



# ARRL Rhode Island Section



## Section News

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Please feel free to send ideas for content, news, or general feedback to [arrlrhodeislandsection@gmail.com](mailto:arrlrhodeislandsection@gmail.com). ARRL Rhode Island Section News is published the first week of each month. Section Coordinator reports and other content must be received by the first of each month to be included in that month's news.

### Section Manager Update

#### **W1AW/1 Rhode Island**

Later this year we'll have two chances to put W1AW on the air from Rhode for the ARRL 250th WAS program. If you haven't taken part in something like this before, I highly recommend it. I had the chance to operate W1AW during the ARRL Centennial celebration in 2014 from ARRL HQ, Connecticut and Washington DC; what a fun time running pile ups! What I've heard so far of the W1AW portable stations, the pile ups haven't been as big as 2014; but, Rhode Island is always in demand for those looking for WAS (particularly on the low bands and 6 meters), so my hopes are high that this will be a great operating event for the Ocean State. If you want to learn more, contact [John Brewer, N1SXB](#).

#### **Blizzard of 26**

In case you missed it, Rhode Island ARES received a nice mention in a news post on the [ARRL site](#). I do remember the blizzard of 78, although from a different part of the country. I was four years old at the time and lived in a small farm town in Indiana. This storm helped unblur some memories of that winter storm almost five decades ago. Murphy struck the K11U QTH - just when the snow blower was needed, I found the drive belt had slipped locking up the wheels.

A tip of the hat to Rhode Island ARES net controls and all reporting stations for their work during the blizzard and the storm in late January.

## Section Traffic Manager Report

Efficiently and accurately relaying a radiogram or radiogram ICS213 along with being an effective net control station are important skills to have learned. Having once learned a skill, practice is important to maintain the ability to use it. There is a virtual training net on zoom every Wednesday at 7 PM Eastern time. See [nts2.arri.org/vntn](https://nts2.arri.org/vntn) for information. Massachusetts-Rhode Island Phone Net which meets on 3978 kHz nightly at 5 PM offers another opportunity for practice. Listen in and see how it is run and feel free to check in. No one is required to take traffic unless they feel ready to do so. All are welcome.

73, Marcia KW1U

Section Traffic Manager

## Section Emergency Coordinator Report

RI ARES Simplex net will include 10 meters this month. On Tuesday, March 10th, there will be a 10-meter net on 28.42 MHz USB beginning at 7:15 pm, along with the usual 2m net on 147.42 at 7:30 pm. Stations checking in on 10 meters will be asked to relay on 2m, and we will ask stations to report which 2m and 10m stations they can hear. All stations are requested to join if they are able in order to test this capability. On April 14th, we will do the same with 6 meters on 50.52MHz FM.

Jeremy Taylor K1JST

## 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, K11U](#)

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.

[State Government Liaison](#)

## [Public Information Coordinator](#)

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.

## New Hams and Upgrades

Congratulations to the following on earning your Amateur Radio license:

Fernando Fernandez Aquino, KC1YVB East Greenwich

Edward O Lallo, KC1YXF Richmond

Severin Bergeron, KC1YVX Warwick

Matthew F Thompson, KC1YUF North Smithfield

Randall G Shaw, KC1YWK North Smithfield

Yi Lyo, AC1VL Providence

Congratulations to the following on upgrading:

Richard J Kinnes, KC1YUE North Kingstown

David W Steussie, W3DRE North Scituate

(New license and upgrade reports issued in February 2026)

## 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.

## Bravo Zulu!



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](mailto:ki1u@arrl.org).

Congratulations to the Amateur Radio program at the New England Wireless and Steam Museum for getting the annual Radio Tune Up event approved as an ARRL sanctioned event. Mark your calendars for July 11, 2026. Here are the details:

Tune-Up Flea Market is back! (3rd year) New England Wireless & Steam Museum  
Featuring all kinds of radios and related items: antique, modern, consumer, ham, military, and test equipment. **Admission ticket for flea market only is \$5** (vendors & visitors alike). Show your broken tube radio to a repair tech for a *free* analysis (who knows, we might get lucky!). **For an additional \$10** (\$2 for 6-17) you can take guided tours of the entire museum which includes four buildings full of radios and working steam engines.

Vendors: \$5 per person. Bring a table or tailgate. Regular Admission \$5 per adult or child (age 6-17), under 6 free, NARM & Museum Members free. Food & Drink on sale. Preregistration is not required since we have unlimited room in our mowed grass field. This is an outdoor event. Separate parking area for non-vendors. Email questions to [keiri@yahoo.com](mailto:keiri@yahoo.com)

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