

## Virginia Section of the ARRL April Section Manager's Report (Covering March)

### ++Safety Note++

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date that all stations must have completed their radio frequency (RF) exposure safety assessments. This is to ensure that all persons are kept from harm and not to add an extra administrative burden to us. It's quick and easy, and the ARRL along with many others have published tools to help you with the process. <https://www.arrl.org/news/updated-radio-frequency-exposure-rules-become-effective-on-may-3>

### ++Affiliated Club Coordinator++

Mike WA8AHZ and Ed KW4GF are taking part in the Club Development Webinars, lead by the ARRL. The next webinar is on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Eastern. The topic is the role of Club Treasurer. Here is the registration link for the April 27 webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TVwPqBBSS4KbXUTHV83xcA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TVwPqBBSS4KbXUTHV83xcA)

All of these webinars will be recorded, and the first webinar (Role of the Club Secretary) is now available in the ARRL Learning Center at <https://learn.arrl.org/webinars/> Look for Club Development Webinar.

73,

Michael Aimone, WA8AHZ

ARRL VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

### ++Upcoming Events++

#### +++Hamfests+++

ThawFest 04/22/2023

Location: American Legion Greene County Post 128

636 Madison Road

Stanardsville, VA 22973

Website: <http://gcvarc.net>

Sponsor: Greene County VA ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.470 / -0.6 / PL151.4

Public Contact: Tim Stevens , KM4YRX

1196 Allen Farm Lane Earlysville, VA 22936

Phone: 434-960-5555

Email: [farmert@bigtomato.us](mailto:farmert@bigtomato.us)

W4OVH Ole Virginia Tailgate 06/03/2023

Location: Field Across from Signal Hill Park  
9300 Signal View Dr. Manassas Park  
Manassas Park, VA  
Website: <https://w4ovh.net/tailgate/>  
Sponsor: W4OVH Ole Virginia Hams  
Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Talk-In: 146.970  
Public Contact: Don Meyerhoff , WA2SWX  
14014 Betsy Ross Ln. Centreville, VA 20121  
Phone: 703-597-3211  
Email: [wa2swxdm@gmail.com](mailto:wa2swxdm@gmail.com)

Berryville and Roanoke are scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, respectively. For more information see: <https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

We currently do not have a Section Convention host, and here are currently no other hamfests or conventions in the Commonwealth. 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. Please reach out to me if you'd like to get your club (or combination of clubs) to host the Section Convention.

+++Contest Calendar+++

May 2023 (no ARRL Contests) - don't forget our year-long Volunteers On The Air Event  
<https://vota.arrl.org>

June 2023

3-4 International Digital Contest <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>  
10-12 June VHF <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>  
17 Kids Day <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>  
24-25 Field Day <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

The calendar can also be found at <https://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

++Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)++

+++ARES March Report+++

Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	69
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	27
Total number of ARES members:	689
Member total change from last report:	3
Number of ARES net sessions held:	101
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	17
Number of participants in nets:	0

Number Person-Hrs  
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Exercises this month:	98	1,170.75
Training events this month:	0	0.00
Public service events this month:	0	0.00
Community service events this month:	6	941.00
Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
SKYWARN events this month:	0	6.00
Meetings this month:	0	0.00
Unclassified events this month:	0	0.00

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

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DISTRICT 1: DAVID ELKINS KN4LQN, MARK ROBINSON N4MDR, GLENN WELLS KY4LP, ALLAN MAY WD4ITE, RON STOWELL W1RVR

DISTRICT 2: MARK LINDSEY KD6AKC, SCOTT LARIMER KN4RPA, STEVE BOWMAN KN4AOB

DISTRICT 3: MIKE MCPHERSON KQ9P, DAVID TANKS AD4TJ, BRYAN DANIELS K4RMY, G.P.(GEEP) HOWELL WA4RTS, MANNY RODRIQUEZ K4MSR, RORY GRIFFIN W4RJG

DISTRICT 4: ROBERT HARTLEY WB7EDM

DISTRICT 5: WILLIAM SIEFERS KM4YSI, WAYNE ROGERS N1WR, TERRY BUZZARD KA8TNF, CHRIS COURSON KC4CNR, RICK ROSS KG4TAX

DISTRICT 6: HOWARD WOOD WA4PGI, DARRELL LITTLE KI4LLA, J.C. HASSALL W4BEA

DISTRICT 7: BRENDON O'NEILL KM4HRR, RICHARD BUNN N4ASX, DAVID LANE KG4GIY, RICHARD CORRIGAN KH7RC

Activity Details:

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District 1 Chesterfield  
Combined weekly voice and Winlink nets, Winlink gateway operations

District 3 Halifax  
Starting a VE program

District 5 Hampton  
We run our normal weekly training nets (4) as well as our weekly Tech Topic training nets (4). We held (4) additional General Training sessions in preps for an Exam Session in next month. We had (3) people renew their Basic SkyWarn certification this month as well.

District 5 Virginia Beach  
Annual Shamrock Marathon Weekend 57 Amateur Radio Operators manning Mile Markers and Water Stops. 5 Persons manning Net Operations  
1 in City EOC. Great Weekend.

District 7: Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, Falls Church FFXARES supported the VWS Winterfest

Administrative and Other Comments:

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Total Manhours 2117.75

++Section Traffic Manager Report/Public Service Honor Roll Report++

Va Section Traffic News

Va Section Traffic News

Station Activity Report (SAR) and Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) Reports for March

N3SW – SAR- 38, PSHR – 90

W4CAC – SAR – 27, PSHR – 141

Net Reports for March

Va Sideband Net – QTC – 32/14, QND-220, QNI – 204

Ports ARC – QTC – 0, QND-60, QNI – 31

NVTN – QTC – 0, QND – 992, QNI – 650

The VN is a CW net and we just recently changed frequency. The VN can now be found on 3553 kHz every evening at 7 PM local time.

I was able to work some stations during the Va QSO Party. Had a lot of fun and was able to give some stations the multiplier for Portsmouth as well as VOTA points. Please get your April reports to me early enough that I can turn in to ARRL by the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

This way the reports can be published in QST!

73, Carl, W4CAC, w4cac@cox.net

++Section Manager Close-out++

Suzy KD5YBF and I went down to Bland County for the VA QSO Party to help activate some of the rarest of the rare counties. A special thanks to Robert WB7EDM for hosting us!

We had a lot of fun, even though the weather and band conditions didn't cooperate. We did hear a lot of the other rare counties being activated, with David KG4BIR going mobile to get a few of them on the map. He relayed the same thing about the weather and bands. Cold, windy, and pretty much 40m only. But it was still a lot of fun and I learned a lot about my current portable setup, and how to improve it for next time.

I'm active on FT8 a lot here lately trying to get some contacts for the Volunteers On The Air special operating event. I'm usually on from about 1900 local until. I'm working on a schedule for SSB, with the intent of hitting 10m as much as I can so that those with Technician class licenses. If you're an ARRL volunteer, get on the air and make contacts! As long as you're using Logbook of The World (LoTW), the scoring is done automatically. You don't have to use anything specific when making contact with other stations.

73,

Jack KE4LWT

