

Why become a Ham?

Why become a Amateur Radio Operator? It is a fun and exclusive club. It is one of the few hobbies that you need a license for. You become an expert in radio communication. You can have your own two-way radio, ready to communicate locally or world wide. Hams are friendly and welcoming; it's a social brotherhood of sorts. Also, you might be useful to yourself and others in an emergency, as Ham radio keeps working when other communications go out in a disaster.

Levels of Ham Licenses

Three levels of licenses with different privileges earned:

- * Technician
- * General
- * Extra

The class for Tech can be taught in one long day!

Study Resources for Test

QRZ.COM at <http://www.qrz.com>
 Gordon West www.gordonwestradioschool.com
 ARRL at <http://www.arrl.org>
 SBARC.ORG at <http://www.sbarc.org>
 Steve Morse at <http://www.ki6hgh.com>

Downloads

You can download the complete question sets from <http://www.arrl.org/question-pools>

Local Ham Club

This is information to help you get into Ham radio. Go to **WWW.SBARC.ORG** for the local "Ham" club website. The Ham Club meets on 3rd Fridays (except June through August, & December) at 401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta. The meetings start at 7:30 PM. (come at 6:45 PM for visiting, snacks, and swap table)

Club Radio Station

The club station K6TZ, is open on Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Tuesday 7:30 PM to about 10:00 PM, with hams there to help you. The club station with 28 working radios, is off the parking lot to the rear of the Red Cross building, 2707 State Street, Santa Barbara, phone (805) 563-0391

Exam Sites and Dates

Santa Barbara Area

The Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club sponsors seven VE sessions a year. At these sessions, license exams for all classes of amateur radio licenses are given. The sessions are held on the second Saturday of every odd month, from 8:30am to Noon, and in conjunction with the club's annual Hamfest in August. See SBARC.ORG for details.

Practice Sites

There are several web sites that offer exam practice questions. My favorite is www.QRZ.com. You sign up for an account, then on the home page, click on Resources, then click Practice Amateur Radio Exams.

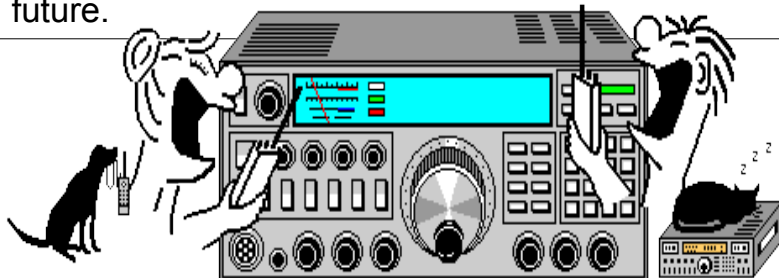
Services that the SBARC offer include:

- * We can help you practice for the exam.
- * Advise you on getting your first radio.
- * Help on all aspects of Ham Radio.
- * If you need help, all you have to do is ask.

Courses When and where?

SBARC offers some courses over the year, at the Red Cross.

The **Santa Barbara Makerspace** may be offering courses at the main downtown library in the future.



Contact Numbers Of Some Local Hams Who Can Help

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