

IN-NEWSLETTER

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Covering two weeks, January 15 – 28, 2022

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.

Capital City Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Delta Division Convention, Jackson, Mississippi | Jan. 28-29, 2022

2022 ARRL National Convention at Orlando HamCation®, Florida

- National Convention Program at the DoubleTree Hilton Orlando SeaWorld | February 10, 2022
- Orlando HamCation at the Central Florida Fairgrounds | February 11-13, 2022

School Club Roundup | February 14-18, 2022

April 2022 QST goes to press | February 15, 2022

Yuma Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, Arizona | February 18-19, 2022

ARRL International DX Contest (CW) | February 19-20, 2022

Digital edition of April QST goes live | March 4, 2022

ARRL International DX Contest (Phone) | March 5-6, 2022

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (ARRL is a QSO Today Partner) | March 12-13, 2022

Rookie Roundup (Phone) | April 10, 2022

Raleigh ARRL Hamfest (RARSfest), hosting the ARRL Roanoke Div. Conv., North Carolina | April 16, 2022

Dayton Hamvention, an ARRL-sanctioned hamfest, Xenia, Ohio | May 20-22, 2022

SEA-PAC, hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon | June 3-5, 2022

ARRL June VHF Contest | June 11-13, 2022

Kids Day | June 18, 2022

ARRL Field Day | June 25-26, 2022

Executive Office

An orientation for new Directors and Vice Directors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Thanks to staff who contributed to sessions throughout the day with new Directors Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division, and Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, New England Division, and new Vice Directors Anthony Marcin, W7XM, Pacific Division, and Brent Walls, N9BA, Central Division.

The Administration & Finance Committee, and Programs & Services Committee met in Windsor on Thursday, January 20.

The Board of Directors Meeting was held in Windsor on Friday and Saturday, January 21-22.

The following is a list of Officers, Directors, and Vice Directors attending the upcoming National Convention in Orlando.

President Rick Roderick K5UR
Second Vice President Bob Vallio, W6RGG
Intl. Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD
CEO David Minster, NA2AA
Director Mickey Baker, N4MB – Host Division
Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ
Director Ria Jairam, N2RJ
Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC
Director Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA
Director Kristen McIntyre, K6WX

Director David Norris, K5UZ
Director Dick Norton, N6AA
Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS
Vice Director Lee Cooper, W5LHC
Vice Director Dave Propper, K2DP
Vice Director James Schilling, KG4JSZ – Host Division

Guest
IARU Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN

<u>Development</u> Reported by Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO

We are pleased to welcome Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, of the New England Division as the 332nd member of the Maxim Society. We are also pleased to welcome Thomas Zicarelli, KA1IS, of the New England Division into the Ambassador Class and Robert Loving, K9JU, of the Delta Division and Walton Stinson, WØCP, of the Rocky Mountain Division into the Benefactor Class of Maxim Society.

The ARRL Foundation Grant Program will be accepting proposals from February 1 until February 28. Interested organizations can find more information including eligibility criteria and guidelines at www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants. Please note that this is not the Club Grant Program that was recently announced. All proposals will be reviewed by the Foundation Grant Committee at the close of the cycle. Once the Committee agrees on the proposals to award, they will be sent to the full Foundation Board for a formal vote. Awardees will be notified approximately one month after the closing of the cycle.

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Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Northern New York Section Manager Thomas Dick, KF2GC, announced that he was stepping down after serving, first from 2000 to 2006 and again from 2009 until last week. Field Services Manager Mike Walters, W8ZY, appointed Rocco Conte, WU2M, to succeed Thomas on January 17 as the Section Manager on an interim basis after consulting with Atlantic Division Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, and Thomas Dick. Rocco Conte's appointment continues through the end of 2022. Rocco, of Gloversville, New York, has been an Assistant Section Manager and a District Emergency Coordinator in Northern New York.

Leona Adams reports that Bob Burns, AK9R, of Brownsburg, Indiana, has been nominated to run for the next term of office as the Indiana Section Manager. The nomination period for Indiana and other sections in this election cycle continues until Friday, March 4.

The North Carolina and Virginia Section Manager election ballots continue to arrive. Ballots are due at Headquarters no later than Friday, February 18. Ballot counting is scheduled to be Tuesday, February 22.

Radiosport

The ARRL January VHF Contest was January 15-17.

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Processing Time	Most Recent Week	Difference Over Previous Week
Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 Weeks	-1 Week
Logbook Processing Time	2 Business Days	-1 Day
YTD Applications		
2022 DXCC Applications	789	+211
2022 WAS Applications	227	+64
2022 VUCC Applications	82	+22
2022 WAC Applications	0	0
2022 WPX Applications	62	+25
2022 WAZ Applications	54	+11

<u>Product Development, Public Relations, and Outreach</u> Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, and Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, have interviewed candidates for the position of ARRL News Editor.

News releases were prepared for these posts:

- Two Radio Amateurs Appointed to the FCC Technological Advisory Council (TAC) (1/20/2022)
- FCC Seeks Attorney-Advisor for its Mobility Division (1/19/2022)

Amateur Operation in 3.45 – 3.5 GHz Segment Must Cease by April 14, 2022 (1/18/2022)

National Convention Planning

A significant amount of planning was completed over the past two weeks by staff across the organization getting ready for our National Convention in Orlando, February 10-13. This includes email promotions and <u>news release</u>, hotel and venue orders, posters and banners, and assembling materials for our exhibits.

The National Convention <u>program</u>, which will be held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel SeaWorld on Thursday, February 10, includes 275 people from 39 US states and territories. We'll continue to accept registrations through Sunday, February 6 at <u>www.arrl.org/expo</u>.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 11-13, ARRL will operate over 1,800 square feet of exhibit area at Orlando HamCation in the East-West Hall at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. The exhibits and their coordinators include:

- Clubs Mike Walters, W8ZY
- Learning Center Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
- Content Creators Steve Goodgame, K5ATA and Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB
- **Development and ARRL Foundation** Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO
- Lab Ed Hare, W1RFI
- Meet and Greet area, led by the ARRL Officers David Minster, NA2AA
- Membership and Book Store Matt Caruso; Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, and Kim McNeill, KM1IPA
- Public Service / ARES / EmComm Josh Johnston, KE5MHV
- Radiosport and DXCC Bart Jahnke, W9JJ
- Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB
- Teachers Institute Steve Goodgame, K5ATA

Additional staff representatives include...

- Operations Bob Naumann, W5OV
- News & Media Bob Lee, KN6PXS and Alex Norstrom
- Shipping Logistics Michael Scharr
- Co-Coordinators -- Kathleen Callahan, KC1MBY and Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

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Publications and Editorial

The March 2022 edition of QST went to press on Monday, January 17.

The following is a summary of e-newsletter subscribers:

- ARRL Letter (January 27); 114,408 members and 1,833 90-day website guest accounts | UP 425
- ARRL Club News (January 25); 66,120, including 6,796 club officers | UP 186
- ARES Letter (January 19); 39,002 members and 274 guests | UP 231
- ARRL Contest Update (January 19); 26,033 members and 166 guests | UP 187

W1AW

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Thanks to Bob Naumann, W5OV, and Communications Counsel Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, for operating W1AW in the 2022 North American SSB QSO Party. They made 585 QSOs, on 80, 40, 20, and 15 meters, for an initial claimed score of 53,053.

W1AW received as a donation from the Hawaii Emergency Amateur Radio Network, Inc., <u>HEARDn</u>, with a complete 2-meter FM and VARA FM Winlink 2000 system. This system will replace the current 2-meter WL2K equipment operating on 145.510 MHz (W1AW-10). The call sign used and frequency will remain the same. Thanks to HEARDn for the donation.

On Wednesday, January 26, Joe gave a W1AW Zoom presentation to members of <u>CFARC</u> - the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, W8VPV. There were at least 28 participants. A fun and lively Q&A immediately followed the presentation.

Joe has temporarily wired and configured the Green Heron Engineering RT-21 rotator controllers to connect to each Orion R2800 rotator on each tower. Initial testing with N1MMLogger+ and the GHE Server software yielded favorable results, although more testing and configuration follows.

He also finished the new coaxial cabling for Studio Two (S2). An Icom IC-PW1 amplifier is installed in a short rack in S2. This amplifier is connected to the Icom IC-9100 and now provides high power on HF and 6-meters.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He also processed two (2) paper and twenty-two (22) electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1988 credits.

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