

From the Section Manager's Shack

Delaware Section,

As I step into the role of the ARRL Delaware Section Manager, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who supported me during the election process. A special thank you goes to the outgoing Section Manager, John Ferguson, K3PFW, for his dedicated service to the section.

Throughout the election process, I had the privilege of speaking with many radio operators, both league members and non-members, who shared their thoughts on various topics. I want you to know that your concerns have been heard, and I am committed to addressing them. Communication emerged as a common theme, and to facilitate improved dialogue, I have created the ARRL Delaware Section reflector on groups.io. This platform will serve as a hub for section-wide communication among radio operators and between operators and section staff. You can find the reflector at <https://groups.io/g/ARRLDelawareSection>.

As Section Manager I am pleased to introduce the ARRL Delaware Section Staff for 2024:

- Joe Grib, KI3B, Assistant Section Manager
- Wendy Horn, W3NRN, Section Emergency Coordinator
- Marty Brett, AD3J, DEMA Radio Officer/DVOAD Coordinator
- Dave Scott, KC3BEJ, NCC Emergency Coordinator
- Joseph Farnan, KB3PTM, Wilmington Emergency Coordinator
- John DiGiovani, N3LUD, Christiana CARES Emergency Coordinator
- Jim Moore, KC3BTV, Kent Emergency Coordinator
- Jim Baker, N3XKJ, Sussex Emergency Coordinator
- James Tracy, KC3JJS, SHOC Emergency Coordinator
- Pat Ryan, KW3Z, State Government Liaison
- John Low, K3JL, Section Traffic Manager
- Chris Cote, KE5NJ, Section Youth Coordinator

Our dedicated section staff members have diverse experience, not only in league activities but also in emergency communications and contesting. They will be visiting clubs in the coming months, so please take the opportunity to introduce yourself.

Emergency Communications is a primary focus, and our Section Staff will be updating both county and section Emergency Operations Plans, along with the Emergency Reference Sheets, before the 2024 Hurricane Season. You can find a new DELMARVA frequency list on the section reflector in the files section, providing a valuable resource for radio programming. Additionally, the FCC has removed the outdated baud rate on HF, allowing Pactor 4 usage starting 08 JAN 24 - a significant upgrade for the EmComm community. An asserted effort will be placed on expanding/upgrading the Delaware State 2m analog linking system. Having statewide communications is essential for us to have a prepared section.

Assistant Section Manager Joe Grib, KI3B, successfully ran the Section's Volunteer's On The Air Event as W1AW/3. Kudos to all stations representing Delaware, making over 1200 contacts and accumulating over 14k points.

I extend a warm welcome to new/upgrading amateurs in our community:

- KB3ZIK Carmine Annone III Wilmington
- KC3BGU George Segeda Newark
- KC3WZR Sarah Bucic Wilmington
- KC3YAS Anne Kurtz Ocean View
- KB3KRJ Christopher Sanger Wilmington
- KC3BPL Colin Van Every Wilmington
- KB3ZOP Eric Remington Newark

- KC3YDD Michael Miles Laurel
- KC3YDX Michael Faulkner Felton
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January brings not only a change in weather but also several contests, including Kid's Day on January 6 and the VHF Contest from January 20-22. For details on all contests, visit the ARRL website.

In closing, I want to emphasize my open contact policy. Please feel free to call, email, or text me with any questions. I am eager to work with each of you over the next two years to enrich our shared hobby.

73,
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