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#### Club Meeting Programs

Clubs are always looking for meeting program ideas. Some programs that can be the most fun and successful revolve around hands-on projects or interactive activities. Involving members in the program allows them to share knowledge and experiences.

Traditional club projects include kit building, antenna building or some other soldering project. These sorts of projects attract members to the meetings and teach useful skills to the radio amateur. As a program director in a club today you want to be looking at current topics with subjects that club members can apply to today's operating requirements.

Some topics could include:

- Computer logging programs
- Operating digital modes
- Logbook of The World
- Wireless networking
- Software Defined Radio (SDR)
- Computer file management
- D-Star
- Contest software
- Radio to computer interfacing
- Sound card modes and interfacing
- Programming a VHF/UHF handheld transceiver

Make your presentations lively and exciting and involve your audience. Quiz the audience. People love to jump in with an answer. Visual aids, charts or slides are great tools to help make a point and drive home an idea.

When club meetings are exciting and informative people will be eager to attend.

#### New PowerPoint Program Added To the Multimedia Library Logbook of The World

This presentation is an overview of ARRL's exciting on-line QSO confirmation award service. The LoTW is a repository of digitally-signed log data uploaded by individual participants. The system compares the log data to all other logs to find matches (QSLs). These matches can be used as confirmation of a Contact for award credit. Users can also use LoTW to track awards, check DXCC records, and find QSLs and QSOs. Many of today's popular computer logging software programs interact with LoTW providing users with an interface to LoTW from within the logging program. LoTW works with Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems. The software is free to download and there is no charge for uploading data or viewing records.

All PowerPoint programs are free to download at [www.arrl.org/multimedia](http://www.arrl.org/multimedia)

The ARRL Foundation -- dedicated to Amateur Radio's future!

Founded in 1979, the ARRL Foundation is a unique 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting Amateur Radio activities -- primarily young hams! The Foundation concentrates on two key areas, providing project grants and awarding scholarships to young hams pursuing higher education.

Amateur Radio organizations apply for grants that may range from \$500 to \$3000 to support projects related to Amateur Radio. Many of them are focused on introducing young people to ham radio, helping them become licensed, and getting on the air. Recent grants have been awarded to expand a fox hunting project, to expand a school radio club, to support licensing classes, and to assist museums with Amateur Radio displays. Grant guidelines, forms and instructions can be found on the web at [www.arrl.org/arrlf](http://www.arrl.org/arrlf)

The ARRL Foundation awards an increasing number of scholarships each year and annually more than \$50,000 is awarded to FCC-licensed young hams who are pursuing higher education in fields that range from computer science to health care. And more scholarships are added every year, funded by Amateur Radio clubs and organizations as well as individuals who share the Foundation's commitment to education. All information about the scholarships, including descriptions and application forms and instructions can be found on the web at [www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen](http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen).

In both of these arenas, the ARRL Foundation is funding the future of Amateur Radio. And you can be part of that process. These grants and scholarships are 100% funded by contributions, and I can think of no better organization to benefit from your generosity.

You can make a tax deductible contribution of any size to support the scholarship program or the grants projects by contacting the ARRL Foundation at 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111. We'd love to hear from you!

#### Milestones

##### 10 Year January

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SDG San Diego Amateur Radio Council W6SLF

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WWA Redmond Top Key Contest Club N7KE

\*W0

MN Minnesota QRP Society WQ0RP

##### 25 Year January

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SFL America Radio Club, Inc. WD4ARC

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MS Alcorn County ARES (ACARES)

LA Bayouland Emergency ARS KE5EAO

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WY Northeast Wyoming Amateur Radio Association NE7WY

\*W9

IN Indianapolis Repeater Association W9RIA

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CO Aurora Repeater Association N0ARA

##### 50 Year January

\*W4  
TN Roane County ARC Inc KE4RX

\*W6  
SCV West Valley Amateur Radio Association W6PIY

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OH Butler County VHF Association W8CCI  
OH Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, INC. W8CCA

\*W9  
IL National Trail Amateur Radio Club K9UXZ

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