



ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator July 2024 Newsletter

“Get the most from your ARRL membership by distributing this newsletter to all your fellow club members. And as always, I'm here to help you with all your ARRL needs!”

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“Helping to preserve the future of Amateur Radio.”

ARRL TN Section/Division/National/International News

ARRL Audio News

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ARRL Latest QST Issue Link

[July QST](#) – Be sure and be logged into the ARRL Website.

ARRL Systems Service Disruption Status– 07/09/24

As previously reported, ARRL® Logbook of The World® (LoTW®) returned to service on Monday, July 1, 2024. As anticipated, there was a significant rise in use to catch up on processing logs following the outage. It took 4 days for normal processing times to return.

The ARRL Radiosport Department has resumed processing applications for most awards. The systems for Worked All States (WAS), VUCC, and issuing credits for CQ WAZ and CQ WPX awards have returned to service. These award applications are being processed on a “first in/first out” basis.

WAS applications submitted through July 4 and VUCC applications submitted through July 1 have been processed. CQ awards applications are processed by CQ and not ARRL.

While we can process these ARRL awards and update records, the ability to print and deliver certificates, endorsements, and other material has not yet returned.

The online DXCC® application is unavailable at this time and DXCC awards are not able to be processed. Work continues to return the DXCC systems to service. All DXCC data is secure.

ARRL Board Completes 2024 Second Meeting

ARRL's mission is to promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs. More to come on these initiatives.

Huntsville Hamfest is Sold Out !

At the Lebanon, TN HamQuest ham fest I had the pleasure of meeting with Mark Brown N4BCD, Chairman of the Huntsville Ham fest where we discussed the up coming ham fest. He had nothing but great news! All the booths, vendor slots, and forums are completely booked and sold. From talking to Mark It appears this year's Huntsville Ham fest is going to be one you don't want to miss. Sadly, MFJ will not be there but there are other vendors that have come in to fill the void. I hope to see many of you there on August 17-18th. And don't forget to stop by the ARRL booth and say hello.

Commercial Interests Petition FCC for High Power Allocation on Shortwave Spectrum

The ad hoc group "Shortwave Modernization Coalition" petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF 2 – 25 MHz range with up to 20 KW, including in bands immediately adjacent to spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. This group appears to represent high-speed stock trading interests.

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® is treating the petition as a subject of concern for its members and the greater Amateur Radio Service. ARRL Laboratory staff are studying the matter from a technical standpoint, including analysis of transmitted signals potentially interfering with Amateur Radio communications on Amateur Radio spectrum. The results from this expert review are being finalized and will inform ARRL's filed comments on the matter.

The FCC has assigned the petition RM-11953. Comments are due by July 31, 2023, and reply comments by August 15. While the petitioners exclude the amateur bands, high power operations on immediately adjacent bands are proposed.

A copy of the petition is at: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1042840187330/1> (PDF).

Amateur Radio Participates in World's Largest Naval Exercise



“Partners: Integrated and Prepared” is the theme for Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2024, the world’s largest international military maritime exercise, which began June 27, and will come to a close on August 1. Conducted from Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, Oahu, Hawaii, the exercise encompasses many islands in the Hawaiian chain.

The event included 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft, and more than 25,000 personnel, including amateur radio operators working with health care facilities.

The amateur radio portion of the exercise has been completed. ARRL Assistant Section Manager and State Government Liaison Michael Miller, KH6ML, said 36 amateur radio operators from Hawaii volunteered to demonstrate the value of amateur radio in emergency preparedness and response.

“It turned out very good,” said Miller. “Some of hospitals, staff and administrators involved had their first experience with amateur radio. The operators were able to blend their skills using public service radios, satellite phones, as well as amateur radio.”

Miller pointed out that hospitals on the smaller islands don’t usually have a full time communications officer so working with amateur radio gives them experience for future emergencies. The amateurs worked with Health Comm Hawaii which provides amateur radio communications to health care associations in Hawaii during emergencies and disasters. “Health Comm Hawaii really needs 100 more operators for backup and to build skill sets through monthly exercises,” Miller added.

Vice Adm. John Wade, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet and RIMPAC 2024 Combined Task Force (CTF) commander, said the Rim of the Pacific exercise has grown over the years to be the world's largest and premier joint combined maritime training opportunity. "The exercise's purpose is to build relationships, to enhance interoperability and proficiency and, ultimately, contribute to the peace and stability in the vitally-important Indo-Pacific region."

Many of the volunteers participating in RIMPAC 2024 are also members of other vital emergency communication groups, such as Amateur Radio Emergency Service®(ARES®), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Public Information Officer, Who Needs One?



The answer is..... every club needs one! But why?

First, let's define what a PIO or Public Information Officer is. A public information officer has several responsibilities that relate to sharing information with the community. One of the most common job duties for a public information officer is establishing contacts and building relationships with public entities to share important news and updates about club activities. PIOs also spend time writing press releases, social media posts and other forms of communication that they share with the public via the internet including club website announcements and articles for the public. One might say the PIO is the "public face" of a club.

PIOs are one of the most important positions in a club because they "paint the public image" of a club. Because of that, the person placed in this position should have a strong commitment to the position and stay on top of all club activities and be ready to update the public quickly and accurately. We all know that to grow a club or maintain a positive image of a club, there must be publicity. For that to happen, there are two things that should be present. First, the club must be active and involved in their community events. Secondly, the club needs an active PIO to keep the public informed.

Here are a few of the things PIOs should consider in order to accomplish their task effectively:

- 1.) Attend all club meetings and activities noting club events and members' important accomplishments.
- 2.) Attend ARES meetings and activities noting upcoming set exercises and community events.
- 3.) Develop contacts and relationships with various media outlets for sending press releases about your club's activities.
- 4.) Develop contacts and relationships with governmental entities in emergency management.
- 5.) Develop contacts and relationships with local libraries and other educational entities for promoting STEM and other educational programs supported by the club.

So you see, the PIO is a key position in any radio club. If your club doesn't have a PIO and plan on serving in your community, I would encourage you to consider adding this position to your club's structure. It will make a notable difference to your club's public image.

Is Your Amateur Radio Club Healthy?



That's a tough question to answer sometimes. Healthy radio clubs are vitally important to the future of Amateur Radio. It is the club that often provides the motivation and support for such fundamental activities as recruiting new hams, sponsoring radio classes and doing volunteer testing. Clubs are often the best organizers and financiers of expensive repeater systems, ham fests and emergency communication programs, as well.

Radio clubs are cooperatives. Since they lack employees or paid staff, everything must be done by the members. These volunteers are the brains and brawn behind every club activity and are extremely important. The ability of a club to tackle a wide variety of programs and projects depends upon having enough volunteers. If there is one sad theme heard again and again in most clubs, it is this: "We don't have enough volunteers. The same few people do all the work."

Radio clubs must tap their talent pool effectively. A skills inventory is helpful in identifying those with special talent or training such as electronic engineers, lawyers, writers, mechanics and so on. New member applications can ask for such information, and a periodic update of skills is helpful. Getting enough volunteers is not just a matter of shaming members into it. Many members will step forward when a need is announced, but others need to be asked. The club's volunteer corps will remain strong if it does a good job of recognizing them and making them stars of the organization. After all, no paycheck is given for their labors, but a classy thing to do is to hand out a sincere public "thank you" during a club meeting, followed by a written acknowledgment in the newsletter. Taking the time to acknowledge a member's efforts is a great motivator.

The flip side is that if a club takes its volunteers for granted and ignores recognition, this precious talent pool may soon dry up. A club can do a first-rate job of recognizing its volunteers by presenting awards and certificates at a special meeting or annual social function. Another nice touch is to issue a news release to the local media listing those members who are being honored. How a club treats its volunteers influences the rest of members, and from those ranks can come even more honorees in the future.

Radio clubs do a wonderful service by helping individual hams meet others and promote mutual help. The tradition of Elmers helping newcomers is often the first opportunity that hams have to demonstrate fellowship. Together, radio club members can do much more than any individual is able to do. Erecting antennas, helping with license exams, troubleshooting, enjoying social events, sponsoring ham fests, providing emergency communications and many more activities are why radio clubs remain popular.

Above all, healthy radio clubs are warm, inviting groups that make visitors and newcomers feel welcome. A greeting, handshake, a round of introductions and getting people involved as quickly as possible are sure signs of a club whose future is bright. Consider a "Welcome Packet" of information to hand out to visitors at club meetings.

Finally, clubs must recruit new members to insure their survival. Members leave for various reasons, and without a plan to replace them, clubs will stagnate. Promotion is important. Keeping the club name before the public and other hams should be a continuing effort. Use news releases regularly to announce club meetings, Field Day, emergency drills, new officers and social events. Invite newly licensed hams in your community to your club meetings. Have a membership drive to encourage your current members to recruit new ones. Mail your newsletter to area hams with a special invitation to a future meeting, and put it on the Internet or send it via e-mail. Encourage members to bring guests. Opportunities to promote membership are limited only by a club's imagination and resources.

So, is your amateur radio club healthy? If your not sure, then you may have some things to work on. We are halfway through 2024 so, maybe this is a good time to take stock and consider where your club stands and make the corrections needed to ensure a bright future.

And remember, the ARRL is here to help and support your efforts to grow and maintain a healthy amateur radio club. Together we can ensure the future of the Amateur Radio Service for our next generation of operators. 73. *Dudley Pitts KM4IYQ.*

(exerts from "Tips and Tonics for Healthier Radio Clubs" by D.E. Logan W1HEO)

Hamfests/Conventions

Click on the name to take you to their website or ARRL details for more information:

08/17/2024 - [Huntsville Hamfest](#)– Huntsville, AL.

08/24/2024 - [Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest](#) – Lebanon, TN.

Handy ARRL Links

- ARRL Home: www.arrl.org
- ARRL Property/Liability Club and Personal Insurance: <https://www.arrlinsurance.com/>
- Find help with RF assessments: <http://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure>
- Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs
- Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections
- Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class
- Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam
- Find a hamfest or convention: [Hamfests Calendar](#)
- ARRL Teachers Institute: [Teachers Institute](#)
- ARRL Learning Center: [Learning Center](#)

East Tennessee Affiliated Club Links

The following is a list of all the affiliated amateur radio clubs in the eastern half (my area) of TN.:

American Legion Amateur Radio Club – Sevierville, TN. <https://www.legion.org/hamradio3>

Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club – Greenville, TN. <https://ajarc.org/>

Amateur Radio Club of the University of TN – Knoxville, TN.
<https://www.utarc.org/p/home.html>

Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club – Huntsville, TN. <https://bsfarc.org/>

Bristol Amateur Radio Club – Bristol, TN. www.facebook.com/groups/w4udbarc/

Campbell County Amateur Radio Club – Jonesboro, TN. www.CCARClub.org

Carter County Amateur Radio Association – Elizabethton, TN. <http://www.wr4cc.org>

Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club – Hixson, TN. <https://www.w4am.net/>

Cleveland Amateur Radio Club – Cleveland, TN. <http://www.carc.cc/>

Cumberland Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Crossville, TN. <http://CPARC.net>

Dekalb-Cannon County Amateur Radio Club – Smithville, TN. <http://www.dccarc.org>

East Tennessee DX Association – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.etsdx.net>

Hawkins Hancock Amateur Radio Team, Inc. – Rogersville, TN.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/536078334756112/>

Johnson City Radio Association, Inc. - Jonesborough, TN. <https://jcara.org/wp/>

Johnson County Amateur Radio Club – Mountain City, TN. <https://www.w4mct.com/>

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Bays Mountain Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Lakeway Amateur Radio Club – Talbott, TN. <https://www.facebook.com/lakewayamateurradio/>

Macon Area Amateur Radio Society – Lafayette, TN. <http://MaconHamRadio.com>

Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio SE – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.metersinc.org>

Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club, Inc. - Oak Ridge, TN. <http://www.orarc.net>

Off-Grid AuxComm Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. <https://off-gridauxcommradioclub.com/>

Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Monroe, TN. <http://parcltn.com/>

Radio Amateur Radio Club of Knoxville – Knoxville, TN. <https://www.w4bbb.org/>

Rhea County Amateur Radio Club – Dayton, TN. <https://www.rheacountyarc.org/home>

Roane County Amateur Radio Club – Kingston, TN. <http://www.ke4rx.org>

Sevier County Amateur Radio Society – Sevierville, TN. <https://seviercountyars.com/>

Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club – Maryville, TN. <https://w4olb.org/about>

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club – Lenoir City, TN. <https://tlarc.org/>

Unicoi County Amateur Radio Association – Unicoi, TN. <http://www.ucara.org>

University of Tennessee Amateur Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. utarc@utk.edu

University Amateur Radio Club – Johnson City, TN. info@etsu.edu