



President's Message

Before I get into the message this month, I would just like to mention that there are potential hams who are interested in licensing up. They are looking to buy or borrow your old technician class license manuals. Of course, they should be current.

Now for something completely different (the message). I had no “Elmer.” In fact, I don't know of many who had/have one. Several in our club do a great job at “Elmering” in the technical things, but I haven't seen much in the way of training concerning the FCC rules and proper operating procedures. This is not a criticism, just an observation.

As I had no “Elmer,” I know I must always try to better myself as an operator. I can't say if I am doing well or not, but here are a few things I have noticed in my reading and observations of those who appear to be good operators.

The FCC rules require that we ID every ten minutes and at the end of a conversation/communication; which includes changing bands, or long pauses including when participating in nets. Good operators often

seem to also ID when they first start transmitting, especially in nets. If they miss IDing due to a net control operator not coming back, they will ID at the end of the net. This seems to be in line with what the FCC wants based on the enforcement letters I have seen posted on the Internet over the last few years.

Good operators share the bands. A good operator also knows that people won't always let them into a conversation and are OK with this. I have read and heard one may ask to join in by using your call sign (or last few

letters/digits based on how much time you have between the two parties talking) and I have heard that on HF, saying “contact.” is also good behavior. Of course, one should ensure they do not double or interfere with the currently going conversation.

On a related note, I have read and heard that single, double or triple break is not to be used except for priority traffic (according to FCC definitions of “priority”). It seems to me that since hams have set these aside, if one uses these to join a conversation when there is no pressing health and safety of life or property issues to be handled, it might be a lot like saying “SOS” or “MAYDAY” when there is no emergency.

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The FCC requires us to follow the rules, use best engineering practices and follow best amateur practices. The former takes learning the rules, the latter two are more difficult as they come from experience and the kind guidance of longer time hams who have followed good practices for years.

Thank you much to those who have had good practices and have helped me do as well as I have. I hope I continue to learn and advance in the art and sciences of our fantastic hobby.

Finally, those interested in licensing up or upgrading, there will be a test session at Three Peaks park as part of Field Day. The test session will be at 4pm on Saturday the 28th of June.

At The Last Meeting

Richard Parker helped us learn about about radio-direction-finding (fox hunting) at the last two meetings.

Preparing For an Emergency

Non-Radio

Nothing this month. If you have any suggestions, please email [Trever Adams, AE6HR](mailto:Trever.Adams@AE6HR).

Radio

Joel Clemens, N7SIY has been doing emergency communications training nets for a few months now. The last two have covered traffic handling. We will see more of this in the future. He also does other training items. Please, refer to the club schedule at the end of this document for times and frequencies of his training net and join with us in preparing for emergencies.

Getting to Know the Club

This month we are going to get to know Brian and Elisha Jones (KE7TFU and KE7TFW).

Elisha and I moved to Enoch eleven years ago to get out of the growing area of the Salt Lake Valley. But we have come to the conclusion that where ever you go the growth will follow.

Elisha is a stay at home mom taking care of four children (ages 12 to 3.5), one black lab and seventeen chickens. Not to mention taking care of me (Brian).

Elisha is very much into preparedness and Ham Radio finally hit the top of the priority list, so we took a class, then took the test, and finally purchased a dual band radio. I have been trying to get familiarized with the ins and outs of ham (but have figured out that it will take a long time to get there).

We enjoy being with family and friends whether it is camping, playing games, going to the different activities for the kids or just hanging out at home.

I work for an engineering/manufacturer out of St. George as their field service manager. I get the great pleasure of traveling (its not that great) all around the world (mostly Asia and the USA) installing and repairing or training customers on how to use our equipment. It's never a dull day.

As mentioned earlier Elisha was the key factor on getting us going on Ham and it has become a very interesting hobby to get started in. We look forward to learning more about amateur radio and getting to know the wonderful people associated with it also.

Getting Ready (Training)

People have asked about ICS/NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 again. The URL is: <http://www.learningservices.us/FEMA/LMS>.

We are working on getting a CERT session setup with Iron County. The training will be \$35. We were unable to get the price down. Additionally, we may be doing it with another group. Please, invite others to attend with you. It appears that the dates will likely be the 1/2 and 8/9 of August.

Remember it takes two weekends - two Friday evenings w/ the following Saturdays; about 20 hours of training.

Please, contribute.

In The Shack

None this month. Please submit ideas to [Trever Adams, AE6HR](#).

New HAMs

Marie Brooks – KE7TFT .

Brian Jones – KE7TFU .

Elisha Jones – KE7TFW.

Stan Easley – KE7TFV.

Congratulations to you all.

Recent Upgrades

Jim, KE7PTP, upgraded to General.

We have had others upgrade to General and Extra, but they have asked not to be named.

Congratulations to the shy and bold ones.

Sought/For Sale

Sought:

None known to newsletter

For Sale:

None known to newsletter

Club Calendar

Nets:

146.760	RCARC Friendship Net	9:00 PM Daily (PL 123.0)
28.400	RCARC 10 meter Breakfast Net	7:00 AM Monday - Saturday
146.760	RCARC Training Net	9:00 PM, July 2, August 6 (Every First Wednesday)
28.425	RCARC 10 meter Training Net	8:00 PM, June 25, July 30 (Every Last Wednesday)

Club Meetings and Activities:

June 10 Meeting	Field Day assignments/CW Demo.
June 28-29	Field Day
July 8 Meeting	Discussion of Propagation
July 19 th Activity	Fox Hunt – BBQ to Follow (possibly at 3 fountains Club House). Bring and cook your own meet; pot luck.
Aug. 12 Meeting	Emergency Preparedness
Aug. 16 @ 10AM	Emergency Communication SET
Sept. 9 Meeting	ARRL and Mel Parks
Oct. 14 Meeting	ARRL Antenna Modeling Program
Oct. Activity	Jamboree On-The-Air / Radio Merit Badge (BSA related)
Nov. 11 Meeting	Proper Operating Procedures/Club Nominations
Nov. Activity	Special Event Station with Pioneer Days
Dec. 9 Meeting	Elections/Christmas Party

Please note, September is still up in the air and frequency change for Joel's HF emergency training net.

If you have any suggestions or changes for these items, or for who you would like to see teach one of these classes, please contact Richard, K7ZI, or Trever, AE6HR with your suggestions.