

## Who We Are

We are a Christ-centered collection of people in the pursuit of amateur radio (otherwise known as “ham” radio). We come from every walk of life: pastors, policemen, firemen, paramedics, federal contractors, government employees, nurses, students, truck drivers, engineers, attorneys, mechanics—well, you get the picture!

## Website

Please visit our website at [www.aarai.org](http://www.aarai.org). As you journey through the site, you will find that our members engage in a variety of radio activities. If at any time you have a suggestion or some activity you would like within the association, touch the “contact us” button, then compose and send your idea. As you venture through the website, you will find that we have tried to provide you with all the information you will need to help you enjoy the hobby.

## Club Officers

Club officers are elected every five years. Our club call sign is K3LJP, in honor of our beloved founder the late Ed Peterson, who often referred to himself as K 3 Love, Joy, and Peace.

## Annual SDA QSO Party

The Annual AARAI QSO Party is usually held in March. We post a PDF document containing each year’s rules and the official log form. Plan now to take part. We’ll be listening for you!

## Club Newsletter & Archives

We publish a quarterly newsletter (and we invite your input to it). The newsletter is free and arrives in printable PDF format attached to an email. Archives going back to 1958 are available at the AARAI website.

## How to Join Us

Please fill out the form at our Website, or send to: Millie KA1UFD, email at [hamdad2@comcast.net](mailto:hamdad2@comcast.net) for more information. There are no annual dues!

## Adventist Amateur Radio Clubs

Adventist Clubs maintain several user-friendly repeater systems in several US states. Most repeaters on high towers in the 2-meter band have an approximately 45-mile radius coverage area (more info is on the AARAI Website):

### CALIFORNIA

Loma Linda University Amateur Radio Club  
Porterville Adventist Amateur Radio Network

### TENNESSEE

Greater Collegedale Adventist Radio Club

### NORTHWEST

Northwest Adventist Amateur Radio Association

### MICHIGAN

Great Lakes Adventist Academy Amateur Radio Club

## Adventist Radio Net Schedule

### Bible Study Nets

Eastern Daily	5:30 ET	3.980
Midwestern Daily	6:00 AM MT	3.997
Western Daily	5:30 AM PT	3.975

### Regional/Worldwide Nets

Sunday	9:00 AM ET	7.270
		7.265
Sunday	1500 UTC	14.328
Sunday	7:30 AM PT	3.955
Thursday	1:00 PM ET	14.328
	10:00 AM PT	14.328
Su-M-Tu-W-Th	8:30 PM ET	3.973

The AARAI operates solely on the basis of donations. Please consider helping us achieve our mission to spread God’s word of truth. Check our website for details: [www.aarai.org](http://www.aarai.org).



The Adventist Amateur Radio Association International (AARAI) is a high-spirited, worldwide fraternity of radio hams who members or friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

AARAI members meet on the air daily at various times for fellowship and information.

### Radio Nets – A Unifying Media

The AARAI, and its many radio nets that operate from stations around the world, serve as a unifying media that also keeps overseas families in contact with their loved ones at home.

The nets are divided into three main groups: Worldwide, Regional, and North American.

The worldwide net has three nets on Sunday and a third net meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The regional nets are all managed by hams outside the United States. From South Africa, the Caribbean, and the Far East, Adventists communicate with others. Never are the nets exclusively for Seventh-day Adventists; all other licensed radio amateurs are always welcome.

The North American nets operate by geographical regions and/or time zones. Three of these nets are Bible Study nets, and meet in the early morning, seven days a week. Some of the other nets meet only on a certain day of the week. (see schedule)

If you are not yet a member, please consider joining —it’s free, we’d be glad to have you! And if you need assistance in obtaining a ham radio license, let us know.

## AARAI - At Your Service!

Many AARAI members volunteer to provide emergency communications to agencies and residents of communities worldwide, at the discretion of the local, regional, and federal governments.

In preparation for disaster service, each geographic area of the church has the Adventist Community Services (ACS), an organization registered with FEMA and the American Red Cross, for working to aid the victims of disasters, whether earthquake, fire, flood, hurricane, or tornado. Ham radio is included as an important function for emergency communication and coordination of activities. When hurricanes hit several communities, local and regional Adventist radio clubs sprang into action, some spending a week assisting with communications at Adventist churches.



We are the local eyes and ears of the National Weather Service's Skywarn program



The National Traffic System links us via radio and email to the rest of the world

## EMERGENCY PLANNING

For better or worse, emergency planning has become an important part of world societies. Each of us is being asked to develop the abilities to help ourselves and others in a disaster.

Would you bet your life that the phones and Internet will still be working? Would you bet the lives of others?

Even if they still function, phone-and-email-based systems can be overwhelmed in a crisis, while critical calls are often blocked.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of citizens volunteer their time and energies for the improvement and safety of their communities. Mechanics turn into firemen when the alarm sounds. Hairdressers become EMTs. Engineers turn into auxiliary policemen. Many countries have a long and proud history of these “minutemen” who answer the call to service in times of emergency...

## And a lot of them are “hams!”

The US Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) is a national voluntary organization of FCC licensed Hams—special radio operators who provide communications in an emergency and are organized through the American Radio Relay League. This group has provided emergency communications (EmComm) services for everything from shipwrecks to the disaster of 9-11. It is a specialized field requiring training and federal licensing.

### Your family may have already benefited from them!

The **Skywarn** program provides critical ground observations to the National Weather Service in storms in the USA.

The **National Traffic Service** has provided long distance emergency communication and free radiograms for families for decades.

The **Red Cross** uses ARES & RACES to provide emergency communications in a disaster. So do the **ACS**, **Salvation Army**, **FEMA**, and hundreds of county and municipal governments.

Because each radio station operator is independent, but still can talk to each other, it works . . .

- ✓ Even when the phones are down
- ✓ When there is no fax machine
- ✓ The internet is gone
- ✓ The “trunk line” is jammed
- ✓ And the cell phone is dead

Ham radio is a natural fit. With today’s growth in technology, more people than ever before are passing their amateur radio exams and becoming licensed amateur radio operators—more than 700,000 in the United States.

**Want to know more about ARES, RACES, ACS, and other EmComm (emergency communications) teams?**  
Visit [www.aarai.org](http://www.aarai.org) and [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

## How Your Church May Benefit

Ramping up your church’s participation in disaster preparedness, and engaging amateur radio as an emergency communications resource, can gain recognition from the media, local government, the community and, potentially, new members for both the church and the AARAI. Some church members might want to obtain their ham license simply to enjoy all the benefits of a great hobby.

## The Bottom Line

Ham radio is FUN as well as an invaluable resource “when all else fails.” When severe weather, natural disasters, or other catastrophes strike, and power lines and cellphone towers are knocked out, ham radio has always stood up to serve communities around the world. Who better to become involved than church members who strive to adhere to the Bible and serve Jesus Christ?

