



THE TELEGRAPH

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October Meeting Update

The Club was pleased to have Bill Lippert, AC0W, Dakota Division Director of the ARRL join us. Bill touched on a lot of topics, some planned and others as response to issues/questions posed by members.

Bill noted that the League had designated 2026 as the Year of the Club. The Board acknowledges that radio clubs are the backbone of the ARRL. SEMARC members are requested to periodically check the ARRL website as more information is provided.

Some expected outreach by the League: innovative programs to support club growth and bolster club activities; opportunities to celebrate and recognize clubs on the air; recognition and incentives for clubs that help increase League membership; and recognition for clubs celebrating significant milestones, including a century of ARRL affiliation.

Bill also spoke to club members about: supporting national HOA legislation reducing or eliminating restrictions on use of amateur radio (the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act, presently before Congress) ; the release of a revised strategic plan for the League; the state of the recovery from the ransomware attack on the League's systems; improvements to the LOTW (logbook of the world); the ARRL online museum – Radio Alpha; implementation of the new Trident DXCC Award; and, an as yet operating event, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence. We should ask ourselves as members, how the club can participate in activities in the Year of the Club.

Operating Events

A few of the club's members took advantage of the opportunity to operate K0JDD's station during the CQ WW SSB Contest in October. I shared some time with John on Sunday and the bands were in very good shape. Preliminary results from across the country are that folks were very busy and scores from the contest are expected to be very high.

There is only one operating event left in 2025. That will be the club's special event commemorating the first successful transmission of radio waves across the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, the individual most associated with that event is Guglielmo Marconi (no call sign at that time). As NAOL indicated in the last Sunday Bulletin, the transmission first heard was Morse Code for the letter, "S".

W0M, is the call sign for the special event. It would be acceptable for phone operators to abandon the ICAO phonetic alphabet just this once for "wireless zero Marconi":>)

The event will be held on December 13th and 14th. We are working on an electronic certificate that can be sent by SEMARC operators to those stations they contact. Please watch the SEMARC website and NAOL's Sunday bulleting for more information.

The event was initially intended to be a club operation at Fire Station #3 but has been altered to be an event by operators at their own stations using the special event call sign, consistent with their licensed privileges.

PROGRAMS

Only one more program for the Club this year, in November....

An ARISS presentation by Tanya Anderson, ARISS-USA Director of Education. Hopefully, a few insights that the Club can use in its own educational outreach activities. Thanks to K0JDD for taking the lead on this. John continues to work with Tanya to shape the presentation.

As in the past, no member meeting in December, but the annual meeting in January. Please consider volunteering to help set programs for the new year. Club leadership is always prepared to lean on member suggestions and connections to deliver informative and enjoyable programs. If you have an express desire to have a hands-on technical program, just share your idea with any Board member or K0JDD or N0UC.

Periodic Opportunities to Meet, Participate and Socialize

With an increase in seasonal activities, including contests and special event stations occurring this fall, will pick up on the bands...and hopefully at SEMARC. That includes all the SEMARC nets, training sessions, and operating events. To plan your fall/early winter activities, check the SEMARC website. For those new or less experienced in the hobby...and would like to join an

individual member or help organize an operating session at Fire Station #3, please let any Board member know.

I know, I know.... sometimes we can't plan our operating calendars and just take advantage of "free" time. NAOL does a great job of reminding everyone of their opportunities with the Sunday morning bulletin.

Websites recommended by Division Director ACOW, at the October Meeting

HOA bills www.send-a-letter.org?hoa

Year of the Club www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club

Trident DXCC Award www.arrl.org/dxcc-trident-award

Radio Alpha, the ARRL online museum, follow www.arrl.org/arrl-museum-museum-and-research-library

Member Profiles

The editor regrets that he has a couple of profiles not yet written, highlighting the path to ham radio and the interests of some of our newer members. We'll pick that up in the Holiday Edition or on the new year. For now,

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