



Ham radio is a hobby for everyone. The members of the Reno County Kansas Amateur Radio Association carry on the long tradition of electronic experimentation, friendship, and community service.

The weekly on-air net is at 8 p.m. Tuesdays at 147.120+. Our meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Mennonite Manor, 600 W. Blanchard, South Hutchinson.

We're online at rckara.org.
Email: webmaster@rckara.org.

Amateur radio is both a hobby and a community service. The Federal Communications Commission licenses ham radio operators to ensure a pool of well-trained experts. They experiment with various kinds of radio communication and talk to friends around the world or on the International Space Station.

Hams also kept the lines of communication open in New York after the 9/11 attack, in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and after the tornadoes in Greensburg and Joplin.

Locally, the members of the Reno County Kansas Amateur Radio Association come together to maintain a 2-meter repeater, which retransmits radio signals so they travel farther. The repeater's frequency is 147.120+.

Through this, they enjoy talking with local friends, provide communications at events such as Band Days during the Kansas State Fair, and are available to help if disaster were to strike here.



Before the Internet...

People were exchanging messages with their friends both locally and around the world ... through Amateur Radio.

Reno County KS Amateur Radio Association



Every June, RCKARA members participate in Field Day, an exercise for amateur radio operators in the U.S. and Canada to keep our skills at emergency communication sharp.

Hams of all ages participate. We find an open place to put up our antennas and use generators to power our radios. The station at bottom left is being used for making contacts by Morse code. Another radio was set up for communicating by using satellites.

Field Day has a serious purpose, but it's always lots of fun, too.

