



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events

West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest)

December 13 – 14 @ Plant City, FL

LoTW Committee Meeting

January 15 @ HQ, Newington, CT

New Director Orientation

January 15 @ HQ, Newington, CT

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

January 16 @ HQ, Newington, CT

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

January 16 @ HQ, Newington, CT

2020 ARRL Annual Board Meeting

January 17 – 18 @ Windsor, CT

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

We must sadly announce that after almost four years and nearly 100 episodes, the final episode of the “The Doctor is In” podcast will be distributed on Thursday, December 19. Joel Hallas, W1ZR, will, however, continue to write the “The Doctor is In” column for QST.

In its four years on the air, “The Doctor is In” received over one-and-a-quarter million downloads! That is a remarkable achievement for any podcast on any topic. The podcast archive will remain on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org/doctor.

In the first quarter of 2020 we will be launching new podcasts designed to appeal to our increasing stratified membership. Details will be provided as they become available.

Please see the latest stats for ARRL’s podcasts, and listen to the most recent episodes, below:

ARRL Audio News dated November 22, 2019:

<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/52256547/arrl-audio-news-november-22-2019?sbe=1>

Downloads: 599,541; #14 Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

So Now What? dated November 14, 2019

<https://blubrry.com/arrlnowwhat/51892681/16-navigating-the-nets/>

Downloads: 131,142; #37 on Apple Podcasts USA Hobbies

The Doctor is In dated November 21, 2019

https://blubrry.com/arrl_the_doctor_is_in/51946045/big-wire-antennas/

Downloads: 1,268,041; #116 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Prior to the Thanksgiving break, Howard Michel, WB2ITX, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, met with managers from the IT, Lifelong Learning, and Product Development departments. They also attended a meeting to discuss Lifelong Learning integration.

Howard was interviewed for *CQ Ham Radio* magazine (Japan) by Masaaki Maeda, JR1AQN, about ARRL's goals for the future. Mr. Maeda also spoke with Norm Fusaro, W3IZ.

Planning and preparations continue for the 2020 Annual Board Meeting in January.



Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

Top Social Media Posts

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn: ARRL will be closed tomorrow and Friday. We wish everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday! 🍷

Twitter: New General Availability Release of WSJT-X Announced <http://ow.ly/C1kF1021Eai> #ARRL #HamRadio

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that a Section Manager nomination petition was received for Chris Stallkamp, KIØD, for South Dakota section and one for David Kaltenborn, N8KBC, for San Diego for the term beginning April 1, 2020. SM nomination petitions for the term beginning April 1, 2020 are due at ARRL HQ by Friday, December 6, 2019 by 4 pm EST.

Leona reports that ballots were counted on Tuesday, November 19th for the SM elections that took place in both Alaska and Tennessee. In a very close race in Alaska, David Stevens, KL7EB, received 98 votes, and his opponent, Lara Baker, AL2R, received 88 votes. David Stevens, KL7EB was then declared elected. Stevens takes over as Section Manager from Ray Hollenbeck, KL1IL, of Wasilla, who has led the Alaska Section for the past 4 years.

In Tennessee, David Thomas, KM4NYI, of Knoxville, outpolled Charles Talley, KJ4VKC, of Lyles, 557 to 417. David Thomas, KM4NYI was then declared elected. Thomas will be taking the reins of the Tennessee Field Organization from Keith Miller, N9DGK, of Rockvale, who decided not to run for a new term. Miller has served as Section Manager since 2012. Both SM's will begin their term on January 1, 2020.

These incumbent Section Managers were the only candidates in their respective sections and have been declared elected: JVann Martin, W4JVM (Alabama); Bill Duvneck, KB3KYH (Delaware); Jim Siemons, W6LK (East Bay); Ron Cowan, KB0DTI (Kansas); Jim Kvochick, K8JK (Michigan); Bill Mader, K8TE (New Mexico); John Kitchens, NS6X (Santa Barbara), and Ray Lajoie, KB1LRL (Western Massachusetts).

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Thank you to Steve Ewald and Dan Wall, W1ZFG, for covering the morning shifts on Monday and Tuesday for Joe Carcia. Joe worked the night shifts these two days for the vacationing Scott Gee, WB9RRU. Joe processed one Qualifying Run certificate and one endorsement. He also created the first set of four Qualifying Run texts for the first week of December.

Joe installed the exterior AREDN control box on the 120' tower antenna box. Joe also installed an Ubiquiti AirCam IP camera and Powerbeam 5 GHz WiFi dish module on the 120' tower as part of the AREDN testing.

On Friday, November 22, Michelle Patnode established initial contact on 20 meters with Talcott Mountain Science Center club station W1TMS. (The club wanted to make contact with W1AW as part of the birthday celebration of Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, whose birthday was November 22.) Thank you to volunteer tour guide Steve, N1AD, for taking over the mic and making additional contacts with the students present at the Science Center.

Membership

Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

November ended with 156,494 members, a 67-member gain over last month (a gain of 81 members was forecast). We are behind the year-to-date goal by 120 members. The on-time renewal rate for November expiries was 73% vs. 70% for last November.

Diane attended several Personify meetings in November. She also attended "The Big Connect," a networking/educational event sponsored by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, with other co-workers.

E-mails were sent to groups of lapsed and never members announcing *On the Air* magazine as a new member benefit.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

On the Air magazine:

Week ending	Total members with print OTA selected	Increase from previous week	Total first-time members with OTA selected
11/10/2019	146		70
11/17/2019	366	220	131
11/24/2019	657	291	219
12/1/2019	933	276	284

By License Class (through 11/24/2019)	Total members with print OTA selected	Total first-time members with OTA selected
Novice	0	0
Technician	403	184
General	304	51
Advanced	13	0
Extra	164	15
Associate (null)	49	34
TOTAL	933	284

Radiosport

Reported by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	10,368
2019 WAS Applications	1,857
2019 VUCC Applications	867
2019 WAC Applications	101
2019 WPX Applications	725
2019 WAZ Applications	663

Hamfests / Conventions / Meetings / ARRL Representative / Vacations

Ken Bailey	12/09 – 12/20	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	12/04 – 12/06	Future of Brands Conference, Columbia University, NY
“	12/24 – 12/26	PTO
Joe Garcia	12/06	PTO
“	12/13	PTO
“	12/24 (half day)	PTO
Steve Ewald	11/28 – 12/10	PTO
Steve Ford	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
“	01/10	PTO
Norm Fusaro	12/02 – 12/06	PTO
“	12/13 – 12/15	West Central Florida Section Convention, Plant City, FL
Scott Gee	12/26 – 12/27	PTO
Ed Hare	12/06 – 12/11	IEEE EMC Board of Directors Meeting, Reno, NV
Dan Henderson	12/16 – 01/03	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	12/23 – 01/03	PTO
Dee Methe	12/06	PTO
“	12/24 (half day)	PTO
“	12/31 – 01/02	PTO
Howard Michel	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
“	12/02 – 12/06	PTO
Diane Middleton	12/16	PTO
“	12/20	PTO
“	12/26 – 12/27	PTO

“	03/06	PTO
“	03/09	PTO
“	03/12	Jury Duty
“	03/30 – 04/07	PTO
Michelle Patnode	12/23 – 01/03	PTO
“	02/05 – 02/11	PTO
Carla Pereira	12/23 – 12/24	PTO
Diane Petrilli	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
Maria Somma	12/18 – 12/27	PTO

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