



WELCOME TO THE

# ARRL-ROANOKE DIVISION

North Carolina · South Carolina · Virginia · West Virginia



Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ

**G**reetings and Happy New Year! I wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022 ahead. Not only is it a new year, but also a new term of office for Roanoke Division officers. Vice Director Bill Morine,

N2COP, and I will be

representing through 2025 the almost 12,700 ARRL members in the four sections which make up the Roanoke Division – North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. I am a practicing physician, so most folks call me “Dr. Jim.”

Many of you may recall I served as Roanoke Division Director from 2015-2018 and was the Division’s Vice Director before that from 2010-2015. Prior to that time, I served as South Carolina Section Manager from 2003-2009. After serving as an ARRL elected representative for 16 straight years, it was quite an adjustment for me to no longer serve in that capacity. However, while I was out of office for three years, I retained a good grasp on the issues affecting the thousands of Hams in our region and am ready to “hit the ground running.” I am very pleased and thankful to return as your ARRL board representative.

For those who voted for me in the Roanoke Division Director election, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those who didn’t, I hope that I can gain your confidence over the next three years.

We all should take a moment to thank my predecessor Bud Hippisley, W2RU, for his service. Pandemic restrictions limited much of his personal appearances while in office, but in conjunction with many clubs and organizations, the Roanoke Division’s leadership reached out to many members through videoconferencing. Bud also spearheaded the movement to revitalize how ARRL

approaches public service and emergency communications. The reorganization he began is at the front end of the process, but he left a foundation upon which we can build to make ARRL’s efforts in this arena once again dependable and effective.

I also wish to thank one of my other challengers in the election, Marv Hoffman WA4NC, North Carolina Section Manager. Within a few minutes after the election results were known, he reached out and offered to me any help I needed in my role as Director. I have already taken him up on his offer, and I thank him for his knowledge and experience.

We are beginning to see encouraging signs of in-person meetings starting again. *(On the next page of this newsletter is a list of clubs which have filed to hold in-person hamfests, most of which had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021.)* You can count on us to be staffing the ARRL table at those hamfests designated as section, state, and division conventions, and to be speaking at the ARRL forums on issues affecting you. We will work closely with leadership in your sections to ensure that matters which impact you will be addressed.

ARRL’s Washington counsel recently delivered some encouraging news – as part of her recent confirmation hearings to become Chairwoman of the FCC, Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel made a commitment to Connecticut U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal that she will address many outstanding issues affecting Amateur Radio. In addition, a fulltime person dedicated to Amateur Radio has reportedly been hired, filling a vacancy left open for many years.

Meanwhile, Solar Cycle 25 keeps improving steadily, with the Solar Flux Index hitting a new high of almost 140 just before Christmas. All these signs point to better times ahead. Above all, we are grateful for your being an ARRL member. It costs an average of 13 cents per day to be an ARRL member, a negligible amount to get the most out of one of the greatest hobbies/services around. Bill and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the years ahead.

‘73 de Dr. Jim N2ZZ, Roanoke Division Director

Bill Morine N2COP, Roanoke Division Vice Director



## UPCOMING HAMFESTS IN THE ROANOKE DIVISION

Friday & Saturday, March 11 & 12, 2022

### **Charlotte Hamfest**

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center - Gold Hall, 4751 Highway 49, Concord, NC 28025

Website: <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.655

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Saturday, March 19, 2022

### **Charleston Hamfest, the West Virginia Section Convention**

Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, WV 25301

Website: [w8gk.org](http://w8gk.org)

Talk-In Freq: 145.35 91.5 PL

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Sunday, March 27, 2022

### **Winterfest, the ARRL Virginia Section Convention**

Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

Website: <https://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/>

Talk-In: 146.685 MHz Repeater (neg offset, 110.9Hz CTCSS)

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Saturday, April 16, 2022

### **RARSfest—the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention**

North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh, NC 27601

Website: <https://www.rarsfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.640, no tone



**Attention Club Officers.** Please be sure your club's listing on ARRL's website is up to date, especially if you have changed officers in the past year. It's important to keep this information current so prospective members and those interested in your club can find you and how to contact someone. Updates only take a few minutes. Go to: <http://www.arrl.org/club-update>



**Looking forward to seeing you at  
a hamfest or working you on the  
air in 2022**

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