



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.

OSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

August 8 – 9 @ <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

ARRL 2nd Board Meeting (Reconvened)

August 15 – 16 @ Denver, CO

2020 ARRL/TAPR Virtual Digital Communications Conference

September 11 – 12 @ www.tapr.org/dcc

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

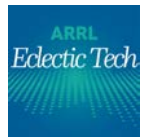
ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated July 31, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/65214329/arrl-audio-news-july-31-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 744,982
- Peaked at #51 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 13 dated July 30, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/63089876/arrl-eclectic-tech-episode-13/>

- Downloads: 61,128
- Peaked at #109 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 7 dated July 9, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/64009903/arrl-on-the-air-episode-7/>

- Downloads: 42,050
- Peaked at #62 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held meetings with the Development, IT and Production departments, as well as several Personify meetings. The Management Council also met last

week. Barry and Diane also continue to closely monitor the state's evolving pandemic guidelines and restrictions.

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, Diane Middleton, W2DLM, and Carla Pereira worked on follow up items from the July Board and Committee meetings, held via videoconference. The 2nd ARRL Board Meeting was recessed until August, but a summary of the July session can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-meets-in-remote-electronic-meeting>. Carla worked on the A&F Committee and Board Meeting minutes, the latter to be completed and distributed following the adjournment of the August session. Dee Methe, KC1MHN, has been working on planning the logistics for the August meeting to be held in person in Denver, CO.

Dee and Carla also continue to process and manage the Division elections petition requests.

Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Follow ARRL on social media! www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media

Stories Now Trending on ARRL's Social Media

Instagram

An article post from the August 2020 issue of *QST*, "Operating from Tillamook Rock", by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC. www.arrl.org/qst



Main Facebook

A post promoting the Q&A sessions at the ARRL/TAPR Virtual Digital Communications Conference, September 11-12. www.arrl.org/news/registration-open-plans-firming-up-for-arrl-tapr-digital-communications-conference

On the Air Facebook

An article post from the July/August 2020 issue of *OTA*, "Up Close" Q & A interview with Anne Frank, KD9LRD. www.arrl.org/ota

Total Number of Social Media Followers for the week of July 19 to 25

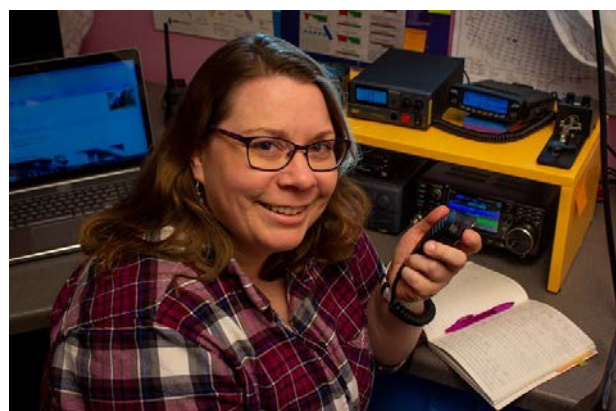
Main Facebook: 85,146

Main Twitter: 38,168

Instagram: 11,423

On the Air Facebook: 1,578

LinkedIn: 1,425



Check out the latest amateur radio media coverage on ARRL's *Media Hits* page: <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>

Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

From Newington, Zak Lau, W1VT, reports that an Australian amateur told him that the Match program was missing from the 2020 ARRL Handbook Download. Zak forwarded this information to Ward Silver, N0AX, the lead book editor, who quickly uploaded the program to: arrl.org/arrl-handbook-reference. Zak also reports that it is impossible to email programs, such as the Match program, via Gmail, due to security concerns. Zak manages the Technical Information Service, maintains many of the "ARRL Technology" web pages, and monitors our web site forums on a continual basis.



From Harwinton, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports business as usual, with many RFI inquiries. As promised, here's another photo of Paul's latest antenna construction project:

That's Paul in the center, yellow shirt. Out of shot in the photo was a very large crane, used to hoist Paul's array to the top of his 120-foot tower. Good job, Paul! (Nice signal on the air!)

Bob Allison reports from the ARRL Laboratory that he completed testing of a legal-limit, solid state, power amplifier. Data was compiled, charts made, and all passed along to Mark Wilson. The amplifier and other items will be photographed by RJS Photography before being delivered to the reviewer, who lives a couple of towns over from Bob in Eastern Connecticut. Next, Bob started retesting of a high-performance HF transceiver. Initial

testing indicated a possible roofing filter issue in the sub-receiver, since Intermodulation Distortion of the third kind was slightly higher than the main receiver; the receivers should be identical in performance. The filter was replaced by the manufacturer and the transceiver shipped back to the lab. The manufacturer was quite happy.

W1AW

Joe Carcia created the texts for the week's W1AW Qualifying Runs and processed six Qualifying Run certificate and four endorsements.

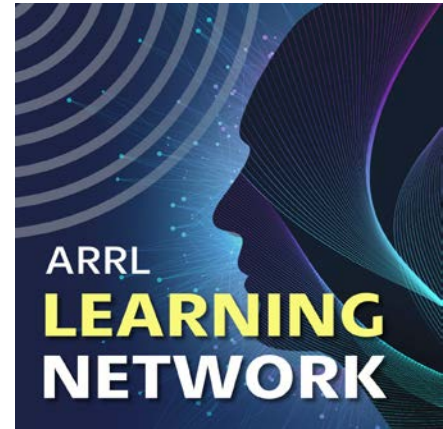
Joe updated firmware on a Flex Power Genius XL amplifier for Product Review. Joe also began to work with AREDN's Randy Smith, WU2S, to enable the Tunnel Server on one of the W1AW AREDN nodes.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. He also processed eight paper and thirty-nine electronic VUCC applications for a total of 2631 credits.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

In June, we began to rollout a new initiative and membership benefit named the [ARRL Learning Network](#) (beta) by seeking help from Section Managers to help identify prospective speakers for a series of online webinars presented by member-volunteers, for members (see [Call for Speakers](#)). That effort secured our first 7 webinars for July and August, the first completed on July 28 with a presentation Aaron Hulett, K8AMH, the Section Traffic Manager for the ARRL North Texas Section. Presentations are a short 30-minutes each, intended to attract members participating during lunch breaks or as a short evening activity. We are using ARRL's 500-seat GoToWebinar account to serve the live presentations, Doodle for self-scheduling of presenters, and a newly created PowerPoint template for presentation slides. The *ARRL Learning Network* is the creation of, and is being developed by, Kris Bickell, K1BIC, for Lifelong Learning, and Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, for Product Development. Steve Ford, WB8IMY, for Publications, is providing additional support for vetting speakers and topics. Ally Flynn, KM3ALF, also for Lifelong Learning, is providing additional support and coordination for the program and speakers. More details can be found in these ARRL News stories:



<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-members-to-lead-new-30-minute-amateur-radio-webinar-series>
<http://www.arrl.org/news/traffic-handling-webinar-launches-ham-radio-learning-series>

We continue to navigate milestones in our planning and partnership to participate in the [QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo](#) which will be held August 8-9. There are over 18,000 registrants. ARRL is included prominently on the event's website, just above the list of sponsors. Kathleen Callahan, KC1MBY for Marketing and Communications and Bob Inderbitzen are our organizing leads.

We met, via Zoom, with the student engineers planning ARRL's "introduction-to-radio kit." This meeting focused on the development of accompanying instructions for constructing the kit, and a companion curriculum. The meeting included staff members Paul Cianciolo for the Lab, Kris Bickell for Lifelong Learning, and Bob Inderbitzen for Product Development.

Bob participated in a handful of Zoom meetings including a monthly business unit update, the Management Council, and Personify.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	6 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	6,968
2020 WAS Applications	1,546
2020 VUCC Applications	698
2020 WAC Applications	85
2020 WPX Applications	584
2020 WAZ Applications	516

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	08/20 – 08/24	PTO
Kris Bickell	08/10 – 08/14	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	08/14	PTO
“	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Carcia	07/31	PTO
“	08/07 – 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
“	11/06	PTO
Dee Methe	08/07	PTO
Diane Middleton	08/03 – 08/06	PTO
Diane Petrilli	07/31	PTO
“	08/03-08/07	PTO
“	08/14	PTO
“	08/21	PTO
“	08/28	PTO

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