



the RF Carrier

August 2026

President's Corner

How long have you had your license? For me 10+ years! I wouldn't be where I am at today without the help from some very active hams!

I have had a few Elmer's over the years, and each one has taught me something new. I haven't even begun to understand all the opportunities for communication that I have with my license. What I do understand is that without the help and knowledge of others I would still be wondering if I should key up and talk.

Yes! This month I am asking that all of you consider becoming an Elmer. We are working on creating a group that can help all levels of operators - from those still thinking about it to those fully licensed and looking to jump into a specialty area.

I am not asking you to commit to a meeting a week, month or whatever but I am asking you to step up and join this group.

How about something simple as getting over mic fright or mastering some of the finer technics of using our repeater system? Want to go further there is of course a lot more HF, Data, SSTV, Digital, Meshtastic and AREDN to name a few. Please think about it and help out you never know you might learn something new too.

Randy KD0NSP
President, WCARC

Calendar of Events

8 August – WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet

22 August – MC ARES Meeting

12 September – WCARC Annual Picnic

26 September – MC ARES Meeting

10 October – WCARC Monthly Meeting

24 October – MC ARES Meeting

7 November – WCARC Monthly Meeting

Please note the change of date for the November WCARC Meeting

28 November – MC ARES Meeting

12 December – WCARC Monthly Meeting & Board of Directors Election

26 December – MC ARES Meeting

WHAT IS THE WCARC?

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.

WCARC More than a Club....

.... A Community of Friends!

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



Important Announcements

No Regular Club Meeting in August & September due to Hamfest & the Club Picnic

Repeater Expansion Project

At our July Meeting, we presented a plan to add club repeaters to our current location at Palisade Point on the Grand Mesa and at a new location on Baxter Pass. These additional repeaters would significantly expand the reach of our current repeater system.

Our members were definitely onboard with the plan, and we reached and surpassed our funding goal almost immediately!
THANK YOU!



Project Status

Equipment has been purchased and Keri N2KNK is now coordinating with the CCARC to get the frequency pair assignments for the new repeaters. Once we have that accomplished, installation should follow. Our goal is to get these repeaters up and running before winter restricts access to the sites.

A HUGE thank you to Two-Way Communications and the Emergency Services Division of the Mesa County Sheriff's Department for supporting this project.

WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet

SATURDAY, 8 AUG 2026

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

First Christian Church

1326 N. 1st Street ♦ Grand Junction, CO

YOU can help support WCARC!

Reserve a table, donate equipment, buy a t-shirt, volunteer to help with the event, or just come on out and add to your equipment collection.

There will be food, door prizes, QSL Card checking, informational displays, license testing, and lots of stuff to buy.

LICENSE TESTING 1100-1200.

Please pre-register at www.hamstudy.org or email
AE0WZ@outlook.com



September is our Club Picnic

12 September 1100 – 1500

Eagle Rim Park

2736 Cheyenne Drive, Grand Junction

Come on out and socialize at bit.

WCARC will be providing hamburgers and brats. Please bring a side dish to share and your beverage. More details will be posted on the website soon!

More Announcements

The Social Side of Things

Ham Lunches are every Wednesday at 1100. The location changes each week and is announced on the Oatmeal Net Wednesday morning then posted on our Facebook page and on the **WCARC Events Calendar** at:
<https://www.w0rrz.org/wcarc-events-calendar>

Ham Breakfasts are held the third Friday of each month at 0900 at **Stella's 811 S. 7th Street, GJ**
All are welcome to join us for our club lunches or breakfast!

Club Nets

Oatmeal Net - Monday – Friday except some Holidays 07:30-08:00 on the Club Repeaters.
This net is conducted to check equipment, pass along club messages and continue our ham education.
Visitors are encouraged to check in!

Radioactive Net - Every Tuesday at 19:30 on the club repeaters & the WestCo Repeater System. **This is the place to ask questions and discuss your current radio projects.**
Jerry KF0RSI and Terry WB0RBA host this net and would love to have more participation.
Both Nets are open to ALL licensed amateurs

Volunteers Needed!!

Everyone has specific areas of expertise and interest. We'd love to have you share your enthusiasm for amateur radio with our community.

We are currently looking to stand up a group to work with New Hams.

We need volunteers to lend their assistance in brainstorming ideas to engage new hams in the area and get them involved in whatever area of amateur radio appeals most.

Let's support and educate our new licensee's (and old licensee's who haven't really done much with their license).

See Randy KD0NSP or Cathy KF0OKV to hear about ways you can help make WCARC the best it can be.



License Testing

If you plan to take a test to get or upgrade your amateur license with the WCARC VE Team, ***PLEASE register in advance*** for one of our available exam sessions at:

<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/WCARC>

Full details about testing are available on the Club Website at:

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

Please look over the pre-exam requirements on our site before registering for a test.
If you have any questions, please contact Andrew AE0WZ at ae0wz@outlook.com

Upcoming Colorado HAMFESTS

Rocky Mountain Ham

Summer Swapfest

Sunday, 23 August 2026

0900-1300 MST

**Adams County Fairgrounds
Brighton, CO**



<https://www.rmham.org/the-summer-swapfest-2026/>

Other Important Stuff



Silent Key

We are very sorry to say we were notified that Bill Ridings KBØYZI [a long-time member of MCSR] was found deceased in his home on Thursday, 30 July. We do not have any further details at this time. If you hear anything, please keep us posted.

QST Magazines

Joe Hannigan WD0M has reached out in regard to donating a collection of QST Magazines dating from December 2017 to present. If there is anyone who would be interested in them, please email Joe Hannigan WD0M at joe@wd0m.com

It's Getting to be that Time Again...

If you are interested in helping direct the future of the Club, this is your chance to make a difference. Don O'Malley AE0IF, Mark Feil KF0NYB and Cathy Maddox KF0OKV have volunteered to be our Nominating Committee this year. If you are interested in becoming a part of the WCARC Board of Directors or would like to nominate someone, please speak to any of the Nominating Committee Members or email info@w0rrz.org and we can give you more details.

Nominations for the 2027 Board of Directors are due at the October Meeting on Saturday, 10 October. Elections will be held at the December Meeting on Saturday, 12 December.

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.

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.

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.

The Board Officer positions are all a one-year term.

3-Year Trustee – The Trustees keep an accurate accounting of all physical assets of the organization.

This is a three-year term.

PLEASE NOTE: Randy Stringer KD0NSP, current WCARC President and Cathy Maddox KF0OKV, current WCARC Secretary will not be running for a Board Position for 2027. Cathy will continue doing the RF Carrier Newsletter as part of the Communications Committee.

WCARC Member Spotlight

Not Quite the Cover of the Rolling Stone

Wayne AA0DE & Louise N0MVE Walgren



Louise (Georgia N0MVE) and I (Wayne AA0DE) are kind of different compared to most amateurs we know.

First of all, we spent most of our adult life as missionaries in northern Brazil. We went in 1972 the first time and of course, this was before most of the more modern means of communication, cell phone, social media, email and even computer conversations like Skype. Our main communication was paper letters at that time.

I (Wayne) was interested somewhat in radio as a math and science teacher there and we knew what phone patch via ham radio was. When my mom (Wayne's) was dying of cancer we were able to talk to her and my dad via phone patch in the days before her death. This was the catalyst to get licenses.

In Brazil, foreigners have to have a valid license from their home country so in 1983 and 1984 we both got Novice licenses given by hams. We made all of our upgrades on furloughs here in the US. VE licensing was just coming into being in 1984 on one of our furloughs so we saw the possibility of helping other missionaries be able to get licenses. We operated as PP8ZAR and PP8ZBR for all of our years in Brazil. Besides licensing we did phone patches and communicated with missionaries in the jungle who couldn't communicate in other ways as well as with our families and churches.

After landing in the US permanently after a heart attack (Wayne), we were involved with the hams in Craig and Steamboat Colorado. Mostly what we did there was helping with emergency communications for races, like the Steamboat marathon.

We've kind of slowed down here in Grand Junction. Doctors, tests and labs have taken an increasing amount of our time. My (Wayne) interest is mostly HF DX. Louise has always been more interested in 2-meter voice mostly on road trips.

**Wayne & Louise have lived a fascinating radio story.
They regularly attend our monthly WCARC Meetings.
Be sure to go by their table and say Hi and get to know them a little better!**

SOTA Activation in Switzerland



Months ago, we began planning our first European vacation. We chose destinations that appealed to both my wife and me. I did a lot of planning, especially for our time in Switzerland. Several factors went into figuring out what we would visit while there, some of which include different train passes and bus, cable car/tram, and scenic cog railways. I chose one that would give us the most options. At the beginning of the planning, I thought about how fun it would be to activate a Summits on the Air (SOTA) summit while visiting. Fortunately, there are several cable car options that will take me to SOTA summits for a fairly straightforward activation.

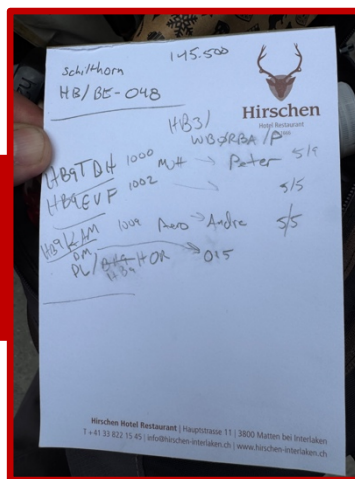
At first, it seemed like a long shot. I scoured the internet for information. I also reached out to head of the Colorado 14er Event taskforce, Bob K0NR, who, along with his wife Joyce K0JJW, has previously activated a summit in Switzerland on 2 meters. I learned that as a General license holder, my privileges only extend to what the Swiss consider "Novice". (This is not to be confused with the US version of a Novice.) My privileges there would be equivalent to those of a Technician License holder here in the US. So, no HF for me. This activation would have to be on 2 meters. I didn't have a problem with this, because I often use 2 meters for SOTA here in the US anyway.

The next step was to figure out what red tape if any I'd need to clear. I learned that I would have to modify my callsign to HB3/WB0RBA to transmit while there. HB3 is the prefix for a "novice" license holder. HB9 is for the standard, or what we consider Extra license holders. I also learned that I would need to use their calling frequency of 145.500 MHz. I programmed that frequency in my radio before leaving. There appeared to be no other red tape that needed to be dealt with before I could activate! I charged my radio, and we headed to Europe.

An Adventure Story by Terry Carter WB0RBA



Moving ahead to the day of the activation, 8 July 2026. I had several activities planned for my mountain adventures. We left our inn located in Interlaken before 6am and headed to the Schilthorn (SOTA peak reference HB/BE-048). Getting there was half the fun; the trip required two buses, a train and four cable cars/trams. We had the first reservation for breakfast at the mountaintop revolving restaurant, which was a filming location for the almost 60-year-old James Bond movie *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. There is a whole exhibit on site about it. (See Terry above with Bond "Finger Guns")



After breakfast, the area below the observation deck had been opened, so I ventured down to a spot that would be out of the way enough for activation. After rethinking all of the research I've done in my head, I finally called CQ. Speaking slowly, I said "CQ Summits on the Air, CQ Summits on the Air. This is Hotel Bravo Three Slash Whiskey Bravo Zero Romeo Bravo Alpha Portable calling CQ Summits on the Air." I got no response at the first call. Since I had international cell service, I was able to self-spot on the SOTA database and tried a few more times. **SUCCESS!** The first station was Peter HB9TDH in the Grünenmatt region approximately 30 miles north of me. He spoke English very well and was patient with me as I mispronounced the name of the mountain.

Next, I spoke with HB9EVF, who is a 4x mountain goat, a very difficult SOTA award to achieve – it requires 1000 points. With all of my activations over the past 10 years, I currently have 196 points. He gave me a 5/5 signal report. Next, I spoke to Andre, HB9KAM who was also a SOTA regular in the area.

At this point, I was getting excited because I was only one QSO away from a successful activation!! I had seen an alert that suggested another station would be on a nearby summit in the next half hour or so. I hadn't heard anything else from him. But I called CQ a few more times, with no reply. Then in the mud, I faintly heard "Summit to Summit! Summit to Summit". I pounced on this one. He had a very weak signal, but I was able to read his call. DL/HB9HOR! The DL suffix meant that he was activating from Germany! (Hochfirst – DM/BW-015) We both struggled a bit, with signal reports of 3/3 both ways. But we got it! I checked later, and he is a SOTA regular from Switzerland who happened to be on a summit in Germany that day. He was just over 90 miles away.



HB3/WB0RBA/P on HB/BE-048 (Schilthorn), 08 Jul 2026

Time	Callsign	Band	Mode	Notes
08:00	 HB9TDH	2m	FM	5/9 Peter in Grünenmatt! Thanks for the QSO!
08:02	 HB9EVF	2m	FM	5/5 Thanks for the QSO!
08:09	 HB9KAM	2m	FM	5/5 Andre Thanks for the QSO!
08:15	 DL/HB9HOR	2m	FM	3/3 Summit to Summit into Germany! Thank



That was the icing on the cake! Not only did I get to activate in Switzerland, but I was also able to speak to a station in a nearby country!

I would have liked to continue to see how many more stations I could reach, but I had another mountain adventure planned at noon. After 20 minutes, I took some photos and put my radio away, and we headed down to Mürren so I could hike/climb the Via Ferrata there. What an amazing experience, and I am always inspired by the warmth and openness of other hams from around the world.

73, Terry WB0RBA

SOTA Activation in Switzerland

HAM NATION PODCAST #628

Our very own Keri N2KNK and Ryan KF0VMF are FAMOUS thanks to ASTRA, the WestCO System's automated radio assistant.

If you missed the live broadcast on 29 July of Ham Nation episode #628, you can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKKHJ5v0MBA>

WestCo Systems Info

For more information about the WestCo Repeater System and ASTRA go to:

<https://westcorepeaters.org>

More About ASTRA

The WestCO Repeater Network is now testing Astra, an automated radio assistant built to support amateur radio operators across western Colorado. Astra is designed for short, practical exchanges on the repeater. She does not chat, hold long conversations, or interrupt normal repeater use.

To use her, begin your transmission with "Astra" and make a clear request.

Current Astra services include:

- Current weather and short local forecasts
- Current Mountain time and date
- WestCO net, meeting, club, and repeater information
- Wildfire and evacuation information for the WestCO coverage area
- Severe weather and fire bulletins when safety alerts are issued
- Relaying a message to the control operator
- Holding a message for another operator until that station is heard on the air
- Submitting requested announcements for approval

Astra's purpose is to support the ham radio community in practical ways:

- **Health and safety:** quick access to weather, fire, evacuation, and severe weather information can help operators stay aware during changing conditions.
- **Community assistance:** operators can leave short messages, request approved announcements, and get schedule information without needing to track down another person immediately.
- **Public-service support:** Astra can help keep routine information available while human operators focus on net control, events, emergency communications, and repeater operations.
- **Accessibility:** voice-based access means operators can request useful information from the radio without needing a phone, computer, or web browser in front of them.

Astra operates under the control of N2KNK and follows amateur radio operating rules. She is intentionally limited: she does not provide emergency dispatch, medical advice, private information, general internet answers, directions, or casual conversation. If a request is unclear or outside her allowed services, she will stay silent, so the repeater remains available for normal traffic.

Example uses:

- "Astra, weather."
- "Astra, what time is it?"
- "Astra, fire report."
- "Astra, is the Radioactive Net this Tuesday?"
- "Astra, I have a message for the control operator."

Astra is an experiment in using modern AI tools to *strengthen*, not replace, amateur radio. The goal is simple: more useful information, better situational awareness, and stronger community support on the WestCO system.

Warmest regards, Keri N2KNK



ARRL
The national association for
AMATEUR RADIO™

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. If you renew through WCARC, you do not receive any promotional items offered by 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.

Wyoming HamCon

Rocky Mountain Division – Casper, WY
28-30 August 2026

<https://wyohamcon.org/>

Best Western Hotel & Convention Center
123 West E Street in Casper, Wyoming

Early Bird Registration extended to 30
June

There will be lots of Amateur Radio related activities throughout the three days with forums, and guest speakers.

Our Keynote Speaker for the Saturday Evening Banquet will be Rick Roderick, K5UR the President of the ARRL. Banquet tickets can be purchased in the registration system.

5 THINGS I LIKE *almost as much as* HAM RADIO



1. LOOKING AT MY HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT
2. TALKING ABOUT MY HAM RADIO
3. WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAMS ABOUT HAM RADIO
4. WEBSITE ABOUT HAM RADIO
5. BACON

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 4th Friday of each month.

<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 NØWKR chip.ferron@gmail.com

August MC ARES Meeting

Saturday, 22 August 2026 – 09:30

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.

WCHRC Hunt Test

Thank you to our ARES members who supported the Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club's Hunt Test on the Grand Mesa on 18-19 July. While the rest of the Grand Valley was sweltering in 100° heat, we were enjoying 70° temps and cool breezes on the Mesa, watching hunting retriever dogs splash through the lakes in search of ducks. Ten operators staffed half a dozen locations to provide emergency communications and weather advice to the organizers. The 100+ participants (and their 200 dogs!) are always so grateful to have backup comms in case a medical emergency pops up.

Colorado AuxComm Deployments

Many thanks to the members of Colorado AuxComm, who have been monitoring the DTR talkgroup used by the state emergency managers since 30 June.

Sixteen AuxComm members have been on duty from 0600-2000 seven days a week to provide coverage for the Office of Emergency Management as they work the multiple wildfires burning across the state.

Eight of our Western Slope AuxComm'ers have been working the deployment and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future until the wildfires slow down.

Thank You to Ralph AEØRE, Randy KDØNSP and Chip NØWKR from Grand Junction, Steve KIØKY (Delta), Chris WBØITG (Montrose), John N9NLC, JD ACØMM and Randy W4IFI (Durango area) for their time and diligence. And a special tip of the hat to John KØRAD at the Mesa County Sheriff's Office for providing additional 800 DTR radios.

ATV for Situational Awareness

Colorado ARES continues to provide interesting seminars every quarter. The most recent offering was a class in Amateur Television (ATV) for Situational Awareness, which was held Saturday, 18 July. The session was recorded for later viewing for those who couldn't attend. If you're interested in viewing the session, contact Chip NØWKR for a copy of the Zoom link.

Big thanks to Section Emergency Coordinator Perry W6AUN and the COARES team for making these seminars available.





Colorado Hams Invited to “ACTIVATE THE STATE” During the 2026 Colorado QSO Party — September 12

Statewide on-air event offers plaques, certificates, and a friendly, mentor-rich environment for hams of all experience levels

WHEN

Date: **Saturday, September 12, 2026**
Operating Hours: 8:00 AM to 9:59 PM MDT.
A full day of operating fun!
(That's 14:00 UTC Saturday through 03:59 UTC Sunday.)

WHY PARTICIPATE

Whether you work one station or chase all 64 counties, the goal is simply to get on the air and have fun. The COQP is an excellent training ground for sharpening operating skills, testing your station, and — for newer hams — getting that all-important first contact under your belt. Rules allow unlimited operators at a single station, making COQP a perfect “Elmering” opportunity for clubs to mentor new operators in a low-pressure environment.

POTA and SOTA activators can double-dip: schedule your activation during the COQP and enjoy **increased band activity** while logging contacts for both events.

MODES AND CATEGORIES

Operators may participate using CW and Phone (SSB, AM, FM) on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters. (Digital modes are not permitted.)

Entry categories include:

- In-State Fixed Stations: CW, Phone, or Mixed (QRP, Low Power, or High Power)
- In-State Mobile Stations: CW, Phone, or Mixed (Low Power)
- In-State Portable Stations: CW, Phone, or Mixed (QRP or Low Power)
- Out-of-State Stations: QRP, Low Power, or High Power (fixed, mobile, or portable)

Mobile and Portable operations activating Colorado counties can also earn a 500-point bonus per county activated (minimum 15 QSOs required).

HELP ACTIVATE ALL COLORADO'S COUNTIES

A key part of the COQP's success is having stations on the air from as many of Colorado's 64 counties as possible — especially the rare ones! Hams planning to activate a county (mobile, portable, or POTA/SOTA) are encouraged to **sign up in advance** so other operators know where to listen and chase. **Don't wait. If your plans change, you may easily modify the listing on the website.**

 **VIEW** the full list of planned activations here:
<https://coloradoqsoparty.org/activations/>

 **SIGN UP** to activate a county here:
<https://coloradoqsoparty.org/announce-activation/>

AWARDS

The top finisher in each category will be recognized with a plaque. There are special achievement plaques to be awarded as well. Full award details are posted on the official rules page.

All submitting log receive a certificate.
<https://coloradoqsoparty.org/getting-started/rules/>

GET INVOLVED

Full rules, county abbreviations, suggested frequencies, logging software recommendations, and log submission instructions are available at:
<https://coloradoqsoparty.org/getting-started/>



2026 marks America's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th anniversary — a great year to get on the air and be part of Colorado amateur radio history!



The Colorado QSO Party is hosted by the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado (GMCC). For more information, visit coloradoqsoparty.org or email info@coloradoqsoparty.org



Contesting Information

A Few Upcoming Contests

8-9 Aug – International EME Contest
<https://www.arrl.org/eme-contest>

15-17 Aug – 10 GHz and Up Contest
<https://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up>

16 Aug – Rookie Roundup - RTTY
<https://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

5-6 Sep – International EME Contest
<https://www.arrl.org/eme-contest>

12-14 Sep – September VHF Contest
<https://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>

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/>

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HAM RADIO



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>

Club Member Businesses



John Fuller WJ0NF

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

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



digirig a tidy digital modes interface



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



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

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 and we will include it in the next RF Carrier Newsletter and post it on www.W0RRZ.org.

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

Club Sponsors

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



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.



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



N2KNK
KERI VARELA

WESTCO SYSTEMS
REPEATER NETWORK

<https://westcorepeaters.org>

WCARC THANKS THESE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB

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!

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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 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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