



ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator September 2025 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

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Sun Passing Through The Central Meridian Brings Big Changes?

Active regions on the Sun will pass through the central meridian in a few days. Their activity will therefore begin to have a much greater impact on the Earth's magnetosphere and ionosphere. More than a few surprises are expected. The latest report from Dr. Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW, can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mVzlvfHNtc>

An increase in the sun's activity has begun. If the rise in solar activity continues, there is an expectation that this could be the beginning of the "second maximum of the 25th solar cycle" which could be as early as this fall sometime after September.

A few days ago, sunspot groups began to appear in the eastern part of the solar disk and coronal plasma ejections extending beyond the eastern limb of the solar disk. There has also been an increase in the concentration of protons in the solar wind affecting the Earth. The conditions for shortwave propagation have improved significantly due to increased solar radiation and have fluctuated significantly and rapidly, especially during the occurrence of sporadic E layers. All of this indicates a rise in solar cycle 25 again.

ARRL Section Manager Nomination Results

Below are the results of our recent Section Manager nomination period for the term beginning January 1, 2026, and declared elected, with no opposition:

New Section Managers:

Michigan – Ralph Katz, AA8RK

Santa Barbara – Keith Elliott, W6KME

Continuing:

Alabama – Dennis Littleton, K4DL

Alaska – David Stevens, KL7EB

Delaware – Steven Keller, KC3DSO

East Bay – Mike Patterson, N6JGA

Kansas – Ron Cowan, KBØDTI

New Mexico – Bill Mader, K8TE

Tennessee – David Thomas, KM4NYI – Congratulations, David!

Western Massachusetts – Ray LaJoie, AA1SE

The ARRL Field Organization is the grassroots corps that makes up the 60,000 volunteers among ARRL membership. It is divided into 71 Sections, each of which is led by a volunteer Section Manager who is elected by the members of the Section. Section Managers serve two-year terms.

Please be Alert for Email and Text Scams

We have heard from several members that Amateur Radio Operators and radio clubs are being targeted by scammers requesting gift card purchases. In one case, the scam message appeared to come from one club officer to another.

Please remember: **No legitimate organization will ever ask for payment in the form of gift cards.** We also want to reassure you that we do not share your email address with third parties. If you receive a suspicious message, delete it and report it.

Stay alert and stay safe!

CALLING ALL HAMS! The Time To Act Is NOW!

As promised, it has begun! Our legislative efforts to get some relief for our fellow amateurs living in restrictive areas is now underway. Many of you have already received a message from our Section Manager detailing our efforts.

YOU CAN HELP US CHANGE THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF ALL HAMS!

The ARRL is focused on reducing legal restraints on the ability of American Amateur Radio Operators to engage in the active practice and enjoyment of Amateur Radio. One of the most insidious and increasing threats to the survival of Amateur Radio and our ability to serve our communities and Nation, as we are required to do by Federal regulation. It is the proliferation of private land use restrictions that prohibit the installation of outdoor antennas and that sometimes actually deny Federally licensed Amateurs from operating any amateur radios, regardless of where their antennas are located in their attics, hidden in trees, or mounted on their vehicles.

Federal law since 1996 has guaranteed to every American — **except Amateur Radio Operators** — the right to erect antennas outside or on their residences for the purpose of TV reception, satellite TV and internet access, wireless internet access and even wireless internet redistribution. But Amateur Radio operators are denied the equal right to erect comparable antennas.

Since 2005 Federal law has also guaranteed to every American the right to proudly display the American Flag by installing flagpoles in their yards. But, despite that right to install vertical poles in their yards — American Radio Amateurs are denied the right to use those vertical flagpoles as vertical antennas.

We believe the denial to licensed Amateur Radio Operators of the rights guaranteed to all non-Amateur Radio licensed American homeowners the right to install antennas on the land they own is without justification and should not be permitted to continue.

To eliminate these private land use restrictions, the ARRL has worked over the past several years with our elected officials to draft Congressional legislation — H.R. 1094 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S. 459 in the U.S. Senate — that when passed will extend to all Hams the right to operate from their homes and the right to install antennas on the land they own. **We have bipartisan support for this legislation at this time.**

BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION!!!

How can you help? By sending a letter to your Representative and Senators asking that they co-sponsor and support H.R. 1094 and S. 459. But don't worry we have made it so easy for any Ham to do! It literally takes only 15 seconds!

How can you send these letters? It is easy. Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>— enter your call sign and click on “Send My Letters” and your letters will be created and delivered automatically to our Washington legislative team for hand delivery to your Representative and Senators. **It's that easy!**

Does your individual letter matter? YES!

Our lobbyists and legislation team needs a list of constituents to present to your Representative and Senators to let them know that the passage of this legislation is important to you and hundreds of thousands of Amateur Radio operators across America. Your letter could be the difference in whether we are able to pass H.R.1094 and S. 459.

Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> — and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators right now! Also we are asking all the clubs in the Delta Division to send a letter on behalf of their club. I will email you further details under a separate titled email Bulletin next week to all clubs. It is very important that all Presidents of our clubs act quickly and get the letters out!

Let's get this done and put this problem away for good!

Our CEO was a guest recently on the famous youtube channel, Ham Radio Crash Course detailing our efforts. I suggest everyone give it a watch! Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMLDannix2M>

Interview with ARRL CEO: Details on Recent Board Meeting, Huntsville Hamfest, Legislative Advocacy, and DX

ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA, was the guest on **The DX Mentor YouTube channel** this week. The hosts of the popular show – Bill Salyers, AJ8B, and Joe Pater, W8GEX – spoke with Minster at length about many topics of interest to ARRL members. They touched on the recent introduction of the DXCC® Trident Plaque, which recognizes the achievement of amateur radio operators who have confirmed two-way radio contacts with 100 or more DXCC Award countries (entities) on three modes. Minster also talked about the newly announced 10-Band DXCC award.

The importance of radio clubs and 2026 being designated the **ARRL Year of the Club** was also a topic of discussion. Minster also answered questions about decisions made at the recent Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors.

The trio talked about this year's Huntsville Hamfest, which held its annual convention in Alabama earlier this month. Huntsville Hamfest will host the ARRL National Convention next year, August 22 — 23, 2026.

Other topics of interest included the impact of social media on amateur radio, and ARRL leadership and governance. Minster also talked about the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC).

Watch the 2-hour interview on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFIIXj0KKVY>

September Is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month – Ham Radio Supply List As the tornadoes that struck Massachusetts on September 6, 2025, demonstrate, you need to be ready for an emergency ahead of time. Radio amateurs were able to serve their communities and the National Weather Service because they were prepared.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has released [a List of Supplies](#)[PDF] to keep in an emergency supply kit, which includes things like food, water, medications, a first aid kit, and other useful items – but hams may want to take it a step further.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, says hams should make sure their stations are resilient. *“Have a battery backup, or alternate means of power. The grid may go down. Make sure all your antennas are functional and that you have backups in case they are damaged. It may be a good idea to keep a few baluns and some spools of wire to quickly erect wire antennas, if needed,”* he said.

In addition to having these items, Johnston says to test and exercise the equipment throughout the year. *“Consider getting your emergency gear out and doing a shakedown of it during a Parks on the Air operation – it puts your station to the test, gets you active on the air, and can be a fun activity done year-round.”*

Find more information about resilience and preparedness through amateur radio at [ARRL ARES](#)

12 Ways to Prepare:

ARRL is working to arm members with knowledge and resources to be resilient in the face of disaster. Amateur radio serves as a powerful tool and national resource before and When All Else Fails®, but being prepared goes beyond radio. *“Being ready to serve your community through ham radio begins with being ready yourself,”* says ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. Johnston spent 17 years as a county emergency manager before coming to lead programs such as the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®). *“Having a plan and preparing yourself will improve your chances of being resilient in the face of disaster.”*

ARES works closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which has shared this checklist of [12 ways to prepare](#)[PDF]:

- Sign up for alerts and warnings
- Make a plan
- Save for a rainy day
- Practice emergency drills
- Test family communication plan
- Safeguard documents
- Plan with neighbors
- Make your home safer
- Know evacuation routes
- Assemble or update supplies

- Get involved in your community
- Document and insure property

You can find more information and resources at [Ready.gov/september](https://www.ready.gov/september) and at [ARRL ARES](https://www.arrl.org/ares).

ARRL Lab Helps Radio Amateurs Avoid Interfering With US Space Force Radar

US Space Command headquarters is being moved to Huntsville, Alabama, known as “Rocket City USA.” The move was announced in a press conference on September 2, 2025. Huntsville will host the 2026 ARRL National Convention as part of the Huntsville Hamfest, but there’s a bigger connection between US Space Command and amateur radio.

Space Command utilizes forces such as the US Space Force to accomplish its command mission. The ARRL Lab supports the US Space Force’s Phased Array Warning System (PAVE PAWS) early warning radar installations which scan the skies for incoming missiles and space junk.

Since 2007, the ARRL Lab has been conducting this crucial analysis using Longley-Rice terrain modeling to determine if an amateur fixed station, repeater, or EME station is eligible for a waiver to be granted by the military to run more than the 50 watts of RF power on the 70-centimeter band currently allowed with a 100-mile radius of either the Cape Cod Air Force Station in Massachusetts, or Beale Air Force Base in California. *“We want to ensure that amateurs can exercise as many operating privileges as possible, while understanding the need for the Space Force to operate without interference,”* said ARRL Lab Manager George Spatta, W1GKS.

The reports provided to the Space Force advise a “cone of protection” in azimuth and elevation at which the amateur would be limited to a power level which would not interfere with the radar.

Amateurs are secondary users on the 70-centimeter band and the ARRL Lab’s cooperation with the military helps ensure we do not interfere with this vital function of our nation’s security. As of this writing, the Lab is conducting this analysis for two different waiver requests. *“It is an important part of the work we do to serve radio amateurs,”* said Spatta.

TN Hamfests/Conventions – Let's Go!

The Ham fest season is winding down so there are only a few left to attend. So if you still have some money left over from the previous fests, get out and support our fellow clubs and the coming events:

10/03/25 – 10/04/25 – Chattanooga Hamfest – Ringold, GA. - <https://www.w4am.net/hf-2025/>

To search for all other ham fests go to: <https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

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. <http://tnpost104.org/al4us/>

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

Wilson Amateur Radio Club – Lebanon, TN. <https://wilsonarc.org/>