

SOCORRO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

SARA NEWS

WWW.SOCORROARA.ORG

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MEETINGS

The minutes for meetings are at
<https://www.socorroara.org/minutes/>

The September, 2019, meeting will be at the County Emergency Management Conference Room at 198 Neel Avenue on Sept. 11.

SARA REPEATER

SARA supports a VHF repeater located on Socorro Peak immediately west of Socorro. The repeater is “open”. The autopatch is currently inoperative.

146.68 (-)
100 or 123 Hz required
123 Hz on output

SARA also supports a UHF D-STAR module ‘B’ operating at 444.500 MHz + 5.000
Registration instructions are at
www.socorroara.org/sara/repeaters/D_STAR_Gateway.pdf

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COMING EVENTS

New Mexico State Convention, Duke City
Hamfest September 20 – 22 2019
New Mexico Hamvention, Inc.
<https://www.dukecityhamfest.org/>

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Hamfest
October 19, 2019 8 am
Socorro ARA, Tech ARA, City of Socorro
Website: <http://www.socorroara.org/hamfest.html>

JOIN OUR EMAIL LISTS!

<https://groups.io/g/SocorroARA/>

General discussion forum for the Socorro Amateur Radio Association.

<https://www.freelists.org/list/sara-lab>

This is the discussion forum for the Socorro Amateur Radio Association lab group. We tinker with electronics, build and repair radios, create repeaters, explore SDR and generally have fun with electronics.

SO YOU WANT TO GET OR UPGRADE YOUR LICENSE

Getting or upgrading a ham radio license is certainly do-able. There are resources all over the Internet to help you along.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has comprehensive information on:

Finding a Class

The ARRL maintains a database of classes all over the country:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class>

Getting the Question Pools

All questions are published and available to anyone:
<http://www.arrl.org/question-pools>

FCC License Information

Learn how to use the Universal License System and more:

<http://www.arrl.org/fcc-license-info-and-forms>

Information for the Disabled

If you need a little extra help it is available:

<http://www.arrl.org/resources-for-the-disabled>

Take Practice Tests

The practice tests are set up similarly to the real ones. Practice and study and you will be ready to take the test.

<http://www.arrl.org/exam-practice>

How to Find a Test Session

Come to the SARA Hamfest and take your test October 19. Or look up other sessions here:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

HamTestOnline presents a very clear definition of the various license classes and what is necessary to get one.

<https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/which-exam.htm>

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT ON ANDROID

Google Play Store has a few apps for studying:

Ham Test Prep

“Run sample tests from the latest Technician, General and Extra question pools. Keeps track of the questions you have mastered with a passing of 74% or better. Study question elements that need work.”

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.iversoft.hp>

HamRadioExam – Technician

“Ham Radio Exam - Tech will help the user pass his/her examination for a Technician Class FCC Amateur Radio License. Newly updated to include the question pool for exams administered after 01 July 2018.”

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.delasystems.hamradioexamtech>

The author of this app, Roy Watson, also has apps for upgrading to General and Extra.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=Roy+Watson>