

## Affiliated with the ARRL

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is a 100-year-old US organization that promotes the hobby of amateur radio.

The ARRL relies on individual members and clubs like ours to promote the hobby at the local level. We participate in national events such as the annual "Field Day" to promote readiness and practice for emergency communication, should it ever be needed in a large-scale disaster.

### **ARES Participation**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is an ARRL organization of volunteers who have registered their qualifications and equipment with ARES leadership to provide public service communication when disaster strikes.

Our club sponsors the Hays/Caldwell ARES emergency coordinator for our two counties.

<http://www.arrl.org/ares>

## Ready to Join?

You are invited to attend one of our monthly meetings at the Kyle Public Library, on the third Saturday of every month.

Come meet us and let us introduce you to a hobby without limits.

Join the club at your first meeting! Annual dues are only \$15.

## Hays Caldwell Amateur Radio Club

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Promoting Amateur Radio Operation for Emergency Communication, Experimentation, Learning, and Just Fun!





## Who We Are

We are a group of licensed “ham operators” and individuals striving to learn the art and get their first license. We provide regular training and assistance to anyone interested in mastering the hobby of radio communication.

## Why Learn Ham Radio?

Ham radio is an old hobby with modern, exciting technology.

- Moon-bounce communication
- Compete in contests for most contacts in the US or around the world
- Learn the fundamentals of radio communication using voice, picture, and video transmission
- Use digital techniques to transmit & receive messages around the world for emergencies or fun
- Use satellites and the space station to relay messages across the globe

## What Our Club Does

### We Assist the Red Cross

The Red Cross uses radio clubs like ours to assist in time of community need. Our members volunteer their time and expertise to assess needs after a disaster.

We run a weekly (every Tuesday evening) net meeting on the air to train and practice for emergency communication. We exchange practice messages so that we can be effective, efficient, and accurate when a disaster strikes our community.

### We Help New Members

We help those new to the radio hobby learn operational and build skills to pass their FCC license exams. We advise and assist newly licensed hams on setting up their first radio station. We encourage the progression of advanced learning and skills so that additional FCC tests will grant additional privilege to our radio operators.



## How We Accomplish Our Goals

- Monthly in-person meetings
- Weekly on-air net meetings
- Facebook page
- Internet web “reflector”

## Why We Do This

### Emergency Communication

We are committed to assisting emergency responders in time of emergency. When normal communications break down, our members rely on their training and experience to “get the message through”.

### We Love Our Hobby

Almost everyone uses technology, whether it be a light switch or a cell phone. Hams are committed to understanding and expanding communication technology for the challenge and the fun!

We are *passionate* in that pursuit.

## Contact Us

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