



# **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

Please listen to ARRL's podcasts, all of which are new since the last IN Newsletter!

**ARRL Audio News** two most recent editions, dated June 5, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/62233544/arrl-audio-news-june-12-2020/>

- Downloads: 706,891
- This episode is currently ranked #48 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

**Eclectic Tech Episode 9** dated June 4, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/59554414/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-9/>

- Downloads: 38,220
- This episode hit #241 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

**On the Air Episode 6** dated June 11, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/62124192/arrl-on-the-air-episode-6/>

- Downloads: 27,473
- This episode is currently ranked #114 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, were at HQ the week of May 26 when the first staffers returned to HQ since all non-essential business were ordered to close on March 23rd. Barry and Diane continue to run all operations remotely, with occasional visits to Newington as restrictions allow. They will continue to update staff as the situation evolves.

Barry and Diane held Zoom meetings with different departments including Marketing Communications, Editorial/Production, and Radiosport/Field Services. They also continue to participate in multiple Personify and update meetings. Barry has also been in active contact with the Board of Directors.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, and Carla Pereira have begun the planning and preparations for July's 2020 Second Board Meeting, which will be held via Zoom due to ongoing restrictions on large gatherings.

Carla and Dee have also begun responding to requests for Director election nomination packets. The campaign season officially started June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL's 2020 Hurricane page is up and active. The page was created by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, and is being maintained by Carla Pereira. If you have a hurricane-related news item that you think is important to share with our members and you don't see it on the page, please feel free to share that info with Carla.

### Media Hits

Check out some of the recent stories in the news on our Media Hits page:

- [Balloon Racing Hams Send Distance Learning to New Heights](#)  
Nasa.gov, June 11, 2020
- [Ham Operators to Participate in Amateur Radio Field Day From Home](#)  
Record-Courier June 8, 2020
- [El Role de los Radioaficionados Durente Emergencias](#)  
Telemundo Puerto Rico; NBC Universal Inc. June 1, 2020

### Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Vice Director Robert Wareham, NØESQ, stepped down from that post to accept appointment as Colorado Section Manager. Robert succeeded Colorado SM Jack Ciaccia, WMØG, who resigned effective on June 1 after serving since 2011. Jack is moving to New Hampshire to be closer to family.

Ballots for the Illinois, Indiana, Maine and Oregon Section Manager elections were counted and verified on Monday, June 1, 2020, at ARRL HQ by Leona Adams, Kathy Bouchard, Gloria Flores and Steve Ewald. All new two-year terms of office begin on July 1.

Incumbent Illinois Section Manager Ron Morgan, AD9I, won against challengers Thomas Beebe, W9RY, and Scott DeSantis, KB9VRW. In Indiana, Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, was re-elected to a second term when he out-pollled Brian Jenks, W9BGJ. In Oregon, David Kidd, KA7OZO, also earned a second term of office when he won against challenger Kevin Fox, KUØL.

Robert Gould, N1WJO, of Casco, was elected as the Maine Section Manager when received more votes than incumbent SM Bill Crowley, K1NIT. Bill has served as Section Manger since 2014.

Bill Ashby, AA6FC, of San Jose, California, was the only nominee for the Santa Clara Valley Section Manager position. He will take the reins of the section starting in July from Brandon Bianchi, NI6C, who decided not to run for a new term of office. Brandon has been Section Manager of Santa Clara Valley since 2012.

The following incumbent Section Managers were the only nominees in their respective sections: Kevin Bess, KK4BFN (Northern Florida); Paul Gayet, AA1SU (Vermont); and Patrick Moretti, KA1RB (Wisconsin). Their new terms of office begin July 1.

The nomination receipt deadline for this summer season's Section Manager election cycle arrived on Friday, June 5. Leona Adams reports that Headquarters received a few petitions over the past couple of weeks and before the receipt deadline. New terms of office for this election cycle begin October 1. There will be one election in Puerto Rico with the following candidates: Juan Sepulveda, KP3CR, Rene Fonseca, NP3O, and incumbent Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF. Leona will begin working on preparations for this election, and ballots are scheduled to be mailed by July 1.

Western New York Section Manager Laura Mueller, N2LJM, was nominated for a new term office, and she will continue as SM as the only nominee. The following Section Managers were also the only nominees in their respective sections. They, too, will begin new two-year terms of office in October: Chuck Motes, K1DFS (Connecticut); Dan Marler, K7REX (Idaho); Scott Yonally, N8SY (Ohio); Kevin O'Dell, NØIRW (Oklahoma); Barry Porter, KB1PA (Southern Florida); and Fred Kleber, K9VV (Virgin Islands).

In Minnesota, Bill Mitchell, AEØEE, of Minneapolis, was nominated to run for the Section Manager's position. Incumbent Minnesota SM Skip Jackson, KSØJ, who had been nominated earlier in the season, decided to withdraw his nomination. Therefore, Bill Mitchell became the only nominee and will become the Minnesota SM on October 1. Skip has served as SM since 2008.

In North Dakota, Richard Budd, WØTF, was the only nominee to assume the duties of North Dakota Section Manager starting in October. North Dakota Section Manager Nancy Yoshida, KØYL, announced that she was resigning as SM as of June 2 because she will become the Vice President of the YL International Single Sideband System this year. Radiosport and Field Services Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, appointed Richard, WØTF, as SM to fulfill the balance of Nancy's term of office that extends from June through September.

Leona has also been working with incumbent Section Managers who continue, and newly elected Section Managers whose terms begin on July 1. She has sent their Section Manager certificates electronically and has ordered their books through Publications Sales. Leona also ordered Section Manager call sign and name badges for the newly elected SMs.

### Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

The Lab staff continues to service our members by answering many phone calls and emails. Zak Lau, W1VT, reports from Newington that a member wanted someone to re-design an antenna designed by John Portune, W6NBC. Per usual, Zak pointed the member in the right direction by acknowledging everyone has a different idea, "what best is" and suggested W6NBC's published idea of scaling the antenna. Day to day, Zak shares his vast knowledge of technical topics, guiding our members to a better understanding.

Radio Amateurs rejoice! 6 meters has been opened. Both Bob Allison and Zak Lau report excellent conditions. Off hours, Zak worked six European stations using FT-8 and has worked 50 entities to date on that band. Zak also contacted ARRL Laboratory Volunteer, Martin Ewing, AA6E. Martin is in a new QTH and is on the air on 6 meters.

Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports from Harwinton that this is the first week in the two years he's been with the ARRL that no NEW cases of RFI were reported either from the FCC, or by individual hams. There was plenty of ongoing activity, the list of which is long and detailed. In one example, Paul reports a member was receiving interference while tuned to an Amateur Radio repeater on 145.250 MHz. After some discussion, Paul suggested cable television interference. As it turned out, the interference was caused by an old analog cable tv system, the frequency in question being cable channel CH18 or Channel "E". Paul spoke to the manager of this very small cable system about their signal leakage program on behalf of the ARRL member. Think that is old? This author has seen open bare wire telephone lines still in use in rural PA.

Paul also had the pleasure and privilege of providing technical assistance to Tim Norcia on technical aspects of new ARRL apparel.

Bob reports from Coventry that he has been contacted by people wishing to donate ARRL-related historical mementoes and rare Drake equipment. Thanks to Jon Johnsky and the procedures in place for our safety, incoming shipments of donations can be accepted.

Bob also reports he has had the privilege to hear a recording of famous radio pioneers, provided by the Radio Club of America. Two recordings, each over 20 minutes in length, were recorded around 1950. The content of one recording contained the voice of ARRL's Paul Godley, who in 1921 was at the receiving end of the very first shortwave transmissions. This transmission was made not made by an expensive, large, very high- power long wave station, but by a modestly powered vacuum tube transmitter, on 160 (or so) meters, set up in a field in Greenwich, CT as station 1BCG. The recording of Godley is of remarkably high quality. His tale is riveting.

Bob also reports that he has watched videos about test parameters of digital equipment.

### W1AW

Joe Carcia created the texts for the week's W1AW Qualifying Runs. He updated the Qualifying Run schedule, and *QST* code practice source and web pages. Joe processed twenty-nine Qualifying Run certificates and eleven endorsements.

Joe participated in a Zoom meeting with fellow HQ Emergency Response Team staff members. Joe also made a quick repair to a Windows 10 PC that failed (prior to the March 23 shutdown).

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. He also processed twenty-eight electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1725 credits.

### Membership

Reported by Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

May 2020 ended with 157,530 members, putting us 386 members behind year-to-date goal. We lost 96 members; a gain of 178 was forecast for the month.

New ham acquisition continues to be down but mailings were set to resume on May 26, where they left off. Renewals transactions in May, for those who had an expire date of May 1 or greater, are down significantly (3,931 transactions vs. 7,173 last May). Although email renewal notices have continued to be sent during the COVID crisis, paper renewal notices have not been sent since the middle of March. This means that expirees from February through July will not have gotten the full series of 5 printed

notices. Mailing of paper notices has resumed and the schedule has been altered to try to recover some of the loss. The *on-time* renewal rate for May expirees has also been affected: 64% vs. 71% last May.

Diane spent approximately 30 hours this month in training or on other Personify-related tasks (reviewing user stories, answering enhancement questions, re-setting up data lost in conversion, identifying data conversion issues).

The email and hard-copy renewal notices were updated to include the new benefit of *QEX* and *NCJ* being available digitally.

A series of emails were sent to never and lapsed members, as well as to new hams who viewed a sample version of On the Air online. Emails promoting a special Hamvention membership offer were also sent to current and lapsed members, generating 760+ responses. E-mails in May contributed 364 new members towards acquisition. Thanks you to Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, Product Marketing Specialist and Eric Casey, KC2ERC, Convention and Event Coordinator for designing these emails.

A sample of current members was pulled for Eric Casey to help him and others assess the effect the COVID pandemic may have on convention and hamfest attendance in the future.

A link to the Life 70+ Membership application was added under the Membership Levels section of [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

### **Product Development**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

It has been a busy couple of weeks supporting the build up to Field Day 2020. Bob Inderbitzen produced announcements for the [temporary rule waivers](#) adopted for 2020 Field Day by the Programs and Services Committee, and coordinated with staff from across our news, editorial, social media, and volunteer program areas.

Bob prepared a Field Day media advisory (press release) template to help support PIOs, PICs, and other PR volunteers promoting the event. He assembled additional contributions from the Public Relations Committee, creating a supplemental Field Day media kit. Visit the [Field Day](#) page to find all current resources for related media and public relations.

Bob worked with member J Mitch Hopper, K9ZXO, who edited a version of his super Field Day video for our national use. You can view the video on ARRL's YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/A2LRCvabjuA>.

Bob participated in web meetings with volunteers, the management team, and staff teams from across our programs and operations. He also conferenced with university students, faculty, and members of the ham radio citizen science research group, HamSCI.

Bob has joined the 2020 hurricanes team – a staff group assembled by Ken Bailey, K1FUG to monitor the active hurricane season and to help ensure cross-functional information sharing and support for our public service volunteers. Bob also created a [2020 Hurricanes](#) web page to curate resources, information, and media attention. Carla Pereira is administering contributions to the page.

SFL Section PIO, Jeff Kennedy, NK4AA, shared a media hit published by The Christian Science Monitor (CSM). It features ARRL First Vice President Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, and Life Member Leandra

MacLennan, AF1R, from the Wellesley (Massachusetts) Amateur Radio Society. There's also a nice segment with a new radio amateur, Zachary Preefer, KN6IQW – a physician from Los Altos, California who cites a handful of reasons for getting his license including interest in understanding the EMS radio systems in his hospital. The CSM video journalist originally connected with ham radio volunteers in Marin County California, but completed the piece after returning home to Boston, Massachusetts during the pandemic – and connecting with Eastern MA Section volunteers. <https://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/2020/0521/A-close-knit-culture-with-separation-at-its-core-video> The Christian Science Monitor, 5/21/2020.

### Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	10 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	5521
2020 WAS Applications	1079
2020 VUCC Applications	346
2020 WAC Applications	40
2020 WPX Applications	428
2020 WAZ Applications	401

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

Leona Adams	06/26	PTO
“	07/09 – 07/13	PTO
“	08/20 – 08/24	PTO
Ken Bailey	06/19	PTO
“	06/23	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	06/22	PTO
“	07/06	PTO
“	08/14	PTO
“	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Carcia	06/12	PTO
“	07/06 – 07/10	PTO
“	07/16 – 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
Dee Methe	06/18 (half day)	PTO
Diane Middleton	06/05 – 06/15	PTO

Diane Petrilli	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

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