



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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### **Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:**

#### **Southeastern Division Conventions**

August 18 – 19 @ Huntsville, AL

#### **Kansas State Convention**

August 19 @ Salina, KS

#### **JARL Ham Fair 2018**

August 25 – 26 @ Tokyo, JAPAN

#### **Roanoke Division Convention**

August 31 – September 2 @ Shelby, NC

#### **New England Division Convention (BOXBORO)**

September 7 – 9 @ Boxborough, MA

#### **Wyoming State Convention**

September 15 @ Rock Springs, WY

### **ARRL Audio News Podcast**

Please click the link below the latest edition of the ARRL Audio News podcast, dated August 10, 2018:

<https://www.marriott.com/reservation/confirmation.mi>

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley and Diane Middleton held a meeting with ARRL managers to kick-off the planning process for 2019.

The deadline to request nominating petitions for the 2018 ARRL elections was last Friday at noon. Carla Pereira has been processing the completed petitions that have come in so far, and Dan Henderson has been communicating as the liaison between candidates and the League. The deadline for receipt of completed petitions is today, August 17, at noon.

### **Communications**

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

David Isgur interviewed Franz Laugermann, K3FL, who recently became the first VE to conduct 1,000 ARRL VEC exam sessions. He wrote a story on this achievement for the ARRL News web page, the ARRL Letter, and it will also be included in the October issue of QST.

David worked with the Public Service Enhancement Working Group (PSEWG) to craft a letter to Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators, soliciting their feedback and input on the proposed ARES Strategic Plan. The letter included a link to the Plan and a submission form for their comments. The letter encouraged the SMs and SECs to reach out to others, such as ECs, for their input, but reminded

everyone that comments need to be submitted through their SMs and SECs, following the established protocols. Michelle Patnode also helped get the message out by posting an article about the request for field input on the ARRL's Social Media Platforms.

Michelle notes that we have reached new milestones in our Social Media followers. ARRL now has more than 80,000 people following its Facebook feeds, making it our largest social media platform. Our fastest-growing social media platform is Instagram, where ARRL now has more than 4,00 followers. Much of that is due to the launch of Instagram TV; in the first month of Instagram TV, the number of ARRL followers jumped by nearly 400 people. (ARRL has more than 33,000 followers on Twitter, while our LinkedIn presence has just 300 followers.)

We have begun the process of preparing for presentation of the Leonard Awards for media coverage of Amateur Radio and the McGan Award for volunteer achievement in PR for Amateur Radio, which were approved by the Board of Directors at the July meeting. (With the help of Rob Macedo, KD1CY, we are hopeful that the presentation of a Leonard Award to The Weather Channel can be made on-air.)

Michelle and David joined Mike Corey in taking part in a FEMA Region 1 conference call to discuss plans for publicizing and promoting Emergency Preparedness Month in September. We discussed ways of adding an amateur radio perspective to the projects that already exist on FEMA's Ready.Gov website.

ARRL HQ was visited on Friday, August 10 by Deme Pastor, EA5IPC, a member of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles [URE) in Spain, and his host, Deven Kalonia, K1DSK, of Ashford, CT. Michelle took photos during Pastor's tour of ARRL HQ, which will be posted to ARRL's social media feeds. Pastor, who gave a plaque commemorating his visit to Norm Fusaro and Becky Schoenfeld, will be writing an article about his visit for the URE's magazine.



### Media Mentions

Among the new story links posted to the [Media Hits](#) web site are

- a television station in Montana did a story on Amateur Radio's service to the organizers of a local triathlon
- a local public radio story about a one-of-a-kind network helping Cape Cod (MA) towns with weather issues
- an article by the Pew Charitable Trusts about the role that radio amateurs play in disaster relief

### Top Social Media Posts



**Facebook:** Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers have pitched in to assist where needed to provide or support communication as catastrophic wildfires have struck California. Volunteers from multiple ARRL Sections in the state have stepped up to help, as some fires remain out of control. The fires have claimed several lives, destroyed more than 1,000 homes, and forced countless residents to evacuate, including radio amateurs. ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Greg Kruckewitt, KG6SJT, said this week that things have calmed somewhat compared to the past couple of weeks, with American Red Cross shelter communicators stepping down after 10 days of support.

Initially, there were four shelters in Redding. On August 5, the Shasta-Tehama ARES team was able to

take its communications trailer to Trinity County to support a shelter in Weaverville opened for Carr Fire evacuees, he said. <http://www.arrl.org/images/view/News/Samuel%20Brignoni%20KM6QDQ-1.jpg>

**Twitter:** New US Submarine Forces Commander is Radio Amateur <http://dlvr.it/QfSWMp>

**Instagram:** Bill Brown, WB8ELK, visited #ARRL HQ and said hello to Assistant Editor Jen Glifort, who wrote an article about him in May of 2017. The article, "Bill Brown, WB8ELK: Master of High Altitude Balloon Projects", was the free article of the month and can be read here: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/May2017/GLIFORT.pdf>



**LinkedIn:** #FlashbackFriday to when the #ARRL Media Relations Team met at HQ to discuss plans for the second half of 2018! Left to Right: Media and Public Relations Assistant Michelle Patnode, W3MVP; ARRL Vice Director and Public Relations Committee Board Liaison Bill Morine, N2COP; ARRL Public Relations Committee Chair Sid Ceasar, NH7C; and Communications Manager David Isgur, N1RSN.

### **Field Services**

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams reports that West Central Florida Section Manager Darrell Davis, KT4WX, and Nebraska Section Manager Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ, have been nominated to run for new terms of office in their respective sections. Petitions for this particular SM election cycle are due at Headquarters by Friday, September 7.

Steve Ewald has been receiving and compiling monthly Field Organization reports for the upcoming October QST.

### **Lab**

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

#### **WIAW**

Thank you to Steve Ewald, WV1X and Dan Wall, W1ZFG, for covering the early morning shifts last Monday through Friday for the vacationing Joe Carcia.

In the previous week, Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He created the August W1AW Qualifying Run texts. Joe also began final work on a high-current power supply that will be used with the Harris 6-meter amplifier.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He also processed four paper and eighteen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1417 credits.

## **Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 – 3 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2018 DXCC Applications	8,852
2018 WAS Applications	1,747
2018 VUCC Applications	649
2018 WPX Applications	625
2018 WAZ Applications	689

## **Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations**

Leona Adams	09/14	PTO
Bob Allison	08/20 – 08/31	PTO
Ken Bailey	08/27	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	09/17 – 09/21	PTO
Joe Garcia	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
“	08/24	PTO
“	08/31	PTO
“	10/05	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Mike Corey	09/07 – 09/09	New England Division Convention, Boxboro, MA
“	09/15	Wyoming State Convention, Rock Springs, WY
“	09/21 – 09/23	Rocky Mountain Division Convention, Albuquerque, NM
Jackie Ferreira	08/13 – 08/17	PTO
Steve Ford	08/27 – 08/28	PTO
“	09/19 – 09/26	PTO
Norm Fusaro	08/20 – 08/29	JARL Ham Fair, Tokyo, JAPAN
“	10/18 – 10/21	New Mexico State Convention, Socorro, NM
Regina Galuppi	09/14	PTO
“	10/16 – 10/24	PTO
Scott Gee	08/16 – 08/20	PTO
“	09/10 – 09/14	PTO
Dan Henderson	08/31 – 09/02	Roanoke Division Convention, Shelby, NC
“	09/13 – 09/16	W9DXCC
“	09/17 - 09/24	PTO and W4DXCC
Gail Iannone	08/23 – 08/31	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	08/13 – 08/20	PTO
“	10/18 – 10/22	Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, CA
“	10/23	PTO
David Isgur	09/10	PTO
“	09/17 – 09/19	PTO
Monique Levesque	08/10 – 08/27	PTO
Diane Middleton	08/23 – 08/24	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/06	PTO

“	11/12	PTO
“	11/19 – 11/21	PTO
“	12/26 – 11/28	PTO
Michelle Patnode	08/31	Half day (8a – 12p)
Carla Pereira	08/24 – 08/31	PTO
Diane Petrilli	08/03 – 08/20	PTO
Barry Shelley	08/20 – 08/31	PTO
Yvette Vinci	08/17 – 08/20	Southeastern Division Convention, Hunstville, AL

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