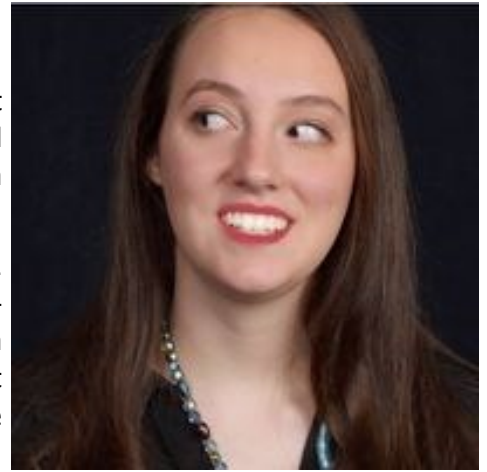


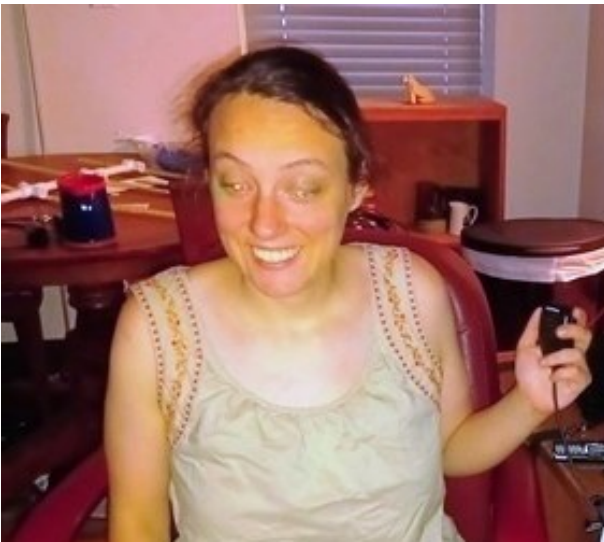
Spotlight – Sabra Ewing AI7UG

Sabra (pronounced SAY-bruh) Ewing AI7UG is a Salt Lake City transplant from Dallas, Texas. Previously she lived in Austin, where she graduated from Austin Community College with a degree in Computer Information Systems, and later in Business Management from Texas State University.

Sabra was born without the blessing of eyesight, and grew up in Dallas. In 2017, she moved to Salt Lake City on the advice of a friend who informed her that Utah had better accessibility services for the blind than did Texas. She now loves living in her downtown Salt Lake apartment with her service dog Cricket and enjoys the snow a little more than she does the heat.



Sabra said that she had heard of amateur radio and had always wanted to get into it, but thought the test and equipment were too expensive. In 2023, she met Sylvia Bernert K7KQY in a party at Liberty Park, where Sylvia told Sabra about her ham radio experiences. Sylvia also told her about the free ham radio class held by the Salt Lake Crossroads Amateur Radio Club, and about an inexpensive radio that she could buy. Furthermore, She invited Sabra to a picnic happening that August by the same club, where she might meet other hams.



Sabra took the Technician class, but became a little discouraged because the class used a lot of visual aids. Eventually, she got hold of the Gordon West tapes, which helped a lot. In October 2023, Sabra took the Technician exam given by the KI6OSS VE team at Eagle Mountain and passed with flying colors. After Thanksgiving that same year, she passed her General and Amateur Extra license exams.

Another ham in the Crossroads club gave Sabra a Baofeng HT with a microphone, and I gave her a quarter-wave antenna that would help her get a better signal out of her first-floor apartment than did the rubber duck antenna that came with the radio. James Bennett KK7AVS installed a half-wave antenna at Sabra's apartment, and that seemed to work better for her. Now she's able to participate in the Crossroads simplex nets.

Sabra has since purchased a Xiegu X6100 radio for HF. Although she's been having trouble transmitting on HF from her apartment, Sabra has been able to get on 10 meters and has been participating in the Salt Lake 10 Meter net on Tuesday evenings. When Sabra attended Field Day with UARC at Payson Lakes, she talked on 20 and 40 meters. At the UARC Steak Fry, Sabra made several contacts on 10 and 20 meters.

Sabra is a member of UARC, the Salt Lake Crossroads Amateur Radio Club, and the Utah VHF Society. She participates with the Wasatch adaptive sports for the disabled and enjoys biking and skiing. Sabra also likes reading books.

Congratulations, Sabra, for getting into amateur radio and passing the Extra Class exam. Best wishes for continued success in the hobby!

– 73 from Linda Reeder N7HVF

