



### President's Corner

As I have listened and participated in our Oatmeal net over the several months, I have noticed a couple of things and as such I am going to take the next couple months addressing these issues.

Location, Location, Location!! I have heard this brought to light many times and folks it holds true. Some of us participate in activities that require us to use HT's in mountainous areas or in areas that are some distance from the repeater. We have learned that moving only a few feet can make a difference from being heard by the people we are talking to or suddenly becoming just white noise or something that breaks squelch on the repeater. The same hold true in a city environment and even within your home. Neighbor's trees, a delivery truck that has parked in front of your home, or even your main breaker panel between you and the repeater can cause a change in TX and RX. Mobile and/or base stations are a little more forgiving due to power output and antenna configuration.

Please help your moderator and try moving to for better TX quality. Even a couple feet can put you in front of the window instead of a couple of electrical wires that are in your wall.

73 Randy KD0NSP

### Upcoming Events

11 Oct – WCARC Monthly Meeting

23-26 Oct – HAMCON Colorado 2025

25 Oct – Mesa County ARES Mtg

1 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 Follow

### We Need You!!

Nominations for the 2026 Board of Directors are due at the November Meeting on Saturday, 1 November. Elections will be held at the December Meeting on Saturday, 13 December.

If you are interested in helping direct the future of the Club, this is your chance to make a difference. There are so many people in this club with a wide variety of skills and talents.

We could use your expertise to help guide the club.

The Board of Directors and our Trustees act in the best interest of the Club's mission and purpose as well as providing oversight to maintain good financial health and legal compliance.

More information about the Club's Mission and Purpose as well as a basic outline of each position's duties and the organization purpose are at the end of the Newsletter.

If you have more questions, please see any of the current Board members and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have about how you can be a bigger part of a great organization. WCARC needs YOU!!

For questions regarding the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Please email: [info@W0RRZ.org](mailto:info@W0RRZ.org)

## Upcoming Club Meetings

The club normally meets on the second Saturday of every month, at 9:30am at the First Christian Church, 1326 N 1st St, Grand Junction. *Please note the upcoming changes below.* The meeting location is fully handicap accessible and everyone is welcome to attend! We discuss club business, upcoming events and have an interesting and informative presentation at each meeting. Come a little early for social time - coffee and donuts are provided.

Meeting dates and time will be posted on our Events Calendar on the Club Website at [www.w0rrz.org](http://www.w0rrz.org).

*The minutes from each meeting are posted on the website, please look them over prior to the meeting so we can approve them at the next meeting.*

We will be back to our regular Monthly Meeting on 11 October. *Dave AKØMR has already volunteered to bring the donuts for October.* There will also be a table available for swap/sale items from 0900-0930. See you there!

Our **November Meeting** date **CHANGES** to **1 November at 0930** due to a conflicting church event.

We will be finalizing nominations for the 2026 Board of Directors election in December.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, speak to any of the current Board members.

(See the end of the Newsletter for more info on Board positions)

Our **December Meeting** will be back to the second Saturday on **13 December at 0930**. Everyone is welcome to attend. *We will be voting for the 2026 Board of Directors election in December.*

*We need a volunteer to bring the donuts for November and December.*

*Contact Cathy at [KFOOKV@outlook.com](mailto:KFOOKV@outlook.com) if you want to bring donuts for either of these 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 the **WCARC Events Calendar** on <https://www.w0rrz.org/wcarc-events-calendar> and on our Facebook page.

**Ham Breakfasts** are held the third Friday of each month at 0900 at our new location **First Watch** 120 W. Park Drive Suite 107, GJ

**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.



Ham Breakfast at First Watch

Ham Lunches at Munchies & Tequilas



## Club Website Information

Our Club Website is located at <https://www.w0rrz.org> and it contains a wealth of information. Current announcements will be posted on the main page of the website. Important events and activities are posted on the Club Event Calendar.

There is also a Club Members Area which requires you to be a current 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The WCARC Events Calendar page has changed. If you previously bookmarked this page, you will need to bookmark the new calendar. You can find the new calendar by clicking the link at the top of the main WCARC webpage.

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](mailto:AE0WZ@outlook.com). He will need your name, callsign and email address to set up your account.

## Club Stickers Are Here!

Stickers are 5"x3" full color with a high-gloss finish that withstands exposure to the elements. They are weather-resistant and waterproof so work well on vehicles. Please be aware, they are not dishwasher safe so any travel mugs will have to be hand-washed.



Stickers are \$1.50 each

Available at the Club Picnic

## In Search of Club Photos & QSO Cards

We have created a Club Photo album! Check it out at the next Meeting.



We are still working on organizing the older photos that we have but would like to add more history of the club to the album. We would love to have you share your photos of past Club activities.

Photos can be digital or hard copy.

(we will scan and return them)

We also have a special section for those of you who have made QSO cards for yourself.

See Cathy KF0OKV, if you have photos of Club events or a QSO card to share.

## Help Support WCARC

Are you a City Market Customer? Their Community Rewards Program is a great way to support WCARC.

Here is the link on the City Market Website to enroll: <https://www.citymarket.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Search for Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc. or use our NPO Number: **SS693** to select us as your charity. Once you have enrolled and linked your City Market loyalty card you contribute by swiping your loyalty card or using the phone number that is related to your loyalty card every time you shop for groceries! Thank you for your Support!



YOUR HRO ORDER ARRIVED.  
YOUR WIFE SIGNED FOR IT.



DO YOU WANNA RUN BY THE HOUSE,  
OR JUST COME WITH ME NOW?

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### Amateur Radio Licensing Update During US Government Shutdown

ARRL VEC, wants members to know that they are closely following the impact of the US Government shutdown on licensing for the Amateur Radio Service.

The FCC, which issues Amateur Radio Service licenses, issued a Public Notice on Tuesday, September 30, indicating that it would suspend most operations following a shutdown. "Aside from a few emergency and auction filing systems, all other Commission electronic filing systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume," said the FCC Notice. This means the FCC will not be processing any amateur radio license applications during the shutdown, which includes individual, club, and exam session (new and upgrade) applications.

The FCC Notice indicates that the CORES registration system will remain available to the public and will not be affected by the shutdown. Exam candidates can still register in CORES and be assigned an FCC Registration Number (FRN) at: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do> The FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) databases are currently unavailable to the public. ULS and related systems (like the License Manager, License Search, Application Search, etc.) are not accessible during the shutdown. Users cannot file applications with the FCC, or access license data, including address information.

*The WCARC VE Team will continue testing as usual.*

### VOLUNTEER TO HELP WCARC GROW!

**WCARC is a GREAT club. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it so great. Everyone in this club has spent a lot of years doing things to make the world a better place. Your knowledge and expertise are a valuable asset. Please consider continuing that commitment by volunteering to help out best in line with your unique skills and talents. Let's make this great organization even better!  
We can't do it without you!**

**People are Currently Needed to Assist with the following Areas of Expertise:**

- Education Committee*
- Technology Committee*
- Youth Engagement Group*
- Oatmeal Net Moderator*
- Club Promotion*
- Newsletter Support*

**See Cathy KF00KV, WCARC Secretary at  
KF00KV@outlook.com  
for more information!**

### ARRL Needs YOU to Help "Pass the Bill"

As a reminder, ARRL is continuing to collect letters from EVERY HAM as part of our grassroots campaign to pass the [Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act](#). The legislation is intended to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas.

The process is simple: click the button at [www.arrl.org/HOA](http://www.arrl.org/HOA), put in your call sign, and press the red SEND MY LETTERS button. It takes mere seconds!

The letters will automatically be sent to your elected officials encouraging them to support the bipartisan bills. This legislation is intended to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas. Passage would give amateur radio operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

### Ham Trivia

Usually costing around \$45 to build, this simple wire antenna is used by many hams to communicate around the world. What is it?

1. Tri-Band Beam
2. Dipole
3. Ground Mounted Vertical
4. Yagi





# HamCon Colorado 2025

## October 23-26, 2025 - Grand Junction, CO

### ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention



#### ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention 23-26 October

Grand Junction, Colorado at the DoubleTree

Advance Registration is now \$30.00 and includes a door prize ticket. You can also register for other events during the convention for an additional fee.

There are a number of seminars and activities scheduled for this three-day event AND its right here in Grand Junction!

For more information go to:  
[www.hamconcolorado.com](http://www.hamconcolorado.com)

#### Volunteers at HamCon

John AJ6LI is the club representative on the HamCon planning committee and is the POC for all things HamCon. He will be recruiting for a variety of volunteer positions to include the WCARC Information Table, the Emergency Communications Trailer and for Forum Moderators. Please Contact John AJ6LI at [daleyj@yahoo.com](mailto:daleyj@yahoo.com) to support the Club and HamCon.

#### Testing

There will be a VE Exam Session on Saturday, 25 October from 1000-1200 in the Telluride Room.

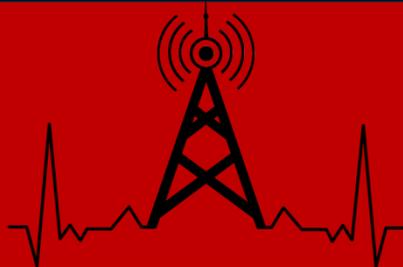
Volunteer Examiners from Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and the Montrose Amateur Radio Club will be conducting the tests. Please sign up on the registration page if you plan to test. Bring to the test: your ID, a pen, \$15.00 CASH and if you are upgrading, a copy of your current FCC license.

#### Foxhunt

There will be a low power fox hunt with multiple transmitters on Saturday Morning, starting at 0900 sharp at the West lot near the Rocky Mountain Ham Radio Comm trailer. There is no charge other than a convention registration to attend the fox hunt. Please make sure you bring your VHF direction finding gear! Make sure you sign up on the registration form so we know how many to expect!

#### Table Swap

HamCon Colorado will be allowing a Table Swap for two hours on Friday, 24 October from 1900-2100. This will give people an opportunity to sell and swap equipment in the hotel. There will be NO Tailgate sales in the parking lot allowed. Tables are free if you are registered to attend the convention. Walk-ins – tables first come/first serve at the door \$10 with one admission. Additional admissions are \$5.00 each and will be good from 1900-2100 only.



## DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

\*Requires additional registration

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SATURDAY Cont.	SUNDAY
<b>Registration</b> 7-9am & 4-6pm	<b>Registration</b> 7am - 6pm	<b>Registration/Prizes</b> 7am - 5pm	<b>Breakfast Buffet*</b> <i>Dave Casler</i> 7am - 9am	<b>Registration/Prize office</b> 7am - 2pm
<b>DX University*</b> 7am - 5pm	<b>W1AW/Ø</b> 8am - 10pm	<b>W1AW/Ø</b> 8am - 10pm	<b>Luncheon*</b> <i>Steve Herman</i> Noon - 2pm	<b>W1AW/Ø</b> 8am - 11am
<b>Exhibitor Setup</b> 8am - 5pm	<b>Forums</b> 8am-Noon, 2pm - 5pm	<b>Exhibits/Static Displays</b> 8am - 5pm	<b>Banquet*</b> <i>Riley Hollingsworth</i> 6pm - 8pm	<b>Breakfast Buffet*</b> <i>Mark Proulx</i> 7am - 9am
<b>W1AW/Ø</b> 5pm - 10pm	<b>Exhibits/Static Displays</b> 8am - 5pm	<b>Forums</b> 8am - Noon, 2pm - 5pm	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> 7pm - 10pm	<b>Club Meetings</b> 9am - 11am
<b>Static Displays</b> 5pm - 10pm	<b>Luncheon w/Speaker*</b> Noon - 2pm	<b>ARRL Forum</b> 3pm - 4pm	<b>Wouff Hong*</b> 10pm	<b>Prize Drawings</b> 11am - 1pm
<b>Hospitality Suite</b> 7pm - 10pm	<b>Friday Mixer w/Speaker*</b> 6pm	<b>Foxhunt</b> 9am		<b>CONVENTION CLOSES</b> 2PM
	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> 7pm - 10pm	<b>Pico Balloon Launch</b> 10am		
	<b>Table Swap</b> 7pm - 9pm	<b>VE Session</b> 10am		



## Ham Radio for Less than \$100

Ham radio does not have to be expensive. Becoming a licensed Ham radio operator has been on my bucket list since I was a teenager. The roadblock back then was money and having to learn and pass a Morse code test. The requirement to know morse code is no longer required and being retired, I had the time to spend on learning the information to pass the test.

I thought buying an inexpensive handheld radio was a good idea to be able to listen to what was on the air. Not knowing anything I bought a \$35 Tidiradio H3 but didn't hear much on it much. I knew nothing about frequencies, repeaters, CTSS tones to be able to receive much of what was available.

I went to the [ARRL](#) web site to get [License](#) information and the practice test. I found out I needed a [FRN](#) number, so I got that. After studying I looked for a local Ham club to take the test. I took and passed the test and paid the \$35 FCC license fee and \$15 test fee. Total cost \$35 radio + \$35 license fee and \$15 test fee for \$85 as very reasonable. After the test Dave ([AK0MR](#)) introduced himself and gave me a crash course on the basics. I learned about [Oatmeal Net](#) and "power, location and antenna".

I have since had a lot of advice and help from many local Hams. Dave helped me spend more money to upgrade to HF, Andrew ([AE0WZ](#)) to introduce me to Winlink/VARA FM/Digirig and Allstar. as well as antenna installation. Bob ([KE0QHF](#)) has been invaluable on his advice on good antennas for my specific environment.

The takeaway it is possible to enjoy Ham radio with less than \$100 with a technician license utilizing the VHF/UHF frequencies. I learned a lot and have met many enthusiastic Ham operators. One aspect of hams is they are very generous with their time and years of experience. They also like to upgrade their equipment. This results in an inventory of stuff collecting dust they are many times willing to part to help out new hams. This is how I "upgraded" without having to spend "too" much over my budget.

Jerry, [KF0RSI](#)



**A great big thank you to everyone who submitted articles and information to help make the Newsletter possible!**  
**We love to have club member input for newsletter content. This could include ham-related content and photos for general knowledge and education that could benefit our members.**

***Maybe you can inspire someone with your knowledge & expertise.***  
**If you'd like to submit a tidbit to add to the next newsletter email:**  
***membership@WORRZ.org***

## 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:  
<https://www.w0rrz.org/license-exams-in-grand-junction-co>

When you arrive for your test, please have your FRN (FCC Registration Number), photo ID, pen, \$15.00 CASH, and if upgrading, a copy of your current license.

### Getting ready for your Exam

Whether you are brand new to amateur radio or upgrading your license, it's a good idea to study and practice for the test. Get the book on your exam either through ARRL or Amazon then do some practice tests. The following links have free practice tests for all levels of the exams:

<http://arrlexamreview.appspot.com>

<https://hamstudy.org>

## NEW GROUP INFORMATION "WE PLAY RADIO"

Open to anyone who wants to PLAY RADIO, find like-minded hams, make/use radio as a FUN hobby, and whatever RF ideas you may have.

No formal organization, dues, President or badges.  
Bring your ideas to the first meeting:



### We Play Radio

16 October 2025 0900  
First Christian Church  
1326 N 1st St, Grand Junction

## A Few Upcoming Contests

- 10 OCT            10-10 Int'l 10-10 Day Sprint  
[www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)
- 11-12 OCT        EME – 50 to 1296 MHz  
[www.arrl.org/eme-contest](http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest)
- 20-24 OCT        School Club Roundup  
[www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup)
- 25-26 OCT        CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB  
[www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com)

## Contest Calendar Links

- <https://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>
- <https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/2025/0ctober%202025%20Corral.pdf>
- <https://groups.arrl.org/g/ARRL-Contesting>
- <https://hamradiolive.org/contest-calendar>
- <https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.php>
- <https://www.contesting.com>
- <https://www.onallbands.com/amateur-radio-contesting-101/>



The Battleship IOWA Amateur Radio Association's **NI6BB** will celebrate the US Navy's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with radio operations from **October 4 through October 19, 2025**. More information and operating frequencies can be found at [www.biara.org](http://www.biara.org)

Modes will be at the discretion of the individual operators manning **NI6BB**. Operating hours are expected to be between **1400 and 2400 UTC**.

## BIGFOOT SPECIAL EVENT

The special event will be on the air from October 15, 2025, at 0000 Zulu (UTC) through October 21, 2025, at 2359 Zulu. Once again, we'll have available custom QSL cards and a unique special event certificate. Details for QSL cards and certificates will be posted on each special event callsign page on QRZ.com: W7B, W7I, W7G, W7F, W7O, W7T, and Bonus Station, W4S.

<https://w7dk.org/activities/163-bigfoot-special-event>



# CLUB PICNIC

September 2025



We had a great turn out and TONS of food. Pulled pork and shredded chicken provided by the Club; prepared by Randy KDONSP & Cathy KFOOKV and sooo many other items brought by members. Thank you so much!



Cooked to Order  
Olathe Sweet Corn

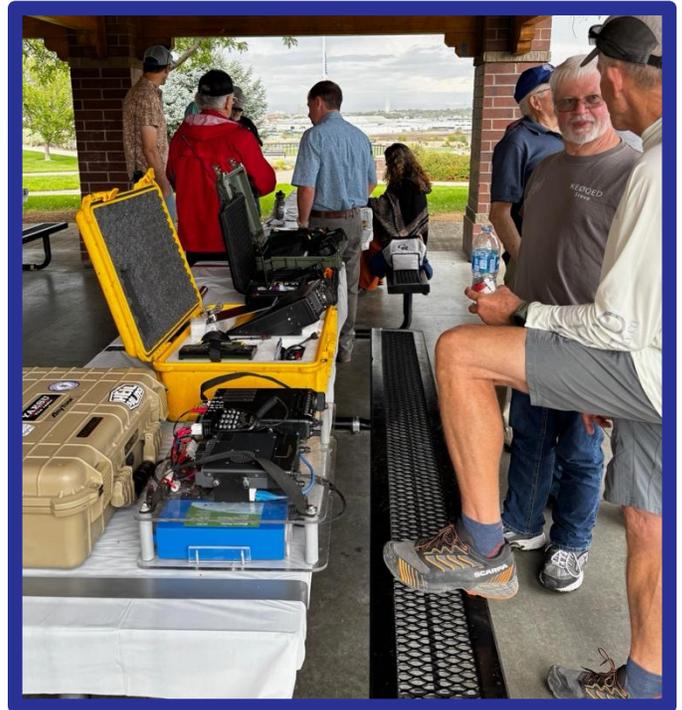


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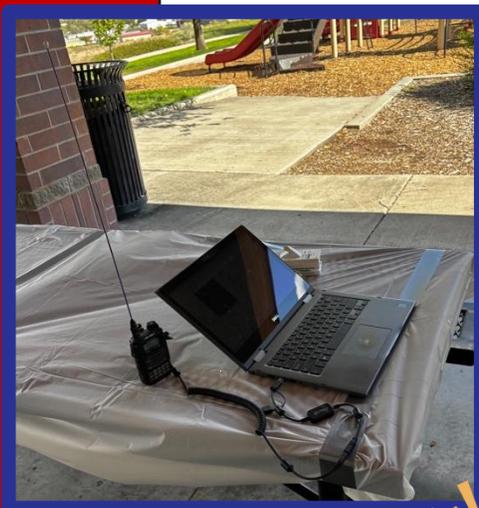


The weather reports were a little iffy but we were treated to blues skies, a light breeze and pleasant temperatures. The clouds began to gather so we did breakdown a little early. Definitely a good idea as the skies opened up as we were departing. Hope everyone had a good time – see you at the park next year!





We asked you to bring your Go Kits to share and you did!! Thank you! There were a variety of kits and there seemed to be a great deal of information sharing going on. Thank you!



# CLUB PICNIC



## Mesa County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (MCARES)

### Region 9 District 4

MCARES meets at the First Christian Church in Grand Junction at 0930 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

#### EMCOMM Net

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

Joining MCARES is simple. There are no dues. You can chose how involved you'd like to be.

We rely on volunteers for all our activities which help fund our organization.

For More Information Contact MCARES Coordinator: Chip N0WKR [chip.ferron@gmail.com](mailto:chip.ferron@gmail.com)

<https://ares-mesacounty.org>

## READY, SET, Go!

Mesa County ARES will join other units throughout Colorado for ARRL's annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in **November**. The SET is designed to test equipment and procedures for disaster and emergency communications nationwide. The date and time will be announced on scheduled nets, and on our website ([www.ares-mesacounty.org](http://www.ares-mesacounty.org)) as well as at our regular club and ARES meetings.

## What Does the WCARC Board of Directors Do?

The Board of Directors is responsible for assuring the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws are maintained, drawing up the programs for the year, making budgetary provisions and determinations and carrying out the wishes of the Club Membership.

### Brief Position Descriptions:

**President** – Is the Chairman of the Board of Directors; presides over all meetings; appoints special function committees as needed; and is authorized to sign all disbursement checks.

**Vice President** – Serves as the Chairperson of the Educational Committee; assumes the duties of the President, if necessary; becomes President if that office becomes vacant; assists the President at all meetings; performs other duties assigned by the President; and is authorized to sign all disbursement checks.

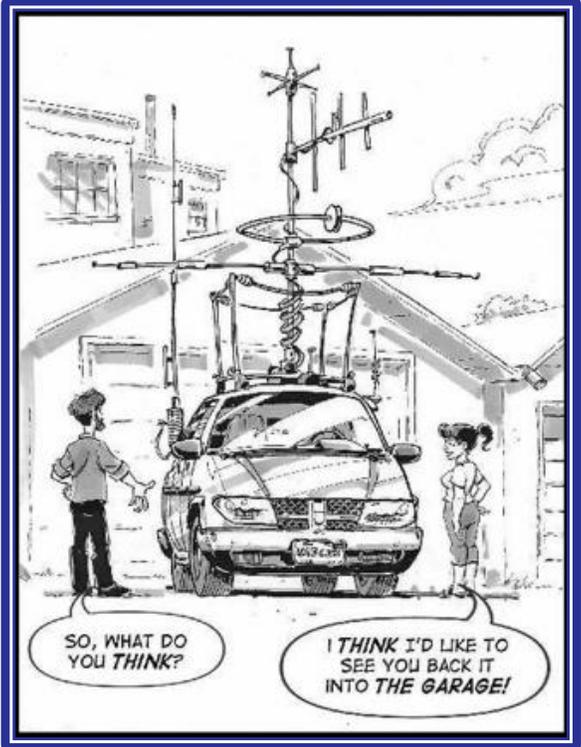
**Treasurer** – Receives all funds of this organization; deposits all moneys in the appropriate account as directed by the Board; maintains records of all receipts and disbursements; reports financial transactions at all regular meetings; is authorized to sign all checks; submits all books of account for audit at the end of the elected term and at other times as specified by the Board; submit any and all reports as required by the laws governing not-for-profit organizations in Colorado and insure all checks be endorsed by a designated signatory.

**Secretary** – Keeps and maintains records of all activities and proceedings; receives all applications for membership, keeps an accurate list of all members, receives all dues (records and forwards to the Treasurer); preserves all the books and correspondence of this organization; brings copies of the Constitution & By-Laws to each meeting; and is responsible for the Club mailbox.

*The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions are a one-year commitment.*

**3-Year Trustee** – This Trustee serves a three-year term. Trustees keep an accurate accounting of all physical assets of the organization.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Board of Directors or would like to nominate someone, speak to any of the current Board Members or email [info@w0rrz.org](mailto:info@w0rrz.org) and we can give you more details.



### Ham Trivia

According to ARRL, what is the Wilderness Protocol?

- A. Suggested those outside of repeater range should switch to cell phone or satellite phones
- B. Suggested those outside of repeater range should monitor simplex frequencies for emergencies in remote areas
- C. Governs the use of radios in the field to be respectful of animal life in the wilderness while doing POTA and similar activation
- D. Created a standard for APRS for tracking wildlife in remote areas

Email your answer to [KF0OKV@outlook.com](mailto:KF0OKV@outlook.com).

*The first person to get the correct answer to BOTH trivia questions will receive a WCARC Sticker.*

### For More Information:

See us on Facebook at Western Slope Amateur Radio Club,  
 on the Club Website: [www.W0RRZ.org](http://www.W0RRZ.org)  
 or email [info@W0RRZ.org](mailto:info@W0RRZ.org)

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

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

### 2025 WCARC Board of Directors

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The Mission 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.