



The Amateur in You, Part 2

What have you been pondering?



The full ham radio experience

In the last issue of the *UVARC Shack* ([July 2019](#), *Hot Tips*), we told you what first steps you should take into the world of ham radio. Well, what if you've taken those first steps, and now you're ready to jump into the entire experience with both feet? Not everybody will want to do more, and that's perfectly alright.

But if you want the full ride, turn this page into your *amateur radio activity checklist*. You can pick-and-choose what you believe fits your needs / wants, and not even necessarily in this order, but here it is, in a nutshell. Some of these are redundant with the list in last issue's article:

1. Join UVARC (dues-free)

- <https://uvarc.club/join/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uvarc/>
- Attend a monthly club meeting
- Go to smile.amazon.com and list Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club as your non-profit (EIN 81-3606416)
- Read the newsletters (<https://uvarc.club/>)

2. Update your QRZ page

- <https://www.qrz.com/db/KI7ABC>
- Register for a free login
- Update your email address, photo, and bio info

3. Secure your equipment

- [Mobile radio and power supply](#), [coax](#)
- [Antenna outside](#), if possible, or [inside](#)

4. Check in to the nets

- [New Ham Net](#) (Thu 7 pm 146.780)
- [76ers Net](#) (Wed 7 pm 146.760)
- [Ladies' Net](#) (Tue 7 pm 14.780)

- [Lindon ERC](#) (Tue 8 pm 147.020)

- [Your stake / area net](#)

5. Become part of UCARES

- <https://www.ucares.org/>
- [UCARES Net](#) (Tue 8 pm 147.340)
- Attend the New Ham Night (last Tuesday)

6. Apply for a RACES number

- Visit the [RACES website](#)
- Fill out the paperwork and send it in

7. Volunteer to run a net

- [New Ham Net](#) (Thu 7 pm 146.780)
- [Your stake / area net](#)

8. Join the ARRL

- <http://www.arrl.org/>
- \$49 for an [annual membership](#)

9. Upgrade to General

- [Study for the exam](#)
- [Take the exam](#)

10. Become a VE

- Fill out [the paperwork](#)
- Read the [VE Manual](#)
- Give it to the CVE (Steve Whitehead)

11. Plan to attend Field Day

- Last Saturday and Sunday in June
- Fun family overnight camping
- Any ham radio license class will do

There you go...after you've done all of that, you're in all the way. Some will tell you there's more to it (HF, contesting, digital, events, etc.), but this is a good nutshell.