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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please note: events listed below are still subject to cancellation at any time as circumstances change. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.

49th Annual Davenport RAC Hamfest

November 1 @ Davenport, IA

Northeast Virtual HamXposition

November 6 – 8 @ <https://hamxposition.org/>

59th Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest

November 7 @ Hoosier, IN

Tampa Bay Hamfest/Florida State Convention

December 11 – 12 @ Plant City, FL

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The *ARRL Audio News* listed in the Top 40 USA Tech News chart for the third week in a row!

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated October 23, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arlaudionews/69352736/arrl-audio-news-october-23-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 795,195
- This episode hit #40 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 19 dated October 22, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/67231264/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-19/>

- Downloads: 92,021
- This episode hit #172 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 10 dated October 8, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/68537769/arrl-on-the-air-episode-10/>

- Downloads: 62,282
- This episode hit #125 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Following two full weeks of departmental 2021 budget plan meetings, David Minster, NA2AA, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, joined by Controller Tom Bell, held budget plan overview meetings. David and Diane also held regular monthly departmental meetings with Lifelong Learning and Product Development. David continues to receive daily Personify updates, as well as take many meetings with managers across departments as he continues to assess ARRL's initiatives and operations.

The Executive Committee held its fall meeting via Zoom last Thursday, October 22, with many non-committee members of ODV joining in as observers. The minutes will be posted publicly once they have been reviewed and approved by the full committee. The Committee decided that the ARRL 2021 Annual Board Meeting will be fully virtual, held via Zoom over a two-day period.

The Programs & Services Committee also met last week via teleconference on October 21. Minutes will be shared with the full Board once they have been reviewed and approved. The Committee increased their meeting schedule earlier this year to meet on a monthly basis.

The Technical Awards page was updated to include the Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award. Steve Ewald, WV1X, Dan Henderson, N1ND, and Carla Pereira worked together to write, edit and post the content.

David Minster has asked Dee Methe, KC1MHN, to begin working on a comprehensive corporate calendar for the League. Intended to be used as a planning tool, it will include relevant information from all departments.

Carla continues to send replacement ballots to the handful of members who reported not receiving the Division election ballots that were mailed on September 30 to the Dakota, Great Lakes and Midwest Divisions. The requests have been fewer than anticipated, which is good news.

Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Media Hits

Recent posts to the ARRL website's "Media Hits" page include:

- A story about an Indian ham, the first active in the DXCC entity of Lakshadweep, who was partly inspired by an article in *QST* magazine
- A story about volunteers who pilot supplies during emergencies that specifically calls out for amateur radio operators
- A piece in *Hackaday* about Universal HamRadio Remote

Read these stories and more at <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>.

Don't forget to follow ARRL on social media! www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that she been working with ARRL members in the New York City-Long Island Section to send out second ballots to those who reported that they did not receive the ballots that were first sent at the end of September. Section Manager election ballots are due to be received no later than Friday, November 20, and the ballots will be counted on Tuesday, November 24.

Leona continues to provide administrative support for new Section Managers who have started terms in recent weeks and newly-appointed Field Organization members.

Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, and Wyoming Section Manager Rick Breininger, N1TEK, have been nominated to run for new terms of office in their respective sections. Nominations for this particular section election cycle need to arrive at Headquarters by December 4, and the new terms of office begin on April 1, 2021.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Joe Carcia processed two Qualifying Run certificates and four endorsements. He also updated the web code practice files and their archives.

Joe constructed the new M-Square 2 meter, 70, and 23 centimeter Satellite antennas for replacement scheduled the week of October 26. He also configured the new Yaesu G5500 Azimuth/Elevation rotators, also slated for replacement.

Joe worked the Monday, Tuesday, and Friday late afternoon/night shifts for the vacationing Scott Gee, WB9RRU. He also met with a Cox CATV technician to determine what steps to take to get CATV access to W1AW. W1AW had CATV access some years back. However, changes to the CATV frequencies caused this access to be limited, if not discontinued altogether, given how the CATV signal is delivered to W1AW (via cable running inside conduit buried underground and reaching across the parking lot to HQ).

Scott Gee processed eighteen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1660 credits. He also worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week.

Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL's Learning Network continued with a session titled "Your First SOTA Activation" presented by Brian Betz, W7JET, on Thursday October 22. This presentation of *Summits on the Air* (SOTA) focused on selecting a summit, planning the activation, organizing the gear, figuring out a log, getting on the summit, operating and closing it out. This was Brian's second presentation for the Learning Network.

The upcoming webinar schedule and recordings of previous presentations can be found online at:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-learning-network>

If you would like to share your amateur radio experience, and have an idea for a topic that is interesting to a broad audience of hams, feel free to submit your proposal for an upcoming presentation:

<http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form>

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen met with David Minster and Diane Middleton for a monthly business unit meeting.

Work began on developing resources to help engage members in ARRL's opposition to the FCC fees proposal for Amateur Radio Service applications. The effort contributed to our subsequent publishing of the following items:

- [ARRL Urges Members to Join in Strongly Opposing FCC's Application Fees](#)
Emailed to members 10/27/2020; ARRL News 10/28; ARRL Letter 10/29
- [FCC Fees Proposal](#) summary web page, www.arrl.org/FCC-Fees-Proposal
- *ARRL's Guide to Filing Comments with the FCC*, [PDF version](#) or [web version](#)

Bob met with colleagues for ongoing planning involving a prospective partnership with Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The effort focuses on building up the participation of CAP youth Cadets and adult Seniors in amateur radio to help develop their experience with radio technology and radio communications. A summary outlining areas of interest and a road map for next steps has been shared with our CAP contact (an ARRL member) who initially reached out to ARRL.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	9,729
2020 WAS Applications	2,245
2020 VUCC Applications	1,061
2020 WAC Applications	130
2020 WPX Applications	834
2020 WAZ Applications	749

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
Joe Garcia	10/29 – 10/30	PTO
“	11/12 – 11/13	PTO
“	11/30 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Scott Gee	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	11/23 – 11/25	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/23 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO

Maria Somma	10/30	PTO
“	11/03	PTO
“	11/13	PTO
“	11/19 – 11/25	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
“	12/18 – 12/31	PTO
Melissa Stemmer	10/30	PTO
“	11/23 – 11/25	PTO

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