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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please note: events listed below are still subject to cancellation at any time as circumstances change. This section will be updated as new information becomes available

HamCation 2021 Special Edition (virtual)

February 13 – 14 @ <https://www.hamcation.com/>

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

March 13 – 14 @ <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

Programs & Services Committee Meeting

February 24 @ Zoom

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

ARRL Audio News most recent episode dated February 5, 2021:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/73498962/arrl-audio-news-february-5-2021?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 863,992
- This episode hit #40 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 27 most recent episode dated February 11, 2021



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/72442355/arrl-eclectic-tech-episode-27/>

- Downloads: 130,239
- Currently #231 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 14 most recent episode dated February 11, 2021



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/72847175/arrls-on-the-air-episode-14/>

- Downloads: 85,006
- This episode hit #131 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

David Minster, NA2AA, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held meetings with the Editorial, Emergency Management, Lab, Regulatory Information and Development Departments. David also attended discussions regarding Solar Cycle 25 promotion, QSO Today, and IT infrastructure. The Management Council also met last week, primarily discussing the progress of initiatives around Solar Cycle 25.

Field Services

Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that Nevada Section Manager John Bigley, N7UR, has been nominated to run for a new term of office that begins July 1. The nomination period for this election cycle remains open until March 5. In preparation for the summer season's SM election cycle, Leona has submitted that particular nomination notice for publication in April *QST*.

Steve Ewald has been assigned to work with the ARRL Convention and Hamfest program. He has been learning about the program and also compiled the Hamfest and Convention Calendar column for April *QST*.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, produced a short video to help promote the 2022 ARRL National Convention, which is being hosted by Orlando HamCation, Feb 10-13, 2022. The video includes an invitation from ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and short video cuts from staff and member-volunteers rallying around the convention theme: **reDiscover Radio**. See the YouTube video [here](#). Special thanks to President Rick Roderick and Holly Roderick for their help with the video. The Orlando HamCation Committee shared a big thanks for all the support they've received from the ARRL team.

We have considered a handful of third-party wire antenna kits as a new ARRL offering. The selected kit, a no tune 49:1 end fed half wave antenna (EFHW) for 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters, will give us something to promote to new hams, ARRL Field Day participants, and the huge number of new entrants to HF we will be driving for the new solar cycle. The project team includes Bob, David Minster, and Joe Carcia, NJ1Q. As part of this effort, Joe and Bob fully assembled a kit (recording some video) and installed & tested the antenna. We achieved a good match on all four bands without any tuner! An announcement for the new kit offering will be coming soon.

Over the last two weeks, Bob participated in meetings for the Management Council, Cycle 25 content engagement, 2021 Field Day, the monthly Collegiate Amateur Radio webinar, planning for the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo in March, the Mercer County (PA) Radio Club meeting, and presentations from vendors.

Bob has been supporting members of the PR Committee as they prepare materials to engage PIOs and PICs in promoting World Amateur Radio Day on April 18. President Roderick has

appointed Bob as the new PRC Chair following a recent decision by Sid Caesar, NH7C, to step away from the committee.

Following ARRL's quick news item covering the short sci-fi horror film about SuitSat, [DECOMMISSIONED](#) – we were contacted by the director of the film, Josh Tanner (Australia). Bob invited Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, of the popular YouTube channel Ham Radio Crash Course, to conduct an interview for ARRL with the film director and Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, Chairman for ARISS. Nass recorded the interview for ARRL's YouTube channel, to be shown at a later date.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2021 DXCC Applications	1246
2021 WAS Applications	527
2021 VUCC Applications	128
2021 WAC Applications	1
2021 WPX Applications	110
2021 WAZ Applications	85

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	04/02	PTO
“	04/08 – 04/12	PTO
“	04/23	PTO
Ken Bailey	02/24	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	02/11 – 02/12	PTO
Joe Carcia	04/02	PTO
“	05/28	PTO
“	07/02 – 07/09	PTO
“	07/16	PTO
“	07/23	PTO
“	07/30	PTO
“	08/06 – 08/13	PTO
“	08/20	PTO
“	08/27	PTO
“	09/03	PTO
“	10/01	PTO
“	10/11	PTO
“	12/03	PTO
“	12/10	PTO
Scott Gee	04/08	PTO
“	05/10 – 05/17	PTO
“	05/20 – 05/21	PTO

“	09/13 – 09/20	PTO
Diane Middleton	04/12 – 04/16	PTO

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