# The national association for **AMATEUR RADIO** Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy

ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US. Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim as The American Radio Relay League, ARRL.

It is a noncommercial organization of radio amateurs.

ARRL has a proud history of achievement as the standardbearer in amateur affairs for more than 100 years.

#### W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station







DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE AMAYEUR FRATERNITY

## W1AW

- Building was built in 1938
- Contains a small museum that includes Hiram Percy's original Spark Gap transmitter
- Four antenna Towers, lots of antennas
- Has three operating Positions
- Has a broadcast schedule for CW Practice and Bulletins (Broadcasting is by special FCC grant)
- Open to visitors daily, and If you are licensed you can operate one of the stations (bring a copy of your license and ID)
- ARRL Headquarters Building is set behind the W1AW building





## **The Five Pillars**

ARRL's underpinnings as Amateur Radio's partner are defined by five pillars:

**Public Service** 

Advocacy

**Education** 

Technology

Membership



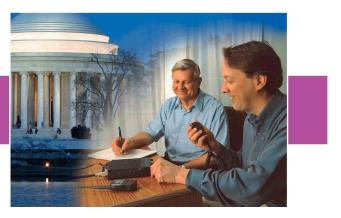
#### **Public Service**



- Emergency Communications
- Training
- Radio Clubs
- Instructors and Examiners
- ARRL Field Organization



#### Advocacy



- Spectrum Defense
- Interference Resolution
- Wireless Industry Cooperation
- FCC Rules Enforcement
- International Amateur Radio Union Member





#### **Education**



- Books, Videos and CDs
- Online Training
- Recruitment, Mentoring and Licensing
- Ham Radio News
- Youth Activities



#### Technology



- Advancing the Radio Art
- Experimentation and Education
- Digital Communications
- The ARRL Laboratory



#### Membership



- QST Magazine (or On The Air)
- Operating Awards and Contests
- Technical and Regulatory Information
- Equipment Insurance
- Find it all Online!



## What does ARRL Membership Offer?

- ARRL advocates to Legislators and regulators to preserve and protect our radio spectrum.
- Working to protect our rights for antenna and zoning issues.
- Working with FEMA, Red Cross and other agencies to keep Amateur Radio emergency communications in disaster planning and for public service.
- Providing free technical Information Service. For access to technical and service experts. – Contact the ARRL lab by email with your question and include your ARRL membership number and phone number.



## What Does ARRL Membership Offer (continued)

- Group Insurance available for your equipment at reasonable cost.
- Group discount on Liberty Mutual home and auto insurance.
- Monthly membership Journal QST available in print or digital formats.
  - Technical articles
  - Product reviews
  - Projects
  - News regarding Amateur Radio and Divisions
  - Access to Archived issues



## What Does ARRL Membership Offer (continued)

On The Air magazine, a monthly membership Journal for new hams in leu of QST

- Aimed at new hams
- Introductory techniques and stories to help anyone with a beginner-tointermediate-level of experience
- Making your first radio contact
- Selecting the right equipment
- Project building
- Getting involved with public service or your local clubs



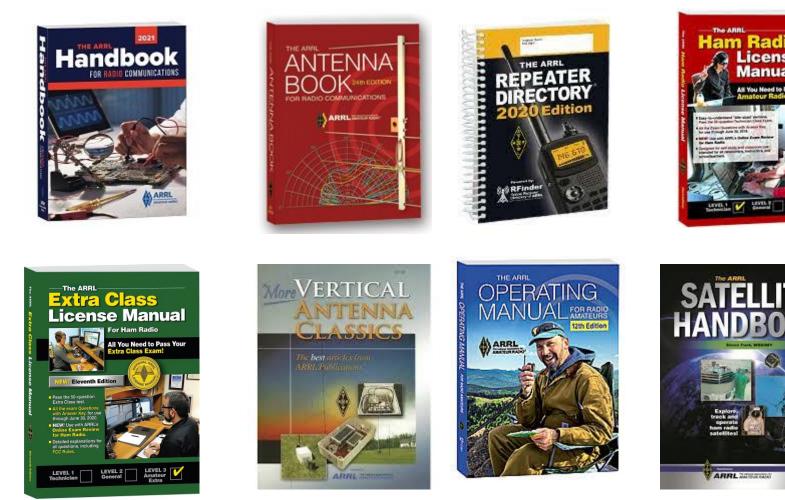
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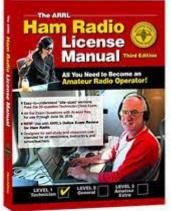
- QEX magazine, Published bi-monthly
  - Technical articles, columns,
  - Items of interest to radio amateurs and communications professionals.
- E-mail forwarding service- Link your personal e-mail account to an ARRL mailing address (your call)@arrl.net ie: ad7fo@arrl.net)
- Access to a Volunteer Council and Volunteer consulting Engineers



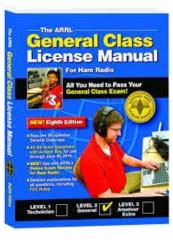
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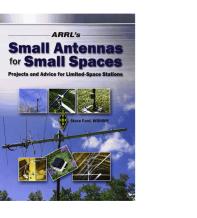
Access to ARRL publications at member prices, A few of which are:





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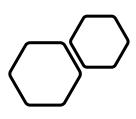




ARRL Corporate Structure



**CEO:** David Minster, NA2AA President: Rick Roderick, K5UR Chief Financial Officer: Diane Middleton, W2DLM Treasurer: Rick Niswander, K7GM



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## **ARRL** Divisions

There are 15 divisions, we are in the Northwestern Division that includes – Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington

Each division has an elected Director and Vice Director Our Division Director is Mike Ritz W7VO Our Vice Director is Mark Tharp KB7HDX









# What do the Directors do?

The ARRL Board of Directors determines ARRL policies that are implemented by the HQ staff. Each Division's Director and their Vice Director represent their Division on ARRL policy matters

They meet twice a year for a board meeting (both the Director and their Vice Director attend the meetings, but only the Director votes).

Each Director and Vice Director are assigned to one or more working committees.

Mike Ritz W7VO serves on the: *HF Band Planning committee* and the *DX advisory committee*.

Mark Tharp KB7HDX serves on the: *Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance committee, ARISS committee,* and *Public service enhancement working group* 



# **ARRL Sections**

The ARRL divides the United States and its territories into 71 administrative sections. A few of the larger states, such as Texas, California, Washington (and others) are divided into more than one section. We are in the Eastern Washington Section of the Northwestern Division.

The membership in each section elects a Section Manager(SM) once every two years. The SM is responsible for managing the Field Organization programs in their section.

The SM recruits ARRL volunteers to staff various crucial program areas.



# **ARRL Sections**

Washington State is divided into two Sections: Western Washington Section:

Section Manager - Monte L Simpson, W7FF



Eastern Washington:

Section Manager - Jack Tiley AD7FO





- The SM recruits, appoints, and supervises section-level staff to administer the Field Organization's principal areas of responsibility in the section. These areas are emergency communications, message traffic relay, technical activity, government relations, public relations in the general community,
- Appoints qualified ARRL members in the section to other volunteer positions in support of Field Organization.
  - Section Emergency Coordinator Rob Fisher WA7RF
  - Technical Coordinator Dave Carelton K7DSR
  - Affiliated Club Coordinator Harold Hepner AE7QJ
  - Assistant Section Managers Mary Weise AA7RT and 5 others
  - Section Traffic Manager- Open



- Keeps well informed concerning matters of ARRL policy so as to administer the Field Organization in accordance with current policy and to provide correct information in response to members' inquiries.
- Attends Hamfests to represent ARRL and promotes membership
  - At larger EWA Hamfests sets up an ARRL table and takes membership applications and renewals
  - Hosts visiting League and section VIP's
  - Maintains ARRL booth materials and display



- Writes, or supervises preparation of, a monthly "Section News;" uses electronic communications, such as the Internet, to distribute information about Section activities.
- Promotes recruitment of new amateurs and new ARRL members.
- Encourages attitudes and actions which welcome new radio amateurs and integrate them into League and club activities.
- Each new Section Manager shall be required to participate in a Section Manager orientation training session that is conducted by ARRL Headquarters in Newington CT shortly after their appointment.



- Each ARRL Section is annually authorized a fixed expense allocation ceiling (a maximum amount available for use by the Section).
- These funds are to be used by the Section Manager and his or her Section leadership team to reimburse travel and administrative expenses incurred in operating the Section programs during the year.
- One of the Section Manager's most important responsibilities is to budget this money so that it will be spent effectively in furthering the ARRL's objectives through out the year.



- Provides a link for members to our Director and Vice Director and the League
- Provides a link to League services
- Understands League organization and can get questions directed to the league leadership answered and/or provide a league contact for members if needed.



# **EWA Section Contact Information**

- Director Mike Ritz W7VO w7vo@arrl.org
- Vice Director Mark Tharp <u>kb7hdx@arrl.org</u>
- Section Manager Jack Tiley AD7FO ad7fo@arrl.org

#### **Questions??**

