

CODE OF THE WEST

N7UW - University Amateur Radio Club, Laramie, WY

April 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

April:

1st – Club Meeting

12th – Coffee Net

19th – Club Parks on the Air event

May:

3rd & 4th - 7QP QSO Party

6th – Club Meeting

10th – Coffee Net

TBD – Field Day Planning

Message from the President – KK7QHS, Blake

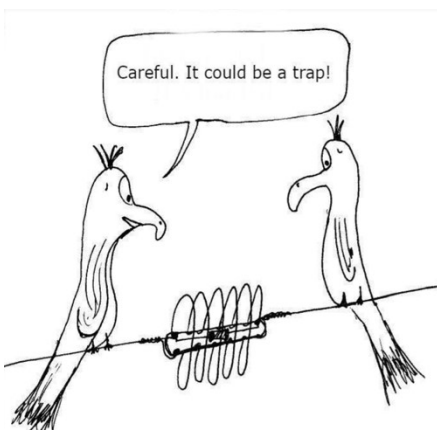
With the doldrums of winter nearly behind us it's already time to start thinking about the busy summer ham radio activities! June has both Field Day and the Horse Ride on the same dates again (June 28-29). To make the possibility of participating in both events more viable, we will try to set up a club HF radio station near the primary horse area. July will be the Epic Bike Race up around Pole Mountain. This is a fast paced event and the more hands we have the lighter the load will be for the club. August has both the marathon in the Snowy Range and the Back-to-School-Bash.

In September, it will be UARC's turn to host the High Plains Roundup. I would like us to start the planning at the May meeting in order to be prepared to host a fun event and to reserve a space. I attended last year's event and so I at least have a vague idea of its format.

Summer also is a great time to move our radio operations outdoors. I will reach out a few times to offer to host a Summits on the Air event. We have several "drive-up" summits in our region for those who aren't able to hike. For those looking for an epic adventure, we can plan a longer outing and maybe a campout. In our house, we have "Radio Wednesdays," where the boys and I find some sort of radio activity to pursue – building an antenna, testing UHF distances with different power levels and terrain, NVIS to Laramie from nearby communities, etc. Plus, we end every radio day with ice cream, mandatory.

Whatever event or activity you might participate in this summer, I challenge you to invite a friend or family member to do it with you. Let's never forget to be advocates for our hobby!

Blake, KK7QHS



FCC News - IMPORTANT

REMINDER: AMATEUR AND PERSONAL RADIO SERVICES LICENSEES AND OPERATORS MAY NOT USE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO COMMIT OR FACILITATE CRIMINAL ACTS

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission issues this Enforcement Advisory to remind licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, as well as licensees and operators in the Personal Radio Services, that the Commission prohibits the use of radios in those services to commit or facilitate criminal acts. The Bureau recognizes that these services can be used for a wide range of permitted and socially beneficial purposes, including emergency communications and speech that is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. **Amateur and Personal Radio Services, however, may not be used to commit or facilitate crimes.**

Alright UARC,

You heard it here! Of all the great things we CAN use our radios for, criminal acts will no longer be allowed. We're sorry if this creates an inconvenience for your "business activities" and other general day-to-day needs.

Please rest assured that **Signal Chat** is a completely safe way to continue your illicit enterprises!

Sincerely,

UARC Legal Team

From the Nets

Sunday Net Numbers

3/2 14
3/9 15
3/16 14
3/23 16
3/30 18

News from the Coffee Net

Our coffee net for April and May will both have to be moved to the 2nd Saturday. I hope you will join in for this informal rag chew!

52.540 FM

Bad Jokes -



UARC Annual Calendar

- **April:** POTA Club Event
- **May:** Field Day Test Run and equipment maintenance, School Outreach, 7QP Event
- **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
- **December:** Holiday Party Potluck, Winter Field Day Planning
- **January:** Winter Field Day
- **February:** Arctic Fox Hunts Club Event
- **March:** EmCom Club Event – Readiness Game

New Members, New Hams, License Updates

New Laramie Hams in 2025:

KK7WCG – Edward

KK7YEL – Scott

KK7ZBB – Brad W.

KK7ZEH – Lance

No new local hams in March.

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

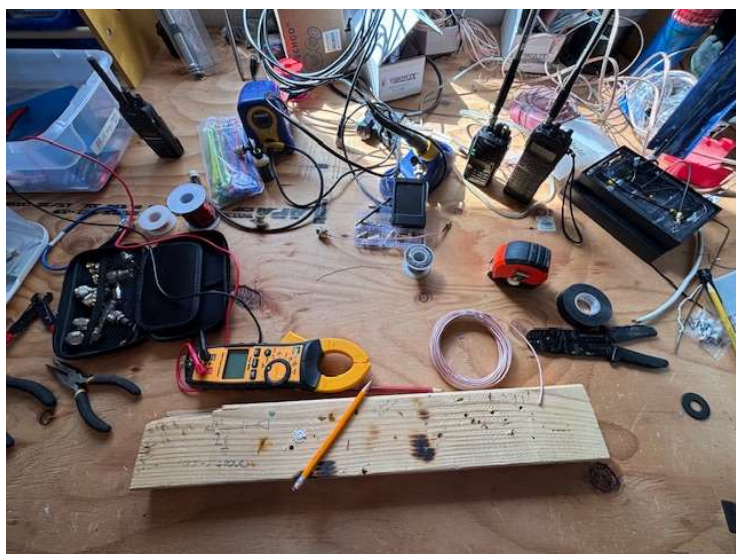
Club News

First ever N7UW Emergency Communications game!

On March 15th, UARC hosted a radio game in which participants were thrown into a simulated emergency. In the game, each player was given a packet with a description of their specialties (farmer, rancher, electrician, etc...) and what they could provide. Then we took turns negotiating for resources we were missing. Each round, everyone consumed some of their food and water, so those who could produce these items were in high demand! Then, conditions would be applied at random (we used a dice app) that could make moving these items more challenging. After an hour of playing we called it and then met at Perkins for an after action report. We would like to continue to make improvements to the format and launch the game again. It would also be possible to include Shy-Wy using the 146.820 repeater!

Tinker Time

Later in March, W7JR and KK7QHS started working on some micro projects that the club could make and learn from in future meetings. Our first attempt was to make a 2-meter half-wave antenna by fabricating a homebrew matching circuit. With some calculations and trial and error, we were able to wind an inductor and make a capacitor with co-ax that created a functioning antenna. We'll try to assemble some kits for experimentation later.



Acknowledgementss

Thank you to Jim, W9ANM and Chris, W7JR for your many hours of help to create the Em-Com game! And thanks to everyone who played with us!

Thank you to Mike, KF7UZF, for keeping the web page updated and posting the newsletters!

UARC Treasurer's Report April 2025		
Operating		
Beginning Balance		\$3,275.61
Income		
Interest	\$0.56	
Dues		
Donation		
Expenses		
Blake McGee reimburse	\$135.00	
WFD Site Washington Park		
USPS P.O. Box 6 month	\$94.00	
New Balance		\$3,047.17
High Plains		\$751.39