



IN-NEWSLETTER

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Covers the period January 20, 2019 – January 27, 2019

Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events:

Roanoke Division Convention (Frostfest)

February 2 @ Richmond, Virginia

Southeastern Division Convention (HamCation)

February 8 – 10 @ Orlando, FL

Southwestern Division Convention

February 15 – 16 @ Yuma, AZ

Louisiana State Convention (59th Acadima Hamfest)

March 8 @ Rayne, LA

North Carolina State Convention

April 20 @ Raleigh, NC

ARRL National Convention – Dayton Hamvention

May 17 – 19 @ Xenia, OH

ARRL Audio News

Please listen to the two latest episodes of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated January 25, 2019:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/41249292/arrl-audio-news-january-25-2019?sbe=1>

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, Dan Henderson, N1ND, and Carla Pereira all worked on follow up items related to the January Board Meeting.

Communications

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

David Isgur was involved in follow-up work from the January 18-19 Board of Directors Annual Meeting. David drafted a statement for the Board on its position regarding the Amateur Radio Parity Act and the resolution that was adopted at the meeting to withdraw (without prejudice to refile) its petition to the FCC regarding the ARPA.

David also worked on other news articles to highlight ARRL projects that were approved by the Board.

There was a presentation of our “Social Media Guide” at the Board meeting, which included a request that Directors and Vice Directors review the ARRL Social Media page on the website (<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media>) to make sure that their region’s social media accounts are accurately featured. As Board members responded to that request, Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, worked on posting the revised links to that page.

David wrote a script for a “Welcome to the So Now What? Podcast” introduction that Michelle and Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, recorded, and that Michelle edited. This introduction was submitted by Steve Ford, WB8IMY, to Blubrry, Stitcher and Apple podcasts to get “So Now What?” listed among the available podcasts. Michelle, David and Joe continue to meet to work on episode scripts and audio recordings.

Michelle provided Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, with analytics on the most-read articles in February Digital *QST*.

Michelle helped Kris Bickell, K1BIC, and Bob Allison, WB1GCM, with equipment recommendations for the proposed Maxim Learning Lab.

Media Mentions

Among the notable stories posted to the Media Hits web page (www.arrl.org/media-hits) were:

- A feature story from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. about the enduring appeal of amateur radio
- A newspaper story about a donation to the local library by ham radio groups in Ohio
- Coverage by television stations in Kentucky and South Carolina of Winter Field Day activities

Top Social Media Posts:



Facebook: NCJ’s North American CW Sprint (www.ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf) is fast approaching, so mark your calendar for Feb. 3. You can also prepare by reading some helpful tips from longtime contester Jim George, N3BB, in his article, “Sprints: The Indy 500 of Radiosport,” available in the Feb. 2019 print or digital edition of #QST. You don’t want to miss out on this fast-paced and fun dance of the Sprinters.

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Twitter: FCC Reactivating Equipment Authorization System <http://ow.ly/3Bp4101s4OG> #ARRL #HamRadio

Development

Reported by Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD

The ARRL Foundation's Annual Meeting was held on January 29, 2019. New ARRL Foundation Board members, elected by the ARRL Board of Directors at the January 18-19, 2019 Annual Meeting, include Atlantic Division Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, for a three-year term, Northwestern Division Director Mike Ritz, W7VO, for a two-year term, Pacific Division Director Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT for a one-year term, and Southwestern Division Director Richard Norton, N6AA, for a three-year term. West Gulf Division Director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, resigned from the ARRL Board, but was elected to remain on the ARRL Foundation Board for another three-year term. Also elected to serve on the ARRL Foundation Board are Tim Duffy, K3LR. Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, and Mr. Norris, K5UZ, remain on the ARRL Foundation Board to complete their terms. During the ARRL Foundation Annual Meeting, Dr. Woolweaver was elected President, and Mr. Mileschosky was elected Vice President. Rick Niswander, K7GM, was re-elected as Treasurer and Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD, was re-elected as Secretary.

Dr. Woolweaver appointed Mr. Fenstermaker to serve as the Scholarship Committee Chair, with Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Norris, Mr. Ritz and Mr. Tiemstra also serving. Dr. Woolweaver appointed Mr. Mileschosky to once again serve as the Proposals Committee Chair, with Mr. Norton and Dr. Woolweaver also serving. Dr. Woolweaver will serve on the Audit and Financial Committee Chair with Mr. Mileschosky and Mr. Niswander.

The Foundation Board also unanimously approved Bob Heil, K9EID, as the recipient of the 2018 Bill Orr, W6SAI, Technical Writing Award for his January 2018 *QST* article "The Pine Board Project" as recommended by the *QST* Editorial staff.

ARRL received a \$50,000 gift through the Thomas L. and Wylda Hammond Nelson Revocable Trust. Mr. Nelson held the call sign W6EO.

The ARRL Foundation received \$46,683 on January 9, 2019 through the estate of John Donald, W7OIQ. The Foundation is also named as a beneficiary of Mr. Donald's Trust and his Edward Jones account.

Lauren was notified that ARRL will receive \$2,000 from the estate of Arnold M. Bucksbaum, WØWGZ.

Lauren completed the Combined Federal Campaign application for consideration by the Office of Personnel Management so that ARRL may be listed as an eligible organization in the 2019 CFC Campaign.

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that Paul Stiles, KF5SOJ, of Billings, has been nominated to run for the office of Montana Section Manager. Nominating petitions for the Montana Section Manager's position are being re-solicited now (and the re-nomination announcement will appear in April *QST*) since no petitions were received from Montana when the original nomination period closed on December 7, 2018. Montana SM George Forsyth, AA7GS, has decided not to run for a new term of office. George has been Section Manager since April of 2013.

Steve Ewald traveled to Jackson to attend the Mississippi State Convention on January 25 - 26. He met with many of the Mississippi Section Leaders including SM Malcolm Keown, W5XX, and SEC Robert

Hayes, KC5IMN. Delta Division Director David Norris, K5UZ, and Vice Director Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, conducted the ARRL forum, and Steve discussed ARES Connect at his forum. Bill Feist, WB8BZH, Divisional Inter-Agency Liaison and National SATERN Liaison for the Salvation Army, gave Steve a tour of the Salvation Army's Emergency Operations Center for their Alabama, Mississippi & Louisiana Division in Jackson after the convention had concluded late on Saturday afternoon.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Thank you to fourteen members of the Warren County, NY Radio Club, W2WCR (<http://w2wcr.org/>), who operated W1AW for the full 24 hours in 2019 Winter Field Day (WFD) (<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>). Despite the somewhat lousy band conditions, they made 1,569 contacts, on 160 to 2 meters, using CW, SSB, and PSK31 for an initial claimed score of 28572. This includes two satellite contacts on Satellite XW-2A, and one on Satellite SO-50.

Thank you to Dan Wall, W1ZFG, for handling the 12 AM to 6 AM shift. Thanks as well to Steve Ewald, and Dan for handling the early morning shifts on Thursday and Friday for Joe Carcia, who worked the early afternoon/night shifts those two days for the vacationing Scott Gee, WB9RRU.

Joe met with Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, and Dave Isgur to record a "teaser" audio file to promote the new podcast. Joe worked the early afternoon/night shifts on Thursday and Friday. He also hosted the W2WCR club members the entire weekend for Winter Field Day.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He processed five VUCC applications for a total of 169 credits.

Radiosport

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 – 4 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	2 – 3 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	831
2019 WAS Applications	200
2019 VUCC Applications	55
2019 WPX Applications	65
2019 WAZ Applications	75

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Materials were assembled and shipped to support ARRL's exhibit at the Southeastern Division Convention, which will be hosted by Orlando HamCation, February 8-10.

Yvette Vinci prepared the bulk email notification for the February 2019 digital edition of *QST*, distributed to ARRL members on Wednesday, January 9. The distribution list included 116,991 members. She also reports that on Monday, January 21, a reminder emailing was sent to members with a summary of

“What’s trending” in February *QST*—taking advantage of some early analytics shared by Michelle Patnode. The notification was sent to 117,512 members.

We committed the staff team supporting our exhibits and activities for Dayton Hamvention in May – this year’s ARRL National Convention. Additionally, Yvette and Eric Casey finalized negotiations with a vendor who will provide a mobile event app to support our objectives at the convention.

Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, coordinated cover designs and pricing for two upcoming ARRL publications: *Energy Choices for the Radio Amateur* and *HF Dipole Antennas for Amateur Radio*. She is also working with Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, to finalize a design for the 2019 ARRL Field Day logo and its treatment on this year’s related merchandise – t-shirts, pins, mugs, etc.

Summary of Sales and Marketing Department telephone group, reported by Yvette Vinci:

Week Ending	Calls Answered	Calls Per Hour	Total Talking Duration	Average Speed of Answer
2/1/2019				
1/25/2019				
1/18/2019				
1/11/2019	855	19.0	28:38:47	9 seconds
1/4/2019 (2.5 days)	690	19.1	25:47:19	12 seconds

Summary of warehouse fulfillment activity, reported by Steve Capodicasa:

Week Ending	Packages fulfilled	Member Premiums
2/1/2019		
1/25/2019	988	441
1/18/2019	844	576
1/11/2019	1,148	767
1/4/2019 (2.5 days)	682	0

Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations

Joe Garcia	07/01 – 07/03	PTO
“	07/12	PTO
“	07/19	PTO
“	07/26	PTO
“	08/02	PTO
“	08/05 – 08/09	PTO
“	08/16	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	08/30	PTO
“	10/14	PTO
Lauren Clarke	02/07 – 02/11	Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL
“	03/07 – 03/11	PTO
Scott Gee	01/31	PTO
“	02/01	PTO
“	03/25 – 03/29	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/17	PTO

“	06/10 – 06/12	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	02/06 – 02/11	Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL
“	02/12	PTO
“	03/04 – 03/08	PTO
David Isgur	02/04	PTO
Kim McNeil	02/07 – 02/11	Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL
Howard Michel	02/07 – 02/11	Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL
Diane Middleton	02/18	PTO
“	02/20	PTO
“	03/08 – 03/11	PTO
“	06/24 – 06/28	PTO
Yvette Vinci	02/07 – 02/11	Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, FL

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