

Helping People Have Fun with Amateur Radio

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A little bit about me

- * **Ham for 50 years,**
but, only really active the last 20 or so.
- * **Author of the KB6NU Ham Radio Blog**
which sometimes makes me a thorn in the side of the ARRL
- * **Author of the “No Nonsense” study guides**

A little bit about me

- * Teach a lot of classes
- * Active in our local Club - ARROW
- * Communications Manager for ARDC
- * On air almost daily

A little bit about me

- * Consider myself a “mentor” to many hams**

How can you help
people have more fun
with ham radio?

Be enthusiastic about amateur radio

- * Take a positive attitude and act as a positive role model.
- * Be enthusiastic about ALL of amateur radio, not just the bits you're interested in.

Make yourself available

- * Take a personal interest in your mentee.
- * Be responsible.

Listen

- * You can't help someone if you're not listening to the questions they're asking.**
- * Encourage them to ask questions.**
- * Value their opinions.**

Show, don't tell

- * Invite mentees to your shack.
- * Show them your "stuff."

Teach AND Learn

- * Use the Socratic method.
- * Encourage mentees to step out of their comfort zone and be ready to step out of yours.

Teach AND Learn

- * Explore new things with your mentee.**
- * Be ready to learn something you don't already know.**
- * Give constructive, honest, and direct feedback.**

Small things that mean a lot

- * Monitor your local repeater and talk to the new hams when you hear them.
- * Send them a QSL card.
- * Follow up.
- * Have stuff on hand that you can give or sell to mentees.

Paraphrasing Yogi Berra....

“If someone doesn’t want to be a ham, there’s nothing you can do to stop them.”

Resources

* KB6NU.Com

* 5 Things Good Elmers Do

<https://www.kb6nu.com/5-things-an-elmer-should-do/>

* No Nonsense Amateur Radio Podcast #2 - Being an Elmer

<https://www.kb6nu.com/no-nonsense-amateur-radio-podcast-2-being-an-elmer/>

* Elmering the Elmers

<https://www.kb6nu.com/elmering-the-elmers/>

Resources

* How to be a Good Mentor

<https://www.growthmentor.com/blog/how-to-be-a-good-mentor/>

* How to be an Amazing Mentor: 12 Ways to Make a Positive Impact on Others

<https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/mentor-tips-positive-impact>

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