

# CODE OF THE WEST

N7UW - University Amateur Radio Club, Laramie, WY

December, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

3<sup>rd</sup> – Club Holiday Potluck

14<sup>th</sup> – 6m Coffee Net (one week later than usual)

10<sup>th</sup> – Club Event – Winter Field Day Planning: Bonds Brewing, 7:30pm

### January:

\*\* January Coffee Net  
Cancelled (net controllers are out of town)

7<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Club Event:  
Winter Field Day, TBD



## Message from the President – KK7QHS, Blake

With the snow flying and the Holiday Season upon us, it is a perfect time to reflect on 2024. I joined UARC in February 2024 and so was able to see how the club operates through an entire calendar year. Here are some of the highlights:

- Chris, N7NAV, gave a nice presentation on several propagation applications we can use for HF contacts. He was also so kind as to lend me his Arrow Antenna so that Troop 137 could do a fox hunt. Thank you Chris!
- Field Day 2024 was up at the Happy Jack rest area. We were able to deploy most of our UARC and ARES/RACES equipment all in one event, including the trailer and county generators. It was harrowing to set it all up with a few big gusts of wind causing some havoc. Several of us camped up there and operated through the night.
- The Happy Jack Endurance Ride coincided with Field Day this year. We had a number of stations manned by club members throughout the national forest, calling in riders. I enjoyed getting to check in with the riders and hang out with Troop 137 and the cows.
- UARC helped out with the Laramie Range Epic Mountain Bike Race in July. A similar format to the horse ride with stations around the forest monitoring riders.
- The Med Bow Rail Marathon & Half Marathon was in August. Sadly (sort of), I had to miss this and the July race due to a trip to Ireland. I heard that both of these events went well and club participants enjoyed volunteering. These are fantastic community events!
- The High Plains Round-up at Curt Gowdy started September for us. The raffle and BBQ were highlights, and I enjoyed getting to meet more of the Cheyenne HAMS. We host this year, so be ready!
- We participated in the new event, Ghost Towns on the Air in October. See the Club News article for more information.
- The November club POTA event was a lot of fun! We braved the wind and still had a great club turnout!

Whew! I look forward to all of our events for 2025! Our goal is to have at least one event each month. Enjoy time loved ones this season, and check in on the repeater when you have some down time.

Warmest Wishes to All, Blake

## UARC Member Profile

By: Everett, KK7QHT



- **Name:** Jack Maki
- **Callsign:** KK7QIC
- **When did you first get your license?**  
January, 2024
- **Favorite thing about HAM radio?**  
*Making contacts all around the country and world*
- **What was your first transceiver?** Yaesu FT-60
- **What is your favorite food?** Homemade Pizza
- **What is your most memorable experience as a HAM radio operator?**  
*In September, we hiked up Medicine Box Peak to do a SOTA activation with the Boy Scout Troop. It was a lot of fun to get to the summit and to be able to talk to people from all over the country.*

## From the Nets

### Sunday Numbers

11/3 – 22 check ins  
11/10 – 24 check ins  
11/17 – 23 check ins  
11/24 - 20 check ins

### News from the Coffee Net

On the November 2<sup>nd</sup> coffee net, we had a nice discussion about ways to promote UARC and Ham Radio. Specifically, where do we get our media from. This is a difficult question to pin down with today's fractured information landscape. Let's explore this topic more in a club meeting!

### Bad Jokes -

What's a ham radio operator's favorite holiday song?  
*"CQ Bells, CQ Bells, calling all the way!"*

What do you get when you mix a snowstorm with a ham radio operator?  
*White noise and a lot of calls for help!*

## UARC Annual Calendar

- **December:** Holiday Party  
Potluck, Winter Field Day Planning
- **January:** Winter Field Day
- **February:** Arctic Fox Hunts Club Event
- **March:** EmCom Club Event –  
Readiness Exercise
- **April:** POTA Club Event
- **May:** Field Day Test Run and  
equipment maintenance, School  
Outreach
- **June:** Field Day, Horse Race
- **July:** Freedom has a Birthday,  
Bike Race
- **August:** Marathon, Back to School  
Bash
- **September:** High Plains  
Roundup, Summits on the Air Club  
Event
- **October:** Club Elections, Ghost  
Towns on the Air Club Event
- **November:** POTA Club Event

## New Members, New Hams, License Updates

### New Laramie Hams since the November issue 2024:

KK7WCG – Edward

### License Updates:

**\*\***Please submit when you change your license classification or callsign!

**\*\*\*** Code of the West is looking for more content! Please contact Blake if you would like to start a column or post an article.

### UARC Officers

- President: Blake McGee, KK7QHS
- Co Vice President, Lou Sims, WY7LS
- Co Vice President, Mike Sullivan, KF7UZF
- Treasurer, Doris Hutchison, KD7NAE
- Secretary, John Harrison, KD7RQX

*Please submit any items you would like included in the  
next newsletter to [blake.mcgee@gmail.com](mailto:blake.mcgee@gmail.com)*

# Club News

## Two Great Club Events

In the last month, UARC held two great club events. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we participated for the first time in the **Ghost Towns on the Air** Wyoming event. Our event callsign for Albany County was W7E (the E is the 5<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet corresponding to the number 5 for our license plates). Chris (W7JR), Liam (KK7SUU), and Blake (KK7QHS) drove out to a patch of state land in Bosler. We set up a camper trailer for shelter and two antenna masts: 20 meter monoband EFHW, 15 meter EFHW, later switching to 40 meter. 20 meters was by far the most successful. The 40 meter antennas didn't seem to get out for us that night, so trouble shooting is in the future. The rigs were two Icom 7300s and Chris's new band pass filters. Overall, UARC put up some respectable numbers!

W7B	Laramie County	254
W7E	Albany County	251
W7N	Niobrara County	291
W7O	Hot Springs	205
W7Q	Campbell County	208

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, UARC hosted a club **Parks on the Air** event at the Territorial Prison. For this event, we pulled out the two club Kenwood rigs to get them some use. A 2 meter station was set up with 20 watts on a copper pipe J-Pole that Everett (KK7QHT) made. Additionally, Doug (N6UA) brought a satellite setup and Ben (KF7UFF) set up a 15 meter CW station with his Yeasu rig. That's right, 5 stations operating simultaneously! Together with about 70 minutes of operation, we posted a respectable 73 contacts. It was especially exciting to see our two youngest HAMs operating the FM station on their own. Thank you to the club members that reached out to them. In total, we had 12 attendees!

- 2 meter FM, 9 contacts
- 10 meter SSB, 9 contacts
- 15 meter CW, 26 contacts
- 20 meter SSB, 30 contacts

## Acknowledgements

Thank you to Chris Price, W7JR, and Liam McGee, KK7SUU, for all of your work setting up the Ghost Towns on the Air event!

Another big thank you to Ben Morgan, KF7UFF, and Chris Price, W7JR, for giving so much time and effort into making the November POTA event happen. What an awesome event!

Francesca with the VFW Post 2221 worked with the VFW board to get us in for the Holiday Party. Thank you so much for letting us use this great space!

Finally, Thank you Doris, KD7RQX, for stepping in to help to organize the Holiday Party this year!

**UARC Treasurer's Report October  
2024**

Operating		
Beginning Balance		\$3,235.96
Income		
Interest	\$2.75	
Dues	\$50.00	
Donation	\$25.00	
Expenses		
WY Sec State	\$25.00	
Registered agent	\$25.00	
New Balance		\$3,263.71
High Plains		\$751.39

**UARC Treasurer's Report November  
2024**

Operating		
Beginning Balance		\$3,263.71
Income		
Interest	\$2.53	

Dues	\$90.00	
Donation		
Expenses		
Banner	\$50.00	
New Balance		\$3,306.24
High Plains		\$751.39

**UARC Treasurer's Report December  
2024**

Operating		
Beginning Balance		\$3,306.24
Income		
Interest		
Dues	\$20.00	
Donation		
Expenses		
New Bal		\$3,326.24
High Plains		\$751.39