



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Thanks to all our members who have renewed for 2020! I also want to express my appreciation to those who have stepped up to cover my MVARA and ARES responsibilities as family concerns have become a priority for me of late. Those of you who attend the monthly meetings are aware that we may need to look for a new meeting location due to recent changes at Lake Perris. David Bell, N6DJB, has agreed to investigate the possibility of holding our meetings at the Red Cross building on River Crest Drive. The first MVARA Antenna Field Day tentatively scheduled for February had to be postponed until the Lake Perris situation is finalized. Stand by for updates on these issues on the Tuesday night net.
73 Bob Morris KK6BXJ

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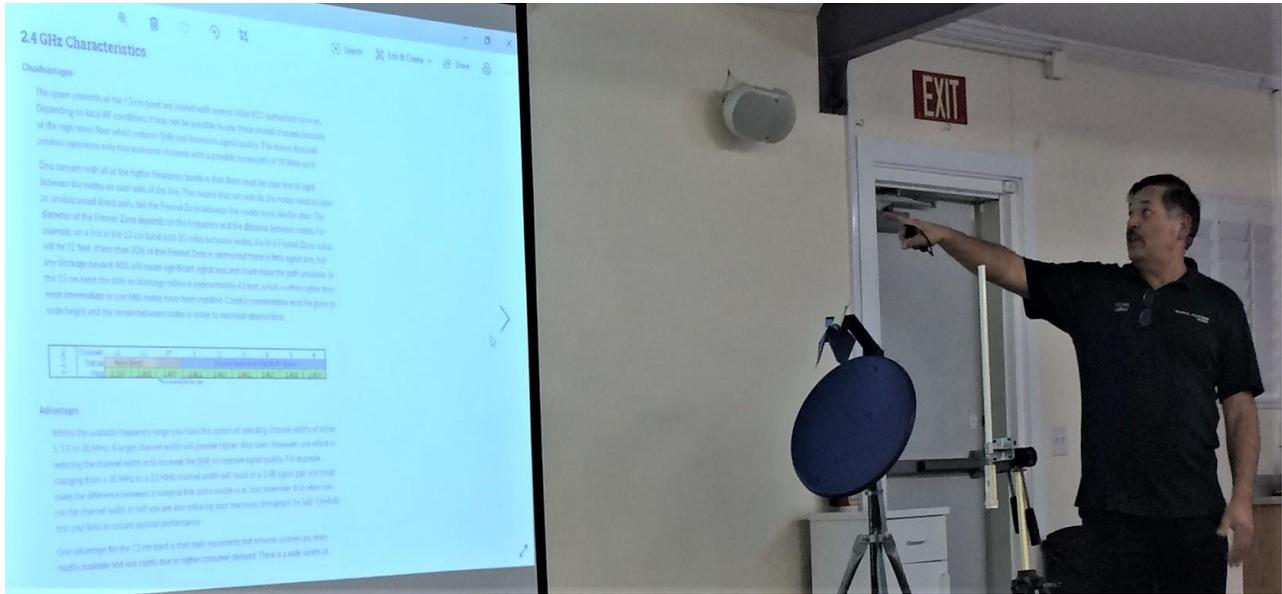
PAID MEMBERS

- Michael Anderson W6OSO
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- Alvin Brown KD6UZM
- Bob Capps N6SHT
- Mike Cruz Ki6MGX
- Steve DeLong W7DTH
- Steve Evans AF6HR
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- Tom Morey KK6DOG
- Bob Morris KK6BXJ
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- Glenn Tobey AB6PA
- Betty Hapeman KE6V
- Jerry Lloyd N6MEJ
- Larry Marcum K7GND
- Steven Rathbone AJ6Y
- Glen Sperry Ki6GDD
- JD Weiss NK7W

Rich Palmer, KK6CXA, teaching members about the AREDN mesh-net system at the February 6th meeting.



[Photos: Susan Stanley, K6ZPL]



CURRENT CALENDARS MAY BE VIEWED ON THE MVARA WEBSITE [mvaranet.org]

Reminder: Password for the private Members Only area on the website is printed on the back of your new membership card

SO YOU'VE BECOME A MENTOR (ELMER)... NOW WHAT?

[Submitted by Lifetime Member Glen Johnsen, KA6GMA]

Your neighbor, best friend, or new examinee has just passed their technician exam and is bubbling with joy and enthusiasm. They look at you with fear and say so now what happens. Here is your opportunity to be an Elmer. Remember when you heard we need more hams or we need a younger generation. Here is an opportunity! Elmer is a mentor. What is a mentor? According to dictionary.com a mentor is a **wise and trusted counselor or teacher**. an influential senior sponsor or supporter. Are you willing to work with this new ham (mentee) and guide him in the art of amateur radio? Will you wait for him to ask for help? Or will offer assistance at this moment? The new ham maybe afraid to ask for help. He may not know what to ask. Here is the Elmer's opportunity to be a teacher, counselor, and influential supporter. You can do it! See it! Feel It! Trust it!

An Elmer (Mentor)

You offer the beginning apprentice your experience and willing to share it. It might be a neighbor or a friend. The most important key is patience. Patience, devotion of time and guidance are necessary to make him a productive member in the ham community.

Get some experience.

You can demonstrate and aid in selecting a transceiver best suited for the new ham, assist in getting them on the airwaves. Get them involved in ham events.

Start on education

Fortunately, there are many avenues of ham radio education. The new apprentice will benefit from your experience, introduce them to ham classes, online training, periodicals, and books. Here are some ideas:

Books

- ARRL Handbook
 - **The ARRL Handbook** is your complete guide to radio experimentation, discovery, and innovation
- ARRL Operating Manual
 - The ARRL operating manual has been recognized as a comprehensive guide to Amateur Radio operating — things you can do on the air with your gear.
- ARRL ON-AIR
 - As of January, 2020, a new ARRL magazine for the beginning and experienced ham.

Magazines

- QST -- QST is a magazine for amateur radio enthusiasts, published by the American Radio Relay League. It is a membership journal that is included with membership in the ARRL.
- CQ -- CQ is the magazine for active hams, with a focus on the practical.
- QRP Quarterly -- Journal of the QRP Amateur Radio Club International

Participate in the Ham community

- Join a local Ham Club
- Attend an amateur hamfest and convention together
- Use social media – Hamnation / Amateur Logic TV

Make a plan and work it

Be patient. It may take a while until you your new devotee masters the amateur radio craft. The learning can be like a puzzle. But study, learn, and participate and the future picture will make sense

A final word- many long lasting friendships are developed in ham radio. I have been a ham now for 40 years and talk with my mentor every week, WA6VWW. Welcome to the wild and wacky world of ham radio.

ARRL HAS LAUNCHED A NEW MAGAZINE, “ON THE AIR”

In October 2019 the ARRL made the following announcement: To be published on a bimonthly basis, On the Air will offer new and beginner-to-intermediate-level radio amateurs a fresh approach to exploring radio communication. Each issue will include advice and insights on topics from the variety of Amateur Radio interests and activities: radio technology, operating, equipment, project building, and emergency communication. [The goal of this new magazine is to be a vital resource in helping new and newer radio amateurs get active and involved in radio communications.](#)

[“On the Air responds to the brand new and not-so-brand-new radio amateur seeking ideas and answers,”](#) said QST Managing Editor Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY. [“Too many new licensees never take the next step,”](#) says Schoenfeld. “We’re excited to introduce a new Amateur Radio magazine for this audience, aimed at getting them active, getting them involved, and getting them on the air.” Effective November 1, when eligible US radio amateurs join ARRL or renew their memberships, they will be prompted to select the print magazine of their choice — On the Air or QST. Current members receiving the print edition of QST, upon renewal, may choose to continue receiving the monthly print edition of QST or the print edition of the bimonthly On the Air. All ARRL members, including international members, will be able to access digital editions of both QST and On the Air. Members who already access QST on the web or from the mobile app will be able to access QST and On the Air starting in January.

The ARRL website provides current information about “On the Air” which is now available!



[New and Returning Hams: Discover all you can do with your amateur radio license!](#)

[On the Air Magazine](#)

[On the Air](#) is a suite of ARRL benefits for new ham radio licensees, anchored by the ARRL bimonthly magazine, *On the Air*. The magazine covers a range of ham radio interests and topics, delivering introductory techniques and stories to help anyone with a beginner-to-intermediate-level of experience. From making your first radio contact to selecting the right equipment to project building and getting involved with public service or your local clubs, *On the Air* magazine and its suite of companion benefits will help you make the most of your amateur radio license. Get active, get involved, Join ARRL and get **On the Air!**

[On the Air Podcast](#)

On the Air podcast is a companion to the bimonthly *On the Air* magazine and takes a deeper dive into select features and projects. Each month, host and *On the Air* Editorial Director Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, will offer additional resources, techniques, and hints to help you get the most from the magazine’s content.

[On the Air Blog](#)

The monthly *On the Air* blog features curated stories from the communicators and makers who, like you, are the driving force of today’s amateur radio hobby. Learn about all you can do within the amateur radio community from stories and opinions of the people, their practices and adventures. The *On the Air* blog is an excellent entry point into the world of amateur radio for those looking for original voices and perspectives from the community.

Whether you are new, an expert or somewhere in between we invite you to take part in the conversation, share your stories and experiences by emailing ota-blog@arrl.org.

To read the complete *On the Air* blog, visit www.arrl.org/on-the-air-blog.

[On the Air Community -- Follow us on Facebook](#)

Follow *On the Air* on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ARRLOTA) and join our community of people who share an interest in radio communication and are looking to learn and explore more about ham radio. www.facebook.com/ARRLOTA

A Note to MVARA Members from Glen KA6GMA & Larry K7GND

Please pass on to the MVARA group, they can find K7GND and myself, KA6GMA, on DSTAR Reflector 014C

Larry and I are on most days chatting about the MVARA legacy and other topics. We are just loving it. Larry in OR and myself in AZ; it makes for great digital QSO.

Everyone is invited to join in on our conversations. Hopefully, we'll be able to cross mode to Fusion repeaters soon. That will be an article for another MVARA newsletter.

Anyone needing help with DSTAR have them shoot Larry or me an email.

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