



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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

***South Texas Section Convention (Greater Houston Hamfest)***

March 16 @ Rosenberg, TX

***Southern Florida Section Convention***

March 17 @ Stuart, FL

***West Virginia Section Convention***

March 24 @ Charleston, WV

***Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting***

April 14 @ ARRL HQ, Newington, CT

***Delaware State Convention (Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics EXPO)***

April 21 @ Georgetown, DE

***Executive Committee Meeting***

April 21 @ Windsor, CT

***Great Lakes Division (Hamvention)***

May 18 – 20 @ Xenia, OH

### **ARRL Audio News**

Please listen to the latest edition of the *ARRL Audio News Podcast*, dated March 9, 2018:

<https://www.blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/32177417/arrl-audio-news-march-9-2018?sbe=1>

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley met with Sales & Marketing, Development and Communications managers last week to review ARRL's support and management of the Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative. They discussed engaging the collegiate community, and connecting them with other ARRL groups.

Dan Henderson met with Lauren Clarke, Steve Ewald, Dave Isgur and Carla Pereira to review the Board awards recognition process. Protocols and guidelines were established to clarify the process and ensure prompt completion.

### **Communications**

Reported by David Isgur

Michelle and David sat down with Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Diane Middleton, W2DLM, and Barry Shelley, N1VX, to discuss who would be the ARRL's point person for the College Amateur Radio Initiative (CARI) and how we could support and energize the Initiative. Since much of our involvement

with CARI takes place via social media, it was agreed that Michelle and David would be the lead liaisons with CARI. We talked about ways to actively engage college/university amateur radio clubs and to give them a connection to ARRL.

David also met with Bob Inderbitzen, Diane Middleton and Barry Shelley to coordinate ARRL HQ's involvement with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and EAA AirVenture shows. ARRL will have booths at both industry showcases, manned by ARRL volunteers from the sections where the shows are being held.

David met with Dan Henderson, N1ND, Steve Ewald, WV1X, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX, to review the protocols and procedures for ARRL Awards, from soliciting nominations to delivering plaques to the winners. The goal is to create a more systematic approach to making this happen.

David also worked on revising messages to be sent to those selected as beta-testers for the new ARES Connect volunteer management system, as well as an update on the progress of implementing the ARES Connect system to ARRL officers, directors, vice directors, section managers and others.

### Media Mentions

Among the new news links posted to the [Media Hits web site](#) are:

- A story about VEC exams that were given on board the USNS Mercy, including a video interview with the captain of the ship who was advancing from General to Extra license class
- A feature story in the Sarasota (FL) Herald-Tribune about a Vietnam vet who is a longtime ham radio operator
- A story about youngsters from Pinson Valley School in Alabama making radio contact with the International Space Station

### Top Social Media Posts

**Facebook:** "ARRL VEC conducted an examination session aboard the Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy. The ship left its homeport in San Diego, CA on Feb 23, 2018. Its first stop was in Honolulu, HI where the AR tests were administered. Our VE team tested 21 candidates and administered 34 exams. 12 earned a new Technician license and two upgraded to General. The Captain of the ship, David Bretz, WH6FIR, was one of the candidates who upgraded to General!" – Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager  
Check these links for more information: <http://ah0a.org/USSMercy> <https://news>

**Twitter:** #ARRL #HamRadio Swedish Telecoms Regulator Considering Charging Hams a Fee to Run More Than 200 W Sweden's Post and Telecom Authority (PTS) is considering lowering the transmitter output power for general Amateur Radio stations to 200 W PEP. Under a... <http://ow.ly/ZNhK50gKgYU>

**Instagram:** Big QRP Rigs. Homebrew radios don't have to be small! My 6M transceiver has a large main tuning knob! - Zak Lau, W1VT, ARRL Senior Lab Engineer #ARRL #HamRadio

**LinkedIn:** "ARRL VEC conducted an examination session aboard the Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy. The ship left its homeport in San Diego, CA on Feb 23, 2018. Its first stop was in Honolulu, HI where the AR tests were administered. Our VE team tested 21 candidates and administered 34 exams. 12 earned a new Technician license and two upgraded to General. The Captain of the ship, David Bretz, WH6FIR, was one of the candidates who upgraded to General!" – Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager  
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## **Field Services**

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

ARRL South Texas Section Manager Lee Cooper, W5LHC, announced that he will be stepping down as Section Manager at the end of March due to time constraints and the workload associated with his consulting business. He has been Section Manager since 2009. Paul Gilbert, KE5ZW, of Cedar Park, has been appointed to succeed Lee Cooper, starting on April 1, to complete the current term of office that continues through September 30, 2019. Gilbert is currently an Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and Technical Specialist in the South Texas Section. He also serves as the West Gulf Division Assistant Director for Public Safety. Norm Fusaro made the appointment after consulting with Dr. David Woolweaver.

Now that the March 9<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations for the spring Section Manager election cycle has passed, Leona Adams confirms that there will be two elections. In Northern Florida, Kevin Bess, KK4BFN, of Edgewater, will run against Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, of Orange Park. Section Manager Steve Szabo, WB4OMM, decided not to run for a new term of office after serving four years as the Northern Florida Section Manager. In Indiana, James Merry, KC9RPX, of Ellettsville, will run against Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, of Fort Wayne. Indiana Section Manager Brent Walls, N9BA, decided not to run for a second two-year term of office.

During the re-solicited nomination period that concluded on March 9, East Bay will have a new Section Manager. James Siemons, AF6PU, of Walnut Creek, California, was the only nominee. He is succeeding Jim Latham, AF6AQ, of Livermore, who has been East Bay Section Manager for ten years. In Santa Barbara, John Kitchens, NS6X, of Somis, was the only nominee. He will become Section Manager this summer. He is succeeding Jim Fortney, K6IYK, who has been Section Manager since January 2016 but is moving to Arizona. Bill Mader, K8TE, of Rio Rancho, will become the New Mexico Section Manager on July 1. He was the only nominee during the re-solicited nomination period, and he is taking the reins from Ed James, KA8JMW, of Edgewood, who has been SM since 2015.

Oregon will have a new Section Manager starting July 1. David Kidd, KA7OZO, of Oregon City, was the only nominee. He will start a two-year term of office beginning July 1. Oregon SM John Core, KX7YT, of Portland, decided not to run for a new term of office after serving for the last two years.

The following incumbent Section Managers will begin new two-year terms of office on July 1 as they were the only nominees in their respective sections: Ron Morgan, AD9I (Illinois); Bill Crowley, K1NIT (Maine); Jim Kvochick, K8JK (Michigan); Paul Gayet, AA1SU (Vermont); and Patrick Moretti, KA1RB (Wisconsin).

## **Lab**

Report by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

Joe processed regular QLS card requests. He also processed four (4) Qualifying Run certificates and one endorsement. He continued with the design and build process of a new audio interface that will be used in the broadcast racks.

Scott worked on slow and fast code practice texts for the week. He processed six electronic VUCC applications for a total of 360 credits.

## **Radiosport**

Reported by Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 – 3 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2018 DXCC Applications	2,544
2018 WAS Applications	680
2018 VUCC Applications	138
2018 WPX Applications	212

## **Sales and Marketing**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Yvette Vinci prepared the bulk email notification for the April 2018 digital edition of *QST*, distributed to ARRL members on Friday, March 9. The distribution list included 117,179 members.

Yvette also reports that in February, we processed 51 paid-in-full Life Memberships and 14 Life Membership pledges. “Reminder letters” were sent to 351 members making quarterly payments toward Life Membership.

Jackie Ferreira reports that the AmazonSmile Foundation has tripled the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12-31. Jackie has boosted attention for the program ([ARRL News](#), social media, email, etc.), reminding members and friends to shop at smile.amazon.com and to choose “American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as their charity of choice. ARRL earned \$8,022 from the AmazonSmile Foundation in 2017. Jackie introduced the program to ARRL in 2014.

New book now shipping: [Receiving Antennas for the Radio Amateur](#), by Eric P. Nichols, KL7AJ.

Merchandise for 2018 ARRL Field Day participants has been introduced: <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day>. We’ll begin taking orders just before the end of the month, when the new items are in-stock.

Bob Inderbitzen and David Isgur are engaged in planning to support volunteers exhibiting for ARRL and Amateur Radio at the upcoming NAB Show, April 7-12 in Las Vegas, and the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, July 23-29 in Wisconsin.

Bob finalized, with the presenters, eight ARRL-sponsored forums for 2018 Hamvention. This year’s Hamvention theme is “Amateur Radio...Serving the Community.” Four of the ARRL forums have been organized by Mike Corey and Ken Bailey, and comprise a track of Public Service Communications forums.

Margie Bourgoïn has been assisting our staff, Board members, and other volunteers with completing their registrations (including hotel) for ARRL’s team traveling to 2018 Hamvention in May.

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

Leona Adams	03/23	PTO
“	04/13	PTO
“	04/19 – 04/20	PTO

Bob Allison	03/16 – 03/18	Southern Florida Section Convention, Stuart, FL
“	04/20 – 04/22	Delaware State Convention, Georgetown, DE
“	05/10 – 05/14	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Ken Bailey	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Margie Bourgoin	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Joe Carcia	04/06	PTO
“	04/11	PTO
“	05/16	PTO
“	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
“	10/05	PTO
“	10/08	PTO
“	11/30	PTO
“	12/07	PTO
Mike Corey	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Lauren Clarke	03/16	PTO
“	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Steve Ewald	03/23 – 03/24	West Virginia Section Convention, Charleston
“	03/26 – 04/03	PTO
Jackie Ferreira	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Steve Ford	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Scott Gee	04/16 – 04/19	PTO
“	05/17 – 05/19	PTO
“	08/16 – 08/17	PTO
“	09/10 – 09/14	PTO
Regina Galuppi	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Dan Henderson	03/15 – 03/18	South Texas Section Convention, Rosenberg, TX
“	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Bob Inderbitzen	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Dave Isgur	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Sabrina Jackson	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Bart Jahnke	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Kim McNeil	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Diane Middleton	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
Michelle Patnode	04/04 – 04/06	Half days (8a – 12p)
“	05/16 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH
“	05/29 – 05/30	PTO
“	08/02	Half day (8a – 12p)
“	08/31	Half day (8a – 12p)
Diane Petrilli	05/31 – 06/04	SEA-PAC, Seaside, OR
“	06/20 – 07/02	PTO
“	08/03 – 08/20	PTO
Andy Shefrin	03/23 – 03/26	PTO
Barry Shelley	05/17 – 05/20	2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH

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Yvette Vinci

05/22 – 05/31  
05/17 – 05/20

PTO  
2018 Great Lakes Division (Hamvention), Xenia, OH

*Please remember—pictures are always welcome!*

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