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An Exclusive Interview with Kay C. Craigie, N3KN *President of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL)*

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In 2014, join ARRL in celebrating 100 years of "*Advancing the Art and Science of Radio.*" Founded in 1914, ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. Today, with more than 160,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. The ARRL is a role model for other amateur radio organizations, especially in the *Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)*, which is a corps of trained amateur radio operator volunteers organized to assist in public service and emergency communications in disasters.

On behalf of the Information and Communication Technology for All Club, we are pleased to extend our congratulations and best wishes to American Radio

Relay League (ARRL) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary and we wish newly-elected ARRL President *Kay Craigie N3KN* continued success and prosperity on the ARRL Board of Directors, which has elected her to a third two-year term as ARRL President.



Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW



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In 18 May 1914 the American Radio Relay League was founded by **Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW** (September 2, 1869 – February 17, 1936), who found that messages could be sent more reliably over long distances if relay stations were organized. *On the centennial occasion of the ARRL, we had the great pleasure of interviewing Kay C. Craigie, N3KN President of the ARRL. She gave this exclusive interview for Thai radio amateurs.*

HS4HNL: **What are you looking towards in the future of the ARRL?**

N3KN: “The ARRL will continue to advance the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio in the 21st century. We will emphasize development of new technology, service to our members, education about radio communications, providing communications during disasters, and advocating for amateur radio to our government’s regulatory agency. Also, *we will cooperate with other national amateur radio societies through the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) to protect and promote the interests of amateur radio all over the world.*”



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HS4HNL: We would like to know about "The ARRL Second Century Campaign"

N3KN: "This campaign is raising money to ensure that the ARRL will be able to pay for the programs and services that amateur radio in the USA will need in the next 100 years. Some ARRL members are able to donate more money than their annual dues and are making contributions to the campaign. The Second Century Campaign hopes to raise \$10,000,000 US, which we will save for the future requirements of the organization. At the present time we have raised about \$6,000,000 US. We are very grateful to the generous amateurs who have contributed to this fund."



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Second Century Campaign Committee¹



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(Seated L to R) Mary Hobart, K1MMH, ARRL Chief Development Officer; David W. Brandenburg, K5RQ, Campaign Chairman; **Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL President** (Standing L to R) Ken Byers, K4TEA; Bob Allphin, K4UEE; Mike Valentine, W8MM; L. Dennis Shapiro, W1UF; Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer; Frank Donovan, W3LPL; Rick Roderick, K5UR (Not pictured) Steve West, W7SMW; Glenn Johnson, WØGJ; Barry Shelley, N1VXY, ARRL Chief Financial Officer

Campaign Information

The vision of the Second Century Campaign :-

Increasing the ARRL Endowment will mean that the organization's financial position will be able to continue its services to members and to Amateur Radio.

The ARRL Second Century Campaign will open a path to passionate involvement in Amateur Radio by new generations, providing opportunities for educational enrichment, community service and personal achievement through the exploration and use of the magic of radio communication.

To launch its second century, ARRL will secure significant financial resources to fund ARRL's permanent commitment to the following objectives:

- Build upon its historic role as a responsive, flexible and progressive organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.
- Organize, promote and manage a national program to offer a 21st century experience to young people as they build skills in scientific and technological discovery through Amateur Radio in a safe competitive and collaborative environment for their curiosity and creativity.
- Enhance Amateur Radio's capacity to serve local, national and global communities by applying and sharing our radio communication skills, technical knowledge and volunteer ethic in response to disaster and in public service communications.
- Increase Amateur Radio's capacity to serve local, national and global communities by sharing our radio communication skills and knowledge and by strengthening and expanding partnerships with organizations pursuing similar or complementary goals.
- Commemorate the contributions and accomplishments of the Amateur Radio community since 1914.

¹More info at www.arrl.org/arrl-second-century-campaign

HS4HNL: What are you looking towards in the future of the ARES?

N3KN: “Disaster communications to assist government and charity organizations has been an important part of the ARRL’s activities since the ARRL began 100 years ago. The Internet and mobile telephones are often used during disasters today. However, there is still a great need for volunteer amateur radio communications in the USA both in small local disasters and also in large ones that affect millions of people.



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The ARRL’s ARES program is one way for amateurs in the USA to prepare to help our fellow citizens. We encourage ARES members to learn technical and operating skills that are useful during disasters and also to become acquainted with the government and charity officials who may call upon ARES for help in the future. ARES is not the only amateur radio emergency communications organization in the USA. We encourage amateurs to participate in disaster communications training with all of these organizations.

The ARRL praises the work done by amateurs in other countries who use their radio communications skills to help save lives when disasters happen.”

HS4HNL: What is your message to radio amateurs in Thailand?

N3KN: “Greetings to amateur radio friends in Thailand! The ARRL wishes you and the RAST² good luck and success in everything you do for amateur radio in Thailand. *We understand the importance of having active amateur radio operators and strong national amateur radio societies in all of the world’s countries.* I am always happy to contact amateurs from Thailand on the air. Thank you for your friendship and 73”, Kay Craigie N3KN, President, ARRL

² Radio Amateur Society of Thailand under The Royal Patronage of His Majesty The King (RAST)

We would like to give very special thanks to ARRL President **Kay C. Craigie, N3KN** for her interview, which was a benefit to all Thai radio amateurs, and for her photo. Special thanks to **Steve Ford, WB8IMY**; QST Editor in Chief and Publications Manager (ARRL) for ARRL's activities photos. Also, Alan Key as grammatical editor.



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Dear Thossaphol NORATUS/ HS4HNL,
I have received the copies of the article from the ICT for All Club
publication. Thank you very much for this information and for your friendly
letter about the ARRL's 100th anniversary.

73, Kay N3KN

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