



## the RF Carrier

April 2026

### President's Corner

Well, it looks to be spring and will soon be summer. Maybe this week we will get the surprise 90 degree day.

With that comes the annual spring lawn work and general cleanup around the homestead. Please don't forget the maintenance to your ham gear. Inspect that coax for nicks, abrasions or animal chew marks and of course the connectors at termination points. Antennas need to be checked for cracks, broken wires/insulators and for those with a mast there is of course the mast/tower itself. Please remember to check for rust and deterioration of the structure along with the bolts.

Sounds strange and I am sure you didn't need the reminder, but I unfortunately seem to be the one that gets bitten in the butt.

73's to all of you and I look forward to hearing you on the radio.

73  
Randy KD0NSP



**Mark Your Calendars!  
Check out the  
Upcoming Events!**



***WCARC More than a Club....  
....A Community of Friends!***

### Upcoming Events

4 April – WCARC Monthly Meeting

25 April – MC ARES Meeting

2 May – WCARC Monthly Meeting

23 May – MC ARES Meeting

*Please note the change of dates for the  
WCARC Meetings in APRIL & MAY*

13 June – WCARC Monthly Meeting

27 June – MC ARES Meeting &  
WCARC Summer Field Day

11 July – WCARC Monthly Meeting

25 July – MC ARES Meeting

8 August – WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet

22 August – MC ARES Meeting

License Testing Sessions are usually held after each WCARC General Meeting. We ask that you register beforehand. Please go to this link for test sessions available:  
<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/81506/inperson>

#### Ham Lunches

Wednesdays, 11:00 am

Our Ham Lunches rotate each week at a different restaurant throughout the Grand Valley.

Locations posted on Facebook & on the WCARC Events Calendar at:  
<https://www.w0rrz.org/wcarc-events-calendar>

#### Ham Breakfast

Third Friday, 9:00 am

17 April -First Watch - 1<sup>st</sup> & Patterson

For questions regarding the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Please email: [info@w0rrz.org](mailto:info@w0rrz.org)

# Important Announcements

## April 2026 Meeting

Our April Meeting will be the **FIRST** Saturday on **4 April at 09:30**. Everyone is welcome to attend. *The minutes from each meeting are posted in the Club Members Area of the website, please look them over prior to the meeting so we can approve them.*

There will **NOT** be a Test Session at the 4 April WCARC Meeting.

Benjamin KF0RDJ is bringing the donuts for April. Be sure to thank him!

**NOTE:** 2026 Meetings for April, May & November have been changed to the **first Saturday** due to conflicts. Please update your calendars!

## WCARC Membership

If you have paid your membership dues for 2026, you should have received a membership card. If you have not, they are available at the Monthly Meeting. If you paid your membership online and did not fill out a membership form, please do so and get it to Cathy as soon as possible. If you have not renewed your membership or joined, you can still do that as well. See Cathy KF0OKV secretary@w0rrz.org.

## Community Service Events

WCARC partners with Mesa County ARES every year to practice our Emergency Communications operations by staffing communication stations for several local events.

We are currently gearing up for the following:

UTMB Desert Rats 10-12 April

Fruita Fest Gravel Bike Races 9-10 May

Wild Horse Gravel Bike Races 16-17 May

Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Trials – July

If you are interested in volunteering, contact:

Andrew AE0WZ at [AE0WZ@outlook.com](mailto:AE0WZ@outlook.com)

or Chip N0WKR at [chip@ferron@gmail.com](mailto:chip@ferron@gmail.com)

## Club Constitution & By-Laws Revision

You should have received an electronic ballot to vote on the updated Club Organizing Documents. The electronic voting option will end Friday, 3 April at 5:00 pm. Paper ballots will be available at the meeting on 4 April for any club members who did not vote electronically, and the results will be announced at the meeting.



## Read Me!

## License Testing Announcement

New process with the digital testing

If you plan to take a test with the

WCARC VE Team, **PLEASE register in advance** at

<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/81506/inperson>

to ensure we have adequate Volunteer Examiners available. Full details about testing are available on the Club Website at:

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

## Volunteer Examiners Needed

Are you an Amateur Extra?

Would you like to become part of the Volunteer Examiner Team? We could use a few more VEs. It is very rewarding to help add to the amateur radio community.

Test sessions are usually scheduled immediately following our meetings each month.

Here are two links explaining how to become a VE:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/becoming-an-arrrl-volunteer-examiner>

<https://www.arrrl.org/become-an-arrrl-ve>

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew AE0WZ at [ae0wz@outlook.com](mailto:ae0wz@outlook.com)

**Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker...that's right the steaks were high.**

*Now that, right there was funny!* 😊

# Important Announcements

# More Announcements

**WOOHOO**  
**YOU DID IT!**

## Congratulations! License Upgrades March 2026

Amateur Radio is all about continuing to learn and grow in radio. The following members took their license exams to upgrade to the next license level.

**Randal Daniels** KF0PMC to General  
**Mike Harvey** KB0GYX to Amateur Extra  
Way to Go!

## WCARC Field Day 2026

Mark your calendars now! Summer Field Day 2026 is coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June! WCARC will participate on Saturday, 27 June 2026

We are currently working out the details for our in-town location and will the information to you as soon as possible. Make plans to join us this year!

## World Amateur Radio Day 18 April 2026

World Amateur Radio Day is held on 18 April each year and is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations. The IARU (International Amateur Radio Union) was formed in Paris on this day in 1925.

It is a day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide and the fun we have.

Get out there and spread the word on 18 April and everyday about Amateur Radio!

## WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet 2026

Saturday, 8 Aug 2026 9:30am-2:00pm  
First Christian Church 1326 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. GJ

Full details will be coming out soon. This is our one big fundraiser for the Club. Help support WCARC!

Reserve a table, donate equipment, volunteer to help with the event, or just come on out and add to your equipment collection. There will be food, door prizes, a guest speaker, informational exhibits and lots of stuff to buy.

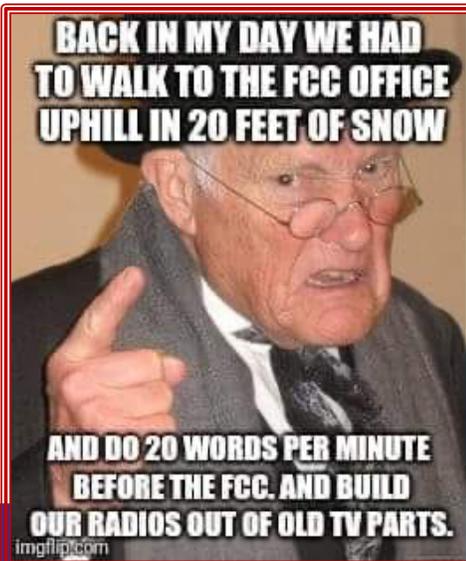
## Technician License Question Pool Update Effective 1 July 2026

The question pool for the Technician Test is being updated by NCVEC. If you test **before** 1 July, you will be utilizing the current question pool from the **2022-2026 books**. Tests **after** 1 July 2026, will reflect the new question pool. Please plan accordingly, when scheduling your test.

ARRL will have new editions of Technician Class study materials, including The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, Gordon West Technician Class License Prep book, and ARRL's Tech Q&A, by May 2026. There are various sites with information about the new question pool.

HamStudy.org is a good resource for studying and they have more information about the changes here.

<https://blog.hamstudy.org/2025/12/the-2026-us-technician-question-pool-is-here/>



# More Announcements

# Mesa County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (MC ARES)

Region 9 District 4



MCARES meets at the First Christian Church 1326 N. 1st St,  
Grand Junction at 09:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

**Next Meeting Saturday, 28 March**

<https://ares-mesacounty.org/>

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)



## Mesa County ARES/EMCOMM UHF/VHF Net

Every Thursday at 1900 MST on the WestCo Repeater System.  
Once a quarter on the second Thursday, the net starts on the WestCo System and moves to the Rocky Mountain Ham Rocky Mountain Central talk group for those members with a DMR radio.  
**Statewide Colorado ARES UHF/VHF Net**  
Every Sunday at 2000 MST. Multiple Repeater groups and modes are available.

## Upcoming Training Events

Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) 101 & 201

Colorado ARES Section Wide Training

Saturday, 18 April 2026 09:00–11:00 on Zoom

<https://coloradoares.org/near-vertical-incident-skywave-nvis-101-201/>

NVIS is an important mode and can provide reliable communications in a three to five-hundred-mile radius without the use of repeaters.

**Join the Zoom Meeting to learn more!**

Practice what you learned in:

**Operation Cross-Talk**

**Tentatively Saturday, 9 May 2026**

Details are still coming together on this exercise. Watch [www.ares-mesacounty.org](http://www.ares-mesacounty.org) for information.

## RACE SEASON IS UPON US!

We are currently gearing up to support the following local activities:

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**WHEN ALL**

**ELSE FAILS**



**HAM RADIO  
WORKS**

## WCARC Member Spotlight

Not Quite the Cover of the Rolling Stone

Jim Jeffery KC0VDY

I had wanted to get my license for a while, but the CW (morse code) requirement was a stumbling block for me.

Eventually, a friend at work got his license and told me about the no-code Tech license that was available. So, I went to one of the schools and got my license.

I was first licensed in 1994 when I was living in Southern California. My first call sign was KE6GIF. I became involved in a local club in Torrence, CA and in the emergency comms group in LA.

After leaving LA and moving to El Paso, TX, I didn't do much with ham radio except to get my general license.



Once I moved to Grand Junction and then retired, I got back into ham radio. Dusted off my old radios and started to figure out how to set up an antenna farm in an HOA.

I joined the WCARC in 2018 and got into contesting on SSB and digital (member of the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado). I have also been involved with the Mesa County ARES/Em Comm group. I have also always enjoyed doing the Field Day operations, chasing DXpeditions and just being amazed at how much I can do with a small ham shack (basically 100 watts and a wire). I have also set up a 10-meter beacon at 28.2273 and a 6-meter beacon at 50.0755.

They're not always on and I alternate them every once in a while, since I am using the same radio for both.

HAM Radio...practicing social distancing for over 100 years. 😊



**You can find Jim at most of the WCARC Monthly Meetings, the MC ARES Meetings or supporting our various Club & ARES events.**

**Take a minute and say "Hi!" sometime.**

## History of Amateur Radio on the Western Slope

Amateur Radio on the Western Slope has a long history of supporting the local community just like we do today. Here are two articles highlighting support of the local community. Below: 3 Jul 1952, The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction To the Right: 3 July 1952, The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction

**C. L. Paterson Gets Amateur Radio Award For Blizzard Role**

C. L. Paterson, Fruita, operating amateur radio station WGDC, recently received an award in consideration for meritorious work in connection with the midwestern blizzard, November, 1948.

The American Radio Relay league made the award. A statement accompanying the award included the following:

"The enclosed ARRL Public Service certificate is in recognition of your participation in a communications emergency in which amateur radio played a leading role. Please accept along with it our hearty congratulations and warm thanks for the part you played.

"It should give you deep satisfaction to know that the type of work you have done best exemplifies the spirit which makes amateur radio a valuable asset to the public and to the nation.

"We hope that you will continue your work along emergency communications lines and that you will take an active part in the preparedness program of your ARRL Emergency Corps."

We are always looking for historical club records. Do you have any old documents or photos from the past? Please share them with us.

## Land's End Hill Climb 'Resurrection' Friday

"Resurrection" of the Land's End road hill climb to Grand Mesa following 11 years of "entombment," is scheduled for Friday, beginning at 10 a. m. Revival of the contest, which drew approximately 12,500 fans in 1941, its last year, is sponsored by the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce and the Rocky Mountain Sports Car club.

It is believed more than 100 sports car owners from a number of states are already in town, and that some 25 per cent of them will take part in the grueling contest over more than 11 miles of twisting graveled roads, from 6,000 feet elevation to 11,000.

The race will start from near the old CCC camp on Land's End road and finish near the shelter house on Grand Mesa. The drivers will

leave the starting line at five-minute intervals.

Altho the Land's End road—the "track"—will close at 9 a. m., the Grand Mesa roads from the Delta and Mesa Lakes sides will remain open thruout the day. Those roads are reported in good condition.

Admission will be \$1-per car, regardless of how many persons are riding in it. Parking space, near the finish line, will be available for virtually an unlimited number of automobiles. The parking area will be supervised.

Spectators will be able to see a major portion of the course from near the finish line, and will get a full view of every car at the finish line.

**Will Start With Radios**  
Radios will be used to start and time the drivers, with the Western Slope Radio club supplying both the equipment and manpower. The radio club will also station men along the course to provide the judges' stand and finish line with highlights and to notify the proper persons immediately in case of accident.

## Here Are Facts On Land's End Holiday Contest

1. The race—against time—starts Friday at 10 a. m., with participants to leave the starting line at five-minute intervals.
2. The Land's End road to the Shelter house will be closed at 9 a. m., but the other two approach roads will be open before, during and after the contest.
3. There is ample parking space near the Shelter house for almost an unlimited number of cars. Parking will be supervised. The parking area is close by the finish line.
4. Admission is \$1 per car, regardless of how many persons are riding in it.
5. The hill climb is sponsored by the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce and the Rocky Mountain Sports Car club.
6. Spectators will be able to see a good portion of the 11 plus miles of the course.
7. The race starts from near the old CCC camp, at about 6,000 feet elevation, and ends near the Shelter house, elevation of about 10,000 feet.
8. More than 25 cars are expected to battle it out up the grueling course.

John I. Orlando, Los Angeles, stress analyst, Douglas Aircraft corporation, says the Land's End climb is a killer. "It is the roughest course I have ever seen," he added. He thinks the race has great possibilities for the future.

Barney West, Los Angeles, recording engineer with C. B. S., also praised the course, but believed the course should be shortened by several miles.

Both Mr. Orlando and Mr. West are members of the Four Cylinder Club of America.

George Barger will be the official starter.

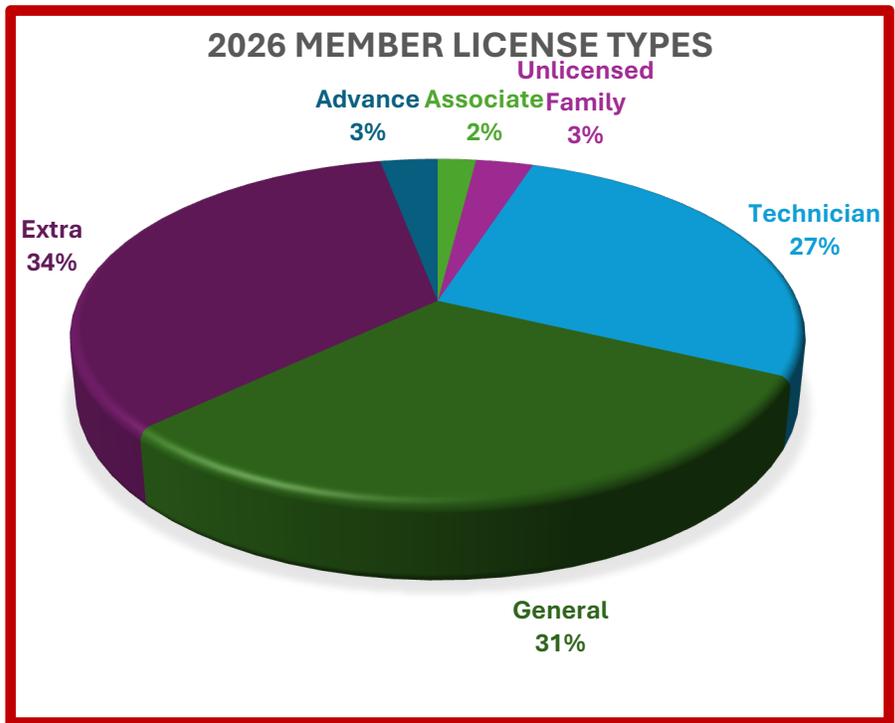
**Judges Announced**  
Judges will be Wayne Sankey, Grand Junction, and Helen Livingston, wife of Dr. Robert Livingston, Glenwood Springs.

A number of drivers, tested their vehicles over the course Wednesday, then continued over Grand Mesa. Most of them were highly pleased with the course and the scenic drive over the mesa afterward.

Meanwhile the Concourse d'Elégance show of sports cars was being conducted today at Lincoln park, where sports cars of nearly every make were on display.

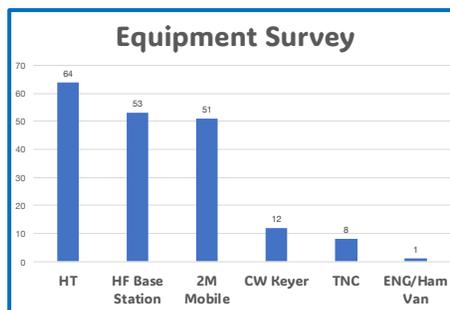
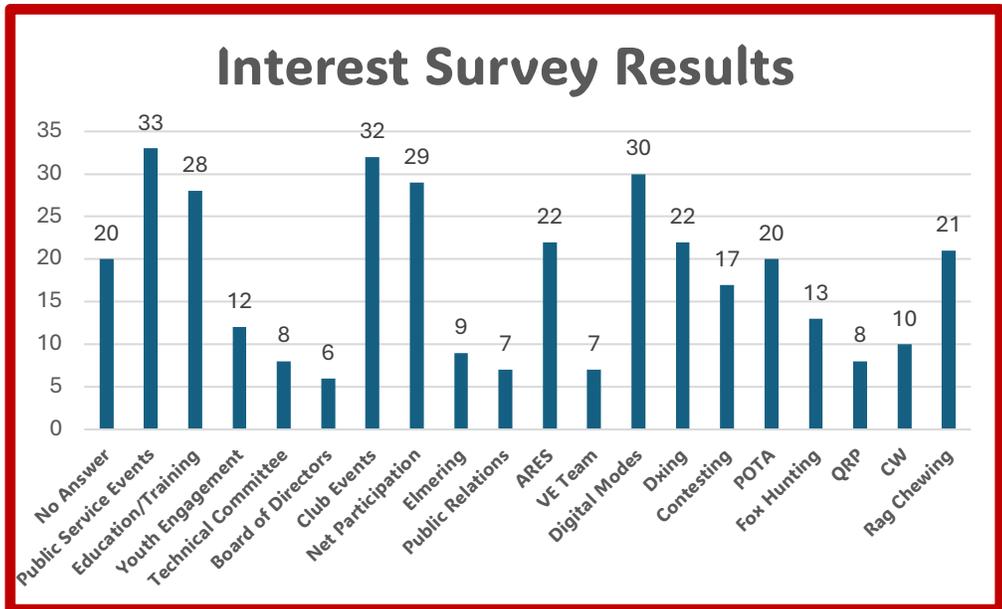
# March 2026 - Membership Survey Results

	2026	
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Total ARRL</b>	59	59%
<b>New Members</b>	13	13%
<b>Renewals</b>	87	87%
<b>Associate (No License)</b>	2	2%
<b>Unlicensed Family</b>	3	3%
<b>Technician</b>	27	27%
<b>General</b>	31	31%
<b>Extra</b>	34	34%
<b>Advance</b>	3	3%
<b>MC ARES</b>	32	32%
<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>95</b>	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>5</b>	

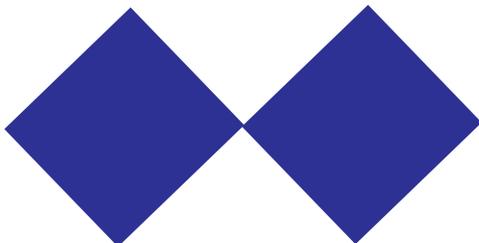


**Thank you to everyone who filled out a Membership Form. The info on the forms helps us understand what is important to our members.**

Interest Survey		
No Answer	20	20%
Public Service Events	33	33%
Education/Training	28	28%
Youth Engagement	12	12%
Technical Committee	8	8%
Board of Directors	6	6%
Club Events	32	32%
Net Participation	29	29%
Elmering	9	9%
Public Relations	7	7%
ARES	22	22%
VE Team	7	7%
Digital Modes	30	30%
Dxing	22	22%
Contesting	17	17%
POTA	20	20%
Fox Hunting	13	13%
QRP	8	8%
CW	10	10%
Rag Chewing	21	21%



Equipment Survey		
HT	64	64%
HF Base Station	53	53%
2M Mobile	51	51%
CW Keyer	12	12%
TNC	8	8%
ENG/Ham Van	1	2%



# Membership Survey Results – March 2026

# Club Branded Apparel

We have been working on getting customized Club Apparel set up for you. You'll be hearing more about what we've set up at the April WCARC Meeting.



**LET'S PLAY  
RADIO!!!**

## We Play Radio

We Play Radio is a Google Group for coordinating ham radio activities on the Western Slope. We have members from several Amateur Radio clubs, and from no club at all.

If you want to *Play Radio*, then join us!

Lately members have been working on LandOps events, HF experiments, HamClock, Meshtastic, The DigiPi project, and Summits On The Air (SOTA).

To join us and bring your own interests to **We Play Radio**, send an email to Bill at [K0DZ@protonmail.com](mailto:K0DZ@protonmail.com) so I can send you login credentials.

# Club Member Businesses

## Club Member Business Promotions

WCARC would like to support our members who own businesses by promoting them in the newsletter and on the club website.

If you are a 2026 WCARC Member and own a business, send a business card sized ad to [secretary@w0rrz.org](mailto:secretary@w0rrz.org) and we will include it in the next RF Carrier Newsletter and post it on [www.W0RRZ.org](http://www.W0RRZ.org).

We are more than a **CLUB**. We are a **COMMUNITY**. We want to support **EVERY** member.

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- Audio and rig control
- Single USB connection
- Small & rugged



[digirig.net](http://digirig.net)

**Denis Grisak K0TX**

<https://digirig.net>

Denis is also a great resource for mentoring anyone interested in digital modes and/or portable operations



**John Fuller WJ0NF**

Etsy Site featuring customized club name tags & other customized amateur radio items

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/JohnnyFLLC>

## Club Sponsors

The following organizations have provided services or monetary donations in support of the mission of WCARC



**N2KNK**  
KERI VARELA

**WESTCO SYSTEMS**  
**REPEATER NETWORK**

<https://w0rrz.org/n2knk-westco-repeater-system>

 **THE UPS STORE**



Store #1349  
2695 Patterson Rd Ste 2  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Village Fair Plaza  
12th & Patterson  
970-241-6103

Mon - Fri 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sun 10:00AM - 3:00 PM



Community Rewards Program

Link your digital loyalty card to Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club (NPO SS693) and City Market donates a percentage to WCARC every time you purchase using your loyalty account. Works at all Kroger owned stores in Colorado.

**LOTS OF SPACE AVAILABLE  
FOR MORE SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES!**



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The national association for  
**AMATEUR RADIO™**

**WCARC THANKS THESE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB**

# Contesting Information

## A Few Upcoming Contests

- 2 April – VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest - NA  
<https://ft8activity.na.net/rules>
- 7 April – Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
<https://wwsac.com/rules.html>
- 9 April, 16 April – VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest - NA  
<https://ft8activity.na.net/rules>
- 17 April – Texas State Parks on the Air  
<https://www.tspta.org>
- 19 April – Rookie Roundup – Phone (SSB)  
[www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup)
- 16 April – VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest - NA  
<https://ft8activity.na.net/rules>

This list could be so much better if someone who participates could work with me each month. Think about it and email [secretary@w0rrz.org](mailto:secretary@w0rrz.org)

## Contest Calendar Links

- <https://contests.arrl.org>  
<https://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>  
<https://groups.arrl.org/g/ARRL-Contesting>  
<https://hamradiolive.org/contest-calendar>  
<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.php>  
<https://www.contesting.com>  
<https://ncjweb.com>  
<https://www.onallbands.com/amateur-radio-contesting-101/>

## ARRL Year of the Club - America250 WAS

[www.arrl.org/america250-was](http://www.arrl.org/america250-was)

A Year-Long Worked-All-States Operating Event  
Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Semi  
quincentennial) of the signing of the Declaration of  
Independence.

More information on the ARRL Website and in the  
January/February edition of "On The Air" Magazine.

# LIFE IS SIMPLE



### Mission Statement

GMCC's mission is to promote and encourage contesting enjoyment for its members while striving to be the best statewide contesting club in Colorado, involving all levels of contest operations, encouraging contest use and activity of all models, all bands and frequencies and increasing contesting operations and activities in the state.

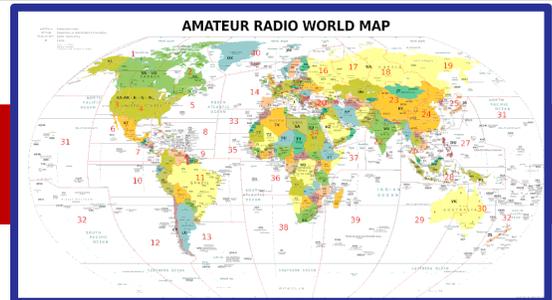
### Benefits of Membership

- \* Colorado's statewide contest club
- \* No dues or membership fees
- \* Web reflector for contesters

### Awards Presented For

- "Top Gun" Award  
issued at 1 Million contest points
- "Contest Club of Champions"  
in SSB - CW - RTTY - Digital

<https://grandmesa.org>



## Upcoming Colorado Hamfests

### LARCfest 2026

4 April 2026 0900-1300 MST  
Longmont, CO  
Longmont Amateur Radio Club  
<https://w0eno.org/2026larcfest>



### Megafest - PPRAA

25 July 2026 0800-1300 MST  
Monument, CO  
Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association  
<https://ppraa.org/megafest>

# ARRL Information



## What Is ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national nonprofit association for amateur (ham) radio operators in the United States. Founded in 1914, ARRL works to promote and protect amateur radio through advocacy with regulators, education and licensing support, technical resources, and public service programs.

It benefits amateur radio operators by representing their interests, providing trusted training and publications, supporting emergency and public-service communications, and helping grow and sustain the amateur radio community.

<https://www.arrl.org>

WCARC has been an ARRL  
Affiliated Club for 87 years!  
*Since 21 October 1939*

## ARRL Membership

There are a lot of benefits to being an ARRL member. Go to <https://www.arrl.org/membership> for more information about the benefits of ARRL Membership.

ARRL has a Club Commission Program. By joining or renewing your ARRL Membership through WCARC under the ARRL Club Commission Program, the WCARC receives a small commission (\$20.00 for new members, \$5.00 for renewals) from ARRL.

Go here:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/club-membership-information>  
or talk to Cathy KF00KV for information on how to join or renew your ARRL membership.

## ARRL Colorado Section



2026 is a big year!  
250 years for the US and  
150 years for Colorado  
ARRL Colorado Section is celebrating  
with a special Year of the Club  
150/250 activity. Visit their site below  
and check out all the activities  
planned – both on-air and in-person.

<https://colorado-arrl.us/celebrate-2026-colorado-150th-the-year-of-the-club/>

Be sure to go to the pull-down menu at the top for the The Year of the Club 150/250 and register as a Club Participant so we can track endorsements throughout the year. The Club as well as individual Club Members can receive certificates and awards for participation.

### Examples of On-Air Events for the Colorado 150

- 1) **Worked All States** – using the Club Callsign - This requires 1 contact with all 50 states.
- 2) **Working 5 other CO Clubs on-air** (receive an endorsement for every additional 5).
- 3) **Top number of QSOs** – the committee will post a semi real-time tally of every club's QSO count. Will not include QSOs from organized contests.
- 4) **Colorado QSO Party Participation** – must be active on 12 Sep during COQP hours and submit a score for the party.

For on-air activities: Digital, CW & phone are permissible

Logs must be submitted to the Colorado 150 Committee through the Colorado 150 site. They want logs in adif format and they must include: Club Call as the Station Callsign and each entrant's Operator Call as Operator.

All files should be labeled:

<YOTC-clubcall-MM-DD-ContestAbbreviation>.adi  
Contest abbreviations are: COQSO, ARRLFD and WFD.

### USING THE CLUB CALLSIGN: W0RRZ

You must contact Forrest AD0XC via email at: [AD0XC@protonmail.com](mailto:AD0XC@protonmail.com) to request permission and you must wait until you get a response in writing before utilizing the Club Callsign.

# ARRL Information

# General Information

## Club Meetings

The Club *usually* meets on the second Saturday of every month, at 0930 at the First Christian Church, 1326 N. 1st St, Grand Junction *unless there is a conflict. This year we will have our April, May and November meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday due to conflicts. Please update your calendars.*

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)

**We are now able to provide a video link to the Monthly Club Meeting via Microsoft Teams. Members should receive an email on the Friday before the meeting with a link. Non-members may email [secretary@w0rrz.org](mailto:secretary@w0rrz.org) for the link.**

## 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** at <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 some Holidays 07:30-08:00 on the Club Repeaters.

**Radioactive Net** - Every Tuesday at 19:30 on the club repeaters & the WestCo Repeater Systems. This is the place to ask questions and discuss your current radio projects.

Both Nets are open to ALL licensed amateurs.

## Club Website Information

Our Club Website is located at <https://www.w0rrz.org>

Current announcements are posted on the main page of the website.

Access to the Club Members Area requires you to be a *current* 2026 member of WCARC.

(Let Cathy KF00KV or Andrew AE0WZ know if you need log in credentials)

The Club Members Area includes several forums including a Buy/Sell/Trade Forum, AllStar linking procedures, current club roster, monthly meeting minutes and monthly meeting presentations.

When does Friday come before Thursday? ....In the Dictionary!

## 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 most of our Club meetings. Full details are available on the Club Website at:

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

**Please register at least a week in advance at [www.HamStudy.org](http://www.HamStudy.org) to ensure we have adequate Volunteer Examiners available.**

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

## Who We Are

Our organization was created to bring new and seasoned amateur radio operators together through our desire to serve. We bring our experience, knowledge and wisdom into a long-term hobby with the focus of expanding one's understanding of it, as well as providing a solid foundation for those who have an interest in getting their amateur radio license.

We remain focused in greeting newcomers to our great hobby by offering them a warm welcome into the amateur radio family and are steadfast in providing help when they need it.

Are you a City Market Customer? **Help Support WCARC**

The *City Market Community Rewards Program* is a great way to support the Club.



You can select us as your charity either by name or use our NPO Number: **SS693** on your app. Once you have enrolled and linked your loyalty card City Market contributes to WCARC every time you buy groceries.

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

**Thank You for Supporting WCARC!**  
 Questions? Contact Cathy (KF00KV), [secretary@w0rrz.org](mailto:secretary@w0rrz.org)

**Content Needed for the RF Carrier**

Do you have information that you think would be valuable for other members to know? Are you a contester & would like to help list upcoming contests? Do you have something funny to add or saw a Ham related meme? Do you have photos of your radio equipment or an event? Please send it to [secretary@w0rrz.org](mailto:secretary@w0rrz.org) by the first Monday of the month and I will add it to the RF Carrier!



The Mission of the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (WCARC), EIN 81-4225701, a 501(c)3 Colorado charitable 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.

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