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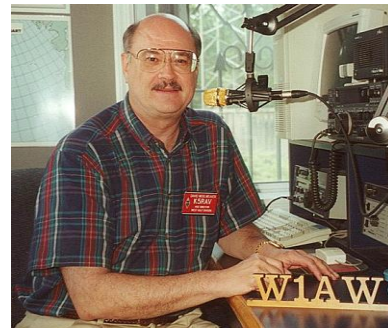
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### From the Directors Chair



Greetings from the unseasonably cold Rio Grande Valley! While the Division weather might be unpredictable, what is certain is that we are entering the height

of the hamfest season. Amateur Radio Fiesta and Cowtown kicked off 2014 in January, and there are no less than eight (8) events in the next forty-five (45) days throughout the Division. Please be sure to consult the Planned Events section and plan your hamfest excursions now.

N5AUS and I were pleased to begin our new term by representing the West Gulf Division at the Annual ARRL Board Meeting in Connecticut in January. The air of excitement about the ARRL Centennial year is growing and you want to be sure to make your plans now to attend the Centennial/National Convention in Hartford this July. The WGD newsletter will continue to bring you up to date information regarding the National as well as the Delta/West Gulf Region Centennial to be held at HamCom in June.

As we all know, today's youth are tomorrow's amateurs. This is why I was so pleased that State and all Division conventions in 2013 promoted Scouting during their events. The Section Managers and WGD Leadership hope that this trend continues. You can help encourage youth

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into this great service by greeting them at hamfests/conventions and by participating in ARRL Youth sponsored events such as School Round Up. As we speak, School Round Up is in full swing; you can find the details on page 3. The WGD school youth clubs have always had an excellent showing in the School Round Up contests; please make some time to share a contact with these great kids so that they may continue to excel.

Finally, I remind you that we are accepting nominations for the 2014 WGD Awards. All too often, amateurs do great things and are not recognized for their efforts. This is your opportunity to sing the praises of your friend and/or your club and let everyone know about their accomplishments. Full details can be found on below and the Awards will be presented at HamCom.

See you at the Hamfests!  
73  
K5RAV

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## WGD Annual Award Nominations

It is time to start working on your submissions for the WG 2014 Divisional Awards which will be presented at the ARRL Regional Centennial Convention at HamCom in June. Nominations for 2014 Award Winners will be accepted until April 15, 2014. [Nomination forms](#) for each nominee (by category) must be supported by at least three ARRL members on the award nomination form, a minimum 150-word statement and any available supporting documentation. Other rules do apply and can be found on the nomination forms.

The Division Awards judging panel consists of four (4) ARRL members, selected by each of the Section Managers in North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and West Texas Sections. The Section Manager may opt to appoint his/herself to the committee. The fifth judge



is selected by the Division Director and may reside anywhere within the West Gulf Division. Neither the Division Director nor the Vice Director will participate in the vote.

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## ARRL Centennial Celebrations



Registrations for the [ARRL National Centennial](#) in Hartford and the [West Gulf/Delta Division Regional Centennial](#) Celebrations in Plano are now available on-line. Start your planning now by bookmarking these two great events for regular updates!



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## WG Special Event Station Success

On Sunday, January 19, 2014, Director Woolweaver and Vice Director Stratton operated W1AW in Newington, CT with the Special Event Station call sign, W100AW. That day, aided by ARRL Regulatory information Manager, Dan Henderson N1ND, David and John Robert collectively made 670 contacts. In the past “CQ West Gulf Division” events they garnered on average 230 contacts – but choose to operate “contest style” this time because of this being the first weekend operation of W100AW.

Lessons were learned with the call list registration, but all 160+ registrants had their

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call sign called a minimum of five (5) times on multiple frequencies (15 and 20 meters) and the majority of

folks who registered did make contact with W100AW that day.

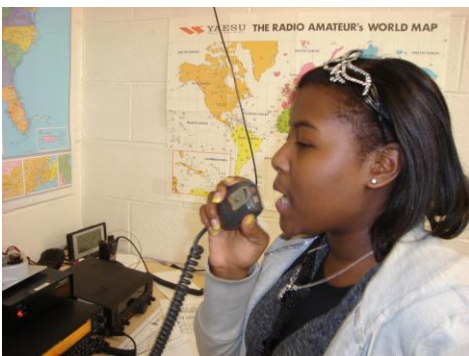
Thank you to everyone who participated and especially N1ND who graciously agreed to share his Sunday and open the W1AW facility! The Division Leadership will look forward to working more stations during the [Centennial QSO Party](#).

## School Round Up Time

School Club Roundup is all this week February 10-14th. School Clubs may operate up to 6 hours per day for a total of 24 for the entire week.

Although the big prize is school (multiplier of 5 points) contacts, club contacts have a multiplier of 2, and individuals have a contact of 1. But all points add up and can make for a big score for any youth organization/club.

Hear some young voices? That is probably not little Billy playing on dad's radio. Most likely it is a student at a school being supervised by a teacher. Jump in, give them a contact and find some more. Please be positive in your comments, and encourage that student to keep up the good work and tell him/her that they are doing great. After all, they are only kids. If you hear a voice in the background; that is probably the local volunteer assisting the student operators. Scholarships are available for



licensed students from the ARRL, and many of these kids can benefit from those and the life

lessons that come along with Amateur Radio.

Anyone who participates can submit a log, even individuals sitting at home. WGD is fortunate to have several schools participating in this bi-annual event. Remember that most school stations are barefoot and have modest antenna systems. If a school is on a net frequency, let them know a few minutes ahead of time. Let them know about the net and see if something (most will accommodate) can be worked out, regardless, make sure you give them a contact and encourage your net members to do the same. Please, please, help those school clubs out if you can. You may not be "cool" to your kids or grandkids, but undoubtedly you will be "super cool" to someone else's.

Submitted, by Paul Goulet, KC5CYY

## HamCom Presenter/Volunteer Call



HamCom, the Delta/West Gulf Division Regional Centennial Convention is now accepting registrations for those who wish to do forum presentations in Plano. Available forum space is limited and you are strongly encouraged to submit your proposed program early.

Additionally, you may receive free admission to the event and the HamCom collectable hat, by volunteering a few hours of your convention time to the event. Volunteers are used to in a variety of different ways at HamCom and they appreciate the generosity of your time.

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You may register on-line by using the following links:

[HamCom Presentation Registration](#)

[HamCom Volunteer Registration](#)

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## Notable from the January Board Meeting

President Kay Craigie, N3KN was elected for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term of President. The Board also re-elected First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR, to a new two-year term. ARRL Northwestern Division Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, was elected Second Vice President to succeed incumbent Bruce Frahm, K0BJ. Also elected to new two-year terms were International Affairs Vice President Jay Bellows, K0QB, and Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM.



We are pleased to report that Director Woolweaver was again nominated by his peers and retained his seat on the ARRL Executive

Committee. As provided for in Item 40 of the [ARRL Bylaws](#), the Executive Committee monitors the ARRL's business in between board meetings, evaluates regulatory and proposed Rules for the Board, assists staff and General Counsel on FCC, other governmental and international agency petitions as well as performs other tasks as identified in the Bylaws. Director Woolweaver is now in his 4<sup>th</sup> term as an Executive Committee Member.

Additionally, Director Woolweaver continues to serve as the Chair of the Program and Services' Sub Committee on Education and, as a Board member of the ARRL Foundation.

The official [Minutes](#) to the January Board Meeting are now available in PDF format.

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## Planned ARRL Events for K5RAV and N5AUS

Director Woolweaver, K5RAV and Vice Director Stratton, N5AUS plan to attend the following upcoming events:

### K5RAV

- Green County Hamfest, West Gulf Division Convention, March 7-8<sup>th</sup>, Claremore, OK
- 59<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest, West Texas Section Convention, March 15, Midland, TX
- Greater Houston Hamfest, South Texas Section Convention, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rosenberg, TX
- Executive Committee Meeting, March 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Louis, MO

### N5AUS

- Orange Hamfest 2014, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Orange, TX
- Green County Hamfest, West Gulf Division Convention, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Claremore, OK
- 59<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest, West Texas Section Convention, March 15, Midland, TX
- Belton HamExpo, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Belton, TX

ARRL Convention and Hamfest events are a great place to visit with the Division and Section Leadership! Each event will also include an ARRL forum where you can receive additional insight into Division and Section matters.

At anytime that you have a concern or just want to say hello, contact Director Woolweaver at [K5RAV@arrl.org](mailto:K5RAV@arrl.org).



## Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

### 02/22/2014 | Orange Hamfest 2014

**Location:** Orange, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC

**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

### 03/01/2014 | 25th Elk City Hamfest

**Location:** Elk City, OK

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** West Central Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club

### 03/01/2014 | Irving ARC Hamfest 2014

**Location:** Irving, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Irving Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.irvingarc.org/iarchamfest.html>

### 03/07/2014 | West Gulf Division Convention (Green Country Hamfest)

**Location:** Claremore, OK

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Green Country Hamfest Committee

**Website:** <http://greencountryhamfest.org>

### 03/08/2014 | Williamson County ARC Hamfest

**Location:** Georgetown, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://wcarc.com>

### 03/15/2014 | West Texas Section Convention (59th Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest)

**Location:** Midland, TX

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Midland Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://hamfest.w5qgg.org>

### 03/22/2014 | South Texas Section Convention (Greater Houston Hamfest)

**Location:** Rosenberg, TX

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC)

**Website:** <http://houstonhamfest.org>

### 03/29/2014 | HamEXPO

**Location:** Belton, TX

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Temple Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://tarc.org>

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## Contact Your Leadership

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