



the RF Carrier

June 2025

Upcoming Events

- 7 Jun - Montrose ARC Tail Gate
- 14 Jun - WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 28-29 Jun - ARRL Field Day
- 28 Jun - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 19-20 Jul - Hunt Dog Trials
- 12 Jul - WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 26 Jul - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 9 Aug - WCARC HamFest
- 23 Aug - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 13 Sep - WCARC Picnic
- 27 Sep - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 11 Oct - WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 23-26 Oct - HAMCON 2025
- 25 Oct - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 8 Nov - WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 22 Nov - Mesa County ARES Mtg
- 13 Dec - WCARC Monthly Meeting

Ham Lunches

Wednesdays, 11:00 am

Ham Breakfast

Third Friday, 9:00 am

More Details Below



Welcome to the WCARC Newsletter Launch!

Or should I say RE-LAUNCH! It appears that once-upon-a-time there was a Club Newsletter by the name of "the RF Carrier". I don't believe it's been published since the late 1990s. In an effort to improve club communications it seemed like a good idea to reinstitute the Newsletter. While we do have the club website and Facebook page, a newsletter is a nice addition and summary of the important upcoming events.

We would love to have club member input for newsletter content. This could include ham-related content and photos for general knowledge and education that the membership could benefit from knowing.

Let me know what you think of the new Newsletter or submit a tidbit to add to the next newsletter by emailing membership@W0RRZ.org

For questions regarding the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club Please email: info@W0RRZ.org

Monthly Club Meetings - The Club holds its monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 0930 at the First Christian Church, 1326 N. 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO. The meeting location is fully handicap accessible. We discuss club business, upcoming events and have an interesting presentation at each meeting. Come a little early for social time - coffee and donuts are provided. Starting this month there will be a table available for swap/sale items from 0900-0930.

Don't forget to peruse the Club Website and look over last month's Meeting Minutes before the meeting.

The Social Side of Things

Ham Lunches are every Wednesday at 1100. The location changes each week & is announced on the Oatmeal Net Wednesday Morning then posted on W0RRZ.org

Ham Breakfasts are held the third Friday of each month. Currently we are meeting at 0900 Pufferbelly Station 337 S. 1st St. Grand Junction

Oatmeal Net is conducted Monday – Friday except Holidays 0730-0800 on the Club Repeaters. Open to all licensed amateur radio operators

Radioactive Net - Every Tuesday at 1930 on the club repeaters & the WestCo Repeater Systems. This is the place to ask questions and discuss your current radio projects.

Amateur Radio License Testing

Taking an exam to get or upgrade your Amateur Radio License could not be easier. Exam testing is offered every month immediately following our Club meetings.

Please coordinate with Brad AK0BC 970-275-0121
ak0bc77@gmail.com.

Full details are also available on the Club Website at www.W0RRZ.org.

Just a Spot of Humor

Jim, an elderly Ham, was traveling down the interstate when suddenly his 2m rig crackled to life with his call sign. He jumped on the call looking forward to the rag chew! His fellow Ham began passing along an urgent warning "Hey Jim I just heard on the news there's a car going down I-70 the wrong way so please be careful!!"

Responding Jim said, "Well I declare you're right and it's not just ONE there must be hundreds of them!!!" 73

ARRL Memberships – New & Renewal

We are an ARRL Affiliated Club and can receive a commission for every new or renewal ARRL membership. Each NEW ARRL STANDARD membership earns the club a \$20 commission (family, student/youth, and blind memberships are not eligible). New members are defined as never having been a member or a returning member that has not been a member for two years. Each RENEWAL also earns the club a \$5 commission.

Each new or renewing ARRL member should fill out an ARRL Membership Application (available on the Club Website or from Cathy KF0OKV). Payment in FULL can be made to ARRL by check, credit card, or cash. Return the completed form and payment to Cathy KF0OKV membership@W0RRZ.org at the next meeting or you can mail it to:

WCARC 2695 Patterson Road Ste. 2 Box 118 Grand Junction, CO 81506-8815

The Club will then take care of sending your application in to ARRL. For WCARC to receive a commission from your ARRL Membership, you **MUST** have WCARC process the application.

This may not be combined with any other promotion or special offer.

Western Colorado Radio Club, Inc.
has been a proud ARRL Affiliated Club since October 21, 1939.

28-29 June - Field Day 2025

“Radio Connects” is the theme for Field Day this year.

What is Field Day?

Back in the 1930’s the Amateur Radio Relay League and the Federal Government recognized the need for the Amateur (Ham) Radio Operators to assist with emergency communications during any and all types of emergency situations including in times of war. With this in mind, Field Day was developed as a day in which all Ham Radio Operators in the United States, Canada and eventually around the world were encouraged to set up in a remote locations under simulated emergency conditions and make contacts across the country and the world. This was a means for the Ham Operator to make sure his/her equipment would function in those conditions thereby demonstrating to the emergency first responders that we were ready, willing and able. This has become an annual event.

Last year 4,300 Amateur Radio Clubs, groups, and individuals across the United States and Canada participated totaling 31,000 individuals making contacts in the 24-hour event.

WCARC Field Day 2025

This year we will have double the fun with two field day locations – one in town on the south lawn at the First Christian Church (where we normally hold our club meetings) and a second location on the Uncompahgre off Divide Road between Whitewater & Gateway. The Church location will be utilizing the Club Callsign and plan to operate from 1200 – 2000 hours local time on 28 June. Whether you are a seasoned Field Day “veteran” or someone new to the club, there is something for everyone at Field Day. Field Day is part picnic, campout, emergency practice, and most of all FUN! For a lot of WCARC members, Field Day is the highlight of the year and the club’s premier operating event.

Have you ever put together a beam antenna and raised it up on a tower? Have you ever operated CW, or FT8, or satellites? You can do all these things and more on Field Day. It’s a great chance to learn what a new mode is all about or operate on a different band than you use at home. If you have never operated HF, you can do so at Field Day, and you don’t have to have a higher-class license. Anyone can operate our stations on any band, and we will show you how. There’s even a Get on the Air (GOTA) station for folks who haven’t operated recently or who aren’t licensed at all.

Whether you plan to operate radios, or help with setting up of antennas, or just want to socialize, Field Day is the event for you. Please save the weekend of 28–29 June. More information will be posted on the Club Website as we get closer to Field Day.

If you wish to join us at either location or want more information, contact Randy KD0NSP at n4655e@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!



A BIG thank you to everyone who supported MC ARES at the races in April and May!!

Why We Do Public Service Events

- It gives us a chance to practice our communication skills in the real world.
- We get to deploy our equipment and learn what is needed in different situations.
- We are there to support the local community and provide emergency communications in areas where there may not be comm.
- We are able to educate the general public about Amateur Radio

If you are interested in helping in with any of our Public Service Events, speak to Randy KD0NSP, n4655e@gmail.com.

The next Public Service Event is the Hunting Dog Trials 19-20 July

HamCon Colorado 2025

**ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention
23-26 October
Grand Junction, Colorado at the DoubleTree**

Early Bird Registration is now open until 30 June at the discounted rate of \$25.00. This includes a door prize ticket, an early bird prize ticket, a commemorative lanyard and a lapel pin. You can also register for over events during the convention for an additional fee.

For more information go to www.hamconcolorado.com

WCARC will have a table to promote the Club during the event.

Please contact

John AJ6LI at daleyj@yahoo.com or Randy KD0NSP at n4655e@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer to man our table at the event.

Events This Weekend

**2025 Museum Ships Weekend
Friday, 6 June – Sunday, 8 June**

The Museum Ships Weekend is an international event sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station <https://www.nj2bb.org/museum>

Museum Ships and Ship Memorials around the world will be on the air celebrating the history and service of their prospective ships. This event encourages radio operators to contact as many museum ships or memorials as possible.

The Montrose Amateur Radio Club are participating in this year's event by operating Radio Station N0P commemorating the USS Montrose. The ship's memorial consists of an interpretive sign and the ship's bell, currently located in the new City Hall on Main Street. MARC will be operating their station from the pocket park diagonally across the street from City Hall. Best time to visit is 1000-1400 on Saturday & Sunday.

**MARC Annual Tailgate Party
Saturday, 7 June 0800-1100**

The MARC Annual Tailgate Party will be this weekend in Delta at the Lions Pavilion, Confluence Park.

This is an opportunity to buy, sell, or swap amateur radio gear. Tables for sellers are \$5.00. Admission is free and all attendees are automatically entered in the door prize drawings. You must be present to win.



Fun Facts – Ham Musicians

- Best Known as a Member of the Eagles – Joe Walsh WB6ACU
- Originally from NC with hits such as Smokey Mountain Rain & Lost in the Fifties Tonight – Ronnie Milsap WB4KCG
- Country Star who changed his callsign to W4CGP which stood for “certified guitar picker” – Chet Atkins

Club Website Information

Our Club Website is located at <https://www.w0rrz.org> and it contains a wealth of information.

There is a Club Members Area which requires you to be a paid member of WCARC. This section includes several forums including a Buy/Sell/Trade Forum, AllStar linking procedures, a link to purchase a club nametag, current club roster, our monthly meeting minutes and the monthly meeting presentations.

If you do not have a login for the Club Members Area of the website and are a paid member for 2025, please contact, Andrew at AE0WZ@outlook.com. He will need your name, callsign and email address to set up your account.

Mesa County ARES

(Amateur Radio Emergency Service)

Region 9 District 4

MCARES meets at the First Christian Church in Grand Junction at 0930 on the 3rd Friday of the month.

EMCOMM Net

Every Wednesday at 1900 on the WestCo Repeater System the 2nd Wednesday at 1900 on DMR RMHAM TG720 Rocky Mountain Central

**For More Information Contact
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For More Information:

See us on Facebook at Western Slope Amateur Radio Club,
on the Club Website: www.W0RRZ.org
or email info@W0RRZ.org

Mailing Address: 2695 Patterson Road, Ste. 2 Box 118 Grand Junction, CO 81506

More Than a Club... A Community of Friends!

The Purpose of the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (WCARC), a 501(c)3 organization, is to recruit, train and help committed Ham Radio operators carry on the tradition of amateur radio by using our network of technical resources and expertise. Promoting new technologies and expanding the use of these in all areas of communication. Providing equipment and skilled operators when called upon to assist local agencies in emergency and non-emergency events ensuring a reliable source of communication. WCARC is dedicated to community service and providing education to the general public about the history, operation and benefits of the Amateur Radio Service and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs.



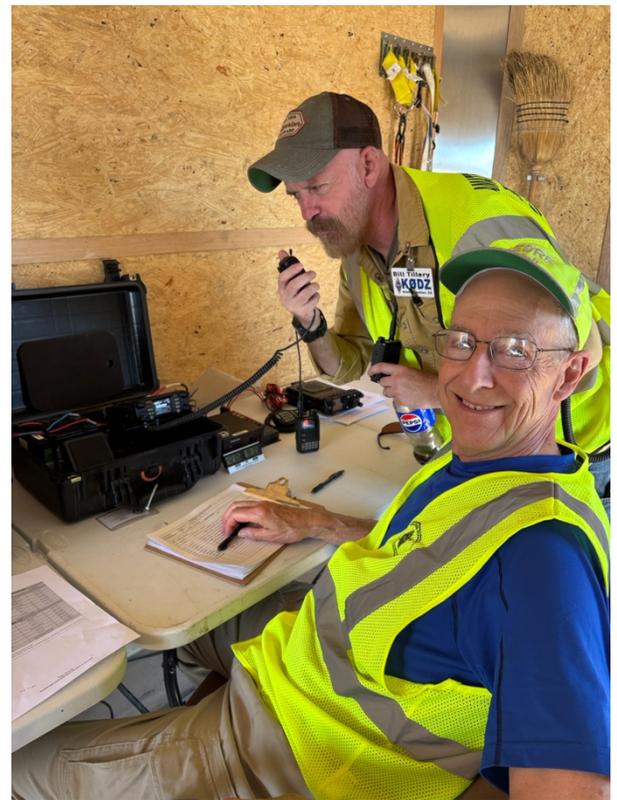
The Black Ridge Comm Site



Andrew AE0WZ & Mark KF0NYB providing Comm from Western Rim at the UTMB 100K Race

Do you have photos, interesting tidbits, upcoming events to share with the Club? We'd love to include them in our next Newsletter.

Please email Cathy KF00KV at membership@W0RRZ.org



Bill K0DZ & Ralph AE0RE manning the Comm Trailer at Fruita Adventure Fest



N2KNK Repeater set up to support the Fruita Adventure Fest