



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Covers the period June 3 – June 9, 2018

Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:

61st Annual Hamfest

June 16 @ Wheaton, IL

Indiana Section Convention

July 13 @ Indianapolis, IN

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

July 19 @ ARRL HQ, Newington

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

July 19 @ ARRL HQ, Newington

2018 2nd Board Meeting

July 20 – 21 @ Windsor, CT

Nevada State Convention (NVCON 2018)

July 20 @ Reno, NV

ARRL Audio News Podcast

Please click the link below for the latest edition of the ARRL Audio News podcast, dated June 8, 2018:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/34583856/arrl-audio-news-june-8-2018?sbe=1>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The 2018 ARRL Director and Vice Director elections officially began last week with the publication of the election announcement in July's *QST*. Election packets have been sent to all who have requested them to date. Eligible members have until August 10 to request nomination forms, and the deadline for receipt of the completed forms is August 17. This year's elections are being held in the following divisions: **Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, and Roanoke.**

Planning and preparations continue for the 2018 July Board meeting.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

David reached out to Field Day site operators to begin making plans to visit sites in the New England region on Saturday, June 23. Plans are being finalized to visit Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club in Rhode Island, Eastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Club in Pomfret, CT, and Hampden County Radio Association in Agawam, MA. In addition, David continued to provide information to PIOs about reaching out to the media and the general public through press releases and social media messaging. He responded to a number of direct requests/questions from field operatives.

Michelle Patnode sent out a note about tips for effectively using social media to promote Field Day to PIOs via the PR reflector. The note was shared by Andy Miluzzi on the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Facebook group, and will be published in the Kansas Amateur Radio Newsletter thanks to Kent, KBORWI. Michelle also posted updates to the Social Media section of the Field Day web page.

David was asked to participate in ARRL's 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season Preparedness webinar, which was organized by Mike Corey, on June 11. He and Michelle worked on a PowerPoint presentation to outline the role that ARRL's Media Relations team can play in helping to highlight Amateur Radio's role in disaster response efforts. Michelle is also working with Mike Corey on ARES Connect training videos.

Michelle used our social media platforms to publicize the news that the FCC was imposing a \$2.8 million fine on Hobby King, Inc. for selling a drone with a radio-controlled transmitter that violates FCC regulations. This was an issue that had been brought to the FCC attention by the ARRL's Electro-Magnetic Compatibility Committee, with supporting test results from the ARRL Lab.

We've decided to delete the ARRL's Snapchat account, effective June 29, due to the lack of value that Snapchat offers ARRL as a social media. We receive more engagement on the Instagram story feature which is similar to Snapchat. The Instagram stories are now linked to Facebook stories, so Facebook followers can view the content there, and possibly follow our Instagram page. Michelle created messages to encourage Snapchat followers to follow us on our other social media platforms instead.

Michelle updated the ARRL HQ Lobby PowerPoint with four new slides from Sue Fagan. Michelle will be posting the 5th slide with our updated list of social media platforms once we delete Snapchat on June 29th.

David led the monthly meeting of the ARRL Public Relations Committee at which the Committee voted to make a recommendation to the ARRL Board of Directors for the 2018 Philip McGan Silver Antenna Award that recognizes volunteer excellence in public relations.

Media Mentions

Among the story links recently posted to the [Media Hits web site](#) were:

- a newspaper story from Iowa about the Newton Amateur Radio Association celebrating its 80th anniversary
- a feature story and photo gallery from the Sea-Pac amateur radio convention
- a story about four CT students honored at a national Invention Convention, one of whom featured amateur radio technology in his device.

Top Social Media Posts

Facebook:

In the wake of an investigation resulting from a 2017 ARRL complaint, the FCC has proposed fining HobbyKing and associated entities \$2.8 million for apparently marketing noncompliant RF devices and failing to comply with Commission orders. According to a June 5 FCC Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL), HobbyKing appears to have sold audio/video transmitters (A/V) intended for use with unmanned aircraft, such as drones, marketing them as Amateur Radio equipment in some instances. "The Enforcement Bureau previously issued a Citation notifying HobbyKing of its legal and regulatory obligations and ordering it to cease and desist from marketing noncompliant equipment," the FCC said in the NAL. "Additionally, the Bureau issued a Citation against HobbyKing for failing to fully respond to a Letter of Inquiry. Despite these Citations, HobbyKing has continued its apparently unlawful practices."

HobbyKing had denied that it was marketing its drone transmitters to US customers, but ARRL's January 2017 complaint pointed out that ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, was able to purchase two drone transmitters from HobbyKing and have them shipped to a US address for testing in the Lab. <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-drone-transmitters-complaint-spurs-proposed-2-8-million-fcc-penalty>

Instagram:

This month's free #QST article is all about "The Role of Radio in Die Hard." Jen Glifort investigates which #hamradio handhelds were used in the movie, and talks about their vital role in the plot. Available to everyone at www.arrl.org/this-month-in-qst, or look for it in the digital edition, live on June 8!

Twitter:

Learn about "The Role of Radio in Die Hard" in our #QST free article of the month! Jen Glifort discusses the film's #hamradio handhelds and how they changed the movie's plot. Read at <http://www.arrl.org/this-month-in-qst> or in the July digital edition, live on 6/8. <https://twitter.com/arrl/status/1003637571019210752/photo/1>

LinkedIn:

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Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Friday, June 8, was the receipt deadline for nominating petitions for the summer season Section Manager election cycle. There will be two elections this summer: Dave Heintzleman, ND0CW, of Newburg, North Dakota, is running against incumbent North Dakota Section Manager Nancy Yoshida, KG0YL, of Thompson; in Western New York, Elliott Blauvelt, Jr., N2OJM, of Horseheads, is running against incumbent Western New York Section Manager Laura Mueller, N2LJM, of Falconer. Leona Adams has been in touch with all candidates to begin preparations for the elections.

In Eastern Pennsylvania, current Section Manager Bob Wiseman, WB3W, decided not to run for a new term of office that officially began on April 1. Since no nominations were submitted by December 8, 2017, a re-solicitation of nominations took place this past spring. Bob, WB3W, is graciously continuing to serve as SM for an extra six months until September 30. George Miller, W3GWM, of Wyalusing, will become the new Section Manager of Eastern Pennsylvania starting October 1 for an 18-month term. George became the only nominee after Duane Reese, N6DMR, decided to withdraw his nomination.

In Southern Florida, current Section Manager Jeff Beals, WA4AW, decided not to run for a new term of office that begins on October 1. Barry Porter, KB1PA, of Delray, will become the new Section Manager in Southern Florida as he was the only nominee.

The following incumbent Section Managers will begin new two-year terms of office on October 1 as they were the only nominees in their respective sections: Chuck Motes, K1DFS (Connecticut); Skip Jackson, KS0J (Minnesota); Scott Yonally, N8SY (Ohio); Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW (Oklahoma); Oscar Resto, KP4RF (Puerto Rico); Fred Kleber, K9VV (Virgin Islands).

Idaho Section Manager Ed Stuckey, AI7H, decided not to run for a new term of office after serving in this position since 2008. Since there were no nominations, the Idaho Section Manager position will be re-solicited starting in the October QST.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

WIAW

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He created the WIAW Qualifying Run texts for June. He also assembled an antenna relay switch that will be used for the Gates AM transmitter (located in the Lab).

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He also processed seven paper and twenty-eight electronic VUCC applications for a total of 2438 credits.

Production/Editorial

Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY

The August 2018 issue of *QST* is in production and will go to the printer on Monday, June 18.

The 2017 ARRL Annual Report is in production, with proofs coming in from the designer this week. ARRL HQ staff members may be asked to proofread layouts that pertain to their department. Thank you for your cooperation in making this year's annual report as accurate and informative as possible!

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 – 4 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2018 DXCC Applications	6,626
2018 WAS Applications	1,337
2018 VUCC Applications	327
2018 WPX Applications	450
2018 WAZ Applications	539

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Leona Adams	06/15	PTO
Bob Allison	06/21 – 06/25	PTO
“	08/20 – 08/31	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	09/17 – 09/21	PTO
Joe Carcia	07/02 – 07/06	PTO

“	07/13	PTO
“	07/20	PTO
“	07/27	PTO
“	08/03 – 08/10	PTO
“	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
“	08/24	PTO
“	08/31	PTO
“	10/05	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Mike Corey	07/02 – 07/06	PTO
“	07/13 – 07/14	Indiana Section Convention, Indianapolis, IN
“	07/23 – 07/27	PTO
“	09/07 – 09/09	New England Division Convention, Boxboro, MA
“	09/15	Wyoming State Convention, Rock Springs, WY
“	09/21 – 09/23	Rocky Mountain Division Convention, Albuquerque, NM
Steve Ewald	06/21	PTO
Jon Faasen	06/11 – 06/15	PTO
Jackie Ferreira	06/16 – 06/20	PTO
Steve Ford	06/22	PTO
“	06/25 – 06/27	Association Media & Publishing Conference, Washington D.C.
“	07/02 – 07/03	PTO
Regina Galuppi	07/13 – 07/16	PTO
“	10/16 – 10/24	PTO
Scott Gee	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
“	09/10 – 09/14	PTO
Dan Henderson	06/26 – 07/06	PTO
“	08/08 – 08/10	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	08/13 – 08/20	PTO
Diane Middleton	06/15	PTO
“	07/09	PTO
“	07/25	PTO
“	08/23 – 08/24	PTO
Michelle Patnode	06/29	PTO
“	07/02	PTO
“	07/03	PTO
“	07/23 – 07/27	PTO
“	08/02	Half day (8a – 12p)
“	08/31	Half day (8a – 12p)
Carla Pereira	06/15	PTO
“	07/06	PTO
Diane Petrilli	06/20 – 07/02	PTO
“	08/03 – 08/20	PTO
Becky Schoenfeld	06/21 – 06/26	PTO
Barry Shelley	06/15 – half day	PTO
“	06/22	PTO

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