Dear Google Doodles team,

I would like to lend my support for a Google Doodle on Friday, July 18, 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Radio Relay League, the national organization for Amateur Radio.

Formed in May 1914 by American inventor and philanthropist Hiram Percy Maxim, ARRL has been the champion of Amateur Radio activity in the United States and around the world. Many of the technological advances of the 20th century, such as Amplitude Modulation (AM) and Frequency Modulation (FM) broadcasting and much of the wireless communications capabilities used by billions of people worldwide are direct results of research and experimentation by the Amateur Radio community over the last century.

There are over 700,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States, and nearly four million worldwide, an all-time high. We are everywhere, from your neighbor’s den to Hollywood, Capitol Hill to the International Space Station. We engage daily in DIY electronics construction, social networking and education, and in disaster communications when the worst happens and the conventional infrastructure fails. We are a resource for your community in times of need.

The weekend of July 18, 2014, ARRL will be celebrating its 100th birthday in ARRL’s home town, Hartford, Connecticut. Several thousand people will be in attendance for this once-in-a-lifetime event, with hundreds of thousands more around the globe participating all year long in both in-person events and on the airwaves. It would be appropriate for Google, a company known for being an innovator in wireless technology, to have a Doodle on their search engine page referencing the centenary of the organization that sparked much of the early research making what Google does possible. A link to live coverage of our convention floor on Friday, July 18, 2014 would be but one possibility of the functionality of the Doodle.

Many thanks for your consideration of the American Radio Relay League’s Centennial Convention for a Google Doodle.