

MCRC Activities

MCRC members participate in a number of amateur radio and social events.

Monthly Membership Meetings

where Radio related topics are presented and discussed

Public Service Events

MCRC members provide tactical and emergency support for many Detroit area events like the Metro Grand Spring bike tour, the FreePress marathon and Thanksgiving Day Parade

Emergency Preparedness

MCR Members participate in a national readiness event known as **Field Day**. Operators across North America take their radio equipment into the field and for 24 hours simulate disaster/emergency conditions all while making contacts with other operators across the continent.

Motor City Radio Club

Promoting and supporting Amateur Radio since 1932



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For More information about
Amateur Radio and the MCRC
visit our website
www.w8mrm.net



**An American Radio
Relay League –
Special Services Club.**

Dedicated to the Hobby of Amateur Radio since 1932

Who we are...

The Motor City Radio Club (MCRC) was founded in 1932 by Detroit area amateur radio operators.

Amateur radio operators use their skills & equipment to provide a stable and reliable communication infrastructure in times of natural or manmade disasters. Amateur radio has long been recognized by both State and Federal government as a critical link in Homeland Security and disaster relief.

Amateur radio operators, sometimes called "Hams", practice their skills by making contacts, or QSO's, with other operators around the world. Hams make contacts using communicate methods such as Morse code, voice, digital (computer) and even Slow Scan Television.

Operators routinely make contacts as far off as the Artic and even the International Space Station using simple equipment.

Amateur radio is a fun and exciting hobby that is for all ages.

Can I become a Ham?

YES! Ham Radio is a hobby that everyone can enjoy. There are Ham radio operators as young as 5 and older than 105. Many people choose to participate in the hobby as a family.

When one person in a family gets involved in Ham radio soon the excitement of talking to someone in Germany, England or France makes everyone want to start "Playing Radio"

I want to be a Ham... How do I get started?

Amateur radio operators are regulated by the FCC. Operators are classified as "Amateur" because they use the airwaves for recreational and public service use not commercial use. The FCC requires all operators to pass a licensing exam.

There are plenty of resources on the web to help you study for the exam. Or if you benefit from a classroom experience the MCRC also offers classes to help get you your license.

Where do I take my test?

Congratulations! You have taken a MCRC class or studied hard on your own and you are ready to take your exam and get your license.

The MCRC offers V.E. Licensing sessions throughout the year. Check the www.w8mrm.org website for scheduling information.

A about a week after your pass your exam you will receive your license in the mail from the FCC. Then you will be forever known on the air by your FCC call sign!

Becoming an amateur radio operator is a fun and diverse hobby that you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

If you are tech-head and enjoy the theory of electricity and radio wave propagation or just a parent looking for a hobby you can enjoy with your children..

Ham radio is your answer!