



# Dixie Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

*"Amateur Radio...When All Else Fails!"*

Dixie Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

September 2007 Edition

## September Meeting

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>



The September meeting of the Dixie Amateur Radio Club will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at the St. George Community Building which is located on the

west side of the south parking lot of the Aldred (St. George) Senior Citizens Center at 245 North 200 West, St. George. This is a very important meeting to attend. See the President's letter on page 2 for info on the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Besides Club members, anyone with an interest in learning more about Amateur Radio is invited to attend.

At this month's Club meeting Mel Parkes, NM7P, ARRL Utah Section Manager, is scheduled to speak to us. Also at the meeting preparation for the upcoming St. George Marathon -one of the largest public service events that members of the Club participate in- will take place.

On this page is a map to the Community Building. You may also use the interactive Google Map link available on the Club's Web Site to locate the meeting place:

<http://www.dixieham.org/meetings.html>



Downtown St. George City (North is up)

## Volunteer Exam Session

6:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 19, 2007



There will be an ARRL Volunteer Exam Session held at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at the same location as the Club Meeting described earlier.

If you are a person desiring to take your first Amateur Radio test or a currently licensed ham wanting to upgrade this month, please plan on attending. If you are a Volunteer Examiner who would like to help out at a session, please contact please contact V.E. Coordinator Ron Sappington, WI7Z, via e-mail: [sappin\\_r@infowest.com](mailto:sappin_r@infowest.com) or telephone (435) 673-4552; or Board Member Dan Farwell, W8EQA, via e-mail: [w8eqa@infowest.com](mailto:w8eqa@infowest.com) or telephone at (435) 668-1609.

## President's Message



Club President Hal Whiting, KI2U

Greetings to all club members!!

September is upon us and preparations are underway for the St. George Marathon and Huntsman World Senior Games. The Dixie Amateur Radio Club continues to grow and move forward. Two of our most recent advances have been the formation of a Dixie ARC Bookstore Committee and the acquisition of a step van to be converted into a mobile command/operations center.

The bookstore will initially be funded by club funds and individual member donations. It is expected that the bookstore will become self supporting during sales and the narrow profit margin it will make. It is anticipated that the bookstore will carry ARRL publications to include licensing and training materials, emergency and disaster training publications and specific interest publications such as ATV, satellite, digital, etc. Currently, the two committee members are Dan Farwell, W8EQA and Ken Forshee, KE7DZI. If you have books you would like to donate, please make contact with them. We will have the books available at the club meetings for purchase.

The step van was donated to the Dixie ARC/ARES by Preston's Office Supply and will require club members' efforts to modify and prepare it for operations. Thanks to Thom Oliphant, KC1EMS for his efforts in obtaining this donation for the Dixie ARC/ARES. Other efforts are also underway to obtain community support for the club and ARES operations. If you go to the following website <http://www.w5fc.org/> and click on DARC Van Tour on the lower left column you will see

how the Dallas ARC has outfitted their club's step van.

For those of you who have tried the 146.82 repeater you will find it to be fully operational. Dean Cox, NR7K installed a new repeater on West Mountain using that frequency. Thank you Dean for all your contributions.

On about the same day the 146.82 repeater was installed, the 145.49 repeater became unresponsive. Casey, KD7HUS went back up West Mountain, isolated the problem, effected repairs and the 145.49 repeater is now operational again. Adding to that note, the 145.45 repeater is operational in the Hurricane valley floor in a testing mode and should be up on Toquerville repeater site within 3 weeks. Thank you Casey for your efforts on these two machines.

As such, we have the following County and DARC sponsored VHF repeaters operational: 145.45, 145.49, 146.64, 146.74, and 146.91. Please program them in your radios and use them.

Congratulations to those who completed the Washington County ARES Emcomm Level I training last month. For those who may have missed a training session, please contact Ken Head, KD7FGP for make up classes.

In the August Dixie ARC meeting we had a very good presentation by Stewart Somerville, ALTERNATIVE POWER SYSTEMS on solar and other energy resources. This was very informative and helpful in deciding which products would best solar powered stations. Thanks to Stewart!!

Mel Parkes, NM7P, ARRL Utah Section Manager is scheduled to speak to us at the September Dixie ARC Meeting on September 19, 2007. Come out and meet Mel and find out what is happening in the Utah Section.

The National Weather Service is scheduled to do a Skywarn training in October at the club meeting.

For those of you who enjoy the club and realize it takes more than the yearly dues to make the club function, consider joining the leadership of the Dixie ARC. Electioneering begins in November with Elections in December at the Annual Club Christmas meeting. Please look at what you can do to further the club along. You have the opportunity to put your ideas to work and have some fun. There are many qualified persons who can take the ball and run with it if they will make the decision to do it. You are not alone...there are board members, secretary, treasurer, vice president and President. (I don't recall anyone calling me Mr. President) It becomes a team effort. It does take more than coming to the club and eating donuts...it takes Amateurs of Action!! Without the motivated leaders, the club will cease to exist...it will wither and die. Take the club to new heights. Visit some other amateur club websites online and get some ideas as to what they are doing. Develop your own ideas. Have some fun. Learn something new. Start thinking about what you can offer the Dixie Amateur Radio Club and where you can take it to. We are limited only by our inaction! Do something to make great things happen!!

73,

*Hal Whiting, KI2U*

Dixie Amateur Radio Club President, 2007

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## Join the Club For the First Time or Renew your Membership!

Club membership dues for 2007 are being solicited. Dues (currently) are \$20.00 per member and \$25.00 per family for multiple

ham families. As a matter of fact, you do not have to be a licensed Amateur Operator to join the club. You just need to have an interest in Amateur Radio.

Check the Club's Membership Roster to see that you are shown as a member. If you are not listed, you may have simply procrastinated. Please show support for your club and join. We will even accept your tardy dues for 2006 if you feel the slightest sense of guilt. If you know you were negligent in 2006, you are on the honor system.

New (i.e., never been a member of the club before) prospective members may pay just \$10 for membership covering the current date through December 31 of this year. All others need to pay the regular \$20 dues for 2007. This is to encourage NEW licensees to join the Club now and participate, rather than waiting until January to join.

To pay your membership dues, please make a check or money order payable to "DARC" and bring it to the meeting or mail it to the club address:

**Dixie Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 422  
Santa Clara, UT 84765**

The current "Membership Roster" is found on the Club Web Site.



## Join the ARRL!

Founded in 1914, the 150,000-member ARRL - *The National Association for Amateur Radio* - is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. Other countries also have their own national associations.

The ARRL not only reflects the commitment and many enthusiasms of American hams, but also provides leadership as the voice of Amateur Radio in the USA, whether in dealings with the Federal Communications Commission, the World Administrative Radio Conference, the International Amateur Radio Union, or with the general public.

The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in the ham radio world. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special operating events, all sorts of continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

Being a member of the ARRL is important for hams! Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is welcome to join the American Radio Relay League. Please see this link to join the ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/join.html>

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### Constitution and Bylaws



This is just a reminder to be sure and read the adopted Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

These documents were adopted at the regularly scheduled July 18, 2007

General Club Meeting of the Dixie Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Please see the "Club Constitution" and "Club Bylaws" links in the Navigation area of the Club's web site to view these important Club documents.



Check out a web page which packs a lot of very

good information on Ham Radio. It is located at: <http://hamradiowebinfo.com>

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### Club Member Profiles Needed

We need profiles of Club members to showcase in future Newsletters. Please see the last profile presented in the August 2007 Newsletter available in the Newsletter Archive on the Club Web Site. Please tell us something about yourselves. Please e-mail your story or at least acknowledge your willingness to be profiled in a future edition of the Newsletter to the Editor at: [w7drc@arrl.net](mailto:w7drc@arrl.net).

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### Rocky Mountain Division Questionnaire Available Online

Fellow ARRL Members:

I would like to bring to your attention the creation of an online questionnaire that was designed for you, the members of the ARRL Rocky Mnt. Division.

This questionnaire gives you the opportunity to provide your comments and opinions on a variety of topics including: your general satisfaction with the ARRL, your opinions on various important issues affecting amateur radio, your thoughts on how to improve the ARRL and more.

I would like to recognize those who developed this important questionnaire: Your Rocky Mnt. Division Vice Director Brian Milesosky N5ZGT, ARRL member Robert Campbell W0MT, ARRL member Scott Westerman W9WSW and ARRL Director Bill Edgar N3LLR.

The questionnaire can be taken by visiting the Rocky Mountain Division Website:

<http://www.tribcsp.com/~arrlrm>

It is very important that you follow the instructions provided on the questionnaire. In addition to the above this questionnaire is open to all Rocky Mountain Division members through September 30, 2007. Your valuable feedback is very much so appreciated and will be used to improve the ARRL and the Rocky Mountain Division. Therefore, please help promote this survey by making its presence known to all your fellow ARRL members.

Thank you all very much for your time with regards to this matter and we all should look forward to a positive response.

73,

Warren G. (Rev) Morton WS7W  
ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director

- (c) *Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.*
- (d) *Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.*
- (e) *Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.*

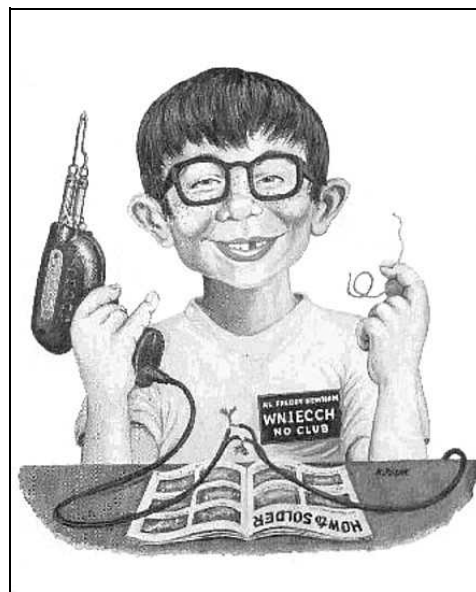
Members of the Dixie Amateur Radio Club provide voluntary public service radio communications throughout the area for activities such as the annual St. George Marathon and the Huntsman World Senior Games. Amateur Radio operators also maintain a readiness to provide emergency communications locally, regionally and world-wide in the event of a natural disaster or other calamity.

## About Our Club

The Dixie Amateur Radio Club (DARC) is a non-profit [IRS 501(c)(3)] association of Amateur Radio operators, also known as "ham radio" operators, in southwestern Utah. DARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the National Association for Amateur Radio. Please use the navigation links below to explore our website. Amateur Radio operators are federally licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide a radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) *Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.*
- (b) *Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.*

## HAM CARTOON OF THE MONTH



Novice ham "What me worry?" Alfred E. Neuman from old "Mad Magazine" cartoon learning how to solder. Kids...do NOT try this at home!

## Volunteers for Events Needed

DARC Inc. Club Members:

The club is looking for volunteers for the following DARC Events:

**St. George Community Expo  
September 22, 2007 (Saturday)  
Vernon Worthen Park  
11 AM until 4 PM (setup is 9-10:30 AM)**

Our planned presentation is for an information booth and special event station (2 meters).

We will need a table and a few chairs, an easy-up or similar shelter. And a small generator would be a plus!

We have been asked to assist with Expo security and need two volunteers for each hour (11 AM to 4 PM).

Our club will receive a check for just showing up and having a booth!

If you can help with this event please contact:

Dan Farwell W8EQA - 435-688-1609  
[w8eqa@infowest.com](mailto:w8eqa@infowest.com)

You can also help by tuning your radios to 146.91 and saying "Hello" to the special event station at W7DRC between 11 AM and 4 PM on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Come to our club meeting this coming Wednesday September 19th for further information or call Dan Farwell

**Huntsman World Senior Games  
Monday October 8, 2007 through Saturday  
October 13th, 2007**

Monday October 8th -10 K Road Races  
Snow Canyon to Ivins Fire Station.  
8:00 AM until noon  
**4 operators needed**

Tuesday October 9th- Hill Climb  
Snow Canyon Park  
8:00 AM to 1 PM  
**3 operators needed**

Wednesday October 10th -Cycling Time Trial  
Springdale, Utah -(Location changed from previous years)  
8:30 AM until 2 PM  
**4 operators needed**

Thursday October 11th - Half Marathon  
Dixie Center and bike trails  
8 AM until noon  
**4 operators needed**

Friday October 12th - Cycling Road Race  
Ivins-Gunlock-Veyo-Snow Canyon-Ivins  
8:30 AM until noon  
**10 operators needed**

Saturday October 13th - Triathlon  
Sand Hollow Aquatic Center-swim, cycle and run.  
8:30 AM until 12:30 PM  
**8 operators needed.**

We have need of about 33 operator positions for this one weeks activities alone.

Come to the club meeting or call Dan Farwell  
W8EQA 435-688-1609  
[w8eqa@infowest.com](mailto:w8eqa@infowest.com)

You can view or download and print most of the maps for these events at:  
<http://www.seniorgames.net/map.html>



"Sorry 'Old Man'; you're a duplicate!...  
...CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, this is  
WB1ABY calling."