

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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NEW
HAMS!**

Session Goals

- Discuss with participants their reasons for getting their amateur radio licenses
- Explore the many different ways to have fun with amateur radio
- Discuss with participants how they might get involved in these activities

Session Topics

1. Why did you get your amateur radio license?
What got you interested in amateur radio?
Are there any particular things you're interested in doing?
2. Explore the different ways to have fun with amateur radio.
 - a) Emergency communications/public service
 - b) Contesting
 - c) DXing
 - d) Parks on the Air (POTA)/Summits on the Air (SOTA)
 - e) Satellite operation
 - f) Building/experimenting
 - g) Digital modes
 - h) Software-defined radio (SDR)
 - i) Antennas
 - j) Many more

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3. Discuss ways to obtain the knowledge and equipment needed to participate in various amateur radio activities.
 - a) ARRL
 - b) YouTube
 - c) Clubs

Summary

Amateur radio is much more than talking on the repeater. By exploring the many different facets of amateur radio you'll learn a lot and have a lot more fun, too.

Resources

1. Buying your first radio - <http://www.arrl.org/buying-your-first-radio>
- 2.