

Ham Radio Class in Manoa Valley

This FREE class covers the study for Ham Radio license, taking the license (optional) and hands-on practice with Ham Radio gear (optional). Students will need to purchase the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual Third Edition before the class. The test session on October 12, 2017 is \$15. So your investment would be the License Manual (cost will vary depending where you look which is approximately \$30) and the test fee if you choose to take the exam. Morse Code is no longer required. Contact Glenn Otaguro (glenn.otaguro@gmail.com) to sign up for the class—include your name, email address, and phone number.

LOCATION: Manoa Innovation Center (2800 Woodlawn Drive)

DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS:

Thursday, September 7th, 7 to 9 PM Ideation Room
Thursday, September 14th, 7 to 9 PM Board Room
Thursday, September 21th, 7 to 9 PM Board Room
Thursday, September 28th, 7 to 9 PM Ideation Room
Thursday, October 5th, 7 to 9 PM Board Room
Thursday, October 12th, 7 to 9 PM* Board Room
Thursday, October 19th, 7 to 9 PM** Board Room

* October 12th is the optional License test (\$15)

** October 19th is the optional Hands-on with Ham Radio equipment

CERT trained volunteers with Ham Radio licenses could qualify to receive a Ham Radio equipment loan from the DEM. However, for BRM CERT volunteers, you will be required to participate in BRM events and exercises relating to Ham Radios. Additionally, you will be required to take on comm shifts during BRM disaster responses.

Space for the Ham Radio class is limited to 20 students. Ham Radio licenses are good for 10 years. Mahalo Nui Loa to EARC for providing the instructors for this FREE class. Big thanks to Be Ready Manoa for organizing this effort to train CERT volunteers to operate Ham Radios during emergencies. Big Thanks to Manoa Innovation Center for allowing us to use their facilities for such a valuable event.

First Manoa Ham Net Exercise Held July 8th

Manoa-based Amateur Radio Operators held their first exercise on July 8, 2014. Seven radio operators from Manoa in addition to operators checking in from Waikiki, Kapiolani Community College, Keeaumoku area, and St Francis Hospital (14 in all) participated in the exercise. Check-in was at 10:00 am on a popular repeater on Diamond Head owned by the Honolulu Emergency Amateur Radio Club. All stations then moved to the simplex frequency assigned to Manoa by the Honolulu County Department of Emergency Management to exchange signal reports. Simplex frequencies are those in which operators contact each other radio-to-radio without the advantage of a powerful repeater. It would be as if you were using one cell phone to call another without the use of the cellular repeater grid! In the event of a disaster where the electrical and communication grid collapses, these kinds of simplex communications capabilities may be what remains. Five members of 'Be Ready Manoa' participated in the exercise: Raleigh Ferdun, Betty Yee, Jack Tsujimura, Gordon Loui, and Fred Fortin.

Amateur Radio Field Day June 28th Kualoa Regional Park

The annual Amateur Radio Field Day will be held on June 28, 2014 Saturday starting at 8 am at the Kualoa Regional Park. This year's field day is organized by the Emergency Amateur radio Club (EARCHI.ORG) and the Koolau Amateur Radio Club (KARC.NET).

What is an Amateur Radio Field Day?

This is a free, national event sponsored by the ARRL (American Radio Relay League, the National Organization of Radio Amateur in the U.S.). Several hundred clubs nationwide participate in this event, which serves as a practical application of emergency operations, a fun contest, and as a public service event for Amateur Radio. Sometimes served agencies, such as National Weather Service (SkyWarn), the American Red Cross, and others join in with displays, etc. For Amateur Radio operators, it is a fun get-together as well as an opportunity to polish communications skills vital in the event of an emergency.

So come out and join us, whether you're an old-time ham or newly licensed or just want to know more about the Amateur Radio Service, it's a great opportunity to see HAMS in action.

Fred Fortin

May 31st Makani Pahili Hurricane Exercise



On May 3, 2014 the Honolulu county Department of Emergency Management, the State Civil Defense, The American Red Cross – plus a number of other federal, state and county and private agencies held the 2014 Makani Pahili Hurricane exercise. For Manoa, that included a major shelter exercise held at the Manoa Valley Church. Be Ready Manoa (BRM) members Jack Tsujimura, Gordon Loui, Betty Yee and Fred Fortin, all of whom are Amateur Radio operators or

Hams, participated in the event acting as radio communicators at the shelter for the American Red Cross and the Honolulu Department of Emergency Management. Also assisting the Hams was Raleigh Ferdun another BRM member.