

Amateur Radio Demonstration

WHEN?

Saturday June 26th, 1PM until dark

WHERE?

I'll be set up in my driveway at 5717 Puerto Vallarta.

WHY?

The Amateur Radio Service is a hobby that is fun and also serious. It's fun to communicate with people across the street as well as around the world. It's serious in that the original intent of the Service is to provide a trained pool of radio operators in case of a national emergency. Steps have been taken to reinforce this following 9-11. From a local perspective, much of our severe weather information is provided by 'Hams'.

I have been fascinated by amateur radio since the age of 6, far too many years ago. It wasn't until the age of 34 that I was finally licensed. I will never forget that evening setting in my Elmer's 3rd story shack when he said I passed the code test. I had tried six-times to master Morse code and failed. I can report that there is now an entry license class that does not require Morse code. So if that has ever held you back from exploring the possibilities of Amateur radio now is the time to give it a try.

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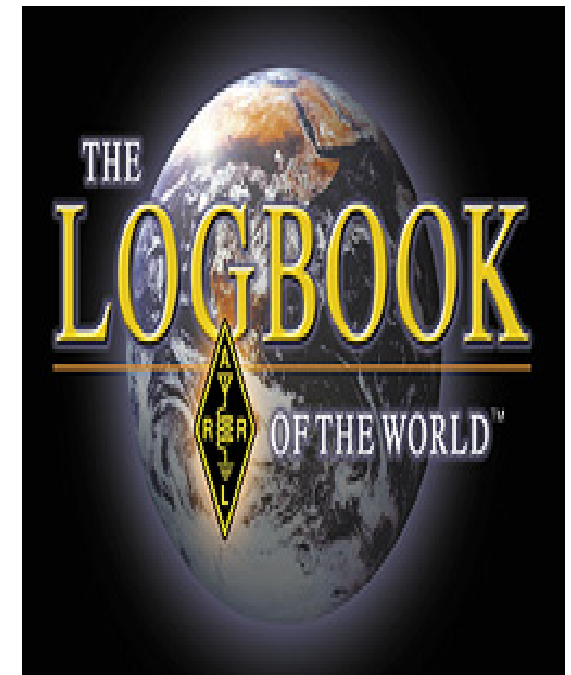
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**COME LEARN ABOUT THE
AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE
AND BEING A HAM RADIO
OPERATOR**

*Wireless Digital Communication by
Amateur Radio Signals*



Welcome to Amateur Radio!

Here's your invitation to a friendly, high-tech hobby that's got something fun for everyone! You can become an Amateur Radio operator--no matter what age, gender or physical ability. People from all walks of life pass their entry-level exam and earn their Amateur (ham) Radio license. They all share the diverse world of activities you can explore with ham radio.

You never know who you'll run into when communicating with Amateur Radio: Young people, retirees, teachers and students, engineers and scientists, doctors, mechanics and technicians, homemakers...

What Can Amateur Radio Operators Do?

Ham radio operators use two-way radio stations from their homes, cars, boats and outdoors to make hundreds of friends around town

and around the world. They communicate with each other using voice, computers, and Morse code. Some hams bounce their signals off the upper regions of the atmosphere, so they can talk with hams on the other side of the world. Other hams use satellites. Many use hand-held radios that fit in their pockets.



Fun for All Ages

Hams exchange pictures of each other using television. Some also like to work on electronic circuits, building their own radios and antennas. A few pioneers in Amateur Radio have even contributed to advances in technology that we all enjoy today. There are even ham-astronauts who take radios with them on the International Space Station and thrill thousands of hams on earth with a call from space!

With a SERIOUS Side...



Using even the simplest of radio setups and antennas, amateurs communicate with each other for fun, during emergencies, and even in contests. They handle messages for police and other public service organizations during all kinds of emergencies including: Tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and much more.

Again, I invite you to stop by, learn more and even operate the radios and computers!