



IN-NEWSLETTER

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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.

Jamboree on the Air

October 16 – 18 @ <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

59th Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest

November 7 @ Hoosier, IN

Savannah Area Swapmeet & Hamfest

October 24 @ Savannah, GA

Tampa Bay Hamfest/Florida State Convention

December 11 – 12 @ Plant City, FL

Northeast HamXposition (Virtual)

November 6 – 8 @ <https://hamxposition.org/>

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL Audio News broke in to the Top 40 for USA Tech News Podcasts this week!

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated October 9, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/68713309/arrl-audio-news-october-9-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 790,912
- This episode hit #39 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 18 dated October 8, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/>

- Downloads: 90,595
- This episode hit #140 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 10 dated October 8, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/68537769/arrl-on-the-air-episode-10/>

- Downloads: 61,111
- This episode hit #125 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, started the 2020 annual budget meetings, meeting with individual managers to discuss their 2021 budgets in depth. The meetings, scheduled Monday – Friday, continue through this week. David has also been meeting individually with his Direct Reports on departmental matters, as well as receiving daily Personify updates.

Eligible voting members in the Dakota, Great Lakes, and Midwest Divisions have begun receiving their division election ballots.

This year, six ARRL staffers have joined the “10-Year Club”, celebrating a decade of working at the League. We congratulate Ally Flynn, KM3ALF, Trish Feeny, Sabrina Jackson, KC1JMW, Dennis Budd, K3DGB, Maureen Farmer, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM!

The ARRL Auction is currently underway, running from October 15 – 22, 2020. There are over 200 items listed for auction, including the ever-popular “Mystery Box.” The items were available for preview starting from October 8. <https://arrl.auctionanything.com/>
2020 ARRL Online Auction – Facebook Event Page: <https://fb.me/e/3g96bXpQE>

Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W2MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

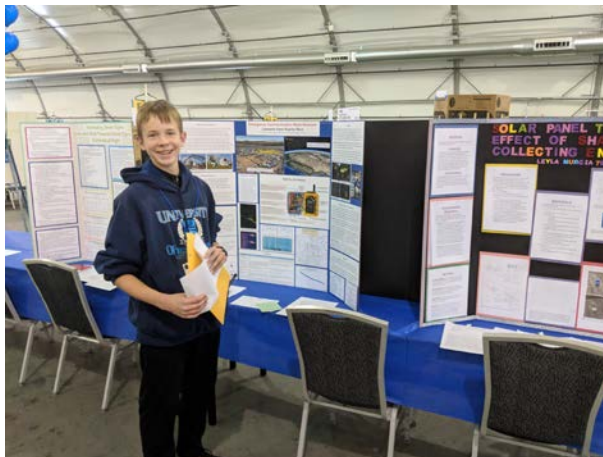
Media Hits

Recent posts to the ARRL website’s “Media Hits” page include:

- A story on amateur radio balloons that were launched from schools across the USA on October 9
- A piece out of Indiana about an upcoming licensing exam session that includes great details on what licensees have to prepare for, as well as the role of hams in radio communications

Read these stories and more at <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>.

Now Trending on Social Media...



Facebook/Instagram: Middle school-aged ham, Roy Gross’s, KM6EOO, article on his ham radio project, “Science Fair Adventures in Ham Radio,” in the November issue of #QST.

Twitter: Two More Astronauts Earn Amateur Radio Licenses <http://ow.ly/BORp50BlkZy> #ARRL #HamRadio
<https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1313568165985746944/photo/1> news story

Total Number of Social Media Followers through October 10

Main Facebook:	85,488
Main Twitter:	38,575
ARES Twitter:	18,593
Instagram:	12,046
On the Air Facebook:	1,737
LinkedIn:	1,550

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

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Mark Stillman, KA3JUU, of Newark, Delaware, has been appointed as ARRL Delaware Section Manager. He succeeds Bill Duveneck, KB3KYH, who had served since 2014, and moved out of the Delaware Section. Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, appointed Mark after consulting with Atlantic Division Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM. The appointment is effective immediately and extends through the end of the term on December 31, 2021.

ARRL Northern New Jersey Section Manager Steve Ostrove, K2SO, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, passed away on October 2. Steve first served an unexpired term as Northern New Jersey Section Manager in 2016, and in 2018 was the only candidate for the position, serving from January 2019 until he resigned less than two weeks before his passing.

Bob Buus, W2OD, of Holmdel, has been appointed as Northern New Jersey Section Manager to succeed Steve Ostrove, K2SO (SK). Bob will serve out the current term of office, which concludes on June 30, 2021. Steve had recommended Bob to be appointed to replace him before he stepped down as SM, and Hudson Division Director Ria Jairam, N2RJ, agreed. Bart Jahnke made the appointment, which is effective immediately.

Leona Adams, W1LGA, and Steve Ewald have been working with newly-appointed Delaware SM Mark Stillman, KA3JUU, and newly-appointed Northern New Jersey SM Bob Buus, W2OD, to set them up with information and supplies as they start their appointments. Both Mark and Bob are now participating in the series of virtual SM Workshop sessions along with other new Section Managers who have started their positions over the past year.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Joe Carcia updated the web code practice files and their archives. He also created the 2021 transmit schedule calendars for the W1AW and West Coast Qualifying Runs.

Joe rewrote the *fldigi* CW transmit macros as part of the overall testing. He had to re-create two W1AW web pages because one mysteriously disappeared while the other swapped data with a different page. (IT was able to restore old backups to the pages for editing.)

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, processed six paper and twenty electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1,685 credits. He also worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week.

Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Learning Network continued with a session titled "Grounding & Bonding for Home HF Stations", presented by Ward Silver, NØAX, on Tuesday October 6. This webinar provided an overview of the grounding and bonding requirements for home HF stations. Over 350 attendees watched the live session. The upcoming webinar schedule and recordings of previous presentations can be found online at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen participated in 2021/22 planning meetings involving product development projects, our participation at conventions, outreach through prospective partnerships, and the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative.

Throughout the year, we've continued to review design modifications to a simple introduction-to-radio soldered kit designed by a student engineer from Florida. Bob has organized some planning milestones which will help us determine if we'll advance the final design for future production and fulfillment.

On Monday, October 5, we [announced](#) with the Orlando Amateur Radio Club our joint decision to postpone the ARRL National Convention and Orlando HamCation® (which is hosting the convention) to February 10 – 13, 2022.

On Thursday, October 8, we published a [news item](#) for the recent FCC *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 19-348 which orders amateur access to 3.5 GHz Band to "sunset." The news item includes a significant summary of ARRL's efforts to date opposing the proposal and decision. We also established a companion web page with a timeline and related links, and inviting members to share comments: www.arrl.org/3-GHz-Band.

Bob produced some [social media](#) attention for the very successful scheduled ARISS contact between Astronaut Chris Cassidy, KF5KDR, and students from McConnell Middle School in Loganville, Georgia October 7.

Bob participated in the monthly PR Committee meeting, led by Chairman Sid Caesar, NH7C. In an ongoing effort to help keep PIOs and PICs informed and engaged, Bob produced a message with tips, recent ham radio media hits, and other timely content for the PR reflector. Thanks to Carla Pereira for her regular contribution with curating [media hits](#). Media hits are routinely received via newsmedia@arrl.org.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	9,290
2020 WAS Applications	2,135
2020 VUCC Applications	1,026
2020 WAC Applications	130
2020 WPX Applications	797
2020 WAZ Applications	711

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Joe Carcia	10/29 – 10/30	PTO
“	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
“	11/30 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	10/16	PTO
Norm Fusaro	10/16 – 10/19	PTO
Scott Gee	10/16 – 10/20	PTO
“	10/23 – 10/26	PTO
“	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
Dee Methé	10/23 – 10/26	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/23 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Melissa Stemmer	10/16	PTO
“	10/30	PTO
“	11/23 – 11/25	PTO

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