NEW ENGLAND DIVISION
2022 TOWN HALL MEETING #1

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FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022
Agenda

• ARRL Update
• Assistant Director Updates
• Plans for Communications
• Plans for first 100-days
• Q & A
ARRL Update

• Key Appointments
  • Field Services Manager – Mike Walters, W8ZY
  • Manager Education and Learning – Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
  • Director of Emergency Management - Josh Johnston, KE5MHV

• Contesting, DXing, and Operating Events
  • Adjustment of Low Power Limit for ARRL Contests (150w -> 100w)
  • VHF Contest and Field Day Surveys
  • Field Day 2022 Rules adjustments
  • ARRL World Wide Digital Contest

• Other
  • ARRL Response to Forest Service Administration Proposal
ARRL Update Continued

• Board Highlights
  • Created Emergency Communications & Field Service (standing) Committee
  • **Youth Licensing Program**
  • Positive changes in **70+ Lifetime Membership Program**
  • **External Investment Manager oversight committee being formed**
  • **ARRL Board Leadership** (President, 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} VPs) elected, Treasurer-elect John Sager, WJ7S effective May 1, 2022

• Looking ahead
  • **Clean Signal Initiative**
  • EmComm Plans going forward
  • Additional **Club Grant Program** coming in April
  • Looking to begin making progress with FCC now that **new chairperson is in place**
  • 5G Exposure Legislation response – **New Hampshire HB1644**
New England Div. Assistant Directors

What is the role and what do we hope to accomplish?

• Bring Hams in the division together involved in the Focus Area:
  • Share successful activities, programs, and tools
  • Help promote activities and programs across the division
  • Encourage collaboration to create division-wide programs

• ARRL New England Division Asst. Directors – more info here:
  • Cory Golob, KU1U – Assistant Director, Emergency Communications and Public Service Activities
  • Rob Leiden, K1UI – Assistant Director, Spectrum Protection and Use
  • Anita Kemmerer, AB1QB – Assistant Director, Mentoring and Ham Development

• Teams include Section Field Volunteers, HQ Leaders, and Division Members – teams forming now

• ADs in the process of scheduling kickoff meetings via Zoom
Emergency Communications & Public Service Activities
Goals and stakeholders...

• Goals – Scope includes ARES, Traffic Handling, SKYWARN, RACES, Public Services
  • Encourage participation in EmComm & Public Service activities
  • Encourage the development and sharing of Training Programs
  • Encourage the development and sharing of resource contact information, training data, and preparedness exercise information
  • Provide for publicizing these programs across the division and the ARRL

• Suggested Stakeholders
  • Section Emergency Coordinators and Section Traffic Managers
  • Section Public Information Coordinators
  • RRI Representative(s)
  • Josh Johnston, KE5MHV – ARRL Director of Emergency Management

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Groups.io - ne-ecaps
Spectrum Use and Protection
Goals and stakeholders...

• Goals
  • Encourage the development of Amateur Radio activities on the VHF and above Amateur Radio Bands
  • Encourage the development and sharing of tools and resources to identify, locate, and address sources of Interference on the Amateur Radio Bands
  • Encourage participation in on-air activities on all Amateur Radio bands

• Suggested Stakeholders
  • Hams involved in ARDEN Networks in New England
  • Hams involved in locating RFI sources
  • Section Technical Coordinators
  • ARRL HQ Leader in RFI Mitigation – Ed Hare, W1RFI

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Groups.io - Spectrum-protection-and-use
Mentoring and Ham Development

Goals and stakeholders...

- **Goals**
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Licensing programs
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Mentoring and skills development programs
    - Includes operating activities - ARRL Field Day, SOTA/POTA, ...
  - Encourage the development and sharing of online learning tools
  - Provide for publicizing these programs across the division and the ARRL
    - Facilitate the development of social media/online skills training

- **Suggested Stakeholders**
  - Club Presidents, Programs Chairs, Activities Chairs, Field Day Chairpersons
  - Section Affiliated Club Coordinators
  - Mike Walters, W8ZY – ARRL Field Services Manager
  - Steve Goodgame, K5ATA – ARRL Manager Education and Learning

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NE Division Communications Plans for 2022

• Cabinet Meetings
  • Four planned for 2022, *first one held on January 8th, next one will be in April*
  • Sections Managers, Club Presidents, CAC/DXAC Reps, Invited Guests ...

• Town Hall Meetings
  • Two planned for 2022, *first one tonight*
  • All New England Division ARRL Members

• Club Meeting Attendance
  • Director, Vice Director, and Asst. Director to each attend at least 6 Club Meetings per quarter

• Hamfests – Plans for Hamfests and ARRL Forums
  ✓ HamCation in Orlando, FL – February 10th – 12th
  • HAM-CON in VT – February 26th
  • Spring NEAR-Fest in NH – April 29th and 30th
  • Maine State Convention in ME – April 1st and 2nd
  • HamXpostion in MA – August 26th, 27th, and 28th
  • Nutmeg Hamfest, CT State Convention – October 9th
Division Communications Plans Continued

• Sign up for the Division email list. To subscribe:
  • Login to arrl.org and click on **Edit Your Profile** at the top
  • Click the **Edit Email Subscriptions** button
  • Check the box and click “Save”

• Check out our division website for the latest news [https://nediv.arrl.org](https://nediv.arrl.org)
  • You can subscribe to receive email updates when news is posted

• Assistant Director Contact information and Groups.io lists:
  • Emergency Communications and Public Service Activities
    Cory, **ku1u@nediv.arrl.org** and **ne-ecaps@groups.io**
  • Spectrum Protection and Use
    Rob, **k1ui@nediv.arrl.org** and **Spectrum-protection-and-use@groups.io**
  • Mentoring and Ham Development
    Anita, **ab1qb@nediv.arrl.org** and **ne-ham-dev@groups.io**
Plans for the First 100 Days

Action Oriented, Making an Immediate Difference

- **Reach out to Board Members and Senior ARRL Leadership** to create common ground for action

- **Take concrete steps to improve Communications and Collaboration within the New England Division**
  - Two-way communications via Town Hall Meetings, nediv.arrl.org, and Groups.io
  - Quarterly online New England Cabinet meetings – feedback sets the stage for these meetings

- **Appoint a set of Assistant Directors to create a focus and advocacy for important issues** and to collaboratively promote programs to move us forward
  - Focus for Promotion of Emergency Communications and Public Service Activities
  - Focus on Promoting Use of and Protecting our Spectrum
  - Focus for Mentoring and Ham Development
  - Focus for Youth Outreach and STEM Learning through Amateur Radio

- **Continue to demonstrate our commitment to supporting Amateur Radio Clubs and Groups** – Personally attend at least 6 club meetings each quarter

Learn more at [https://ab1oc.org/first-100-days](https://ab1oc.org/first-100-days)
Q & A