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Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events

Vermont State Convention (Ham-Con)

February 24 @ South Burlington, VT

Alabama State Convention (BirmingHAMfest)

March 2 @ Irondale, AL

Arkansas State Convention

March 3 @ Russellville, AR

Louisiana State Convention (58th Acadiana Hamfest)

March 9 @ Rayne, LA

North Carolina Section Convention

March 9 @ Concord, NC

Nebraska State Convention

March 10 @ Lincoln, NE

West Virginia Section Convention

March 24 @ Charleston, WV

Great Lakes Division (Hamvention)

May 18 – 20 @ Xenia, OH

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the latest edition of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated February 16, 2018:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/31464162/arrl-audio-news-february-16-2018?sbe=1>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley traveled to Washington D.C. last week to meet with Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, where they attended a meeting at the United States ITU Association (USITUA). The USITUA represents U.S. interests in international telecommunication policies and procedures. This was Barry's first visit to the ITU offices in D.C.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur

David worked with ARRL directors and officials on the development of a statement to respond to a reporter asking for comment on the latest activity in Congress involving the reauthorization of the FCC and the Amateur Radio Parity Act. David provided the statement to the reporter for TRDaily.com, an online newsletter following the telecommunications industry. David established the reporter as a contact that we can pitch future stories to.

Work continued on a wide variety of issues surrounding messaging for the new ARES Connect volunteer management system. Those issues range from editing the ARES Guidelines to copyrighting the content of training webinars.

In preparation for Hamvention, David and Michelle attended a demonstration of an app that could help manage the logistics of the event – from the event’s schedule and a map of the exhibition hall to messaging and photo-sharing. Michelle and David also met with Bob Inderbitzen and Steve Ford to go over plans for news and social media coverage of the gathering.

Michelle took photos of the Fairlawn (NJ) Amateur Radio Club touring ARRL HQ, and then worked with Sue Fagan to create new displays for the video monitor in the ARRL HQ lobby.

Media Mentions:

Among the new news links posted to the [Media Hits web site](#) are: from Puget Sound, Washington, an amateur radio club received a grant to establish a mobile ham radio station to assist in emergency communications, and in Detroit, the CBS-affiliate TV station reported on a SKYTWARN training program being offered by the National Weather Service.

Top Social Media Posts:

Facebook: Dylan Krueger, 11, who is studying to become a Ham Radio Operator, was featured in a story in the Abilene (KS) Reflector-Chronicle. Until he gets licensed to speak on the radio, he is communicating with people around the world via HamSphere. Krueger has two antennas coming out of his bedroom window which are attached to Ham Radios.

http://www.abilene-rc.com/news/year-old-krueger-talks-to-the-world/article_4de0a1c2-1190-11e8-9830-1397a4293bc5.html

Twitter: #ARRL #HamRadio ARRL Receives Byrd Antarctic Expedition Morse Key, Historical Materials <http://ow.ly/ixkn50gvLXD>

Instagram: Welcome new #ARRL member Braden Johel, KJ0HEL of Daytona Beach, Florida. Braden joined ARRL at 2018 Orlando HamCation. #HamRadio

LinkedIn: One of the great annual gatherings of Amateur Radio operators is at "Hamcation" in Orlando, Fla. There is great fun, and also great information shared, particularly this year, following the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. <https://lnkd.in/g36tY56>

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

WIAW

Some members of the Fair Lawn (New Jersey) ARC visited WIAW on Tuesday, February 14. Despite the somewhat tepid band conditions, the operators managed to make at least 68 QSOs on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB.

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He began to ready a new Icom IC-7300 transceiver that will replace an aged Icom IC-756ProII transceiver used as a bulletin exciter. He also processed regular QSL card requests.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice texts for the week. He processed five paper and eight electronic VUCC applications for a total of 472 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 – 3 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2018 DXCC Applications	1,717
2018 WAS Applications	490
2018 VUCC Applications	112
2018 WPX Applications	150

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Jackie Ferreira reported that we received a \$2,175 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation for Q4/2017 program activity; Y2017 \$8,022; Y2016 \$6,699; Y2015 \$4,724; Y2014 \$1,913. The foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible AmazonSmile items to ARRL—from purchases made by members and friends who have selected American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as their charity of choice. More information is available at <http://www.arrl.org/Amazon>. We encourage member participation in AmazonSmile through e-mailings, social media posts, ARRL News, and e-newsletters.

2018 ARRL Field Day merchandise has been ordered. Jackie finalized an ad to help promote the items (t-shirt, pin, mug, patch, sticker, etc.) in April *QST*.

Emails promoting the 2018 *ARRL Repeater Directory* and softcover 2018 *Handbook* were distributed to past purchasers. Additionally, a postcard promotion was mailed to 10,000 members who are among our best publication purchasers.

Supervisors worked on 2017 performance appraisals.

Bob Inderbitzen worked with US Bank and General Counsel Chris Imlay to finalize amendments made by the bank to the agreement for the ARRL Visa Credit Card Program. ARRL earned program royalties of \$43,692 in 2017.

Bob finalized some additional planning for ARRL's exhibit at the International Amateur Radio Exhibition in Germany, which will be held June 1-3 this year. He also assembled a list of ARRL-sponsored presentations for Hamvention (May 18-20).

Bob met with Michelle Patnode, David Isgur, and Steve Ford to review objectives for news, editorial, and related content creation at Hamvention. This group also, with Barry Shelly, participated in a demonstration of a mobile app platform for events.

An online survey to support 2019 *Handbook* planning is underway. It was distributed to a selection of individuals from two groups: most recent edition (2018) purchasers, and ARRL members.

Bob and Yvette Vinci participated in a meeting with other staff (Mailroom, IT, and Membership) to review our application of national change-of-address processing on ARRL mail lists and recordkeeping.

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Leona Adams	03/23	PTO
“	04/13	PTO
“	04/19 – 04/20	PTO
Bob Allison	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Ken Bailey	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Margie Bourgoin	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Joe Carcia	04/06	PTO
“	04/11	PTO
“	05/16	PTO
“	05/25	PTO
“	07/02 – 07/06	PTO
“	07/13	PTO
“	07/20	PTO
“	07/27	PTO
“	08/03 – 08/10	PTO
“	08/24	PTO
“	08/31	PTO
“	10/05	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Mike Corey	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Lauren Clarke	03/16	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Steve Ewald	03/23 – 03/24	West Virginia Section Convention, Charleston
“	03/26 – 04/03	PTO
Jackie Ferreira	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Steve Ford	02/23	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Scott Gee	04/10	PTO
“	04/16 – 04/19	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/19	PTO
“	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
“	09/10 – 09/14	PTO
Regina Galuppi	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Dan Henderson	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Bob Inderbitzen	02/26 – 02/27	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Dave Isgur	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Sabrina Jackson	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Bart Jahnke	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Kim McNeil	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Diane Middleton	02/20 – 02/23	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Michelle Patnode	02/23	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Barry Shelley	02/19 – 02/23	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH

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Yvette Vinci

05/22 – 05/31
05/17 – 05/20

PTO
2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH

Please remember—pictures are always welcome!

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