

Ham Radio Operators

CLUBS Club meeting Day always fell on the first Friday of each month, which makes it the most interesting day of the month. Each gathering would begin with registration or sign-in, the reading of the preceding months meeting, announcement of new memberships, and payments of membership dues and so on. New Amateur Radio operators are likely to perceive these meetings as great learning opportunities such as choice of station equipment, and operating practices. If you're an old-timer, it's an opportunity to get together once a month with acquaintances and share ideas and experiences. The Amateur Radio Clubs Members ranged in age from 10 to over 90 years old. Members were requested to bring hand-held two way radios to swap-meets, field day events and communication drills. Members also had access to the clubs line phone patch and other functions of the repeater for testing and PL control. Members were active in a number of specialized areas including Field Day, Contesting, Digital Modes, EMCOMM and ATV. Members had a wide and varying interest in the hobby. In general, amateur radio operators are different in that they are licensed and allowed to build and alter their radio communication equipment with the purpose of the advancement of technical knowledge and skills. While the members for that of Citizens Band radio clubs are allowed to promote communication practice and public service, but no hands-on or experimentation or altering of internal adjustments of licensed equipment allowed. Technical Update Members of many Amateur Radio Clubs are actively at work to enhance the facilities and the functionality of club stations and its member's stations. Over the years amateurs have banded together in cooperation with the junior high school, Senior high school and college faculty giving amateur radio classes and helping form the Amateur Radio Clubs, these are strong and active clubs in the schools today. Most of these clubs are equipped with two way radio repeaters having wide area coverage. Amateur Radio Clubs are committed to serving the general public by making available communication in emergencies when cell phones repeaters and civil communications radios are disabled or less than reliable. Some Amateur Radio Clubs construct Web Sites and make them available to better serve their members - informing them of the clubs Points of Interest and Upcoming Events. The clubs offer License testing at scheduled times. The license classes are: Technician, general and extra. Study for your examination. Go web site <http://www.arrl.org>. Have fun. Please leave your comments. Roger Hardieway is a retired Engineer and Amateur Radio Operator Article Source: http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Roger_Hardieway <http://EzineArticles.com/?Ham-Radio-Operators&id=621036>

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