



ARRL Rhode Island Section



Section News

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Section Manager Update

I know it has only been a couple weeks since the last ARRL Rhode Island Section news, so this will be a brief report.

As I mentioned in the last Section news, we have moved to Google Groups for our news distro. It is great to see folks signing up, but so far most ARRL members in Rhode Island have not signed up for Section news. For a little while you may see reminders come through on the ARRL HQ Section email.

ARRL Rhode Island Section General Meeting

One of my goals as Section Manager is to have two general Section meetings per year, the first in February and the second in-person at the ARRL New England Division Convention in August.

Our first ARRL Rhode Island Section General Meeting will be Tuesday February 17th at 8:00pm. This will be a hybrid meeting. The in-person part will take place at the Providence Radio Association, W1OP, club house. The virtual part will be via Google Meet. Here's the link to join the virtual meeting: <https://meet.google.com/kkz-xyrd-fwk>



Supporting Clubs in “The Year of the Club”

Earlier today I attended a general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club on Zoom. I've been a member of YCCC for about ten years and always made sure my dues are paid up. Over my Amateur Radio career I've been involved with many Amateur Radio clubs - local, university, special interest, regional - and I've always felt good that I stayed current on dues. A point was made by the YCCC treasurer that I hadn't considered. The YCCC, like many clubs, has operating expenses, sponsors activities, and maintains a scholarship fund. Often club activities can outpace or place a strain on the club budget. And some of these activities are funded by donations made outside of annual dues. The point was made that donations that help fund various special projects and activities have been quite low....OK almost non-existent for far too long.

Think about all we spend on our hobby or the trip to Dunkin that we probably don't need to make. It wouldn't take much thought to find a few extra bucks we can donate to our club for projects that add to the value of Amateur Radio, our pursuit that has given us so much enjoyment.

So, I make this challenge to you all, in “The Year of the Club” make it a goal to make a donation to your club. Not a member of a club, no problem, consider the ARRL Foundation and support the many scholarships they offer. Or perhaps a school club. As we put the spotlight on clubs, I encourage you to go above and beyond this year. If we all commit to this, I'm certain our clubs, scholarships, and school programs will truly benefit by our efforts.

73,

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Section Traffic Coordinator Update

Thanks to John Merkel, AJ1DM from Westerly for his support of the Mass Rhode Island (MARI) CW net. It would be nice to see some more Rhode Island folks participate on the net. Being able to relay record message traffic is a good skill to have. There is a Virtual NTS Training Net on Zoom every Wednesday at 7PM ET and anyone is welcome. See <https://nts2.arrl.org/virtual-nts-training-net/> for more information.

Vacant Section Level Positions

Are you interested in serving in a volunteer leadership position in the Rhode Island Section? There are a few positions we're looking to fill. Click the link for a description of the position. If you are interested, please reach out to [Mike, KI1U](#)

Section Youth Coordinator - The Section Youth Coordinator maintains a current assessment of active youth amateur radio operators in the section including those involved in clubs, Scouting and other youth organizations and schools.

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In addition to these field organization positions, we're also looking for a newsletter editor. If you would like to lend a hand getting ARRL Rhode Island Section news out, please let Mike know.

Get Involved

This is a busy year for Amateur Radio! There are the usual activities we have in Southern New England - Boston Marathon, 13 Colonies, Atlantic hurricane season, Head of the Charles Regatta, Field Day - just to name a few. Additionally this year we have a tall ships event in Boston, 250th celebrations, ARRL 250th WAS (including 2 W1AW/1 events in RI), ARRL Year of the Club, and World Cup 2026. Look for more information on these events in upcoming ARRL RI Section news. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved this year.

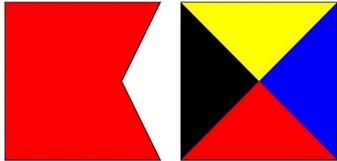
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Bravo Zulu!



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We want to recognize the accomplishments of radio amateurs in the ARRL Rhode Island section. Want to brag about an accomplishment? Want to recognize another ham for something? Please let us know, email the Section Manager with the details - ki1u@arrl.org.

Congratulations to Rowan Eggert, WO1P, who served as Rhode Island Section Youth Coordinator from 2024-2026. Rowan was named as an author on a peer reviewed article titled “Detecting changes in long-path HF propagation during the April 2024 total solar eclipse with radio amateurs and low-cost instrumentation” which was published in Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences. This was a collaboration between several universities, Citizen Science, and the ARRL’s Collegiate Amateur Radio Program.

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