

Report of the Historical Committee
July 2011 meeting – ARRL Board

The Historical Committee (HC) cares for and administers the ARRL's considerable collection of photographs, preserved documents and donated artifacts. Most of these are located in a caged area on the 2nd floor of the League's offices in Newington, Connecticut, and many of the artifacts are displayed in the foyer and first floor hallway.

Until February 24, 2011, the care and cataloging of the collection was provided by the part-time services of Perry Williams, W1UED, Curator, and the volunteers, Charles Griffen, W1GYR and Mike Marinaro, WN1M. Both, Perry William, W2UED and Charles Griffen, W1GYR, officially retired on February 24, 2011. Mike Marinaro, WN1M continues as the lone volunteer in the department, however, he has been away on medical leave. Mike returned on June 13.

Principal ongoing focus has been on the system used to "catalog" the archive files which have been partially edited from the original move from the attic. Objectives are to understand the system, determine the extent of the conversion work and prepare a guide for finding documents.

Work has been suspended on the following projects which had been underway:

- Preserving QST photographic prints in cage file cabinet drawers.
- Scanning slide collections.
- Preserving video and movies.
- Development of the FLICKR unofficial ARRL web site for viewing of selected slide collections. This is a pioneering effort and has not been formally acknowledged or publicized.

YASME generously donated funds to purchase a state of the art slide scanner which will be used to batch scan the various remaining slide collections when we return to this project.

Mike has written an article for QST which narrates the history of this committee and our efforts and solicits volunteers. The article has been approved and should appear in the next few months.

The following members currently serve on the Historical Committee:

Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF – Chair
Tom Frenaye, K1KI
Art Goddard, W6XD
Gary Johnston, KI4LA
Mike Marinaro, WN1M
Dick Norton, N6AA
Dave Sumner, K1ZZ

While we do continue to look for volunteers within the organization as well as the surrounding amateur community, our immediate need is for dedicated Administrative support.

Respectfully submitted:

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Chair, ARRL Historical Committee