

Greetings. This is Carl, W4CAC. I was appointed as Interim Section Manager for Virginia after Dr. Joe Palsa, K3WRY became a Silent Key. This is the Virginia Section Manager's Report for February, 2022. The VA Section website can be found at [ARRLVA.com](http://ARRLVA.com) where the report will be listed as well as up-to-the-date information on Amateur Radio in Virginia.

Welcome to our new (returning) Roanoke Division Director Jim Boehner, N2ZZ. Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, previously served as our Division Director. His term began January 1. Welcome back, Jim!

I have appointed Mike Aimone, WA8AHZ as the VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator. Mike was licensed in 1961 in Michigan and is currently active in both the Potomac Valley Radio Club, and the Vienna Wireless Society, where he held various leadership positions. I've asked Mike to be my liaison for each Amateur Radio club in the Section, specializing in motivating, providing assistance, and coordinating joint activities of the 68 ARRL affiliated radio clubs in the Commonwealth. Mike can be reached at [WA8AHZ@arrl.net](mailto:WA8AHZ@arrl.net)

Steve Krumm, KV4AN, has served as the net manager for the Virginia Net (CW) since 2008 and is moving to Alabama. Gary Anderson, W4IVF, has been appointed the new net manager. Our thanks to Steve for his dedication and service and welcome aboard Gary.

If you are in the Tidewater area (or will be in March), Tom, WS9B, is looking for volunteers to help with the Shamrock Marathon at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. The race is on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> with the prerace meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help, please get in touch with Tom, [WS9B@cox.net](mailto:WS9B@cox.net).

**WINTEFEST and the ARRL VA Section Convention for 2022:** The Hams of Vienna Wireless Society (VWS) are hosting their annual hamfest –

WINTERFEST – on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College from 8am until 2pm. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Winterfest is also hosting the Section Convention from 9am until 3 pm. This year the Convention is both in-person and virtual, via Zoom. Details can be found at: <https://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/> and advanced tickets for the in-person event are \$10. My leadership team will be present and we'll look forward to meeting you from around the Commonwealth, if not in person, then via Zoom.

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