



Have you Considered Ham Radio?

Check out the West Seattle Amateur Radio Club and learn more about HAM Radio Serving Our Community

The West Seattle Amateur Radio Club has been helping with Emergency Preparedness since the 1920's. We partner with government agencies like the **Office of Seattle Emergency Management**, charitable organizations like the **American Red Cross** and other community groups like the **Seattle Neighborhood Emergency Communication Hubs** to prepare for and deliver emergency communication services.

Join us for a broad range of activities

We teach FCC Licensing Classes for the Technician and higher licenses. We encourage all aspects of the Ham radio hobby; Contesting, Community Service, Youth in STEM and technical advancement in the world of radios.

Weekly Nets Monday at 6:30 PM

Monthly Ham and Eggs Breakfast

Monthly Elmer Breakfasts (mentoring)

**Emergency Preparedness – License Classes – Exam Session –
Field Day Station Set Up Help – Antenna Help
Fun for all skill levels!**

More information: <https://W7AW.org/>
Contact us at: info@westseattlearc.org



Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and a service that brings people, electronics, and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, from deep in the back country, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones. Where else will you learn about the electromagnetic spectrum, the physics of wave propagation, the components of electronic circuits, while having fun, socializing with new people in your community and even around the world, and learning a skill that can be a lifeline during times of need.

When you're affected by a natural disaster or power outage, you can expect your cell phones, landline phones, and Internet to stop working eventually. While you may have set aside food and water for an emergency, do you know how you will communicate with your family or friends, or find out how they are and where they are.

Andrew Baze's book Personal Emergency Communications: Staying in Touch Post-Disaster: Technology, Gear and Planning provides an excellent overview of your options, pros and cons of each, and recommendations to implement a realistic backup plan. Options reviewed include: AM/FM; NOAA; FRS/GMRS and other radios; satellite phones; personal locator beacons; and, **Amateur Radio - the undisputed King of Emergency Communications.**

Why, Amateur Radio?

1. It is easy to operate and is frequently tested on backup power.
2. For local or medium distance communications, it requires no external supporting infrastructure.
3. Licensing is easy and essentially free (less than \$20).
4. The equipment is usually durable.
5. After radios are purchased there are no additional costs (unlike cell phones or satellite phones, for example; no airtime charges) other than occasional repairs.

A big advantage not on this list is that you can join a local amateur radio club where you can get friendly guidance on getting established in amateur radio. The West Seattle Amateur Radio Club is here to help you: have fun; learn a new skill; make new friends; and, learn how to take care of your family and friends in an emergency.

To get more information:

Check our website <https://W7AW.org>

Email us at <mailto:info@westseattlearc.org>

Drop in at our monthly club breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of each month 9:00 - 10:30 am in the overflow dining room in the back of Be's Restaurant, 4509 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116.

