

IN-NEWSLETTER

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<u>Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Event</u>

Illinois State Convention

September 21 – 22 @ Peoria, IL

Central Division Convention (HRO Superfest)

September 27 – 28 @ Milwaukee, WI

Washington State Convention

September 28 @ Spokane, WA

Iowa State Convention

October 6 @ West Liberty, IA

Executive Committee Meeting

October 12 @ Denver, CO

Delta Division Convention

October 18 – 19 @ East Ridge, TN

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the most recent *ARRL Audio News Podcasts*, dated August 23, August 30, and September 6, 2019:

 $\underline{https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/48198194/arrl-audio-news-august-23-2019?sbe=1}$

https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/48418304/arrl-audio-news-august-30-2019/

https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/48655747/arrl-audio-news-september-6-2019/

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The Hiram Percy Maxim 150th Birthday Celebration (On The Air) was held August 31 through September 8. There were 84 multipliers in total (not per band) with varying points for working different ARRL related stations, and various incentives for using different modes. All bands excluding 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters counted. Staff were welcomed and encouraged to get on the air, either from home or W1AW/150 for as much of the event as possible (W1AW/150 is worth extra points in the event). New employees and/or non-hams were also invited to participate at W1AW with one of the licensed hams present acting as the control operator – mentoring and offering any guidance on how operating is done.



During the event, with the help of Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, acting as operator, Executive Assistant Dee Methe was active for the very first time! She made 14 contacts, logged by Joe. Dee is currently studying for her license.

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, was in Tokyo, JAPAN the week of September 26 to attend the 2019 Tokyo HAM FAIR, which ran from August 30 – September 1. In addition to his presentation at the event, Howard joined Yaesu President Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, for dinner and attended the opening ceremony.

Howard then flew to Boxborough, Massachusetts for the New England Division Convention (HamXposition) where he participated on the ARRL panel.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN,

Top Social Media Posts for Week Ending 9/01

Facebook: ARRL is continuing to monitor Hurricane Dorian very closely. Please check in to updates on our hurricane response page at arrl.org/2019-Hurricanes for the latest amateur radio related news and info. #HurricaneDorian #ARRL #HamRadio #AmateurRadio

Instagram: W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, was able to capture an image of #HurricaneDorian using a Hamtronics R139 weather satellite receiver around 5:40 pm. Carcia said, "Now, normally I use a quadrifilar antenna for 137 Mhz. This antenna "looks" up, and is stationary. But, since I wanted good pictures, I opted to switch over to my 2-meter crossed-yagi satellite antenna. This way, I can track NOAA-19 for the duration of the pass." #HamRadio #W1AW @noaa

LinkedIn: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sponsors National Preparedness Month each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "Prepared, Not Scared." FEMA is a long-time ARRL partner agency. This year, FEMA wants participants — which include Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) volunteers — to share their activities and success stories, as well as brief descriptions of their National Preparedness Month plans (include "NPM" in the email subject line). https://lnkd.in/ecKbn9f #ARRL #ARES #HamRadio #FEMA #PreparedNotScared

Twitter: Major Hurricane Dorian Prompts Sustained Activations http://ow.ly/FXVU101Kwom #ARRL #HamRadio

Podcast Downloads

• Audio News: 539,516

• So Now What?: 74,298

• **The Doctor Is In:** 1,106,369

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

A few more nominations arrived in advance of the September 6th deadline for nominations for the fall Section Manager election cycle. Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that there will two elections this fall season in Alaska and Tennessee. The winners of those elections will start their terms of office on January 1, 2020.

In Alaska, Lara Baker, AL2R, of Anchorage, has been nominated to run against David Stevens, KL7EB, of Anchorage, who has also been nominated. In Tennessee, David Thomas, KM4NYI, of Knoxville has

been nominated to run against Chuck Talley, KJ4KVC, of Lyles. Tennessee Section Manager Keith Miller, N9DGK, of Rockvale, decided not to run for a new term office, and he has been the SM since 2012.

The following incumbent Section Managers have been nominated for a new two-year term of office in their respective sections starting on January 1, 2020. Since they were the only nominees, they have been declared elected. JVann Martin, W4JVM (Alabama); Bill Duveneck, KB3KYH (Delaware); Jim Siemons, W6LK (East Bay); Ron Cowan, KBØDTI (Kansas); Jim Kvochick, K8JK (Michigan); Bill Mader, K8TE (New Mexico); Ray Lajoie, KB1LRL (Western Massachusetts).

Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager George Miller, W3GWM, has been nominated to run for a new term of office that begins on April 1, 2020. Nominations are open until December 6, 2019, for this particular election cycle.

Membership

Reported by Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

August ended with 155,917 members, an eight member *gain* over last month (a *loss* of 219 members was forecast). We are behind the year-to-date goal by 102 members. The on-time renewal rate for August expirees was 73% vs. 74% for last August. See below for how we are tracking, plan to actual, for the year.



Diane completed the online Security Awareness Fundamentals training.

Membership mailings will resume in September; with the first mailing will being sent on September 13.

Diane completed and submitted the first draft of the 2019 Membership budget.

Diane also provided samples of all membership acquisition and retention materials for the communications audit being undertaken by Kathleen Callahan and Dave Isgur, N1RSN.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob worked with Kathleen Callahan and Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, to commit artwork for the new digital magazine app that will support members in January.

Bob participated in meetings to support the Management Council, a communications survey, content planning, and development of the Lifelong Learning website.

Bob prepared other staff members to help organize and operate the ARRL exhibit at the New England Division Convention (HamXposition) in Boxborough, Massachusetts, September 6-8. Eric Casey, KC2ERC, returned with 128 membership applications (compared with 119 in 2018).

With the help of Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, a short survey was completed to investigate customer preferences for the ARRL Periodicals DVD product. Bob assembled the results and additional information contributed by other staff into a summary with recommendations for the next edition of the product.

Planning is underway for ARRL's exhibit at the 2019 Pacific Division Convention, Pacificon, October 18-20. Bob has been invited to give the keynote presentation at the convention's banquet.

An agreement was reached with Dayton Hamvention and Orlando HamCation to support their 2020 events with the ARRL mobile event app. Organizers from both events were impressed by feedback from attendees who enjoyed the app at 2019 Hamvention – over 4,600 users.

Bob is continuing to work with contacts he made at 2019 EAA Airventure over the summer. Included is a member who operates an RF laboratory and engineering consulting firm – and their interest in working with ARRL to develop educational resources for introducing others to radio electronics and Amateur Radio.

Radiosport

Reported by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	7,817
2019 WAS Applications	1,449
2019 VUCC Applications	678
2019 WAC Applications	79
2019 WPX Applications	561
2019 WAZ Applications	520

Hamfests / Conventions / Meetings / ARRL Representative / Vacations		
Leona Adams	10/04 - 10/07	PTO
"	10/18 - 10/21	PTO
"	11/01	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	09/16 - 09/20	PTO
Joe Carcia	10/11 - 10/14	PTO
"	10/18 - 10/21	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	09/26 - 09/29	Central Division State Convention, Milwaukee, WI
Scott Gee	09/20	PTO
Dan Henderson	09/18	PTO
"	09/25 - 09/26	PTO
"	09/27 - 09/29	Washington State Convention, Spokane, WA
"	09/30	PTO
"	10/10 - 10/14	Executive Committee Meeting, Denver, CO
"	10/17 - 10/21	Delta Division Convention, East Ridge, TN
"	11/13 - 11/17	Indiana Section Convention, Fort Wayne, IN
"	12/16 - 01/03	PTO
Dee Methe	10/17 - 10/22	PTO
Howard Michel	09/27 - 09/28	Central Division State Convention, Milwaukee, WI
"	09/29 - 10/06	IARU Reg-2 General Assembly Meeting, Lima, PERU
Diane Middleton	11/11	PTO
"	11/25 - 11/29	PTO
Carla Pereira	10/18	PTO
"	11/01 - 11/06	PTO
Diane Petrilli	09/13	PTO
"	10/25	PTO
"	12/23 - 12/31	PTO

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