

ARRL Utah Section



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So where do I start...

I traveled to Connecticut where I spent a couple of days with ARRL leadership. Our CEO, Dave Minster NA2AA, spoke on the culture in amateur radio. He echoed a concern that has been shared by previous CEO's in the last decade. We need to become more unified, positive, and informative. Amateur radio is not the place for bullies. Here is a great article in the UVARC's (Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club) about correcting others over the radio <https://noji.com/hamradio/pdf-ppt/noji/Noji-Article-Correcting-Others.pdf>

Are we promoting an orthodox approach that undermines our desire to attract potential converts and retain our current membership? A little introspection may be in order asking ourselves if we are getting the results we seek with our current approach.

Look for more about that weekend in unexpected places in the near future... I couldn't resist the teaser.

Then on to Cheyenne Wyoming for our Division Convention. Utah carried the day by supporting the Wyoming Section with a majority of the presentations. Thank you to those who stepped up and made it a successful endeavor.

The ARRL Q&A session began with a presentation by ARRL President Rick Roderick K5UR on how ARRL is structured to serve its membership.





Our Division Director Jeff Ryan KORM led the Q & A portion with Assistant Division Director Dan Grady N2SRK and the Section Managers supporting the session.



ARRL President Rick Roderick K5UR was the Keynote speaker, and he did not disappoint anyone. Assistant Section Manager Lisa Cook did an excellent article on Roderick's comments. <https://arrlutah.org/?p=538>

He challenged those in attendance "To bring a new person to amateur radio and activate an existing licensee within the next year". I pass on the challenge to you.

Accepting the challenge... I was selling a car this past week and at one point I asked the prospective buyer from West Jordan if he was familiar with ham radio? To my surprise he had received his Technician license a few months ago citing COVID boredom as a reason. He purchased a Baofeng radio but needed help programming it. We took care of that. He has an interest in exploring what opportunities exist and wants to participate. Now to follow up and get him paired up with a club.

I have noticed in my visits throughout the Section (Field Day, Clubs and ARES groups) that we are missing a valuable opportunity when it comes to new people visiting our meetings. The casual acknowledgement and introduction may not be enough. I suggest that you designate someone to intentionally greet each newcomer and pair them up with someone who can mentor them into the club or ARES group.

A similar opportunity exists for VE's (Volunteer Examiner) to provide information on local clubs or opportunities for individuals to be involved in whatever organizations exist in their area and resources like On The Air, etc.

The thought comes to mind that with Christmas approaching, a gift of membership might be just the thing someone needs to get them restarted.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have another club receiving the Club Service Award. Read more about it from our Affiliated Club Coordinator Ted Cowan.

Our Section Emergency Coordinator Rick Mead W7VQ has a new Assistant SEC and two new Emergency Coordinators. Check the website for more information.



I want to recognize and complement Ted McArthur AC7II for his efforts to sustain and promote DSTAR in Utah. He not only contributes his time but sometimes with equipment he purchased himself.

Thank you, Ted!

Be sure to check the website for more articles. Check back in a few days if you don't see it today. Don't miss the ones involving youth from the SYC Kevin Reeve.

More updates...

Webmaster email webmaster@arrlutah.org

Section Leadership email Staff@arrlutah.org - This email address will forward to the Cabinet members.

We now have a **YouTube Channel** for the Utah ARRL Section. It can be found at ARRL UTAH on YouTube. There is an excellent presentation by Jeri Brummett WJ3RI on Advocating for Amateur Radio.

Enjoy the approaching holiday season and may Santa bless you with that desired gift under the tree!

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