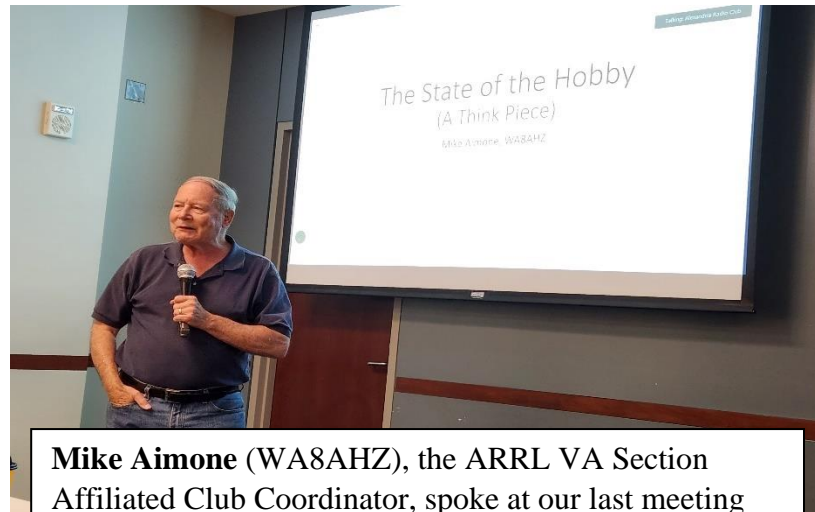




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The Newsletter of the Alexandria Radio Club
November 2023

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Mike Aimone (WA8AHZ), the ARRL VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, spoke at our last meeting about “The State of the Hobby.”

Member News

Welcome New Members

Eric R. Kimble II (no call sign), **Samudra Haque** (N3RDX), **William Crocket** (no call sign), **Ben Abramson** (KC3EGG), **Micha Albert** (KE8ZHC).

President's Corner

Don (KI4D)

The November 10th meeting of the Alexandria Radio Club is the annual business meeting during which elections are held. In accordance with club bylaws Article VIII, Section 8.01(a): "At the November meeting each year the Club membership shall elect four officers and three at-large directors from members: the officers shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. These four officers and the elected directors shall constitute the Board of Directors." This year, the four officers and two Board of Directors are up for election. The By-Laws require that all four officers be licensed amateurs and that the President be licensed for at least two years prior to taking office. The individual nominees on the ballot will be publicized prior to the meeting. Nominations may also take place from the floor at the meeting. It is highly encouraged that every club member vote in this election because the outcome will shape the very nature of club governance, the club's focus in the future, and the quality of club programs going forward. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE IN-PERSON VOTING.

In early October, the seven-member club Board voted to forward for consideration and voting a proposal for tax-exempt status for the club. Some issues of alarm were raised about "board compensation" in the proposed revisions to the club's articles of incorporation. The most important thing for every club member to know is that the IRS would never approve a tax-exempt application for any organization that permits "compensation" for officers or board members for performing their board duties; moreover, if a tax-exempt organization is found to compensate officers or board members for their duties, the IRS would immediately revoke their tax-exempt status because it is a direct violation of IRS rules. Therefore, the Board's proposed revised articles conform with IRS rules and does not provide for "board compensation." The proposal has been on hold pending results from a tax-exempt study committee established to further investigate tax-exempt status issues. **Joe Porcelli** (KT3I) was appointed as Committee Chair.

The Vienna Wireless Society (VWS) celebrated its 60th Anniversary this year; the celebration took place at a dinner event held on October 21 at the American Legion Patriot Hall in Vienna, VA. The event offered a perfect opportunity for cooperation between Alexandria Radio Club and VWS. This is because a special connection between Alexandria Radio Club and VWS was formed 60 years ago, when Alexandria Radio Club member **Lynn C. Wilson** (W4JHD), SK, was the guest speaker at a meeting of Alexandria Radio Club members in Vienna to form VWS. In recognition of Lynn's leadership in forming VWS, VWS selected Lynn's son, Alexandria Radio Club Life Member **Jim Wilson** (K4BAV) to be the guest speaker at their 60th Anniversary dinner event. Both Jim and his father are Life Members of Alexandria Radio Club. I had the privilege and honor of introducing Jim Wilson's XYL, **Becky Wilson**, and Jim. VWS dinner attendees extended a very warm welcome to all Alexandria Radio Club attendees at the event. Lynn's devotion to Alexandria Radio Club and ham radio for many years beginning in the early 1950s led to Jim Wilson literally growing up in Alexandria Radio Club; it truly was a family affair. Jim remembers that his mother, **Lucille Wilson**, would host club members with Krispy Crème donuts and coffee at every meeting. Jim also remembers that one

dozen donuts were only 99 cents. During his remarks, Jim told many stories about his father, but most notably he said that his father was his “hero and role model.”



(Left) At the Vienna Wireless Society’s (VWS) 60th Anniversary Dinner, Alexandria Radio Club President **Don Lewis** (KI4D) (r.) introduced **Jim Wilson** (K4BAV), whose father helped found the VWS. (Right) Jim, who is also a Life Member of ARC, shared many memories about the early days of both clubs.



Enjoying the dinner with Don Lewis (KI4D) were ARC members **Jan Maas** (KB2LRX) (left photo), **Joe Izaguirre** (KO4QQX), and **Paul Cataldo** (KQ4LJS) (right photo, center and right).

The 48th Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) was held on October 29, 2023. Like so many other hams in the DC/Metro area, I have been proud to serve every year as a ham radio operator to provide “eye and ears” on the 26.2-mile course. Also like many others, I serve at the same point on the course as in previous years, which provides a level of experience on the course as an advantage. Service as a ham radio operator for the MCM is not only fun, but also allows hams to practice directed net procedures, and to verify readiness of their radio gear for support of public emergencies or disasters. The MCM shirt provided to participating hams is a popular tradition that hams look forward to every year.

The October 13th meeting of the Alexandria Radio Club featured “The State of our Hobby” by **Mike Aimone** (WA8AHZ). Mike is the ARRL VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator. Mike was first licensed in 1961 in Detroit Michigan, and was an active ham through college at Michigan Technological University, and the Huskey Amateur Radio Club, W8YY. Upon graduation from college in 1970, he became an inactive ham until his retirement from Federal Civil Service in 2016. Mike restarted the hobby of his youth in retirement and enjoys DXing and contesting.

If you have an idea for a “how-to” presentation or discussion for the monthly club Ham workshop, please send me a note and we will try to work it in.

Don Lewis (KI4D)

Next Meeting

Will be held at 7 p.m., **Friday, November 10**, at the Alexandria Police Department Emergency Operations Center Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue. **The election of Club Officers is the main agenda item. Only in-person voting is allowed.**

Last Meeting

Date: October 13, 2023

Time: 1900 hours

Location: Zoom and In-Person at APD Community Room, Wheeler Lane

Minutes – [In the absence of the Secretary, the following meeting recap is provided by the Club President.]

The October meeting featured a talk by **Mike Aimone** (WA8AHZ) on “The State of our Hobby.” Mike is the ARRL VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator and is a member of the Vienna Wireless Association (VWS). He made the case for clubs to engage with hams who are licensed but are not active; and for clubs to work together on efforts to connect with those hams to bring them back into hobby.

The appointment of **Joe Porcelli** (KT3I) as Committee Chair of the Tax-exempt Study Committee to further investigate tax-exempt status for the club was discussed. No further action will be taken on the tax-exempt matter until the committee’s work is finished. During discussions about a tax-exempt status, Mike Aimone provided some insights into how well VWS operates as a tax-exempt club that were positive in nature, and helpful.

Alexandria Radio Club’s participation in the **60th Anniversary Celebration of the Vienna Wireless Society** will take place on October 21st. Sixty years ago, 20 members of the Alexandria Radio Club founded VWS because of distant travel required from rural Vienna for meetings and events held in Alexandria. The celebration will feature Jim

Wilson (K4BAV), the son of Lynn Wilson (K4DHB), as a guest speaker. Lynn Wilson helped to organize VWS. Both Jim and Lynn are Life Members of Alexandria Radio Club.

Election of the club’s 2024 President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and any open Director’s seats will take place at the November 10th meeting. Nominations for 2024 officers should be submitted to the Nominating Committee Co-chairs, **Sandy Kenyon** (KQ4DNE) and **Gary Sessums** (KC5QCN).

It is important to note that voting in this election requires in-person attendance at the meeting.

Attendance (29)

Name	Call Sign
Jan	KB2LRX
Luciano	KB1TZN
Ryan	KO4EBY
Tim	KQ4LQF
RT	WA4ZJK
Sandy	KQ4DNE
Bob	KM4TZZ
Sean	K4K BK

Mike	WA8AHZ
Scott	KM4RDR
William	KM4K LK
Bjorn	KC3A O O
Andrew	KI4THF
Jack	KE7VOU
Rich	KA4GFY
Rick	N4ASX
Heath	WE3B

Don	KI4D
Richard	KW4UJ
Gary	KC5QCN
Luci	KQ4JGJ
Bryan	WD4ADF
Micha	KE8ZHC
Howie	KQ4LEW
Ted	W9TCE
Tom	KJ4FUU

Robert	KO4ZIK
Jim	W4YUE
Joseph	KQ4Q QX

ARES

Rick (N4ASX)

The big event this month was not strictly ARES, but public service and that was the **Marine Corps Marathon**. One hundred and eighteen amateurs provided support and I believe it was highly successful. I will go through the list and see who from our club volunteered. But thanks to all who did. Great day, great weather, and all sounded like things went well.

73, **Rick Bunn**, N4ASX, ARES EC

Activities and Events

Training –

Our class began on **October 3** and will conclude **December 5**, with a testing session.

Veterans Day and other Special Events

- **Nov 5–11, Air Force MARS 75 Years, 0001Z-2359Z, W1A-K***, All USA. Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System. Technician and General portion of the 80-10 meter bands; SSB, CW, and digital modes. Certificate. See website, for e-certificate, information. Call signs W1A through W1K, K4AF, and KE6UEU. See website for updates on bands and modes, and how to receive a certificate. <https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years>
- **Nov 11, Commemorating US Marine Corps Birthday (11/10/1775) and Veterans Day, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 PSK31 DSTAR on Papa system repeaters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.grz.com/db/ni6iw
- **Nov 11, National Liberty Ship Day: Honoring All That Served, 0200Z-0800Z, K8JWB**, Baltimore, MD. Radio Club SS John W Brown. 14.250 MHz 7.225 MHz 21.300 MHz. Certificate. Project Liberty Ship, Inc, P. O. Box 25846, Baltimore, MD 21224-0846. Celebrating all those that served operating, protecting, and building the 2710 WW2 Liberty Ships including the Merchant Marine, Navy Armed Guard, and Shipbuilders including Rosie the Riveters. Mail QSL Card, self-addressed envelope along with required postage to: PROJECT LIBERTY SHIP BALTIMORE INC PO BOX 25846 BALTIMORE, MD 21224-0846 ssjohnwbrown.org
- **Nov 11, Veterans Day, 1800Z-2100Z, N3TAL**, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 Radio Team. 7.275Mhz +/- LSB. QSL. American Legion Post 275 ART Team, 8201 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy, Glenarden, MD. n3tal275@gmail.com
- **Nov 18, 1st Transatlantic Ham Radio OSO (1923), 1400Z-2200Z, K3S**, Baltimore, MD. Nuclear Ship Savannah ARC. 7 14 21 28. QSL. ULIS FLEMING, 980 Patuxent Road, Odenton, MD 21113. Operating from the ship. Please check the spotting networks since we may be operating anywhere on 40, 20, 15, or 10m SSB or CW. grz.com/db/k3s
- **Dec 1-Dec 11, Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration, 1300Z-2200Z, W2W**, Hunt Valley, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. 14.241 14.041 7.241 7.041. Certificate & QSL. K3NY, 108 Brent, Arnold, MD 21012. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum (ARCNEM) will operate W2W in commemoration of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and the role of electronics in WWII. If the Museum station is not available, operators may operate from their home stations. Primary operation will be Dec 1-Dec 7 with additional operation possible during the Dec 8-Dec 11 period as operator availability permits. Operation on 80M (3.541, 3.841) and digital modes possible during event. Frequencies +/- according to QRM. QSL and Certificate available via SASE; details at ww-2.us ww-2.us

PLEASE USE OUR REPEATERS

Club Repeaters: 147.315 (PL 107.2), 444.6 (PL107.2), 224.82 (PL107.2), 53.13 (PL107.2) 927.6 (-25Mhz, PL107.2), and 1282.600 (PL 107.2), DSTAR 145.38Mhz, 442.060, and 1284. DMR IS UP AND RUNNING 442.4125 +5Mhz Color Code 1.

Alexandria Radio Club mailing list

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Help: <http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm>

Post: <mailto:AlexandriaRadioClub@mailman.qth.net>

This list hosted by: <http://www.qsl.net>

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An “Alexandria Radio Club Current Membership” Google Group has been established for internal club discussions by “active” club members. This is a private group established to promote internal club member communications among members of Alexandria Radio Club who are current with their club dues, and are therefore entitled to full membership privileges and benefits.

Invitations to join this list have been sent to “active” members, based on those current with 2023 club dues as reflected with the Club Treasurer. If you have paid club dues for 2023 and have not received an invitation to the Google Group, please send a note to Don Lewis KI4D so that the situation can be corrected soonest. A few email addresses have bounced.

Club Leadership

Elected Officers for 2023*

Don Lewis, KI4D—President
Sean Gallagher, K4KBK—Vice President
Carol Myers, KN4LLL—Secretary
Erik Misavage, KI4BXU—Treasurer

Elected Board of Directors, At Large*

Ian Keith, N8IK
Bob Crumley, KO4ZIK
Jason Palma, WA6MPR

* Voting members of the leadership group are the elected officers and elected directors.

Committee Chairmen

Joe Izaguirre, KO4QQX—Membership
Jan Maas, KB2LRX—Public Information
Officer (PIO)
Gary Sessums, KC5QCN—Club Metro
Area Liaison

**Advisory Group of Past Presidents &
Officers**

Harry Jones, N4CWP (Lifetime Member)

Rich Adamy, KA4GFY (Lifetime
Member)
Rick Bunn, N4ASX (Lifetime Member)
Jim Stone, W4YUE
Marshall DeBerry, KI4MWP (Lifetime
Member)
Tom Kirby, KJ4FUU
Larry Walker, K4LDW
Monica Wilson, KC2IAY
Richard Morani, KW4UJ
Ted Einersen, W9TCE

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