



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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**Covers the period July 21 – 27, 2019**

### **Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Event**

#### **Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Utah Hamfest)**

August 8 – 10 @ Ogden, UT

#### **Alabama State Convention**

August 17 – 18 @ Huntsville, AL

#### **Society of Midwest Contesters Fest**

August 24 @ Normal, IL

#### **JARL Ham Fair 2019**

August 31 – September 1 @ Tokyo, JAPAN

#### **New England Division Convention (HamXposition)**

September 6 – 8 @ Boxborough, MA

#### **New Mexico State Convention**

September 20 – 22 @ Albuquerque, NM

### **ARRL Audio News**

Please listen to the most recent *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated July 26, 2019:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/46334573/arrl-audio-news-july-26-2019?sbe=1>

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, resumed their regular schedule of monthly department meetings, meeting with Lifelong Learning and IT.

Carla Pereira, along with representatives from several HQ departments, participated in week-long meetings with a small team from Personify, ARRL's new association management system, which will replace Siebel for member processing. The purpose of this round of meetings was for input across departments for needs and requirements Personify should address while configuring the set up of our system.

Dee Methe has been verifying the election nomination petitions for Director and Vice Director that have been arriving at HQ, and forwarding them to the Ethics & Elections Committee for approval. This year's elections are in the Pacific, Rocky Mountain, Southeastern, Southwestern, and West Gulf Divisions. The deadline for requesting a petition is August 17 at noon.

### **Communications**

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

### Top Social Media Posts

**Facebook:** Kids attending 2019 EAA Airventure Oshkosh (Jul 22-28) can build and take home a radio receiver to listen to air traffic control towers. It's part of the KidVenture activities planned throughout the air show to introduce young people to aviation, including radio communications and avionics. The project was designed by Levi Zima, a 21 year old RF engineer. Kids can be seen all over AirVenture tuning their radios. "What else can I pick up?!" (Photo credit Bob Inderbitzen NQ1R / ARRL)

**LinkedIn:** In the July 2019 issue of #QST, learn how Monk Apollo became a radio legend in "Remembering Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, Mount Athos' First Ham," by Bernie McClenny, W3UR. But one new ham continues his legacy in "A Pilgrimage to Mount Athos" by Peter Vekinis, KH6VP.

**Twitter:** Netherlands IARU Member-Society Reports "Disappointing Response" on 144 – 146 MHz Threat <http://ow.ly/bVyH101GATC> #ARRL #HamRadio



### Podcast Downloads

- **Audio News:** 514,823
- **So Now What:** 58,259
- **The Doctor is In:** 1,063,143

### Development

Reported by Diane Middleton, W2DLM

We are delighted to announce that the ARRL welcomes two new Maxim Members to the League:

- #278 Brian Broggie, W6FVI
- #279 Vice Director Mark Tharp, KB7HDX

### Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

#### WIAW

All of the teachers who attended this year's TI-1 course at ARRL HQ operated WIAW, as all but two of them are licensed amateur radio operators. Most of them were able to make contact with their fellow club members from their home states, in addition to having a good time being active as WIAW!

Joe and Michelle Patnode recorded audio for the "So Now What" podcast. He and Michelle also interviewed Bill Feist, WB8BZH, a SATERN volunteer, for an upcoming episode of the podcast that discusses hurricane season.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. Scott also processed ten paper and one electronic VUCC applications for a total of 362 credits.

## **Membership**

Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF

July ended with 155,909 members, a 479 member loss over last month (a loss of 669 members was forecast). We are behind year-to-date goal by 329 members. The on-time renewal rate for July expiries was 73%, the same as last July.

Diane Petrilli attended several hours of meetings with Personify, ARRL's new AMS vendor, from July 22-25. This first "sprint" involved setting up Constituents and Committees.

Diane also attended a Mintz + Hoke "mood board" meeting July 11, to further refine the look and feel of the new LLL platform.

Diane prepared a membership report for the July Board Meeting. She also completed a draft budget for membership for 2020.

## **Product Development**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

The Management Council has approved a new publication being advanced by Steve Ford, WB8IMY, and the publication planning team. "Microcontroller Projects for Amateur Radio" will be authored by Jack Purdum, W8TEE, and Al Peter, AC8GY, and will be published in late 2020.

Bob Inderbitzen returned from supporting ARRL's exhibit at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This was our second year organizing an exhibit for the world's largest air show and aviation celebration, originally suggested by Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA. Bob organized an all-volunteer team of member-volunteers to help operate our booth, including Wisconsin Section Manager Patrick Moretti, KA1RB and other Field Organization volunteers and ham-pilots. There were also 2 special event stations on the grounds. The event draws a half million people – mostly pilots and aviation enthusiasts. Our efforts identified hundreds of pilot-hams and prospective hams. The effort contributes to a strategic objective to increase interest in Amateur Radio from among groups with likeminded interests. The exhibit has increased the visibility of Amateur Radio and ARRL among the aviation community. The event included national representatives and exhibits from Icom (a major sponsor) and Yaesu. An EAA Board member organized a radio construction project-building activity for youngsters attending the show (thousands). The crystal radio project was designed by a 21-year old RF engineer (his dad and sister are hams). ARRL has been invited to explore a sponsorship role for 2020. Other organizations exhibiting at the event included the National Park Service, all of the military branches, AARP, and many colleges and universities. It was a superb outreach effort.



*Building a radio! Builder Kaylin Hull (left to right) and mentor James Finet (age 18).*

As reported earlier this year, ARRL was approached by the Civil Air Patrol with their interest in establishing a framework for ARRL-affiliated radio clubs throughout their national structure – as many as 61 radio clubs. The CAP’s primary interest in establishing these radio clubs is to offer Amateur Radio licensing classes to CAP Cadets – youth members of ages 12-18. CAP already includes a nation-wide radio communication program and system with HF, fixed-land, and mobile radio capability deployed with CAP units in every state. By offering Amateur Radio license instruction courses, the CAP intends to increase the radio communication skill level and training of their Cadets. The classes will use ARRL instruction materials and resources. ARRL has a 2005 Memorandum of Agreement with CAP providing a broad framework of agreement between our two organizations. At their urging, a revised MOA is being prepared to help support this new initiative.

**Radiosport**

Reported by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	6,657
2019 WAS Applications	1,215
2019 VUCC Applications	516
2019 WAC Applications	64
2019 WPX Applications	486
2019 WAZ Applications	465

**Sales and Marketing**

Reported by Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM

Yvette, Jackie Ferreira, KB1PMB, Kim McNeill, KM1IPA, along with an interdepartmental team, took part in Personify’s week long kick-off and e-Bus strategy meetings. A team from Personify were onsite for sprint 1 to provide a product demonstration and training for configuring the new association management software system. The new system will integrate membership across the ARRL Information System (AIS), accounting system, and ARRL website. It will replace membership processing and recordkeeping on the Siebel system.

Materials were assembled for ARRL’s membership booth at the upcoming Huntsville Hamfest, Aug 19-20. Bob Inderbitzen is traveling to the convention to lead the exhibit with volunteers from the Southeastern Division and Alabama Section. Eric Casey, KC2ERC, is accompanying him as the Membership Contact Representative.

Warehouse Supervisor Steve Capodicasa reports that after many years of reliable service, the warehouse had to replace the seat on their dependable forklift. The ARRL forklift is responsible for moving and unloading hundreds of pallets annually.



**Hamfests / Conventions / Meetings / ARRL Representative / Vacations**

Leona Adams	08/01 – 08/02	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	09/16 – 09/20	PTO
Joe Garcia	08/02	PTO
“	08/05 – 08/09	PTO

“	08/16	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	10/11 – 10/14	PTO
“	10/18 – 10/21	PTO
Eric Casey	09/06 – 09/08	New England Division Convention, Boxborough, MA
“	08/16 – 08/18	Alabama State Convention, Huntsville, AL
Steve Ewald	07/30 – 08/09	PTO
Jackie Ferreira	08/12 – 08/14	PTO
Ally Flynn	08/09 – 08/16	PTO
Steve Ford	08/12	PTO
“	08/19	PTO
“	08/28 – 08/30	PTO
Regina Galuppi	08/10 – 08/17	PTO
Scott Gee	08/30	PTO
“	09/03	PTO
“	09/20	PTO
Dan Henderson	09/18	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
Bob Inderbitzen	08/16 – 08/19	Alabama State Convention, Huntsville, AL
Bart Jahnke	08/12 – 08/14	PTO
“	08/23 – 08/24	Society of Midwest Contesters Fest, Normal, IL
Monique Levesque	07/29 – 08/12	PTO
Howard Michel	08/08 – 08/11	Rocky Mountain Division Convention, Ogden, UT
“	08/16 – 08/18	Alabama State Convention, Huntsville, AL
“	08/25 – 08/29	PTO
“	08/30 – 09/02	JARL Ham Fair 2019, Tokyo, JAPAN
“	09/03 – 09/05	PTO
“	09/06 – 09/07	New England Division Convention, Boxborough, MA
“	09/12 – 09/13	PTO
Diane Middleton	08/15 (half day)	PTO
“	08/16	Health Insurance Meeting
“	08/20	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	09/12	PTO
“	11/11	PTO
“	11/25 – 11/29	PTO
Carla Pereira	08/09	PTO
“	08/28 – 09/06	PTO
“	10/18	PTO
Diane Petrilli	08/02 – 08/16	PTO
“	08/23	PTO
“	08/30	PTO
“	09/03	PTO
“	09/13	PTO
“	10/25	PTO
“	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
Yvette Vinci	08/02	PTO

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