



Points of Interest:

- Hoodview Amateur Radio Club can be found on the web at www.wb7qiw.org
- HARC is a Special Service Club
- Email Cory with any information for the newsletter at ka7iug@frontier.net
- Feel free to join our affiliated activities: Saturday Breakfast Group or Classy Radio Red Hatters

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HOODVIEW NEWS



General Club Meeting - February 18th at 7:30 PM. We will have a virtual meeting on WebEx. See newsletter, page 9 for details.

From the President –

Greetings,



January has now passed and we are into February. Valentine's Day is upon us, don't forget to do something for that special someone in your life. Even if it is just a box of chocolates and a big hug. Let them know that all the effort they put in for the holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, is very much appreciated. It may be something small but it will mean a lot. Furthermore, for the rest of us, use the day to do something for yourself and keep a smile on.

Last month I mentioned the FCC had sold the 3 gigahertz frequency and how it affects us. For an update, we need to purchase some new equipment. Trying to be proactive, we would like to have new equipment in place and working before the deadline. This is a topic for discussion at the next club meeting. I understand the situation with the pandemic will slow things down, but we have to keep moving forward.

The board is sincerely looking for interesting programs for our general club meetings. We would like to provide top-notch information and entertainment to all members, from the newbies to the veteran hams. If you have an idea or know of someone that we should contact, then please notify one of the board members. You might even want to do a program yourself.

73,

Chris Jensen, KG7ADQ

Upcoming contests you may be interest in:

February 20-21 ARRL International DX-CW

March 6-7 ARRL International DX-SSB

Information found on <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>



Hoodview Amateur Radio Club WB7QIW
PO Box 951, Gresham OR 97030

A non-profit organization organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Vol. 17, No. 6. We are a Special Service Club with the ARRL.

President: Chris Jensen KG7ADQ

Vice President: Kenn Clulow K7ENN

Secretary: Shaun Harteloo N7TNP

Treasurer: Jim Schoch KA7AGH

Board Members: Rob Remler K7MR; Tommy Yeung KJ7HRA; Larry Bishop W4OPA; Dennis Desper KI7SJY; Joel Harrington N7LF

February Program Scheduled

PARACHUTE MOBILE:

Past-Present-Future

By Rob Fenn, KC6TYD

2020 Club Calendar

Feb 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @ WebEx

Mar 4-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Mar 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Mar 20-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Apr 1-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Apr 15-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

May 6-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

May 15-VE Testing: 9:00am @

May 20-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 10-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 17-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

June 25-27-Field Day, Larch Mt

July 1-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

July 15-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

July 17-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Aug 5-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Aug 19-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Sep 2-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Sep 16-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Sep 18-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Oct 7-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Oct 21-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Nov 4-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Nov 6-Tech Class: 9:00 at

Nov 13-Tech Class: 9:00 at

Nov 18-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Nov 20-VE Testing: 9:00am @

Dec 2-Brd Mtg: 7:30pm @

Dec 16-Gen Mtg: 7:30pm @

Dec 19—Santa Net on 147.28

Happy Birthday to our Members

KJ7AUJ Kanyon Reams 02/02

K7PN Paul Nyland 02/04

KF7RBV Ann Gaffke 02/06

KG7ZWS Dean Di Pietrantonio 02/10

AI9Q C. Wayne Schuler 02/15

KI7ZVH Chris Arends 02/16

WA7HAA Steve LaValley 02/25

K7LQT Laura Standley 02/25

KD7IXZ Cindy Etlinger 03/07

KJ7HRA Tommy Yeung 03/10

KC7W Gene Strong 03/21

W7ELI Eliza "Eli" Pride 03/23



New Roster Updates

Remember when you change your email address, drop a landline or make other changes, please send Cory KA7IUG an email so that the roster can be up-date. Please update your roster to reflect changes:

- KJ7TPD (T) Mary Taylor
- Kirk Goins upgrade from Tech to General.
- KE7AOA Richard's new number 503-387-5343

Sunshine Committee Report

Please remember Marv Trepanier in your prayers as he is home recovering from a heart attack and stroke last month.



It is with deep regret that we announce that James Masog, N7JFC is a silent key. James passed in August. He was very active in our VE program, serving as lead when Pam couldn't be there.

Also we are sorry to report that John Bartlett KF7ZWX, a past club member who is now a silent key. Our condolences to Katherine KQ7TBR.

Please continue to think good thoughts and send prayers for ALL of our club members dealing with COVID-19 virus or other health related issues. If you know of any other members that need well wishes, please let Mary Taylor know at 541-425-0213 or marytaylor.portorford@gmail.com.

Valentine's
Day



March of Dimes March for Babies

I wanted to give you an update on March for Babies and March of Dimes' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Portland March for Babies campaign will continue as a virtual event, it will not be held at the MODA Center on April 25th, so sadly they will not need the services of the HAM club radio group.

Next year we will offer to help with this public service. Cory KA7IUG

Dues are Renewing

Most of us will be renewing our dues soon. Over 50% of our members have a January 1st renewal date. There are many ways to do this and while we are still meeting virtually, we hope you will join us for another year.

You can fill out the form on page 10 and mail it in to the PO Box or you can renew using Paypal from the club website. If you have trouble logging in then reach out to Shaun or Cory for help.

Remember if you use Paypal, please check for your auto renew status before renewing. Some members have auto-renew set up and by paying earlier than your renewal date, you may pay twice for your membership, which will cause us to return your second payment. You will find this in Paypal and not on the wb7qiw.org website. Here are the directions to find your Paypal status or leave it as it is.

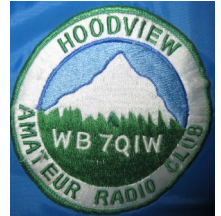
- Login to Paypal
- Go to settings
- Click payments
- Go to Manage Automatic Payments
- Select Hoodview from the list
- Renewal Date Amount etc. will be presented
- Cancel on this screen

Membership Sponsorship

During this difficult time of Covid, we have had a few members who have donated to a sponsorship fund for membership. If you or someone you know needs help with your/their membership dues, send Jim KA7AGH an email. Sponsorship help will be kept confidential.

Patches

We have these beautiful ten inch, two color (blue and white for jackets) and 3.5 inch, colored (white, green and blue for shirts and hats) patches in stock? You can request Jim KA7AGH to meet up with you to purchase either size. The cost of the patches will be \$5 (3.5 in) and \$20 (10 in).

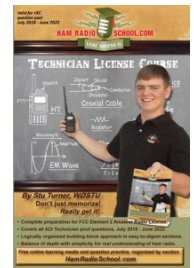


Ham Radio Classes

Rob K7MR and Shaun N7TNP are working out plans for a virtual class to help people get their ham licenses. Rob has reached out to all of the individuals who have contacted the club about classes. The classes online will be geared individually for each person or for just a few students.

If you know of anyone that would like to get their Technician license, please have them contact Rob at 503-803-4223 or send him an email rob@otconstruction.com.

Our plan of having an in-person technician class in March at the Troutdale Community Church have been put on hold.



Hoodview VE Session

The next VE session is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 20th at Troutdale Community Church, 921 Buxton Rd, Troutdale, OR 97060 at 9:00 with added safety protocols. Our session will be limited seating and pre-registration only. Contact either Pam KC7Q at gofish@hevanet.com or 503-956-7282 or Cory at ka7iug@frontier.com or 503-781-9095.

Please check out our website to see what you need to bring with you (photo identification, copy of license or CSCE, SSN or FRN, \$15). We hope to start VE testing in March at the church.

Pam is always looking for VE helpers. If you are available to help or would like to earn your VE accreditation, then contact Pam KC7Q for details.

HARC January General Meeting Minutes

January 21st 2021

7:30 PM Virtual via WebEx

Chris, KG7ADQ called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and Shaun, N7TNP shared the meeting agenda on WebEx. Chris, KG7ADQ called roll for the 2021 Board, all were present.

The program was discussed as to what would be presented, and we proceeded with the meeting business.

December 2020 General Meeting Minutes:

Jim, KA7AGH made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Kirk, KJ7RZA Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report for month ending December 2020:

Jim reported that the report was printed in the newsletter, and reported the club's account balance. Shaun, N7TNP made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as printed in the newsletter. Len, N7HRG seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine:

Mary Taylor, Chair of Sunshine Committee passed her technician exam. Mary was recognized by Cory for her efforts chairing the sunshine committee. Cards are regularly sent out to club members, and it is much appreciated.

Cory Reported that John Bartlett is a silent key. Cory shared the information with Mary so she can send a card from the club. Chris called for a moment of silence in remembrance of John.

3Ghz:

Chris KG7ADQ reported that the 3Ghz spectrum has been sold by the FCC to support rollout of 5G cellular technologies. Chris asked Joel, N7LF to explain the relevance to the members.

Joel N7LF said the club uses 3Ghz to link 2 repeater sites and that Amateur Radio was secondary on this band. The repeater sites linked are Mt. Scott and Mt Hood Medical Center. Due to the sale of the spectrum to wireless carriers, the club will need to replace our 3Ghz equipment with 5Ghz equipment. Joel will come up with a list of gear required to support this upgrade, and will bring it to the club at a later date.

There was discussion of the data link, and what it was used for. Joel, N7LF answered questions about voting receivers and the purpose of the link.

Program:

The program for this club meeting was one of 2 videos produced by Dave Casler, KE0OG.

- Reacting to Capacitance, Inductance, Resistance, Frequency
- How Lightning Arrestors Work

A poll was created to select one of the two programs. Due to technical difficulties the poll was cancelled and a vote was called. How Lightning Arrestors Work was selected. After further technical difficulties the video was shared via WebEx.

Announcements:

Cory KA7IUG announced that March of Dimes, which the club has provided communications for their yearly event, will be virtual in 2021 and communications will not be required again this year. This is due to continued COVID-19 spread, and concerns.

Chris, KG7ADQ announced that Sea-Pac 2021 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Denny, WB7UFJ congratulated Kirk KJ7RZA on acquiring his General ticket. Kirk thanked the club for the recognition.

Kirk KJ7RZA mentioned the Saturday morning 'Breakfast Net' held on 147.28 at 7 am on Saturdays. The nets are hit and miss at times.

Kirk KJ7RZA purchased an 878 at the recommendation of several members of the club, and reported that there was an error discovered with a code plug posted on www.wb7qiw.org. The error Kirk was receiving was related to radio modes setup in the radio, vs the code plug. This is the cause of the error if the modes do not match. The 878 has been locked down recently to comply with restrictions placed on radio sales for part 90 vs part 97 use. Joel recommended Kirk visit pnwdigital.net and also join PNW digital groups on www.groups.io.

Respectfully submitted,
Shaun Harteloo, N7TNP
Secretary HARC

February 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

February 4th 2021

7:30 PM Virtual via WebEx

Chris, KG7ADQ called the meeting to order @ 7:30 PM, and called roll through the board. All present with the exception of Dennis KI7SJY.

January Board Meeting Minutes:

Shaun reported the board meeting minutes were printed in the January newsletter. Jim made a motion to accept the board meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Tommy seconded, and Chris called for a vote. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Jim sent an email to the board and reported at the board meeting that there were no deposits and no payments. Shaun made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as Jim sent via Email. Kenn seconded, and Chris called for a vote. Motion passed.

Sunshine Committee: Nothing to report

Policies and Procedures: Reported needing to find time to meet.

General Meeting on Feb. 18th will be on George Dover's WebEx. Email will be sent prior to the meeting by Shaun as usual.

General Meeting Programs:

- Rob asked how long programs typically are, and the board discussed that we generally have programs that are 30-45 minutes, but try to keep them under an hour.
- Programs ideas for April or May is something surrounding Field Day 2021. Joel expressed Field Day will largely be up in the air because of the pandemic. We'll have more idea what to expect as field day gets closer, but the feeling is it will likely be similar to Field Day 2020.
- The board wants to have some programs geared towards newer hams to help keep new members engaged in the club.
- Other program ideas:

Station Tours — Club members show off their station on video and describe their challenges and what they have done to set it up.

History or Beginning of Club — Rob has had some discussions with Art about how the club

came to be. This could be an interesting program for all members.

Wild Fire Burn Area — Rob recently went exploring the burn area in one of the burn areas from the fires last summer. He has hours of dash cam footage and maybe we can share that with some ham radio related stories from volunteers.

Logging Software — Shaun proposed a presentation of various logging software and features.

How to buy your first, or a radio — Shaun mentioned that it can be quite intimidating walking into HRO as a new ham trying to pick out your first radio. This could be a program to help walk people through features and things about a radio they might want to look for before walking in to the store to buy.

YouTube Videos — The board discussed this and the content out there is public and anyone can go search and find it. These should be used as a last resort program only.

Joel talked about starting a mentor program. A group available by phone or helping people getting people setup. Get 20 or so mentors that can cover a wide range of topics. If we get a new member or someone that visits at a club meeting call them and check in. Rob is calling/emailing/looking folks up on QRZ who are guest check ins to the Wednesday Night nets. Rob has been talking to Ken, the newest member.

3 Ghz Microwave equipment replacement for Mt Scott and Mt Hood Medical Center (MHMC):

Joel has come up with an equipment list for the replacement of the data link between Mt Scott and MHMC. The equipment is 5 Ghz Ubiquiti based and designed to be a point to point link between the 2 repeater sites. When we purchase the gear we need to show evidence of Amateur license to ensure we get the EU version of the radios. This will allow us to use non crowded sections of the spectrum for our link if needed. Chris asked about using the link for other data purposes like VoIP etc. Joel said this is currently only a point to point network for linking the 2 repeaters. Shaun moved to take the expenditure request to the club membership at the next general meeting with a budget of \$2000.00. Tommy Seconded, and Chris asked for a vote. Motion Passed.

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Portland Net:

The MOU has been sent to the City of Portland. The city will need to review. The Portland Net is a city project run by a City of Portland employee. We are waiting to hear back.

New Business:

Updating Signers on the Club account:

The Oregon Secretary of State record now reflects the new president, and Jim would like to setup a time to update the account signers with Chris.

WebEx:

George Dover's WebEx subscription is expiring and he will not be renewing it. The club can still use it for the February General meeting. Chris and Shaun did some research into various meeting platforms. After looking at google meets, zoom, and WebEx, we landed on WebEx would be the desirable platform as their base tier allows for recording of meetings. The club will use the WebEx subscription for Club functions such as meetings, social gatherings, and training. WebEx is 162.00/yr. or 14.95/mo. Shaun will setup the WebEx account using a club shared email address so that there is more than 1 person that can setup a meeting. Jim made a motion to purchase a year WebEx license for \$162.00. Shaun seconded, and Chris asked for a vote. Motion Passed

Website Committee Report:

Shaun went through the Mailchimp list and cleaned up the email list. He emailed all the individuals being removed that he was notifying them that their membership had expired and to continue to receive newsletters that they'd need to re-register, or pay their dues.

Sharing the Club Newsletter:

Chris asked about sharing the newsletter with industry players like Icom, Yaesu, etc. In a previous club that he participated in they would mail hard copy newsletters to other clubs to share. Shaun brought up our Newsletter is digital now, and people in business get large amounts of spam as it is. There was discussion about taking copies to HRO for them to post on their board in the shop.

Wednesday Night Information Net:

Rob suggested we have board members share club information on the weekly information nets.

Rob made a motion to adjourn, Kenn seconded, and Chris asked for a vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Shaun Harteloo, N7TNP
Secretary HARC

Treasurer's Report as reported at the February 2021 Board meeting by treasurer, Jim KA7AGH. It was reported that there were no changes to any of the accounts. Bank and Report balanced. No discussion was needed. Tommy KJ7HRA made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joel N7LF seconded the motion, Motion passed.



CURRENT BALANCE

General Fund	\$ 5,088.90
Repeater	\$ 7,350.68
Training	\$ 115.47
Scholarship	\$ 2,239.87
TOTAL FUNDS	\$14,794.92

Club's Facebook Page

Did you know that the club has a Facebook page that we share information about classes, activities, etc. for club members and interested hams. The page is Hoodview Amateur Radio Club—WB7QIW. To join just like the page and click join. You will be asked if you are a ham (call sign) or interested in ham radio. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/groups/709367785838462/>





VE Testing for Ham Licenses

Exam Candidates: You are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. Candidates could go directly to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. VECs are required by the FCC to submit your FRN with your license application form. New license applicants should create an FCC user account and register their Social Security Number (SSN) in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) before attending exam sessions. Registrants will be assigned an FRN which will be used in all license transactions with the FCC.

While we are not able to host a VE session because Mt. Hood Community College is closed, we will hold one at the Troutdale Community Church on March 20th. Details on page 3.

Here are other groups that are hosting VE sessions in our area. Be sure to get those licenses and upgrades before the \$35 FCC fee goes live.

Here are a few of the upcoming local VE sessions:

Date: Feb 20 2021—Sponsor: N7EI

Time: 4:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead) Pre-Register/Limited Seating

Contact: William T. Okrasinski, (503) 543-6315 or Email: af7za@n7ei.org. For information visit www.n7ei.org/get-your-license. Location: Scappoose Community Center - 33342 SW Meadow Dr, Scappoose OR 97056-3721

Date: 02/21/2021—Sponsor: SWWSAR

Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins/register or call ahead) Contact: Barry A. Wells, Email:

bwells98629@gmail.com. Location: Kiwanis Park, 422 SW 2nd Ave, Battle Ground WA 98604

Date: 03/06/2021—Sponsor: OTVARC

Time: 1:00 PM, No Walk-ins/Register or Call ahead

Contact: John D. Bucsek, (503) 803-6134 or

Email: ke7wnb@gmail.com

Location: Sunset Presbyterian Church 14986 NW Cornell Rd, Portland OR 97229-5460

Date: 03/06/2021—Sponsor: Clark County ARC

Time: 10:00 AM, No walk-ins/register or call ahead

Contact: Wayne Schuler, (360) 892-5580 or

Email: ai9q@arrl.net. Location: Salmon Creek American Legion, 14011 NE 20th Ave, Vancouver WA 98686-1442

Date: 03/20/2021—Sponsor: N7EI

Time: 4:00 PM See information above for the N7EI VE session

FCC to Require Email Address

Effective on June 29, 2021, amateur radio licensees must provide the FCC with an email address on all applications. If no email address is included, the FCC may dismiss the application as “defective.”

The FCC adopted a *Report and Order* in on “Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services.” The *R&O* was published in December 2020 in the *Federal Register*. The FCC has already begun strongly encouraging applicants to provide an email address. Once an email address is provided, the FCC will email a link to an official electronic copy of the license grant. An official copy will also be available at any time by accessing the licensee’s password-protected Universal Licensing System account.

The only way to refrain from providing an email address on an application would be to submit a request to waive the new rule, providing justification for the request. (The FCC would not be obliged to grant such a request.) Licensees can log into the ULS License Manager System with their FRN and password at any time and update anything in their FCC license record, including adding an email address. For questions or password issues, call the CORES/FRN Help Line, (877) 480-3201 or reset the password on the FCC website.

Under new rules, a person holding a valid amateur radio station license “must apply to the FCC for a modification of the license grant as necessary to show the correct mailing and email address, licensee name, club name, license trustee name, or license custodian name.” For a club or military recreation station license, the application must be presented in document form to a club station call sign administrator who must submit the information to the FCC in an electronic batch file. Each license must show the grantee’s correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the amended rule will state. “Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”

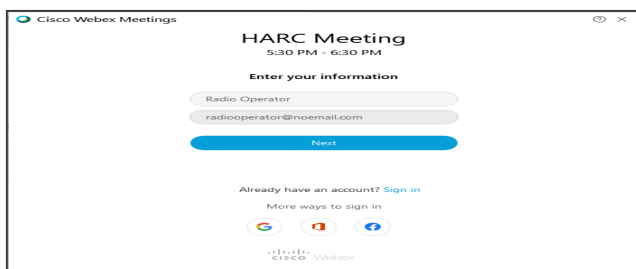
Virtual Meeting Information.

We are currently hosting our meetings online since we can not gather. Shaun N7TNP wrote up these simple directions for members to follow. If you need additional help. You may call/email him at kf7skb@gmail.com or 503-512-0199.

Joining a HARC WebEx Virtual Meeting

Click the 'Join Meeting' link in the email you received from Hoodview Amateur Radio Club. You will be prompted to download the WebEx Meeting Client, if you do not already have it. Once it is downloaded open the file.

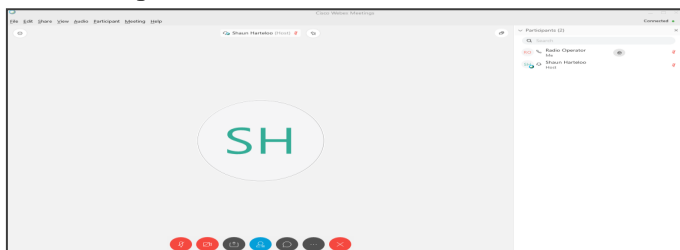
You will get a new window that asks for your **Name and Email Address**. Please enter your name and an email address, as this allows us to track attendees.



Click on Next, and then select to disable video, and mute your microphone. This is a best practice for HARC meetings to reduce background noise (mute TV, music, cell phones) and bandwidth usage. You can use your computer for audio, or dial in with a telephone. Select from the drop down in the middle what you plan on doing, and follow the instructions. The call in details will pop up once you click on join meeting.



Once you are in the meeting you can control meeting settings like mute, and other features with the 7 circles at the bottom center of the WebEx application. You might have to move your mouse over WebEx to see the options in the window.



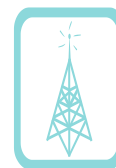
Check into Two Hoodview Nets

The Hoodview Amateur Radio Club Information Net has been expanded to both repeaters. The UHF Information Net will follow the VHF net at 7:45 PM or after the VHF net if it goes past 7:45 PM. This is an attempt to assist more local amateurs in checking in to our Club's Net and broaden our exposure.

Club members are encouraged to volunteer to be net control of either net. Contact Art W7AUF to volunteer. Every Wednesday night:

HARC—2 M net on 147.28 MHz at 7:30pm.

HARC—70cm net on 443.475 at 7:45 pm



For Sale Listing:

K7MR (rob@otconstruction.com) is selling a LDG YT-1200 Auto Tuner, like new, original box and paperwork, connector cables for a Yaesu FTDx-3000.

KA7IUG (ka7iug@frontier.com) from K7DSZ SK:

- This is a vintage Yaesu FT-101EE Tube HF Rig \$225 Works
- More Power: Ameriton AL-811 Amplifier \$550
- Using a wire antenna and need a tuner? MFJ-989D Antenna Tuner \$200 and MFJ-994B Antenna Tuner \$200

***There is space here for any club members who would like to list a ham radio item for sale. Send information to ka7iug@frontier.com.



Breakfast Gathering on the Repeater

Our repeater has been very quite on Saturday mornings. There have only been one or two calls thrown out over the air waves. Don't forget to join us for coffee and conversation at 7:00am each Saturday on the 147.28/88 repeater.



DATELINE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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Travel Consultant

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NATIONAL HAM RADIO NEWS: Information taken from ARRL.org

ARRL on the Purpose of Amateur Radio

For over 100 years amateur radio and ARRL — the National Association for Amateur Radio® — have stood for the development of the science and art of communications, public service, and the enhancement of international goodwill. Amateur Radio's long history and service to the public has solidified the well-earned reputation that "Amateur Radio saves lives."

Amateur Radio Operators, due to their history of public service, their training, and the requirement that they be licensed by the FCC have earned their status as a component of critical communications infrastructure and as a reliable resource "when all else fails."

Amateur Radio is about development of communications and responsible public service. Its misuse is inconsistent with its history of service and its statutory charter. ARRL does not support its misuse for purposes inconsistent with these values and purposes.

Radio Users Reminded Not to Use Radios in Crimes 01/17/2021

FCC ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY, DA 21-73. WARNING: AMATEUR AND PERSONAL RADIO SERVICES LICENSEES AND OPERATORS MAY NOT USE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO COMMIT OR FACILITATE CRIMINAL ACTS

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission issues this Enforcement Advisory to remind licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, as well as licensees and operators in the Personal Radio Services, that the Commission prohibits the use of radios in those services to commit or facilitate criminal acts.

The Bureau has become aware of discussions on social media platforms suggesting that certain radio services regulated by the Commission may be an alternative to social media platforms for groups to communicate and coordinate future activities. The Bureau recognizes that these services can be used for a wide range of permitted purposes, including speech that is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Amateur and Personal Radio Services, however, may not be used to commit or facili-

tate crimes.

Specifically, the Bureau reminds amateur licensees that they are prohibited from transmitting "communications intended to facilitate a criminal act" or "messages encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning." 47 CFR § 97.113(a)(4).

Likewise, individuals operating radios in the Personal Radio Services, a category that includes Citizens Band radios, Family Radio Service walkie-talkies, and General Mobile Radio Service, are prohibited from using those radios "in connection with any activity which is against Federal, State or local law." 47 CFR § 95.333(a).

Individuals using radios in the Amateur or Personal Radio Services in this manner may be subject to severe penalties, including significant fines, seizure of the offending equipment, and, in some cases, criminal prosecution. 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503, 510.

Media inquiries should be directed to 202-418-0500 or MediaRelations@fcc.gov.

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Extra Class Question Pool due to expire on June 30, 2020

In January 2020, the National Conference of Volunteer Coordinators* (NCVEC) introduced a new Amateur Extra-class license examination question pool which becomes effective from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024. The new pool has 90 less questions, reducing the number of questions in the pool from 712 to 622. 139 questions were removed and 49 new questions were added to address outdated questions, new technology, and other subjects. 239 questions were modified for clarification and to improve comprehension. ARRL is taking pre-orders for the new editions of its Extra Class study materials at www.arrl.org/shop. Any changes due to impact from the current health crisis will be posted to ARRL News and www.arrl.org/COVID-19.

From QRZ.com:

World Radio Day 2021—February 13th

Proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day, February 13 became World Radio Day (WRD).

Radio is a powerful medium for celebrating humanity in all its diversity and constitutes a platform for democratic discourse. At the global level, radio remains the most widely consumed medium. This unique ability to reach out the widest audience means radio can shape a society's experience of diversity, stand as an arena for all voices to speak out, be represented and heard. Radio stations should serve diverse communities, offering a wide variety of programs, viewpoints and content, and reflect the diversity of audiences in their organizations and operations.



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