

ARRL ROANOKE DIVISION REPORT
JANUARY, 2019

The second half of 2018 was busy in the Roanoke Division. Former Roanoke Division Director Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, and Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, covered the following hamfests on behalf of ARRL:

July 28	Western Carolina Hamfest, Waynesville, NC #*
August 24-26	West Virginia State Convention, Jackson's Mill, WV *
August 31-Sept. 2	NC Section Convention, Shelby Hamfest, Shelby, NC *
September 8	Virginia Section Convention, Virginia Beach, VA *
October 6	Rock Hill Hamfest, Rock Hill, SC +
October 27	Beachfest, Conway, SC +
November 18	JARSfest, Benson, NC #

*ARRL forum was held

+ attended only by Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ

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ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, was the keynote speaker at the West Virginia State Convention.

At the July, 2018 board meeting, directors voted to bestow the 2018 Hiram Percy Maxim Award to Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, of Cana, Virginia. The Maxim Award is ARRL's recognition of a licensed operator under the age of 21 who exhibits exceptional qualities of leadership and serves as an inspiration for other youth. While her home QTH is in the Old Dominion state, Ruth is attending college in Michigan and has been working through an internship program in Georgia. Her plaque and \$1,500. honorarium were given to her in Georgia, at her request, by Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK.

The winner of ARRL's 2018 Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award was Gordon Mooneyhan, W4EGM, of Myrtle Beach, SC. Members of ARRL's Public Relations Committee selected Gordon as this year's recipient based on his multiyear body of work in traditional and social media as an appointed ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO) for the northeastern South Carolina area. Gordon was presented his plaque at a ceremony held during the regular monthly meeting of the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club in Myrtle Beach on December 3.

Incorporating Amateur Radio into STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is very active in the Roanoke Division. On October 8, students from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Virginia talked to astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) through the ARISS program. Teacher Melissa Pore, KM4CZN, orchestrated the event. Her Elmer was Honorary VP and former Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF (SK). Moreover, seven Roanoke Division clubs participated in October's School Club Roundup (SCR). Coming in first in the middle school category was N4SMS, Schofield Middle School in Aiken, SC.

Also participating in this category were K4DMS, DuBose Middle School in Summerville, SC; K4WBM, William Byrd Middle School in Vinton, VA; and KM4LOF, West Stanly Middle School in Locust, NC. William Byrd High School in Vinton, VA operated as WB4HS, and for the first time in many years, Clemson University's station entered the college category as WD4EOG. Finally, students from Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, VA operated in SCR through the auspices of several local Amateur Radio clubs as W4GBH.

Numerous ARES® groups were activated during and after landfall of Hurricane Florence in coastal North and South Carolina on September 14, followed on October 11 by Hurricane Michael in western South Carolina and North Carolina. In the case of Florence, operators worked at state and county Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and at shelters under a model which incorporated FEMA National Incident Management System/Incident Command Structure (NIMS/ICS).

Beginning January 1, the Roanoke Division welcomed George W. (Bud) Hippisley of Penhook, VA as the new Division Director. He defeated incumbent Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, of Aiken, SC. Incumbent Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, of Wilmington, NC, held his office over challenger John Humphrey, W4IM, of Stafford, VA.

Respectfully submitted,

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