



GET STARTED IN AMATEUR RADIO

Morse code is no longer required by the FCC. Simply pass a 35 question multiple choice test to earn your entry level "Technician" license which gives you every Amateur privilege above 30 Mega-hertz (MHz) including the popular 2 meter band.

Open the door to a new hobby and make new friends. With your Technician license and access to local 2 meter repeaters, you may stay in touch with other local hams and learn more radio skills if you like. Technicians may operate using Voice modes such as FM or single sideband (SSB), digital- such as packet (via computers), Television (ATV), and even communicate via Amateur Satellite (AMSAT®) with very modest and inexpensive equipment.

You may get started by finding a local club to help you study and administer the FCC required test.

- Visit the ARRL to find a local club at <http://www.arrl.net/>
- Take a local class or study on the Internet.
- Sit for a local Volunteer Examiner (VE) session.
- Once you pass, get your first radio or "rig".
- Join us on the air and at our local meetings!



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HAMRADIO



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About our Ham Radio Club.

MARTIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION.

MCARA was formed in 1976 and is the oldest ham radio club in Martin County.

Among our activities, we operate the Stuart repeater on 147.060

MHz and sponsor the Stuart, FL hamfest

WHY JOIN MCARA?

- MAKE LIFE-LONG FRIENDS.
- LEARN NEW TECHNOLOGIES.
- FUN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.
- PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES.
- SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES.

Amateur radio activities include "contesting" or DX hunting (seeking long distance contacts), public service communications for community events, club meetings, hamfests (where we trade equipment and attend seminars), and Field Day- an annual 24 hour national event held on the last weekend in June where we contact as many other stations as possible while operating under emergency power .

MCARA offers license classes and exams

MCARA MEETINGS

Our meetings often have lively discussions, technical presentations, show and tell (where we discuss our latest projects), and of course plan our events, upcoming classes, and social activities.

Our monthly meetings are held at Community Baptist Church, 777 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997 on the fourth Thursday each month at 7PM. All are welcome to attend so please add it to your calendar. See you there!

WHAT CAN HAMS DO?

We use radios- just like everyone else, but in a slightly different way. Did you know the cellular phone in your hand is a radio? Here's the difference though- while you may use a cell phone to CALL a friend, Hams use their radios to MAKE NEW FRIENDS and talk to people just about anywhere on earth- and sometimes even in orbit! We may communicate using voice, computers, and yes- even Morse code. Many of the radios we use can be carried in your pocket!



LOCAL KNOW-HOW

In years past we may have been the guys with slide-rules and pocket protectors. Even without those props, be assured many of us know how things really work. Today we're sort of like MacGyver's making many technical things work in harmony. Need technology help? Call on us.



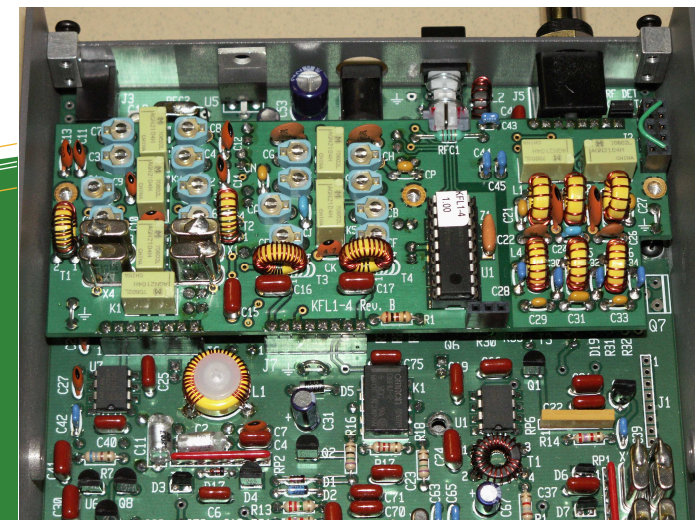
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hams have a long tradition of self-improvement and education along technological areas. Our local club sponsors technical presentations and classes to help people become more than equipment operators.



VISIT OUR WEB SITE TODAY

Our website located at <http://www.mcaraweb.com/> contains much more information on our club activities and how to contact us. We look forward to you visiting with us and joining our fun fraternity.



MARTIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION. HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

Find out more about our exciting hobby and Amateur Radio Club at <http://www.MCARAWeb.com/>