

ARRL Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award

The ARRL Technical Excellence Award was established in 1975 to honor the author whose article (or series of articles) published in ARRL periodicals for that year is judged to have the highest degree of technical merit. The award is made annually in honor of the late Doug DeMaw, W1FB. The name of the award was changed to the Doug DeMaw, W1FB Technical Excellence Award in 1997.

For articles with more than one author, each was presented with an engraved cup. All winners except those for 1981 lived in the U.S., and each of those awards was presented through Division Directors. The 1981 award presentations were made through sister societies of the ARRL.

After the close of a calendar year, the process for determining the winner for that year begins. As established by the Board, the judging is done by a panel of ARRL Technical Advisors who work with the Publications and Editorial Department at ARRL Headquarters. The recommendation of the judging panel is then forwarded to the ARRL Programs and Services Committee, which is asked to affirm the recommendation and then forwards it to the full Board of Directors at the second meeting of the Board in the year following the date of the award. Once the full Board of Directors approves the recommendation for the recipient the award is engraved. The award itself is a 9-inch pewter loving cup and base (the 1983 award was a bowl rather than a cup). The engraving identifies the award and includes the ARRL diamond logo, year, and the author's name and call.

The ARRL Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award finalist is selected by ARRL Technical Advisors and does not solicit public nominations.