

# CODE OF THE WEST

N7UW - University Amateur Radio Club, Laramie, WY

May 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May:

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - 7QP QSO Party

6<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Net

TBD – Field Day Planning

### June:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Club Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Net

28-29 – Horse Ride

28-29 – Field Day

## Message from the President – KK7QHS, Blake

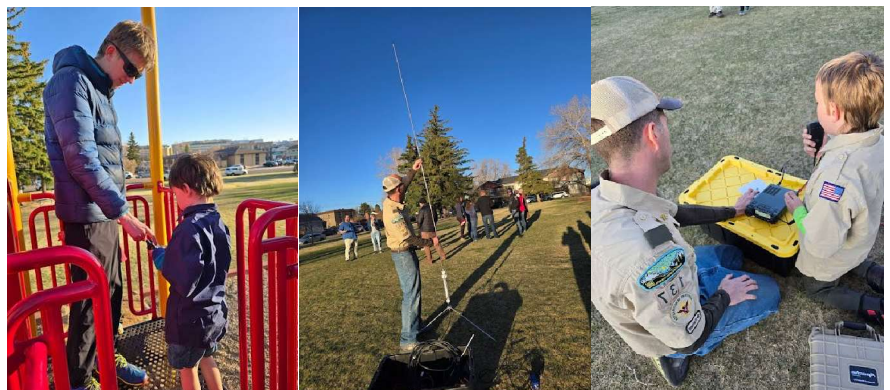
Sharing ham radio with kids is one of the most rewarding things we can do with our hobby. One of our goals as a club is to provide outreach and education. In August, we had a booth for the first time at ACSD's Back-to-School Bash. There, we were able to chat with kids and their families about the fun things we do with radio, and even let them try out CW and Fox Hunting. Our February club event was an Arctic Fox Hunt at Washington Park.

I was invited to be the guest speaker at Laramie's Cub Scout Pack 136's full meeting. KK7SUU and KK7QHT came along with me to present what we do as amateur radio enthusiasts. The kids had each prepared questions for us to answer. After the presentation, we set up in Harmon Park to try some simplex games. Some of the kids were able to chat with KK7QIB and KK7QIC at the Scout meeting across town.

Thank you to Jim and Thad for chatting with a few of the scouts on the 146.610 repeater. The kids were thrilled!

I then set up an HF system and allowed the Cub Scouts to try calling CW on 20 meters. We were able to make a contact with a POTA operator in Texas.

Many of the scouts were so excited that they asked their parents for radios. Additionally, many of our Boy Scouts are anxious to get going on getting their licenses. Growing our radio community is all about planting many seeds and watching them grow!



Blake, KK7QHS

## FCC News - IMPORTANT

### FCC COMMISSIONER SIMINGTON & CHIEF OF STAFF WAX OUTLINE TRUMP-ALIGNED PLAN TO HIT FAKE NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 1st, 2025—FCC Commissioner Nathan A. Simington and his Chief of Staff, Gavin M. Wax, have co-authored a new op-ed in The National Pulse calling for a cap on reverse retransmission fees as a bold measure to protect local journalism and rein in corporate media monopolies. In the piece, Commissioner Simington and Wax propose limiting reverse retransmission fees to 30%, arguing that such a cap would curb the financial power of legacy media giants, support independent broadcasters, and restore integrity to America's media landscape. "This is about hitting the fake news where it hurts: their bottom line," said Commissioner Simington. "Capping reverse retransmission fees is a practical and necessary reform to ensure fair competition and give local stations a fighting chance."

Code of the West Lovers,

The FCC will lower the cost for us to spread our Code of the West news nationwide without recourse! Of course, our news isn't fake.... Right?

Sincerely,

*UARC Legal Team*

## From the Nets

### Sunday Net Numbers

4/6	13
4/13	25
4/20	14
4/27	20

### News from the Coffee Net

Our coffee net will have to continue to be on the second Tuesday in May and June. I hope you will join in for this informal rag chew!

52.540 FM

### Ham radio in the media -



## UARC Annual Calendar

- **May:** Field Day Test Run and equipment maintenance, 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
- **April:** POTA Club Event

## 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:

NU7M – Ben Morgan, call sign update

\*\*\* 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

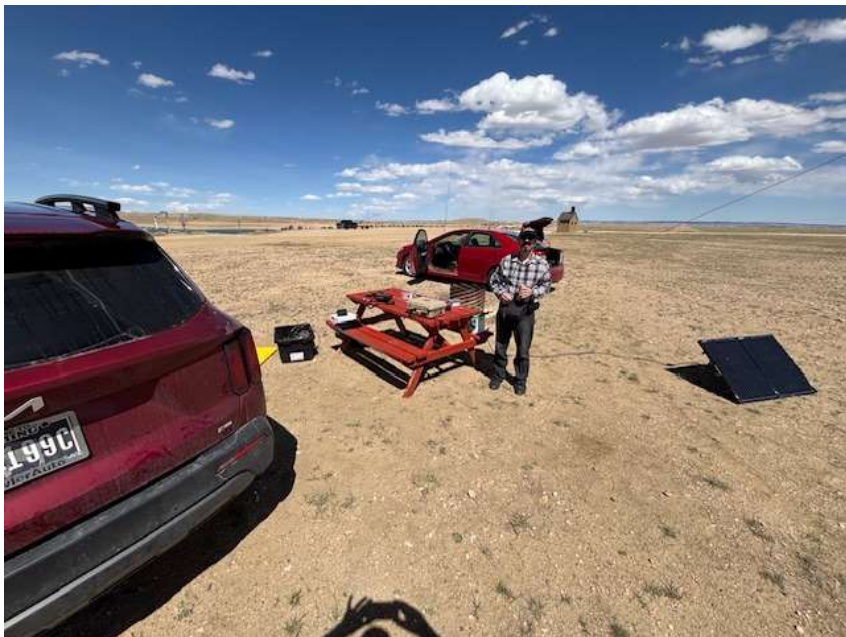
- President: Blake McGee, KK7QHS
- Co Vice President, Lou Sims, WY7LS
- Co Vice President, Mike Sullivan, KF7UZF
- Treasurer, Doris Hutchison, KD7NAE
- Secretary, John Harrison, KD7RQX

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# Club News

## Club POTA Event at Lake Hattie

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we held a club Parks on the Air event using the N7UW call. This event was rescheduled from the previous weekend due to weather. And what great weather we had! We set up a 40 meter end fed half wave on an 11 meter pole sloping to the picnic table. Operating on 20 meters and 15 meters, the contacts were quick in coming! It was great to hang out by the lake with ham friends. Come out to our next event!



## Acknowledgementss

Thank you to Chris, W7JR for your help with the club POTA event!

Thank you to Mike, KF7UZF, for inviting this month's guest speaker, Mike Mettler!

UARC Treasurer's Report May 2025			
Operating			
Beginning Balance		\$3,047.17	
Income			
Interest	\$0.54		
Dues			
Donation			
Expenses			
New Balance		\$3,047.71	
High Plains		\$751.39	