

“News & Views”

Your TAYLORSVILLE HAMnet newsletter

You are reading the very first newsletter of the Taylorsville HAMnet amateur radio group.

This is your newsletter. We encourage YOU to submit information that will be of benefit to our group members.

Submit ideas/articles to tville.hamnet@gmail.org



The Taylorsville HAMnet Website

If you have not yet seen our website, please check it out.

taylorsvillehamnet.org

We are excited about this new information resource and hope it will be of value to you.

If you would like to contribute articles of interest for future newsletters, send them to

tville.hamnet@gmail.com

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Club Call Sign
KG7BVO

Let's have fun!

"Most of us enjoy Amateur Radio because it's fun. We use it to escape from work and stress, and as long as it fills that need, we return to it again and again. So the first sign of great radio club is that it is a fun place for hams to go.

What makes a radio club successful? What secrets enable them to keep adding members, providing interesting activities and offering interesting programs?

Promote Fellowship

Radio clubs do a wonderful service by helping individual hams meet others and promote mutual help. The tradition of Elmer's helping newcomers is often the first opportunity that hams have to demonstrate fellowship.

Together, radio club members can do much more than any individual is able to do. Erecting antennas, helping with license exams, troubleshooting, working together at events, providing emergency communications and many more activities are why radio clubs remain popular.



Doug Davis / AD7LO,
enjoying the Taylorsville
Iditarod event

Active clubs are healthy clubs. In addition to building friendships and mentoring new hams, operating events are a good way to showcase Amateur Radio to the public and recruit new hams.

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As the President of the Taylorsville HAMnet, I would like to express my appreciation to all who participate in our weekly net and monthly in person meetings.

This is your organization and it is by your efforts that it is successful

We need your help!

We are looking for members who are willing to fill the positions of

Secretary

Community Event coordinator

Newsletter editor

Social event coordinator

If you are willing to fill one of these positions, contact us at tville.hamnet@gmail.org

Let's have fun (cont.)

Above all, healthy radio clubs are warm, inviting groups that make visitors and newcomers feel welcome. A greeting, handshake, a round of introductions and getting people involved as quickly as possible are sure signs of a club whose future is bright.

Recruit New Members

Clubs must recruit new members to insure their survival. Members leave for various reasons, and without a plan to replace them, clubs will stagnate. Promotion is important. Keeping the club name before the public and other hams should be a continuing effort. Use news releases regularly to announce club meetings, emergency drills, new officers and social events. Invite newly licensed hams to your club meetings. Have a membership drive to encourage your current members to recruit new ones. Mail your newsletter to area hams with a special invitation to a future meeting, and put it on the Internet or send it via e-mail. Encourage members to bring guests. Opportunities to promote membership are limited only by a club's imagination and resources.

Have social events

Social events can include quarterly social events such as a quarterly "HAM's for breakfast" meeting or perhaps a summer barbecue for members and their families.

These meetings will naturally migrate to

"HAM topics" and should be a time to socialize and get to know each other better.

Use your Radio Communications

Having a club whose members possess personal radio communication capabilities is a great asset. A regular net will promote fellowship among members and allows for announcements and training topics.

A regular in person meeting will allow discussion of

- Club activities
- In depth training
- Show and tell
- Swap and Shop
- Ham radio trends
- New equipment reviews
- News from ARRL
- And group trouble-shooting of technical problems

Each meeting and activity will give us new insight into the world of HAM radio and help us to build lasting friendships with each other.

In summary – We are the ones who are responsible for building our local club and making it successful.

Let's have fun!

Update – Snow delays antenna installation

The antenna tripods and cable conduits are scheduled to be installed at the pantry as soon as the weather cooperates.

The city has hired a contractor to make the roof penetration for the conduit and also to install two tripods.

We will have a Comet X510HDM dual-band antenna on one mast for our main radio. The X510HDM is a 144~148/435~450 MHz Dual Band Vertical base station antenna.

Another mast will have a Cushcraft AR270B 5.5/7.5 dB Dual Band Ringo antenna for the packet system. The AR270B is computer optimized with two 5/8 wavelength collinear elements on 2 meters and four 5/8 wavelength elements on 70 cm.

Weather permitting; the installation should be completed soon. We have done a preliminary test of the antennas and they are ready to be installed on the tripods for regular use.

When the work is completed we will be able to call the net from the pantry location as desired or needed.



Member Spotlight Clark Dye / KE7BXC

Clark Dye / KE7BXC has been a supporter of the Taylorsville HAMnet since it's inception.

Clark has participated in almost every event we have been involved with. He is active in several nets and is a Stake communications representative.

Clark is also active in ARES and RACES

Thank you Clark for your help and participation in the Taylorsville HAMnet.

Are we at a Crossroad?

Reflecting on the past year (or years) of the Taylorsville HAMnet, I did some serious thinking of where we are in our group efforts. In many aspects I believe we are doing well and we have seen some exciting and interesting things happen.

There are a couple of areas however, that we need to take stock of our individual efforts and make a commitment to do our part. Yes, we are at a Crossroad and need to take every opportunity to help our group grow.

First, we each need to make it our goal to bring new operators into our group. Locate and reach out to Ham's in your area and invite them to participate in our group. Let other Ham's your know, of our efforts and ask them to participate as well.

Second, we each need to commit to take an active role in the nets and "in person" meetings. Every member should volunteer to call the net and help with our "in person" meetings by offering to conduct or present topics of discussion or training.

Let's step up and become more involved in the Taylorsville HAMnet! Rulon Swensen, KE7OJX

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