

## Central Division Report – July 2018

To

The ARRL Board of Directors

Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA --- Vice Director Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

**Membership Statistics:** The ARRL membership in the Central Division stands at 10,318, which represents a 0.1% decrease of the period, which is an improvement over the previous year's loss of 1.7%. By means of an aggressive representation schedule at hamfests and club meetings we expect the statistics show a growth of membership within the Division by year's end.

**Committee Memberships:** Director Carlson continues to chair the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Committee; he serves as a member of the Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee with liaison responsibility to the OO working group; he serves as a member of the CEO Search Committee, and as a member of the ad-hoc Education Committee. Vice Director Luetzelschwab continues to serve as a member of the EMC Committee.

**Hamfests and Club Meetings;** Both Director Carlson and Vice Director Luetzelschwab have attended a number of hamfests and club meetings. During the Field Day operating event Director Carlson logged 410 road miles visiting 20 Field Day site locations. We had the pleasure to present the Maxim Society Award to the Six Meter Club of Chicago at their 61<sup>st</sup> annual Hamfest in June. Director Carlson reports visiting the following hamfests and club meetings in the first half of 2018;

Jan	6	46 <sup>th</sup> Mid Winter Swapfest	Waukesha, WI
	13	WIARC Winter Banquet	Quincy, IL
Feb	2	Wheaton Comm Radio Amateurs	Wheaton, IL
	6	Hoosier Hills Amateur Radio Club	Bedford, IN
	10	NIDXA	Schaumburg, IL
	17	Duggar (IN) ARC Hamfest	Duggar, IN
	24	Hendricks County ARC Hamfest	Avon, IN
Mar	4	Sterling Rock Falls Hamfest	Rock Falls, IL
	6	McHenry County Wireless	Crystal Lake, IL
	9	Indianapolis DX	Indianapolis, IN
	13	Goshen Amateur Radio Club	Goshen, IN
	20	Motorola Amateur Radio Club	Rolling Meadows, IL
Apr	10	North Shore Radio Club	Highland Park, IL
	13-15	ARRL Administration & Finance	Newington, CT
	18	Milwaukee Repeater Club - 91	Milwaukee, WI
May	5	Arrowhead ARC - Hamfest	Superior, WI
	17-19	Dayton ARA - Hamfest	Xenia, OH
Jun	13	Twin Cities Amateur Radio Club	Champaign, IL
	17	Six Meter Radio Club of Chicago	Wheaton, IL
	21	Bolingbrook Amat Radio Society	Bolingbrook, IL
	23-24	Field Day - Site Visits	<20 locations>
Jul	14	Indiana ARRL State Convention	Indianapolis, IN
	15	Kankakee Amateur Radio Society	Peotone, IL

**Field Day 2018:** The Central Division experienced great weather for the Field Day weekend with fair weather with moderate temperatures. Notable among the Field Day adventures reported was that of the Hamfesters Radio Club, W9AA, who at 9AM Saturday morning were required to find a new site for their operations; by 11AM they had relocated to a site 5 miles from the original planned location and had all stations operating. They even served lunch to their entire crew before the start. This was truly a testament that the Field Day spirit is well and alive. Director Carlson was able to visit twenty Field Day sites during the weekend and he would like to thank the members of the following groups for their gracious hospitality;

- **KD9KUV Friends of Amateur Radio Group** Park Forest, IL
- **W9VT Tri Town Radio Amateur's Club** Hazel Crest, IL
- **WB9IRL Illinois Radio League** New Lenox, IL
- **W9SRC W9SRC STARS** Homer Glen, IL
- **W9AA Hamfesters Radio Club** Worth, IL
- **K9ONA Six Meter Club of Chicago** Hinsdale , IL
- **K9BAR Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society** Bolingbrook, IL
- **W9SW Chicago Suburban Radio Association** North Riverside, IL
- **W9DUP DuPage Amateur Radio Club** Elmhurst, IL
- **W9YRC York Radio Club** Elmhurst, IL
- **AB9YC Blazing Paddles Field Day Team** Streamwood, IL
- **N9RJV Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club** Schaumburg, IL
- **W9D Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs (WCRA)** Wheaton, IL
- **W9NE Fox River Relay League (FRRL)** St. Charles, IL
- **NS9RC North Shore Radio Club** Lake Forest, IL
- **K9IQP Lake County IL RACES/ARES** Libertyville, IL
- **K9SA Suburban UHF Amateur Repeater Society** Wauconda, IL
- **W9VB McHenry County Grid Rats** Crystal Lake, IL
- **K9ESV McHenry County RACES/ARES** Woodstock, IL
- **K9RN McHenry County Wireless Association** Harvard, IL

**Conventions:** The Central Division has scheduled, for the last half of 2018, two ARRL State Conventions, a Specialty Operating Convention and the *first* ARRL Central Division Convention in over 30 years. We hope you will consider joining us at one of these events !

- **Indiana State Convention** Mike Cory K11U Indianapolis IN July 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>
- **W9DXCC DX Convention** Dan Henderson N1ND Schaumburg, IL Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Wisconsin State Convention** Milwaukee, WI Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Division Convention** ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR Fort Wayne, IN Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup>

**Vice Director Luetzelschwab** reports that during the first half of the year he attended 4 ham fests and gave 6 presentations mostly about solar and propagation issue (a couple via Skype to radio clubs throughout the world and in-person at Dayton and other clubs). He also visited the Ft Wayne Radio Club Field site and the Whitley County ARC Field Day site. Vice Director Luetzelschwab presented the Maxim Award to a Central Division member of the Ft Wayne Radio Club, and he also operated as a 1B entry in Field Day. During the second half of the year, his plans so far include presentations at 2 ham club

meetings, attending several ham fests and presenting at several ham radio events (the W9DXCC Convention, the Great Lakes Convention, Pacificon, the Ft Wayne Central Division Convention and possibly the RSGB Convention). Carl continues his work as a CW Advisor with CW Operators Club, and encountered another student with high enough noise in his apartment complex to make the student's first HF CW on-the-air QSO extremely difficult.

**Central Division Section Elections:** The biennial ARRL Section Manager elections resulted in the retention of two Section Managers. Mr. Ron Morgan AD9I, of East Peoria, Illinois and Mr. Patrick Moretti KA1RB, of Dousman, Wisconsin who both ran unopposed and were declared elected. Mr. Jimmy Merry of Ellettsville, Indiana was declared elected after a tight race against Mr. Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Incumbent Indiana Section Manager Mr. Brent Walls, N9BA of Indianapolis had decided not to seek another term after leading the Indiana Field Organization since July 2016. Mr. Walls leaves behind as his legacy a very well run and active Indiana Field Organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

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