

## **ARRL Amateur Radio Innovation Award**

In October 2023, Dr. John Karickhoff, AA4JJ, had a vision that we could inspire innovation in Amateur Radio through excellently written articles in ARRL publications. First licensed as a sophomore in high school, Dr. Karickhoff has had over 71 years of enjoying and benefiting from Amateur Radio. He realized that as a licensed physician and ophthalmologist, who has taught at a university and performed surgery on thousands of people, that innovation is what truly advances humanity. Creativity and innovation—doing something that no one else has done before—has given him the greatest personal reward.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Innovation Award is given to the author of the best article published by ARRL in the previous calendar year for an innovation that advanced amateur radio technically or advanced the enjoyment of amateur radio. ARRL Headquarters staff is responsible for the annual selection of the winner.

Through Dr. John Karickhoff's generosity, an endowment was created to support the annual award, including up to \$500 annually for administrative costs.

The Award shall consist of:

1. A suitably engraved plaque
2. \$1,000 cash award
3. Appropriate coverage in QST and/or ARRL website