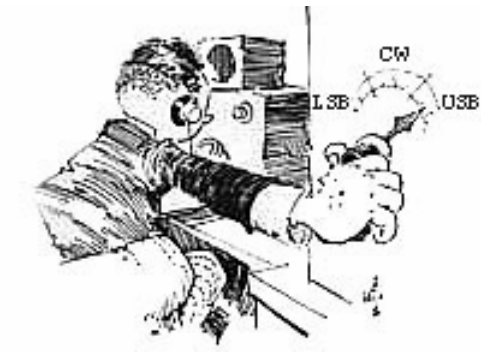


The University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club

What is Amateur Radio? Amateur radio is also called “ham radio" and amateur radio operators are called “hams”. Hams share a fascination with radio communication—and use radio to communicate with others via voice, data (computers), Morse code, television, even using satellites and by bouncing signals off of the moon! Hams are avid experimenters, too, and many build their own radio equipment and antennas. Ham radio enthusiasts come from all walks of life and nearly every nation.

Do I need an Amateur Radio license? To get “on the air”, everyone needs a license issued by the FCC. Getting your license is a lot easier than you might think, and the club will help you!

What is the club all about? The Club maintains an amateur radio station, call sign **W8UM**, located in the EECS building on the University’s north campus. The station is active on the amateur HF (also called “shortwave”) bands allowing world-wide voice, code, and digital communications, as well as VHF/UHF communications. The Club also sponsors operating, technical, and social events throughout the year. The University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club (UMARC) is the second oldest university radio club in the United States with an illustrious history of radio experimentation and on-the-air activity since 1913.

How can I get more information? Email **`w8um.info@umich.edu`** for a tour of the station and more details!

Also, visit the club web page:
`www.umich.edu/~umarc`

