



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

November 10 @ Portland, OR

Alabama Section Convention

November 10 @ Montgomery, AL

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

November 14 @ via teleconference

Central Division Convention

November 17 @ Fort Wayne, IN

LoTW Committee Meeting

January 16 @ ARRL HQ, Newington

New Director/Vice Director Orientation

January 16 @ ARRL HQ, Newington

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the latest edition of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated November 2, 2018:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/39086457/arrl-audio-news-november-2-2018?sbe=1>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, Diane Middleton, W2DLM, and Barry Shelley, N1VXY, completed their departmental meetings with managers last week.

Howard continues to meet with managers and staff from different departments, being informed and updated on the work currently going on at the league, and plans for the future.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP attended an ARISS contact at the Pathfinder Regional Technical High School in Palmer, MA, with Kris Bickell, K1BIC and Ally Riedel, KM3ALF on Friday, November 2nd. Michelle photographed the event and will be using those pictures in materials being created to promote the Teachers Institute program. (One of the lead teachers behind the ARISS contact was a Teachers Institute participant.)

David Isgur, N1RSN drafted a story for the News web page about Doreen Bogdan-Martin, KD2JTX being elected as the first American to ever lead ITU's Telecommunications Development Bureau and the first woman to ever part of the ITU's executive team.

Michelle took photos of new ARRL CEO Howard Michel WB2ITX for an article about him on the ARRL News web page. She also took photos of ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare W1RFI to accompany a story on the News web page about Hare being re-elected as IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility Society Vice-President for Standards.

Michelle also scheduled and organized the annual Halloween photo of ARRL HQ staff. She posted the photo on ARRL's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram feeds, and shared it with local television stations.

Top Social Media Post

Facebook: The Reverend Paul Bittner, W0AIH, of Fall Creek, Wisconsin, died doing what he loved on October 31, when a tower-climbing mishap claimed his life at his well-known antenna farm. The ARRL Life Member and Maxim Society member was 84. A member of the CQ Contesting Hall of Fame and retired Lutheran pastor, Bittner was a well-known and respected figure within the Amateur Radio community and a prolific contester and DXer. His call sign was nearly always present in most major operating events, and even in a few lesser-known contests, and news of his tragic death and condolences and accolades quickly spread among those who knew him best. "No one was more generous, loving, and encouraging to others than the Reverend Paul Bittner," said Mike Lonke, W4AAW, in a post to the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC). "He called me last week to chat about what he and Mary were up to, like getting material together for their always long and hilarious Christmas newsletter. He also knocked me out with the latest of his funny experiences in his 'Rent-a-Rev' sideline." Bittner officiated at the June 2 wedding of two well-known midwestern contesters. <http://www.arrl.org/news/well-known-contester-antenna-farmer-paul-bittner-w0aih-sk>



Instagram: Newly elected ARRL CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX, is still on the uphill side of the learning curve as he acquaints himself with ARRL Headquarters and the nearly 90 staffers who work there. The New Jersey native arrived at HQ on October 15 and has spent much of his time since meeting with department managers and others to get his bearings, with an eye toward building consensus and aligning people, programs, and services in the same direction. "I'm still trying to understand what is working and where the challenges are," Michel said. "Once I understand where the challenges are, I need to understand why. Before I make any changes in what we're doing, I need to make sure the change is a step in the right direction and for the right reasons, and not kind of a random process."



<http://www.arrl.org/news/new-ceo-wants-arrl-to-serve-all-ages-and-amateur-radio-interests>

Twitter: Well-Known Contester, "Antenna Farmer" Paul Bittner, W0AIH, SK <http://www.arrl.org/news/well-known-contester-antenna-farmer-paul-bittner-w0aih-sk> <https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1058088540419080194/photo/1>

LinkedIn: Congratulations to #ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI. ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, has been re-elected as IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Society Vice President for Standards. https://lnkd.in/eddC_Cn



Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona reports that the following SM nomination petitions were received for the term beginning April 1, 2018. Nominations are due at ARRL HQ by December 7, 2018.

- Carl Gardenias, WU6D - Orange section
- Paul Cowley, WØUR - Iowa section
- Malcolm Keown, W5XX - Mississippi section
- Richard Breininger, N1TEK – Wyoming section
- Rick Paquette, W7RAP – Arizona section.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

W1AW

Thanks to Dan Wall, W1ZFG, for handling the early morning shifts Wednesday through Friday for Joe Carcia, who was working the early afternoon/evening shifts for the vacationing Scott Gee, WB9RRU.

On Tuesday, October 30, Matt Strelow, KC1XX, and Andrew Toth – both of XX Towers Inc. – were on hand to install the donated JK-402T antenna at W1AW.

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He created the texts for the November W1AW Qualifying Runs. He also prepared the final assembly of the JK-4092T antenna for installation.

Scott worked on fast and slow code practice files for the week. He processed seven electronic VUCC applications for a total of 207 credits.

Lifelong Learning

Reported by Kris Bickell, K1BIC

ARRL was invited to attend the ARISS contact at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer, MA on Friday November 2nd. Kris Bickell, Ally Riedel, and Michelle Patnode attended the event.

The contact was led by former ARRL Teachers Institute participant and Pathfinder HVAC/R instructor, Mariusz Zielinski, KB1MDS, with assistance from fellow Teachers Institute alumnus and HVAC/R instructor, Schley Warren, KA1TDL. The teachers have also started an amateur radio club at the school - for more information visit the Pathfinder Amateur Radio Club blog: <http://pathfindersites.com/index.html>

Club students lined up to ask questions of NASA astronaut, Serena Maria Auñón-Chancellor, KG5TMT, which can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKFf4ooaL_GX5NyjX81QtCg?view_as=subscriber

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 – 4 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2018 DXCC Applications	11,726
2018 WAS Applications	2,164
2018 VUCC Applications	865
2018 WPX Applications	805
2018 WAZ Applications	850

Production/Editorial

Submitted by Steve Ford, WB8IMY

A draft of the new question pool for the General Class License exam has been submitted to Editorial for proofing. The new question pool will go into effect July 1, 2019, and a new ARRL License Manual will be published to reflect the updates.

December *QST* goes to press on November 15.

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, reports that we received a quarterly donation of \$1,917 (Q3) from the AmazonSmile Foundation for program activity; YTD \$5,680 (Y2017 \$8,022; Y2016 \$6,699; Y2015 \$4,724; Y2014 \$1,913). The foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible AmazonSmile items to ARRL—from purchases made by members and friends who have selected American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as their charity of choice. More information is available at <http://www.arrl.org/Amazon>. We encourage member participation in AmazonSmile through e-mailings, social media posts, ARRL News, and e-newsletters.

An email introducing our new book *Magic Band Antennas for Ham Radio* contributed 192 online orders for the book over the weekend (563 total online orders received).

Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, reports that our team of Member Service Representatives handled 3,471 calls in October, versus 3,879 in October 2017. The team includes Margie Bourgoïn, KB1DCO, Jon Faasen, KC1ECT, Liz Karpiej, KA1DTU, Kim McNeill, KB1WUX, and Cathy Stepina. Yvette also reports that in October, we processed 9 paid-in-full Life Memberships and 17 Life Membership pledges.

We said goodbye to Gail Iannone, who retired on Nov. 2 after completing 26 years of service on the ARRL staff. Over the last couple of weeks, Gail worked alongside Eric Casey, our new Convention and Event Coordinator, to help prepare and training him. An easy way to remember how to contact Eric is hamfests@arrl.org.

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Leona Adams	11/09	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	11/09 – 11/12	PTO
Joe Carcia	11/21 (afternoon)	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Steve Ewald	11/26 – 12/06	PTO
“	12/07 – 12/08	West Central Florida Section Convention, Plant City, FL
Steve Ford	11/19	PTO
Norm Fusaro	11/26 – 11/30	PTO
Scott Gee	12/10 – 12/11	PTO
Dan Henderson	11/08 – 11/09	PTO
“	11/19 – 11/21	PTO
“	12/07 – 01/07	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	11/21	PTO
“	12/26 – 12/28	PTO
“	12/31	PTO
David Isgur	11/09	PTO
“	12/10 – 12/14	PTO
Howard Michel	11/09 – 11/11	Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, Portland, OR
“	11/15 – 11/20	PTO
“	11/23 / 11/30	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/12	PTO
“	11/09 – 11/12	Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, Portland, OR
“	11/15	PTO
“	11/19 – 11/23	PTO
“	12/14	PTO
“	12/26 – 12/28	PTO
Michelle Patnode	12/26 – 12/31	PTO
Carla Pereira	11/09 (leaving at 12p)	PTO
“	11/14	PTO
“	12/26	PTO
Barry Shelley	11/09 – 11/11	Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, Portland, OR

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