



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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*Covers the period December 17 – December 30, 2017*

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

#### ***New Director/Vice Director Orientation***

January 17 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### ***2018 Annual Board Meeting***

January 19-20 @ Windsor, CT

#### ***Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting***

January 18 @ HQ, Newington CT

#### ***2018 ARRL Florida State Convention (Hamcation)***

February 8 – 11 @ Orlando, FL

#### ***Programs & Services Committee Meeting***

January 18 @ HQ, Newington, CT

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Tom Gallagher, NY2RF

On the Monday following the ARRL holiday party, David Isgur, Michelle Patnode and Carla Pereira delivered the donations from ARRL staff to the CT Humane Society and the Human Services Department of Newington. The donations filled our three cars! Thank you again to all of you for the generous contributions. They were very well received and made a difference on lives right here in Newington.

Planning and preparations are in full swing for the 2018 Annual Board Meeting later this month. Reports from managers and board members have begun to come in. Please note, your report must be received by Carla next week to ensure inclusion in all of the board books.

### **Communications**

Reported by David Isgur

David has been assisting Mike Corey and Dale Williams on communication messages regarding recommended changes to the ARES program. These changes, being recommended by a working group and based on feedback from volunteers in the field organization, involve enhanced national training standards, enhanced resources and a new reporting system.

Michelle and David promoted the ARRL International Grid Chase 2018 via a series of posts on the ARRL's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds.

David worked with Ed Hare on a press release to announce a gift of mesh networking equipment from the Amateur Radio Emergency Defense Network (AREDN) to the ARRL Lab. The lab will look to deploy this network and test the equipment.

David and Michelle, along with Jen from QST Editorial, participated in a product demonstration of the Adobe “Captivate” platform for online learning modules. In addition, David arranged for a product demonstration of Sprout, a social media monitoring tool available through Mintz & Hoke, for Michelle and him, and a discussion of ARRL’s potential use of CISION, a media database and press release distribution tool, with Mintz & Hoke’s Caroline Lee.

Top 3 Social Media Posts December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>:

**Facebook** – It took over a year of planning and preparation, but on Monday, December 11, their ship — the International Space Station — came in. Students at Antietam Elementary School in Lake Ridge, VA, used a Ham Radio to speak with Astronaut Mark Vande Hei. Read the full story at <http://potomaclocal.com/2017/12/14/antietam-elementary-students-flying-high-after-radio-chat-with-international-space-station/>

**Twitter** – Get on the satellites with gear that you already own! Chip Margelli’s, K7JA, “Repurposing Your Station for Satellit... <https://twitter.com/i/web/status/942771644149399552>

**Instagram** – If you want to try satellite operation, but worry about having to buy dedicated gear, Chip Margelli, K7JA, has a solution. His article, “Repurposing Your Station for Satellite Operation,” in the January 2018 “DIY” issue of QST, explains that much of the equipment you already have can be adapted for use on the satellites. Take a look at the digital or print editions of QST and start putting together your satellite station today!

**LinkedIn** – #StaffAppreciationPost. #ARRL thanks its staff here at HQ for the wonderful outpouring of donations. David Isgur, Carla Pereira, and Michelle Patnode delivered the donations to the Connecticut Humane Society and Newington Human Services.

Top 3 Social Media Posts December 24<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Facebook** – In Times Square, they drop a crystal ball to celebrate the New Year. At ARRL HQ, we fire up the ham shack and lay out our grid square maps for the ARRL International Grid Chase 2018! Get all the details at [www.arrl.org/IGC2018](http://www.arrl.org/IGC2018). Don't forget to join [www.facebook.com/groups/IGC2018](https://www.facebook.com/groups/IGC2018) and share your exploits!

**Twitter** – #ARRL #HamRadio Prepare to Get Your Grid On! - What’s your grid square? Be prepared to answer that question a lot... <https://twitter.com/i/web/status/946818323043495936>

**Instagram** – In Times Square, they drop a crystal ball to celebrate the New Year. At ARRLHQ, we fire up the ham shack and lay out our grid square maps. It’s the ARRL International Grid Chase 2018! Get all the details at the ARRL website. #arrl #hamradio #amateurradio

**Lab**

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

**WIAW**

*Report for the week ending December 23, 2017:*

Joe updated the web code practice files and their archives. He created the January 2018 WIAW Qualifying Run texts. He processed regular QSL card requests. Joe also swapped out the old broadcast antenna/transmitter coax patch panels with new ones so as to include coax patches for 6 and 2 meters.

Scott worked on fast and slow code practice texts for the week. He processed twelve paper and fourteen electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1348 credits.

*Report for the week ending December 30, 2017:*

The week between Christmas and New Year's is generally busy with visitors to W1AW. On Wednesday, the annual "3 Steves and a Kurt" operation took place from W1AW. Less than stellar operating conditions made for fewer contacts, but the operators that day still managed to work 160+ contacts on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB.

Joe conducted final frequency stability and spectral purity tests on the exciter that will be used for the 6-meter scheduled transmissions. He also began construction of an audio interface to be used with the Yaesu FTdx9000 HF transceiver that was placed back into service in Studio One.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice texts for the week. He processed five paper and eight electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1081 credits. Scott also digitally archived the 2017 W1AW bulletins.

**Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

*December 17 – 23:*

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 – 3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 Business Days
2017 DXCC Applications	11,300
2017 WAS Applications	1,645
2017 VUCC Applications	601
2017 WPX Applications	638

*December 24 – 30:*

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	3 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 Business Days
2017 DXCC Applications	11,660
2017 WAS Applications	1,714
2017 VUCC Applications	614
2017 WPX Applications	645

**Hamfest/Member Contact/ARRL Representative/Meetings/Vacations**

Steve Capodicasa	01/15	PTO
“	01/22	PTO
“	02/05	PTO
“	02/12	PTO
Joe Garcia	05/25	PTO
“	07/02 – 07/06	PTO
“	07/13	PTO
“	07/20	PTO
“	07/27	PTO

“	08/03 – 08/10	PTO
“	08/24	PTO
“	08/31	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Tom Gallagher	01/19 – 01/20	ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT
“	02/02 – 02/06	PTO
“	02/07	D.E.A.R.S. Club Meeting @ Orlando, FL
“	02/08 – 02/11	ARRL Florida State Convention, Orlando HamCation
Scott Gee	01/22 – 01/24	PTO
“	04/16 – 04/19	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/19	PTO
“	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
Dan Henderson	12/18 – 01/05	PTO
“	01/19 – 01/20	ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT
Bob Inderbitzen	02/08 – 02/12	ARRL Florida State Convention, Orlando HamCation
Diane Middleton	02/20 – 02/23	PTO
Carla Pereira	01/18 – 01/20	ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT
Diane Petrilli	02/08 – 02/12	ARRL Florida State Convention, Orlando HamCation
Ally Riedel	01/15	PTO
Barry Shelley	01/19 – 01/20	ARRL Annual Board Meeting, Windsor, CT

*Please remember—pictures are always welcome!*

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