








Presenter Bios and Pics

Presenter	Call	Biography	Photo
Bucsek, John	KE7WNB	Chair for 2021 SEA-PAC Convention	
Roderick, Rick;	K5UR	<p>Rick Roderick, K5UR, ARRL President lives north of Little Rock, Arkansas on a 50 acre hilltop QTH. He has worked 371 countries, including 326 countries on 160 meters, 353 countries on 80 meters, 354 countries on 40 meters, and 156 countries on 6 meters. He holds DXCC on 10 bands and is ranked 5th in the world on the DXCC Challenge Award. He holds over 20 different Worked All Zones Awards, and was one of the first to achieve Worked All Zones on 160 meters. He's also active on VHF/UHF and holds numerous operating achievement awards on those bands.</p> <p>He's been a ham for over 50 years, is a Life Member of the ARRL and has held numerous ARRL volunteer positions continuously for all of those 50 plus years. He served on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee and was chairman for many years. He was instrumental in the creation and implementation of Logbook of the World, and the DXCC Challenge Award. He has been on the ARRL Board of Directors for 27 years and formerly served as ARRL First Vice President. He loves ham radio!!!!</p>	
Minster, David	NA2AA		
O'Connor, Ron	KD7VIK		
Ritz, Mike	W7VO	<p>A forty-year plus Life Member of the ARRL and very active ham, Mike was first licensed in 1974 as WA6HKP, and earned his Amateur Extra in 1983. His main radio interests are contesting and DX, mentoring new hams, and public service through the ARRL ARES program. He is a three term past President of the Willamette Valley DX Club, and is Trustee for the Columbia River DX Club, which he founded to mentor new hams in HF operating. He has served as an ARRL Deputy Emergency Coordinator and Emergency Coordinator, is an ARRL Accredited Volunteer Examiner, ARRL Registered License Instructor, author, and seminar presenter on a variety of ham radio topics. In 2018 he was elected ARRL Director for the Northwestern Division.</p> <p>Professionally, Mike holds degrees from Foothill College and San Jose State University, and had a successful career in the high tech telecommunications industry as an engineer, manager and director, prior to retiring in 2014 to focus on building his dream amateur station. When not on the radio he is busy working his small hobby farm in Scappoose, Oregon with his wife Shelley, W7VOX.</p>	
Wald, David J			
Dully, Oliver	K6OLI		

Clairmont, Toby	KH7FR	<p>Toby is the former Executive Officer of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency where he focused his efforts on high-risk threats such as infectious disease and ballistic missile preparedness. Prior to that, he served as Director of Emergency Services for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and concurrently as the federal Team Commander of the Hawaii Disaster Assistance Team. Prior to 2002, Toby served as Assistant Hospital Administrator for the 250-bed Kaiser Medical Center in Honolulu. Other professional experience includes serving as Director of Disaster-Emergency Services for the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross and prior to that, as Senior Hyperbaric Systems Engineer for Makai Undersea Test Range. In 2000, Toby retired from United States Army Nurse Corps following 25 years of active and reserve military service.</p> <p>Toby is currently retired and living near Battle Ground, Washington. He has been active in amateur radio since the mid-1970's and holds an Amateur Extra class license.</p>	
Hall, Randy	K7AGE	<p>Randy Hall, K7AGE, has held an Amateur Radio license for 50 years. Randy is widely known for his YouTube ham radio videos. Some of his most popular videos show how to operate PSK-31, satellites, and building antennas. Randy has produced a series of videos introducing the newly licensed ham to 2 meter FM highlighting repeaters, radio programming and operating. Randy has presented to local ham clubs and at PACIFICON, SEA-PAC and QUARTZFEST hamfests. Randy is a contributor to Ham Nation TWIT.tv netcast as a video segment producer hosted by Bob Heil K9EID and Gordon West WB6NOA. The easiest way to find Randy's videos is to google K7AGE. Randy has an Extra class license and regularly posts ham radio content to Twitter as @K7AGE. Randy retired Jan 1 2015 and is now living in Gold Beach Or building his new ham shack.</p>	
Ford, Linda	AA6MR	<p>Linda was first licensed in May of 1988. She didn't have a radio for a while so she just kept taking tests and by October had her extra class license. By then she acquired a radio. She was active in the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club and served a term as president. Linda also was in charge of test sessions given by the club each month. She has participated in public service events since she was first licensed and found them a rewarding way to give back to the community. It is also a way to make sure that my equipment is functioning properly so it will be ready in an emergency. Linda has been a member of an ARES group ever since she received her first license and has been active in County Hunting and DXing. Other hobbies include and hiking, genealogy and reading.</p>	

Yasson, Barbara	AC7UH	<p>Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, hails from Evansville, IN. She attended Indiana University, graduated with a Masters in Library Science, and became the Technical Services Librarian at the Chesapeake, VA, Public Library after graduation. While in Chesapeake she met and married her husband, Phil Yasson, AB7RW. They moved to Vancouver, WA in 1985 and built a house on a lot just large enough for a tower. When Barbara's father, KA9SXB, became a silent key he left his station to the Yassons. Barbara and Phil received their first licenses in 1995 and joined the Clark County Amateur Radio Club. Both of them served on the Board, and Barbara became the first woman elected president of the club in 2002. Currently she is club Secretary and a member of the club's Field Day Committee. Barbara enjoys working public service events, SSB, RTTY, at least one contest a year, and teaching a YL Technician Class. She is a member of YLRL and the MINOW Net. Barbara was the co-chair of the YLRL 2014 Convention Committee held in Vancouver, WA August 7-9, 2014.</p>	
Schwarz, Alex	VE7DXW	<p>Alex Schwarz (VE7DXW) is an advanced HAM since 1990 and a graduate of the HTL, Innsbruck. In Austria he held the callsign OE7BBT from 1987 to 1990. He moved to Vancouver (Canada) in 1990 and has since been involved in professional communication systems (LDR trunking) and digital point to point wireless network systems. In 2005 he started work in the Biomedical Engineering Department at C&W Hospital in Vancouver. He is also, besides ON6MU and VE3NEA, one of the major contributors to the MDSR project.</p>	
Collister, Lance	W7GJ	<p>Lance Collister currently holds Amateur Extra Class license callsign W7GJ. On September 21, 2016, he celebrated his 50 year anniversary of being a licensed amateur radio operator.</p> <p>Lance received his first ham radio license WN3GPL in 1965 at the age of fourteen. His first contact was in Lancaster, PA on 2m AM with a Heathkit Twoer. From that first contact, he was hooked on VHF DXing and soon became active on 2m meteor-scatter and aurora. While earning bachelor degrees in both Physics and Religion, he helped form the Middlebury College Amateur Radio Club. He copied his first 2m EME signal in 1974, and wrote his first moon tracking computer program that same year. As WA1JXN in Vermont, he completed his first 2m EME contact by working W6PO on March 17, 1978. The following year, he moved to Frenchtown, Montana and on December 1, 1983, he gained notoriety in the worldwide amateur radio community by being the first civilian to contact space, using his 2m EME array to complete a 2m contact with astronaut W5LFL aboard STS-9. He also took first place worldwide on 2m in the ARRL International EME Competition that same year. In the early 1980's, he was active on the</p>	

Board of Directors of the CSVHFS and helped develop and promote the Maidenhead grid awards that later became the ARRL VUCC program. In September 1999, he achieved 2m DXCC #11, by CW on EME. He made four CW 2m EME DXpeditions to C6 (The Bahamas) and two to ZF (Cayman Islands).

In 1996, he upgraded to Amateur Extra class and obtained the callsign of W7GJ. He constructed his first 6m antenna and amplifier. Later that year, he completed his first 6m EME contact by working SM7BAE on CW. He achieved 6m DXCC #815 in 2005. With the advent of the digital transmission mode of JT65A and expansion of his 6m EME antenna to four nine element yagis, he has completed contacts with 221 countries on 6m, 166 of which were made via 6m EME. He has published numerous articles and guidelines and written computer programs to assist operators around the world in successfully operating EME, and has given many people their first 6m EME contact. In 2011, he was awarded the Jersey Trophy by UKSMG for his work in helping people get on 6m and for his tireless promotional efforts regarding 6m EME. In 2016, he was honored by the CSVHFS with the Mel. S. Wilson W3BOC Award "For Continuous Service & Dedication Towards Promoting VHF & UHF Amateur Radio Activity".

He retired for medical reasons in 2007, and since then has made 6m EME DXpeditions to E51 (The South Cook Islands), 3D2 (Fiji), 5W (Samoa), E6 (Niue), TX5K (Clipperton Island), KH8 (American Samoa), V6 (Micronesia) twice, T8 (Palau), VK9C (Cocos/Keeling), VK9X (Christmas Island), C2 (Nauru), CP (Bolivia) and S79 (Seychelles). In fall of 2021 he is planning to activate FO/A (Austral Islands) and FO/M (Marquesa Islands) in French Polynesia. He is credited by the American Radio Relay League with completing fourteen 6m "firsts" from the USA to new DXCC. On his birthday in 2015, he completed a 6m EME contact with KB3SII and K1WHS in FN67, and received the seventh ARRL FFMA award issued. Lance has demonstrated the ability to keep up with technical developments and successfully use new modes to capitalize on the propagation opportunities available on 6m. Much information about his 6m weak signal work - as well as his previous trips to activate rare countries for the first time on 6m EME, and his free *GJTRACKER* moon tracking program – are available on his web site.

In addition to his amateur radio activities, Lance enjoys singing bass in various choirs. He toured with the Middlebury College Choir, has sung with the Missoula Symphony Chorale for over three decades, and participated

		<p>in Eric Whitacre's Virtual Choirs 3,4,5 and 6 He also was accepted to sing in Disney's World of Color Honor Choir, which was a virtual choir opening Disney's World of Color program at Disney World. Lance also sang with Eric Whitacre at Lincoln Center in New York City at the end of March, 2014 and at Carnegie Hall in April 2018. He serves on the Board of Directors for the International Choral Festival, which brings choirs from all over the world to Missoula, Montana every 3 years. He also sings in his church choir at Holy Spirit Episcopal church in Missoula, Montana. Lance married Judge Karen A. Orzech in 1996, and has one daughter, Brittany, who is married with 2 young daughters of her own.</p>	
Delvin Bunton	NS7U		