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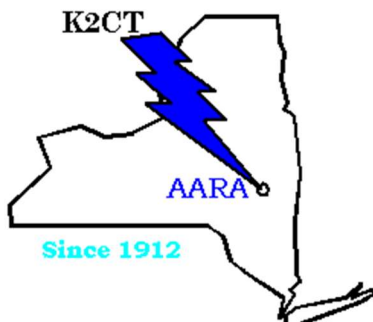
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Refreshments
soda, coffee, water, cookies

AARA Nov. Meeting

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New CEO Wants ARRL to Serve All Ages and Amateur Radio Interests

ARRL 11/1/18

Newly elected ARRL CEO **Howard Michel**, WB2ITX, is still on the uphill side of the learning curve as he acquaints himself with ARRL Headquarters and the nearly 90 staffers who work there. The New Jersey native arrived at HQ on October 15 and has spent much of his time since meeting with department managers and others to get his bearings, with an eye toward building consensus and aligning people, programs, and services in the same direction.

"I'm still trying to understand what is working and where the challenges are," Michel said. "Once I understand where the challenges are, I need to understand *why*. Before I make any changes in what we're doing, I need to make sure the change is a step in the right direction and for the right reasons, and not kind of a random process."

Michel would like to see ARRL focus on the future of Amateur Radio and not become the redoubt of a particular generation of radio amateur or interest group. He said, "Ham radio shouldn't abandon the old guardians of the hobby, but at the same time, it needs to have new things that appeal to people who have different interests and different passions."

Ham radio appears currently entrenched with opposition often expressed to FT8 and other digital modes and protocols that bend Amateur Radio traditions and conventions, Michel observed. However, as he sees it, technology for the whole of Amateur Radio has been changing, and detractors to advances have always been present. He'd like ARRL to encourage more technological diversity without creating controversy.

"My kick is seeing the technology advance," the former IEEE president and CEO said. "I want to see hams embrace the new technology — as long as we do that in a way that those who *don't* adopt the new technology won't feel abandoned." In his view, the

real reason behind the continued enthusiasm for CW "is not the technology; it's the legacy."

At the same time, resources should reflect usage and interest, with respect to the spectrum and with respect to how many pages QST devotes to a particular interest area. "Everything should reflect the growth and change, without abandoning the legacy interests."

Acknowledging the incessant push to get more young people into Amateur Radio, Michel wants to explore ways "to morph some of the League's processes and services and products into something that would appeal to the newer generation of hams."

"Young people in general don't join organizations, but they join causes," he said. "With that kind of attitude, how do we develop the same kind of ability for people interested in Amateur Radio to self-organize around causes? And if we can design the infrastructure around that, maybe they'll see value in ARRL and become a new type of member — not one who necessarily comes to ham club meetings once a month but finds the League can facilitate what they want to do."

Michel said he's always enjoyed tinkering with ham gear, building it, modifying it, and repairing it, and then making it do something new or different. He concedes that while he has not had an opportunity to do much hamming as he's moved around with the military and for academic and business pursuits, he'd like to become more active, and he is presently exploring his options as an apartment dweller. As for FT8, he'd like to try it, if for no other reason than the novelty.

Michel said he definitely wants to encourage partnerships with other organizations with which ARRL might share some common ground, including IEEE.

"We can't do everything ourselves. We have to find partnerships," he said. Some IEEE operating units would be applicable to Amateur Radio, and he's already heard from two unit heads that are both hams.

Michel also feels that radio amateurs need to extend their gaze beyond the everyday nuts and bolts

of Amateur Radio operating. "What we need to do is protect the spectrum from competition, develop interest in the various facets of Amateur Radio, and

not try to pick fights 'in house,'" he said. "Spectrum is the gold of the 21st century."

Contesting

November 2018

WAE DX Contest, RTTY
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint
-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital
JIDX Phone Contest
SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest
OK/OM DX Contest, CW
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
CQ-WE Contest
and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 11 (Phone) and
1900Z-2300Z, Nov 11 (Phone) and
0100Z-0500Z, Nov 12 (CW/Digital)

AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party
2300Z, Nov 17 to 2300Z, Nov 18

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data
Phone Fray
CWops Mini-CWT Test
1900Z-2000Z, Nov 14 and
0300Z-0400Z, Nov 15

NCCC RTTY Sprint
NCCC Sprint
YO International PSK31 Contest
SARL Field Day Contest
LZ DX Contest
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest
REF 160-Meter Contest
Feld Hell Sprint
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party
1500-1700Z, Nov 18 (80m)
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
Phone Fray
CWops Mini-CWT Test
1900Z-2000Z, Nov 21 and
0300Z-0400Z, Nov 22

RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB
NAQCC CW Sprint
NCCC RTTY Sprint
NCCC Sprint
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW
ARRL EME Contest
SKCC Sprint
Phone Fray
CWops Mini-CWT Test
1900Z-2000Z, Nov 28 and
0300Z-0400Z, Nov 29

UKEICC 80m Contest
RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW
NCCC RTTY Sprint

0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 12
0001Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
1000Z, Nov 10 to 1000Z, Nov 11
1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
1200Z, Nov 10 to 2400Z, Nov 11
1900Z-2300Z, Nov 10 (CW/Digital)

2300Z, Nov 10 to 2300Z, Nov 11 and

0100Z-0300Z, Nov 12
2000Z-2130Z, Nov 12
0230Z-0300Z, Nov 14
1300Z-1400Z, Nov 14 and

0145Z-0215Z, Nov 16
0230Z-0300Z, Nov 16
1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
1700Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
1900Z-2059Z, Nov 17
1900Z-2300Z, Nov 17
2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
1300-1500Z, Nov 18 (40m) and

0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19
0230Z-0300Z, Nov 21
1300Z-1400Z, Nov 21 and

2000Z-2130Z, Nov 21
0130Z-0330Z, Nov 22
0145Z-0215Z, Nov 23
0230Z-0300Z, Nov 23
0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
0000Z-0200Z, Nov 28
0230Z-0300Z, Nov 28
1300Z-1400Z, Nov 28 and

2000Z-2100Z, Nov 28
2000Z-2130Z, Nov 29
0145Z-0215Z, Nov 30

NCCC Sprint
ARRL 160-Meter Contest

0230Z-0300Z, Nov 30
2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

December 2018

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
TOPS Activity Contest
EPC Ukraine DX Contest
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest
ARS Spartan Sprint
Phone Fray
CWops Mini-CWT Test
QRP ARCI Topband Sprint
NRAU 10m Activity Contest
SKCC Sprint Europe
NCCC RTTY Sprint
NCCC Sprint
PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint
ARRL 10-Meter Contest
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
International Naval Contest
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint
CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
NAQCC CW Sprint
Phone Fray

0600Z-0629Z, Dec 1
1600Z, Dec 1 to 1559Z, Dec 2
2000Z, Dec 1 to 1959Z, Dec 2
0000Z-2400Z, Dec 2
0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
0230Z-0300Z, Dec 5
1300Z-1400Z, Dec 5
0000Z-0300Z, Dec 6
1800Z-1900Z, Dec 6 (CW)
2000Z-2200Z, Dec 6
0145Z-0215Z, Dec 7
0230Z-0300Z, Dec 7
0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 10
0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
1200Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
1600Z, Dec 8 to 1559Z, Dec 9
2000Z-2300Z, Dec 9
2100Z-2259Z, Dec 9
0100Z-0300Z, Dec 10
0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
0230Z-0300Z, Dec 12

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Hamvention® to Host 2019 ARRL National Convention

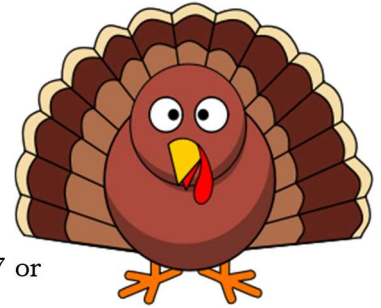
[Hamvention®](#) will host the 2019 ARRL National Convention from May 17 - 19 in Xenia, Ohio. Hamvention, the largest annual Amateur Radio gathering in the US, and the ARRL National Convention will share the joint theme of "Mentoring the Next Generation" of Amateur Radio operators.

As host of the 2019 ARRL National Convention, Hamvention will feature dozens of forums covering a variety of Amateur Radio topics in the areas of technology, public service, on-air operating, training, and learning. A track of presentations will be organized to build on the mentorship theme, encouraging more individuals and radio clubs to lead new and inexperienced radio amateurs to become more active, involved, and engaged.

The National Convention will feature ARRL EXPO -- a large assembly of exhibits, activities, and representatives for ARRL programs and services. Details will be posted as these become available. -

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Happy Thanksgiving



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