

CODE OF THE WEST

N7UW - University Amateur Radio Club, Laramie, WY

November, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

November:

2nd – 6 Meter Coffee Net

5th – Club Meeting

17th – Club Event – Parks on the air

December:

3rd – Club Meeting – HOLIDAY POTLUCK

7th – 6 Meter Coffee Net

TBD – Winter Field Day Equipment check

Message from the President – KK7QHS, Blake

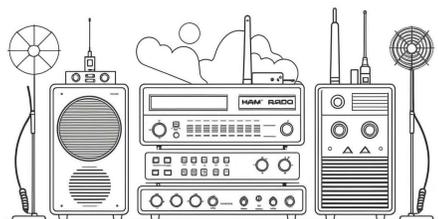
Greetings Albany County Hams! This is the first issue of the relaunching of the Code of the West – the official newsletter for the University Amateur Radio Club. I am so thrilled to take the reigns of UARC from our amazing long-time president, Chris (N7NAV). Thank you so much to Chris for his four years of service as club president!

As the newcomer to UARC, I would like to introduce myself. I moved to Laramie from Eugene, OR in 2010 to work as the clarinet professor at UW. I teach clarinet and music history, and regularly tour the country and internationally as a performer. In town, I run a non-profit bakery that raises funds for the Soup Kitchen and gives first work experiences to youth with disabilities. I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 137. I am also the vice-president of Skate Laramie, an organization that develops alternative recreation opportunities for kids and provides educational programming in skateboarding.

I first got my Technician License in 1997 in Minnesota because my closest friend was a HAM. My first callsign was KCoCGL. He and I used our radios extensively before cell phones were widespread. But he moved away to a different state, and I had no one else to play radio with. Then graduate school, marriage, kids, and new career kept me from continuing to use my radio. I let that first license expire and didn't think I would use HAM radio ever again.

In 2023, I joined Albany County Search and Rescue, and they use radio extensively. I realized that I still had strong radio skills and became inspired to get a new license. I recruited my son Everett (KK7QHT) and his friend Jack (KK7QIC) and Jack's mom Chris (KK7QIB) to study with us. With us all being in Scout Troop 137, our radio skills have proven quite useful in the back country. My older son, Liam (KK7SUU), saw how much fun we were having and then got his license.

I'm so honored to be UARC's president I look forward to seeing the club grow!



UARC Member Profile

By: Everett, KK7QHT



- **Name:** *Liam McGee*
- **Callsign:** *KK7SUU*
- **When did you first get your license?**
2024
- **Favorite thing about HAM radio?**
Summits on the Air
- **What was your first transceiver?**
Baofeng UV-5R
- **What is your favorite food?** *Sushi!*
- **What is your most memorable experience as a HAM radio operator?**
SOTA activation on Coad Mountain. We had to hike across a river and then up through a burn area. Then the trail ended and we had to make sure to stay on public land on really steep terrain. When we got to the top, we found a new geocache then set up our radio station on 20 meters. But we didn't have the right cable adapter and had to improvise using bread ties to connect the cable to the radio! It worked and we made a lot of contacts!

From the Nets

Sunday Numbers

10/6 – 15 check ins
10/13 – 24vcheck ins
10/20 – 19 check ins
10/27 - 19 check ins

News from the Coffee Net

The 6 meter Coffee Net, a Laramie area simplex net began in May, 2024. It's already half a year old! We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8am on 52.540 FM. Check-ins range from 3-15 hams and we always have a topic of discussion. Sometimes we've been able to relay folks in from Cheyenne.

Jokes – Guess which one is A.I. generated!

Did you hear about the two antennas that got married? The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was great!

Why are ham radio operators so bad at hide-and-seek? Because they always end up *calling CQ!*

UARC Annual Calendar

- **October:** Club Elections, Ghost Towns on the Air Club Event
- **November:** POTA Club Event
- **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

New Members, New Hams, License Updates

New Laramie Hams in 2024:

KK7QHT – Everett

KK7QIB – Chris

KK7QIC - Jack

KK7SUU - Liam

KK7SUV – Dallin

KK7SVR – Richard

KK7TRN – David

KK7UBA – Evan

License Updates:

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

KK7QHS – Amateur Extra

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

Club News

New Location, New Format

As the Laramie community enjoys this long warm fall, UARC is making a few changes to encourage more club involvement. While our time at the UL building was fantastic and stable, we can't quite fit into the conference room. With the goal of attracting new members and involving more of our roster, we need more space! The old Boomerang building will serve as our new meeting home. It offers a large office area that is flexible in its configuration. This will allow us to do projects, break-out groups, and invite new members. Additionally, the building has a number of large unused spaces that we could utilize for larger projects. Let's try to outgrow this space in the next year!

With a focus on building club involvement, we are going to change the meeting format. Here's an outline of the new schedule:

7:00 – Welcome message, club activity updates

7:05 -- Programming/presentation/project

7:40 – Social time, coffee, snacks

7:50 – Business meeting – Officers required, all club members invited to attend

8:15 – adjourn

Note that in this newsletter, there is the addition of a club annual calendar. Each month, the club will host some sort of event. Let's build up our involvement through more regular activities. Please come forward with your ideas for events we can host and they will be added to the calendar!

We've also started a member profile section. Be ready for Everett (KK7QHT) to ask you next for an interview!

Acknowledgements

A big thank you to Chris Rice, N7NAV, for his years of service to club as UARC's president!

Another big thank you to Lou Sims, WY7LS, for allowing us to use the UL building for our meeting space. He was so generous to provide such a great location.

Dwight Hicks, KE7RQF, has provided us with a bigger space here at the old Boomerang building. This new location will allow us to grow! Thank you so much!