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Hey, Miriam:

Congratulations on becoming an official ham radio operator! I noticed that your new license recently appeared in the ULS (the FCC database), and I want to be among the first to welcome you to a whole, new world.

As a new ham, one of the first things I would do if I were you is visit [noji.com/newham](http://noji.com/newham) and browse the questions near the top of the page. There, you'll find many answers to questions that a new ham like you might ask. And if you already have a ham radio, another is to turn it on and tune it to 146.780 MHz (and a tone of 100.0 Hz), which is the frequency of our club repeater. You can just listen to the occasional chatter, or take the dive and push the big button on the side and announce your call sign. (If these are mysteries to you, no problem – feel free to email or text me with your questions!) We have an on-air *net* for new hams like you, every Thursday at 7:00 pm. We also have a net only for *lady* hams Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, and another for *families* Thursdays at 6:30 pm, on the same repeater.

Another reason I'm writing this is to invite you to become part of our little family, the *Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club*, since you live in or near Utah County, and we serve this area. We're a non-profit org that gets together regularly to share and have fun with ham radio, and at this time it's dues-free. It's a good way to rub shoulders with other new hams learning the ropes and maybe even get some of your (ham radio) questions answered. Some other advantages to being part of a ham radio club include

- *Having nearby resources readily available to help you with your new adventure*
- *Learning things you didn't know you wanted to learn*
- *Hearing examples of what to say on the air, how and when to say it*
- *With a club nearby, it's easier to stay active in the craft than going it alone*

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Orem City Council Chamber Room, 56 N State Street, and we plan to welcome you, along with other new hams, in our upcoming meeting. To join, go to [www.facebook.com/groups/uvarc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/uvarc/) and then to [uvarc.club/join](http://uvarc.club/join). You can also find out more up-to-date info and the latest goings-on with our club at [uvarc.club](http://uvarc.club). If you send us an email, we'll add you to our mailing list.

There's a whole club of good folks who would love to meet you (and your family!) and get to know you better, whether you join our little group or not. But for sure we hope to hear you on the air! In the mean time, check out our latest newsletter at [noji.com/uvarcshack](http://noji.com/uvarcshack)

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