

Virginia Section of the ARRL November Section Manager's Report (Covering October)

++Get On The Air For Life (GOTA4L) Initiative++

Ed KW4GF has completed the work on the GOTA4L initiative and is currently circulating the draft presentation among the working group and section leadership. This is an excellent program, and coupled with the hard work that is being done concurrently by the Affiliated Clubs will help us to gain and maintain members of the amateur community.

In this month's QST, CEO David Minster NA2AA penned an editorial that dovetails nicely with that. For most of us, the Technician license was our initial entry into amateur radio, but a huge percentage of amateurs never progress beyond that, and even worse is that for many reasons many of those never renew their license. Give his editorial a read. And then, find a Technician and get them on the air!

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/2023/11%20November%2023/Editorial%20%20%20qs%201123.pdf>

++Affiliated Club Coordinator++

Mike WA8AHZ sends the following information:

**W1AW/4 in Virginia:**

The VA section October activation of W1AW/4 in October generated over 1,700 QSO. Thanks for the leadership of the Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service for their leadership, and for all the Hams who activated the Hiram Percy Memorial Radio Call sign in celebration of Volunteers on the Air. Take some time this month and call CQ VOTA ... and thank a Ham Radio volunteer for all they do.

1	<a href="#">PJ2T</a>			24573	155517
2	<a href="#">W1AW/0</a>			23742	149368
3	<a href="#">K1RH</a>	1 (USA)	1 (MD)	19891	145857
4	<a href="#">W1AW/4</a>			22618	145652
5	<a href="#">ZF1A</a>			20547	134610
6	<a href="#">TN8K</a>			23171	129226
7	<a href="#">W1AW/7</a>			19171	123546
8	<a href="#">8P5A</a>			18211	116933

9	<a href="#">W1AW/1</a>		17426	114692
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The Volunteers on the Air (VOTA) operating event continues for the entire calendar year, and W1AW/4 is currently ranked #2 on the ARRL VOTA leaderboard. See: <https://vota.arrl.org/leaderboard.php>

++Section Youth Coordinator++

McKenzie KO4GLN has really hit the ground running! She participated in the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) activity, pushing information out to youth groups, clubs, and any other group that she can. Also, she's been keeping information that you may find helpful posted to the ARRLofVA facebook page, and when things aren't time sensitive, forwarding for inclusion on the ARRLVA.com page. If you're in the need of things that can help you get more youth involvement, or are aware of activities, send that to McKenzie at mckenziedenton15 AT gmail DOT com

++Upcoming Events++

There have been no events submitted for inclusion. Feel free to send any events that your club or ARES unit are supporting to KE4LWT at GMAIL dot COM

+++Hamfests+++

04/13/2024 - Thawfest II

Location: Ruckersville, VA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Greene County VA ARC

Website: <https://thawfest.net>

For more information see: <https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

We have a pending request for a host for the Section Convention! The official announcement will be coming soon. Please submit any requests for an ARRL sanctioned event, go to <http://arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events> and follow the instructions there. Remember that all of the requests go through the Section Manager and the Division Director, so allow for plenty of time for these to be reviewed.

+++Contest Calendar+++

Don't forget our year-long Volunteers On The Air Event

<https://vota.arrl.org>

November 2023

18-20 Nov Sweepstakes–Phone <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

25-26 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz <http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest>

December 2023

1-3	160 Meter	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/160-meter">http://www.arrl.org/160-meter</a>
9-10	10 Meter	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-meter">http://www.arrl.org/10-meter</a>
17	Rookie Roundup–CW	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a>

You can also download the handy reference at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Calendar/ARRL%20Contests%20Calendar%202023-2024.pdf> or see the interactive calendar at <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

#### ++Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)++

The ARES Program is making great progress in rebuilding. Much of that is due to the hard work of the individual ARES operators, but also to the increasing interaction between the ARES units and the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs), the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), and the Counties/Independent Cities. As just two examples, we were contacted by Henrico and Hanover Counties to ask about what ARES actually is, and how it could be integrated into their emergency operations planning. We were happy to discuss with them the ARES Training Task Book (TTB), the national standards, and also the ARES Mutual Assistance Team (ARES MAT), and how those components builds a large, robust, and capable communications response asset.

In short, we just signed a Statement of Cooperation with Henrico County, and are working on rebuilding their ARES program along with their Office of Emergency Management and Workplace Safety. Similarly, Hanover County Office of Emergency Management is also well along the path, and has asked for our assistance in licensing classes, VE sessions, and other training opportunities.

If you would like to help with rebuilding these or other programs throughout the Commonwealth, please let me know. I can put you in contact with the correct people so that we can get more amateurs licensed, and get them active in their communities either through ARES or other community engagements.

#### +++ARES October Report+++

The ARES Monthly Report will continue to be sent out as a separate document. This goes both via the ARRL mailing list and to ARES Leadership for further distribution.

If you are an EC and do not have the current link to the report, please contact Marty KE4KEW at [martinkrupinski AT comcast DOT net](mailto:martinkrupinski@comcast.net). The report format was changed by HQ to capture more hours better. And speaking of hours, each hour is equivalent to our partner organizations spending \$31.84 in training an operator. This increases by 8.7% on 1 October, so this is a very big deal!

#### +++Simulated Emergency Test (SET)+++

The ARRL has made a substantial change to the SET planning and execution that recognizes that many Sections may have real-world events occurring during the Fall window, and now allows for the scheduling and execution of the SET throughout the year. The annual SET report will remain in the September QST.

+++Partner Sponsored Exercise+++

None reported at this time.

++Section Traffic Manager Report++

Va Section Traffic News

Station Activity Report (SAR) and Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) Reports for September and October 2023

Kk4PUX – Sept - SAR – 44, PSHR – 220

N3SW – Sept - SAR- 44, PSHR – 90  
Oct - SAR- 37, PSHR – 86

W4CAC – Sept - SAR – 34, PSHR – 142  
OCT - SAR- 34, PSHR – 154

Net Reports for September and October

Va Sideband Net – Sept - QTC – 27/15, QND-191, QNI – 150, Sessions – 29  
Oct - QTC – 31/17, QND-202, QNI – 173, Sessions - 31

VN – Sept - QTC-22, QND-268, QNI-125, Sessions – 29

Ports ARC - Sept - QTC – 0, QND-52, - QNI – 30, Sessions – 4  
Oct - QTC – 0, QND-54, QNI – 32, Sessions – 5

NVTN – Sept - QTC – 0, QND – 1299, QNI – 878, Sessions – 31  
Oct - QTC – 2/0, QND – 1111, QNI – 730, Sessions - 31

Floyd ARS – Sept - QTC-0, QND-9465, QNI-27, Sessions – 4  
Oct - QTC – 0, QND – 82, QNI – 33, Sessions - 5

The VN can now be found on 3553 kHz every evening at 7 PM local time.

If you handle traffic, please send your monthly totals to me prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month. We need traffic handlers. Invite someone to a traffic net and help them learn to send and receive traffic!

73, Carl, W4CAC, w4cac@cox.net

++Section Manager Close-out++

We have some very valuable assets in our operators and their knowledge. But, like a seed for a garden plant, it's of no use if it's not planted, nurtured, and eventually shared. Whether you're a die-hard contester who knows how to set up and operate a top scoring station, a Parks On The Air® (POTA®)/Summits On The Air®(SOTA®) enthusiast, a highly trained emergency management professional, or an experienced youth or adult educator, your services are needed to grow the Amateur Radio Service, and to share the knowledge throughout our service and beyond. There is so much that we do that pertains to education, volunteerism, and of course technology. And there is a great need to pass that on to today's youth in a way that betters society.

Steve Goodgame K5ATA just gave the keynote address at PacifiCon, titled "A Vision Of The Future Of Amateur Radio", and I highly recommend you watch it. It's a clarion call to us all. [https://youtu.be/fTi8LDz4dS4?si=SimX2FpqAX0\\_pZ\\_F](https://youtu.be/fTi8LDz4dS4?si=SimX2FpqAX0_pZ_F) Please, get on the air, but also, get out there and evangelize the Amateur Radio Service.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

73,

Jack KE4LWT