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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Events listed below are subject to change at any time; information will be updated as soon as it becomes available. See also the ARRL [Contest Calendar](#) and [Hamfest and Convention Database](#).

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, hosting the ARRL Central Division Convention, Fort Wayne, Indiana; ARRL speaker (virtually) Steve Ewald, WV1X, Field Organization Supervisor | November 13-14, 2021

Ballot counting for the New England and Roanoke Divisions, HQ Newington, CT | November 19, 2021

Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, HQ Newington, CT | November 20, 2021

ARRL November Sweepstakes SSB | November 20-22, 2021

Thanksgiving Holiday; HQ Closed | November 25-26, 2021

ARRL & RSGB [160-Meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party](#) | 0200 – 0800 UTC on December 12, 2021

Staff Holiday Potluck | December 16, 2021

Christmas Holiday; HQ Closed | December 24, 2021

New Year's Holiday; HQ Closed | December 31, 2021

ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT | January 21-22, 2022

Winterfest, hosting the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, Collinsville, Illinois | January 22, 2022

2022 ARRL National Convention at Orlando HamCation®, Orlando, Florida | February 10-13, 2022

Executive Office

Additional preparations were completed for the ballot counting on November 19 at HQ.

Publications and Editorial

The following information about the delivery of December's issue of *QST* was shared with members this week:

December 2021 Issue of *QST* to Mail Mid-Month, Arrive Thanksgiving Week

Due to the widespread paper shortage and related supply chain issues, the December 2021 issue of *QST* will mail approximately one week later than usual, arriving in homes the week of November 22. ARRL members can read the digital edition of the December issue now, at <http://www.arrl.org/qst>.

Development

Reported by Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO

We are pleased to welcome Douglas Rue, W2EN, of the Hudson Division and Alan Ahasic, W9AN, of the Central Division as the 327th and 328th members of the Maxim Society.



The 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program applications opened on November 1, 2021, and will close at midnight on December 31, 2021. All active amateur radio operators attending an institute of higher learning in the Fall of 2022 are encouraged to apply. Additional information on the Scholarship Program including descriptions and terms for each scholarship can be found at www.arrl.org/scholarship-program.

The ARRL Foundation Grant Program proposal submission period closed on October 31, 2021. The Grant Committee is currently reviewing all proposals. The next proposal submission period will open on February 1, 2022, and close on February 28, 2022.

Membership, Marketing & Communications

An issue of the ARRL Current was emailed to members on Wednesday, November 10, providing a monthly overview of the current editions of *QST*, *On the Air*, *NCJ*, and *QEX*. The issue promotes a handful of other membership benefits and notables including podcasts, webinars, and the [2022 ARRL National Convention](#) at Orlando HamCation in February.

[Tune-in](#) on YouTube Monday, November 15 at 6:15 PM ET and learn from Ham Radio YouTubers how beginners and advanced hams can get the most from *The ARRL Handbook*!

October 2021 Preliminary Sales Summary Reported by Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB

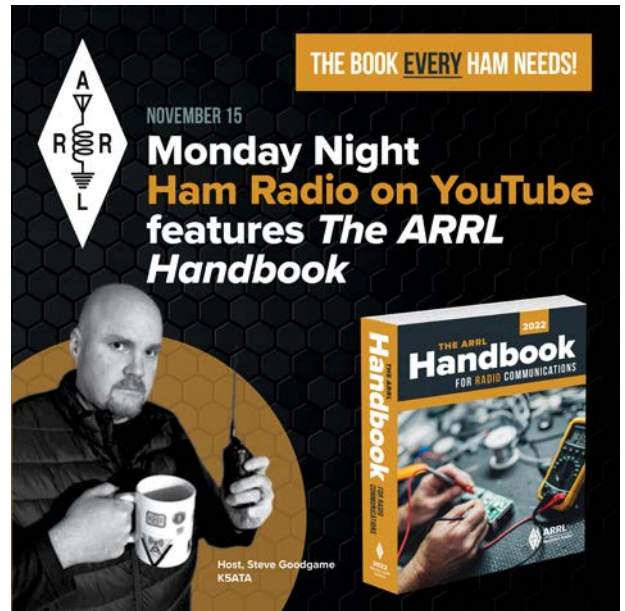
October product sales were \$188,869; falling short of the \$303,817 forecast. Direct sales were \$128,618; dealer sales were \$60,251. Most of the shortfall was due to the printer delay of the 2022 ARRL Handbook. The softcover and six-volume book set arrived weeks later than expected.

Year-to-date sales are \$2,215,288; \$190,321 short of forecast.

Royalties earned on sales of our Kindle e-books were \$4,072 (\$51,874 YTD; \$80,000 forecast).

October 2021 Dealer Sales Reported by Janet Rocco, W1JLR

October dealer sales were \$60,251 (\$46,915 net). Top sellers included 466 *General Class License Manuals*, 454 *Ham Radio License Manuals*, and 291 *Extra Class License Manuals*.



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Operations

Reported Bob Naumann, W5OV

LoTW and the CQWW SSB Contest

Following the CQWW Contest and the tremendous conditions that weekend, the number of uploads submitted to LoTW was huge. At one point, one of the auxiliary servers that processes incoming files slowed down and Jim Schaum identified this problem and restarted that computer. It picked up and continued to process the enormous amount of new submitted data. An analysis showed that one of the LoTW users from the UK uploaded his entire history of QSOs (130,000 QSOs) during this period. It appears to be an error on his part, but the support team is monitoring.

FedEx International Shipping for Awards

Bob Naumann, W5OV, met with representatives from FedEx to discuss a new low-cost service they offer that includes door to door tracking. This is needed as a significant number of certificates have been lost or returned as undeliverable. FedEx also agreed with our observation that the use of mailing tubes might contribute to this problem and suggested going to either a triangle or square package instead of round tubes. A source was found for a comparable cost square carton, and an initial order for 1,000 units was placed as a pilot test. Between the new box, and the new FedEx service, we hope to greatly reduce the cost of re-printing and remailing lost certificates and plaques.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

<i>Processing Time</i>	<i>Most recent week</i>	<i>Difference over previous week</i>
Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks	unchanged
Logbook Processing Time	3-5 Business Days	unchanged
<i>YTD Applications</i>		
2021 DXCC Applications	8871	248
2021 WAS Applications	2789	63
2021 VUCC Applications	1573	20
2021 WAC Applications	107	0
2021 WPX Applications	848	25
2021 WAZ Applications	743	18

W1AW

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

(Covers week ending November 6, 2021)

Thank to Bob Naumann, W5OV, for operating W1AW in the ARRL November Sweepstakes CW contest. He made 510 QSOs, with 79 ARRL Sections, on 80 through 15 meters, for an initial claimed score of 80,580. W1AW will be active for Phone Sweeps November 20-21. ARRL staff interested in participating in W1AW's activity should contact Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, for more details.

On Wednesday, November 3, Joe and Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, finished with the installation of a HF Winlink (WL2K) station, and Flex-6500 operating as a remote receiver. The Flex will be used as part of the upcoming celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Transatlantic Tests:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-rsrgb-announce-joint-events-to-celebrate-centenary-of-ham-radio->

[transatlantic-success](#). Joe assisted Ed Hare, W1RFI, with the installation of a 585+ foot Beverage antenna running alongside the northern part of ARRL's property. This antenna will be used for receive-only on 160 meters.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He also processed eleven (11) paper and nine (9) electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1093 credits.

Product Development, Public Relations, and Outreach
Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Registration is now open for the 2022 ARRL National Convention Program, which will be held on February 10, 2022, at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel at SeaWorld in Orlando. Completed details are posted at www.arrl.org/expo. Tickets to HamCation (Feb. 11-13) are sold separately at www.hamcation.com.

An internal convention registration process for ODV and Section Managers who would like to volunteer to participate is being prepared for next week.



Edited by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Director of Public Relations and Innovation