://blubrry.com/arrrlontheair/60417324/arrrl-on-the-air-episode-5/>

- Downloads: 27,473
- This episode is currently ranked #104 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held many virtual meetings last week, especially on matters regarding the phased re-opening of HQ, which began this week. They also participated in numerous department updates including with Production/Editorial, Lifelong Learning, Product Development, and the Executive Office, as well as ongoing meetings regarding the Personify conversion. Barry also joined in on the Legislative Advocacy Committee meeting, in addition to regular communication with the ARRL Board of Directors.

## Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

### Top Social Media Posts

**Facebook (Main):** Choosing the right size battery for operating on the go is easy with a little help from Mike Bryce, WB8VGE! In his article, “Battery Sizing for Portable Operation,” in the June issue of #QST, Mike explains how to calculate the right battery capacity for your portable or Field Day operation, and breaks down the differences between popular battery types. Check it out in the digital or print editions, available now! (200 engagements)



### **ARRL Field Day (Annual Event) Facebook:**

Calculate the right battery capacity for your portable #ARRLFD operation. In his June #QST article, Mike Bryce WB8VGE breaks down the popular battery types. #ARRL members can read the current issue now: [www.arrl.org/qst](http://www.arrl.org/qst)  
#HamRadio #AmateurRadio (26 engagements)



**On the Air Facebook:** Got a handheld radio? The latest On the Air blog entry by Bob Witte, K0NR (pictured, left) will get you off the couch to take ham radio to a mountain summit. Read it at [www.arrl.org/on-the-air-blog](http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-blog). Send your story and photos with advice to help fellow new hams to [ota-blog@arrl.org](mailto:ota-blog@arrl.org). (25 engagements)

### **Instagram:**

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### **Twitter:**

Get ready for your Field Day or portable operation, with some help from Mike Bryce, WB8VGE! Learn how to calculate the right battery capacity for you in his article, “Battery Sizing for Portable Operation,” in the June #QST. Read it in the digital or print editions, out now! (41 engagements)

## Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

The ARRL Laboratory staff continues to stay in regular contact and is servicing members by answering many phone calls and emails.

From Harwinton, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports it was a banner week at W1VLF mountain. He became a grandfather for the second time! A baby boy name Benjamin, 6 weeks early and 6 lbs, 1oz. Everyone is healthy.

Paul reported a total of 18 calls from members this week, plus 4 new RFI case calls. Such calls are quite technical in nature and at times require special people skills to convey an understanding of the frustrations of radio frequency interference and other technical issues. Work was also done on existing cases, mostly power line noise, solar power noise, and RF from a transmitter getting into Samsung appliances. There are five cases in the book of Amateur transmitters getting into such appliances; one model of gas range in particular. The oven acts like a radio receiver instead of just an oven. (Authors Note: haven't we all heard CW coming out of the oven after 24 hours of the ARRL 160-meter contest?) When a nearby ham transmits, the oven does everything from resetting its clock, to randomly display characters. Worse yet, it can turn on, sometimes in the self-clean mode, without the owner of the stove knowing it is happening! Paul has communicated to the manufacturer and is waiting for a reply.



Off hours, Paul built a ground plane for 6 Meter FM and is enjoying reuniting with some old friends on that band via the 53.290 MHz repeater in Tolland CT. Paul has also made arrangement to have his antennas placed on his tower again, scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. This author will be looking forward for the return of Paul's big signal on 2 Meters! That's a pretty big antenna that's going on his tower!



From Coventry, Bob Allison reports he has consumed a steady diet of technical videos, many about test equipment use & methods using some of the most modern test equipment. Bob also has been in member contact, answering technical questions, as well as adding material to our website technical pages. Bob is quite fortunate to work alongside a very diligent and cheerful coworker.

That's Kathy Allison, KA1RWY, checking out her blooming Iris.

Bob received a nice email from President Rick Roderick, K5UR, who read our "In-News" and saw Bob's Heathkit Lunchbox photograph. Rick shared his stories about his two-meter "Two'er" Lunchbox, 51 years ago. Thank you, President Roderick!

From Newington, Zak Lau, W1VT, reports a routine week assisting ARRL members with their technical questions and researching content for our members.

### W1AW

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, created the texts for the week's W1AW Qualifying Runs. He updated the Qualifying Run schedule, *QST* code practice source, and web pages. He also participated in a Zoom meeting with fellow ARRL Lab staff.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on fast and slow code practice run files for the week. He also processed thirty-four electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1881 credits.

## **Lifelong Learning**

**Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC**

Kris Bickell appeared along with Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, as presenters during the Youtubers Hamfest on May 23. Both were guests of Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, and discussed the various ways that the Lifelong Learning and On the Air initiatives at ARRL are supporting new hams and amateur radio operators of all levels who are interested in expanding their knowledge. A recording of the session can be viewed online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6brxp4hwp4>

## **Product Development**

**Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R**

We're curating media hits that have covered amateur radio in the context of the pandemic here: [www.arrl.org/COVID-19#Media\\_Hits](http://www.arrl.org/COVID-19#Media_Hits). 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 participated in web meetings with the management team and to provide an update on his business unit. He and Kathleen Callahan, KC1MBY, also met with principals for Orlando HamCation as plans are made for the 2021 ARRL National Convention.

Bob responded to an interview request from Voice of America (VOA). He was interviewed via Zoom. He also organized a handful of member-volunteers for additional interviews. VOA has 235 million on-line visitors, TV viewers, and radio listeners per week -- broadcasting in 47 languages. The interview can be seen here: <https://www.voanews.com/episode/radio-hams-keep-touch-through-pandemic-4305171>

Members of the publication planning team organized a proposal for a new edition of a popular ARRL publication authored by Ward Silver, N0AX. The project was approved by the Management Council and adds another new book introduction to the 2021 roster.

Bob, working with Kris Bickell and Steve Ford, WB8IMY, prepared an online form and related invitation to support an upcoming "call for speakers" – an initial step toward organizing presenters to populate a schedule for a new webinar series offering.

## **Radiosport**

**Reported by Sharon Taratula**

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	10 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	5059
2020 WAS Applications	951
2020 VUCC Applications	299
2020 WAC Applications	40
2020 WPX Applications	390
2020 WAZ Applications	367

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
Diane Middleton	06/05 – 06/15	PTO
Carla Pereira	06/03 – 06/05	PTO
Diane Petrilli	06/05	PTO
“	06/12	PTO
“	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
Barry Shelley	06/05	PTO

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