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IN-NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

[Dayton Hamvention](#), hosting the ARRL National Convention, Xenia, Ohio | May 17 – 19

Memorial Day (HQ Closed) | May 27

[SEA-PAC](#), hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon | May 31 – June 2

[International Digital Contest](#) | June 1 – 2

[June VHF](#) | June 8 – 10

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-2, Newington, CT | June 10 – 14

[Knoxville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Delta Div. Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee | June 15

[Kids Day](#) | June 15

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 17 – 21

[ARRL Field Day](#) | June 22 – 23

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | June 24 – 28

[HAM RADIO](#), Friedrichshafen, Germany | June 28 – 30

Independence Day July 4th (HQ Closed) | July 3 – 4

[HamCon: Zion](#), hosting the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention, St. George, Utah | July 12 – 13

[IARU HF World Championship](#) | July 13 – 14

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-1, Newington, CT | July 15 – 19

Second Meeting of the Board of Directors | July 19 – 20

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-2, Newington, CT | July 22 – 26

[ARRL Teachers Institute](#), TI-3, Newington, CT | July 29 – Aug 2

Executive Office

Reported by Danielle Bialoglowy

It has been a busy couple of weeks preparing for the quarterly meeting of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting. The meeting was held on April 27, in Aurora, Colorado. A full agenda was planned for the all-day meeting. Minutes from the meeting will be posted to the ARRL website.

ARRL Foundation

Reported by Christina Lessard, KC1TDM

Along with Mike Walters, W8ZY, staff are planning the next roll-out of the ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program. Funded through a generous donation from ARDC, this is the second year of the program. A poster announcing the return of this program and a QR code is being designed to be shared during Hamvention. The website will be updated in the coming weeks to include details of this year's program.

Public Relations and Outreach

Reported by Sierra Harrop, W5DX

Sierra Harrop, W5DX, worked with a producer from the national radio program "This American Life" to investigate a possible story involving amateur radio, and specifically the ARRL "Worked All States" award.

The video graphics package for ARRL content is being developed in-house by Public Relations and Outreach with assistance from Marketing.

We worked with MFJ Enterprises founder Martin Jue, K5FLU, to publish an [ARRL News](#) item about his decision to retire, and to cease on-site production at their Starkville, Mississippi, facility. The piece includes a nice nod to ARRL members and QST.

Emergency Management

Reported by Josh Johnston, KE5MHV

The Emergency Management Department has been busy updating the ARRL EmComm training materials and working with the Education and Learning Department to get the Basic EmComm Course and the Intermediate EmComm Course up and loaded in the Learning Center. The Basic Course is active, and we have already had several people complete the course. The Intermediate Course will be active very soon. We are in the process of updating documentation on the website to reflect the new courses.

We met with representatives from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) regarding a presentation for Hamvention on the interaction of ARRL and SAFECOM.

We continue to encourage volunteers to complete the ARES registration information on the website.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Rose-Anne Lawrence, KB1DMW, reports there has been a boom of incoming QSL Bureau submissions.

The current order of Fred Fish Memorial Award plaques for award recipients is in production and expected to be ready for mailing by the middle of May.

Field Services

Reported by Mike Walters, W8ZY

With the appointment of John Litz, NZ6Q, to the role of Vice Director for the Pacific Division, the role of Section Manager for the San Joaquin Valley was left vacant. Upon consultation with Pacific Division Director Anthony Marcin, W7XM, the position is now filled by Steven Hendricks, KK6JTB. Steven has previously served as an Assistant Section Manager. His appointment is effective on April 24, and runs through the remaining term until June 31, 2025. He will then be eligible for re-election.

VEC

Reported by Maria Somma, AB1FM

FCC Electronic Batch Filing System – The FCC electronic batch filing system (EBF) was not accessible from Thursday evening, April 4, to Wednesday, April 10. This system is used by all VEC organizations for filing exam sessions, individual applications, and club license applications. During the outage, applications for new and upgraded licenses, as well as individual and club license filings were not being accepted into their system for issuance. The EBF system was available again on Thursday, April 11. ARRL VEC staff transmitted hundreds of backlogged sessions and application files into the FCC EBF system on the 11th without any issues.

Amateur Extra Question Pool and Examinations – The VEC department finished creating twelve new Extra exam booklets and answer keys which must be used for Extra-class license examinations starting on July 1, 2024. The booklet and answer key PDFs will be sent to the printer within the next few weeks and the printed material must be returned to us by the beginning of June. We will supply our officially appointed, field-stocked VE teams with new Extra-class exam booklet designs around mid-June. The new [2024-2028 Extra-Class Question Pool](#), which is available on the NCVEC website, is effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

Education and Learning

Reported by Steve Goodgame, K5ATA

Welcome Marvin Turner, W0MET, the new Assistant Manager of the Education and Learning Department. Marvin comes to us with a wealth of amateur radio experience. He will, among other things, be supporting the Teachers Institute and exhibiting at education conferences.

Editorial

Reported by Dana Kasowitz, KC1SEB

- The June issue of *QST* was sent to the printer.
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- The digital edition of the May/June issue of *QEX* went live.
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Publications

Reported by Mark Derks, KC1RVQ

The *Gordon West Extra Class* book was sent to the printer.

We received shipments of the following: *Portable Operating Logbook*, the new 6th edition of ARRL's *Extra Q&A*, *Gordon West Extra Class* books, the new 13th edition of *The ARRL Extra Class License Manual*, and reprints of *ARRL World Grid Atlas*, *The ARRL Operating Manual*, *200 Meters and Down*, and *First Amateur Radio HF Station*.

HQ hosted on April 23, *Handbook Editor* Greg Lapin, N9GL. Greg is editing the 101st edition of *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications*. Book Editor Makenzie Ozycz assisted him upon his arrival. Throughout the day Greg met with CEO David Minster, NA2AA; ARRL Lab Manager George Spatta, W1GKS; Director of Publications and Editorial Department Becky Schoenfeld, W1BKY, and Acquisitions Editor Mark Derks, KC1RVQ. They discussed the future direction of *The Handbook* and editorial procedures.