



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

ARRL Audio News dated April 17, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/58901790/arrl-audio-news-april-17-2020?sbe=1>

- Download: **681,482**
- This episode hit #36 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 6 dated April 23, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/57147409/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-6/>

- Downloads: **22,906**
- This episode hit #26 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 3 dated April 9, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/58288312/on-the-air-episode-4/>

- Downloads: **19,333**
- Currently #73 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, participated in multiple Zoom meetings throughout the week, including with several committees, department meetings including Product Development and Lifelong Learning, a couple of Personify meetings, and with CT council regarding the ongoing status of the governor's Covid-19 mandates. The Management Council also met to provide updates on a couple of ongoing initiatives.

In light of the Coronavirus related pandemic, The ARRL Public Relations Committee (PRC) has voted to extend the nomination deadline for the Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award until Monday, June 15, 2020.

The ARRL website has added the following link for the latest on remote testing:
<http://www.arrl.org/news/remotely-administered-amateur-exam-systems-showing-promise>

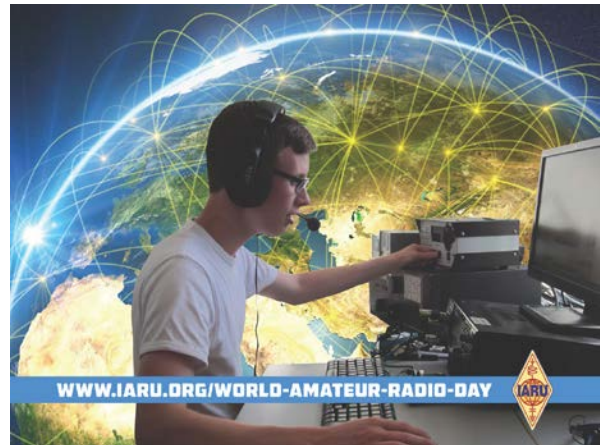
Additionally, members may be directed to the following link to use our exam search if applicable:
<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W1MVP

Top Social Media Posts

ARRL Main Facebook: Happy World Amateur Radio Day - Saturday April 18 - and the 95th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union! We celebrate the pioneers of ham radio and today's 3,000,000 licensed radio amateurs worldwide in their pursuit of skill, service, and discovery. Many hams are on the air from their home stations using radio signals to bring people together.
www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio
#WorldAmateurRadioDay #IARU #ARRL
#AmateurRadio #HamRadio



Twitter: Saturday Apr 18 is #WorldAmateurRadioDay. #ARRL celebrates the 3,000,000 licensed #HamRadio operators worldwide in their pursuit of skill, service, & discovery. Hams use radio signals to bring people together!

<http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio> <https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1251118502133608448/photo/1>



On the Air Facebook: Sunday, April 19, is the next running of the ARRL Rookie Roundup on phone (SSB). This 6-hour on-air event is a great time for newly licensed amateurs (“Rookies”) in North America to get on the HF bands and experience competitive amateur radio operating. Lisa Neuscheler, KC1YL, did the Rookie Roundup from home in 2017, and there's no time like the present to get on the air from home! Experienced hams will participate as well, to help new operators. For more information, visit arrl.org/rookie-roundup.

Instagram: Today is #WorldAmateurRadioDay – Apr 18. Let #ARRL help get you on the air, with \$10 off The ARRL Operating Manual (no code necessary). Click the link in bio. #HamRadio #RadioCommunications



Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Steve Ewald has heard from ARRL Section Managers and Section Leaders who are reporting successful on-line meetings and on-the-air discussions of current topics in the news and within their communities and sections. Section Leaders and clubs are holding meetings via social media or teleconference since in-person gatherings are not possible at this time.

The North Texas Section Traffic Manager and the Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager are conducting on-line training seminars for their section's members about traffic handling, radiogram writing and net operations. Several other topics, including on-line classes to prepare for amateur radio license or a technical topic are also planned.

Leona Adams, W1LGA, continues to provide administrative support for the Field Organization members and leaders and Section Managers.

Lab

Reported by Bob Alison, WB1GCM

Zak Lau, W1VT, hosted a Zoom meeting to discuss the Web pages and TIS (using an old Logitech USB headset he found in his collection of junk). Ed Hare, W1RFI, has asked Zak to provide some direction for these lab activities.

Zak discovered that the Chromebox and Linux operating systems are significantly more efficient at storing the ARRL Handbook than Windows. The reported file size is just 713MB, compared to 738MB for Windows 10. Zak was able to re-assure a Linux customer who thought he'd lost the file that he was successfully downloading the ZIP file.

Zak Lau received a request from Publication Sales on how to provide PDFs of recent articles to members. He was able to provide a quick description and two screens shots of how to extract them from the Digital QST archive, sharing the info with the lab staff as well.

RFI Engineer, Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, reports the top RFI problems for this week were power line and grow lights. There were only two new RFI cases this week existing cases took up most of my time this week. Paul interacted with a total of 12 members.

Bob Allison posted an updated Product Review Procedure manual (121 pages!), posted links to Product Review videos, worked on historical pages, and updated other web pages. Bob also completed a master "Quick Glance" list of performance stats that includes 52 transceivers that were reviewed from 2008 to 2020. Bob continues to work on a QST Product Review for Mark Wilson. Here is a photo of Bob and Kathy Allison's workspace, mostly Kathy's corner. The Loop antenna is for a QST Product Review that Bob is working on:



TIS questions have been coming Bob's way, which has been an enjoyable aspect of the job. Some of the questions regarded surrounding ARRL website navigation, antenna questions, and two older Hams returning to the hobby needing guidance. Also questions about operating social distance for field day. All in all, it has been a very satisfying week with helping other hams.

Ed Hare spent a majority of the week in discussions with the RF Safety Committee and doing various antenna modeling scenarios to prepare a recommendation for ARRL FCC Council David Siddall, K3ZJ, on what changes ARRL should seek to the new RF Exposure rules. In general, ARRL supports closing a gap in the rules that would not permit maximum E and H field exposure (MPE) levels to be used to evaluate stations operating below 300 kHz. The MPE tables also cannot be used closer than 20 cm to the body. Mr. Siddall is considering this input and is preparing a petition for consideration.

WIAW

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. Scott processed one paper and fourteen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 776 credits.

Joe created the texts for the week's WIAW Qualifying Runs. He also updated the code practice *QST* source and Qualifying Run schedules web pages.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

We're continuing to curate a webpage for ARRL members and the wider ham radio community related to impact from the current health crisis: www.arrl.org/COVID-19.



Bob Inderbitzen supported a PR Committee goal by producing a media advisory promoting World Amateur Radio Day (WARD). The advisory, a fill-in-the-blank template promoting the relevance of ham radio on the occasion of WARD, was shared with PIOs and PICs. Included was a "Stay On The Air" graphic that can be used on personal and club social media pages and websites. Bob also produced a WARD post for the ARRL Facebook page which generated the most reach of any post this year. You can see it [here](#).

Bob supported efforts to promote 2020 ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB, including a testimonial from an 11-year-old member. You can see the posts here: [first post](#) and [second post](#).

The student engineer developing our intro-to-radio kit produced a 3-D rendering of the project, helping us share revisions of the design for technical review and feedback.

Bob provided additional review for efforts promoting the newly introduced *QEX* and *NCJ* digital magazine benefits.

Planning is underway to solicit presenters for a series of webinar offerings for members, initially focusing on the type of presentations typically offered as hamfest forums and at radio club meetings. Bob is working with Kris Bickell, K1BIC, on this initiative as a program of our Lifelong Learning Department. The presentations will also be recorded, so members and radio clubs can enjoy access to these anytime.

Bob also worked with students and faculty from Case Western Reserve University to produce an article for an upcoming issue of *On the Air* magazine. The article highlights some recent, unique activities of the Case Amateur Radio Club.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	5 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	4,175
2020 WAS Applications	668
2020 VUCC Applications	203
2020 WAC Applications	40
2020 WPX Applications	293
2020 WAZ Applications	243

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	07/09 – 07/13	PTO
Joe Garcia	07/06 – 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
“	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
Bob Inderbitzen	05/21 – 05/29	PTO
Diane Middleton	06/22 – 06/26	PTO

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