

Ham Education that Works

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- Ham license class planning
 - Technician
 - Upgrades (General and Extra)
- Post license classes
 - You have your license: now what?
 - Get on the air
 - Larger programs
 - Ham Basics (4 -5 hours)
 - Communication Academy (2 days)

License Classes

- Technician
 - Great need to continue growing ham radio
 - Students: Non-hams
- General
 - Students: novices and technicians
 - Less need, but needed annually in most areas
- Extra
 - Students: general and advanced
 - Modest demand, high interest in some areas

License classes

- Choose a class format
- Gain permission for class site (low or no cost is nice)
- Schedule classes ahead and publicize
 - People unknown to you can find your class on the web
 - Technician students come from the general population and may not be known to you

Class formats

- One day (concentrated study with same-day test)
- Weekend (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday)
- Multiple Saturdays (two, three, or four)
- Two weekends (two Friday/Saturday meetings)
- Other

Testing

- Arrange for VE session soon after class
- We schedule test 15 minutes after review session
 - Cookie break in between
- We choose to not hold VE credentials

General and Extra

- Student pool already hold licenses
- You can assume they students have some experience, but that may not actually be true
- General requires slightly more electronic knowledge to teach than technician
- Extra requires much higher electronic knowledge

Publicity methods

- Newspaper ads (may work in your area, does not do much in my area)
- Radio Club announcements and newsletters
- Radio Club web page (public side)
- Word of mouth (amazingly effective at times)
- Email messages to prospective students
- ARRL web class listing

Questions?

- Your ideas...

Post license education

- You have your license: now what?
- Operations seminar
- Ham Basics
- Communications Academy
- Special interest areas

You have your license: now what?

- New hams need some help
 - Choosing a radio that will work for them
 - How to program a handheld radio
 - How to talk on the radio
 - How to set up a mobile radio

Operations seminar

- 2-4 hour seminar on various topics
 - What happens during a communications emergency
 - Radio choices for different missions
 - Mission types
 - How to talk on the radio
 - Antennas
 - Other topics as appropriate for audience

Ham Basics

- 4-5 hour session
- General session
- Four class periods with 4-5 separate classes each period
- Emphasis on the basics for technician and general

Communications Academy

- Two day event in Seattle, recently had 11th conference Apr 10-11
- Costs \$30-50 for 1 or 2 days, including lunch
- Keynote address
- 3-75 minute periods with 5 classes per period/day
- Lunchtime address

- Sessions cover many topics related to emergency communications

Special topic conferences

- Antenna seminar
- TAPR conference
- PNW VHF conference

Special program planning

- Planning committee useful
 - Don't try to do a program alone
 - Gather idea people and doers to help
- Identify a theme if appropriate
- Find a venue and date(s)
- Find presenters who will teach effectively and interest attendees

Possible committee areas

- Program
- Publicity
- Logistics
- Food/snacks
- Coordination

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