

# The national association for amateur Radio. Lifelong Learning





#### ARRL Lifelong Learning Lifelong Learning

## **About Me**

#### Kris Bickell **ARRL Lifelong Learning Manager**

- Started @ HQ in April 2018
- Licensed in June 2018, K1BIC

#### **Higher Ed & eLearning Background**

- Albertus Magnus College
- **Post University**
- University of Bridgeport



#### **Current ARRL Programs**

#### **Online Courses**

- **EC-001:** Introduction to Emergency Communication
- **EC-016**: Public Service and Emergency Communications Management
- PR-101: ARRL Public Relations

#### **ETP Programs**

- Teachers Institute: Three 1-week sessions @ HQ and DARA
- Grants: School Station & Progress
- ARISS: Loaner station



#### **Education & Technology Program (ETP)**

We continue to support the following educational activities:

#### Teachers Institute:

ARRL's Teachers Institute provides STEM/STEAM teachers with the tools & strategies to introduce basic electronics, the science of radio, space technology and satellite communications (TI-1 basic workshop), as well as weather science, introduction to micro-controllers and basic robotics (TI-2 advanced workshop) into their classrooms.





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#### ETP Grants:

ETP School Station Grants are awarded to schools that provide a plan to use Amateur Radio as part of an enrichment program and/or as part of in classroom learning.

ETP Progress Grants offer modest support to those teachers who are currently using Amateur Radio in their classrooms as an instructional tool and who need additional resources for specific purposes, or for teachers who need resources to get started instructing wireless technology and electronics topics as part of a longer range plan to involve Amateur Radio.





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#### • ARISS:

ARRL supports ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) by providing information and resources to help schools or educational groups work with ARISS to host a contact with an astronaut on the International Space Station.





# Why Lifelong Learning?





#### **Lifelong Learning**

## Why Lifelong Learning?

Allow users to learn

- any time...
- anywhere...



## Why Lifelong Learning?

# Reason for getting involved.

- Emergency support (48%)
- Fun hobby **(47%)**
- Personal communications (38%)
- Expand interest in electronics, comms & tech (30%)

## Why Lifelong Learning?

# How to get them active.

- A more active local radio club (27%)
- Help from a mentor or "Elmer" (32%)
- Other hams who share my interests (36%)
- Help with how to get started on the air (44%)
- Contact with a ham radio store or equipment dealer (28%)



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## Why Lifelong Learning?

## Changes in how people are learning.

My name is Ronnie. I'm 70 years young, after giving up SCUBA diving, I decided I needed a hobby, and Radio Ham interests me. I had just purchased the ARRL Technician License manual. It would be helpful for me if someone can answer a few questions.

Well Ronnie, at 68 years young this is how I did it. I started with the ARRL manual which was a great read and a good start. I then paid a few bucks for the Ham Test course on the net. After taking that course I was passing sample tests online at a rate of 100%. I studied for about a week and passed on the first try. I also found an app that generated tests on my phone and I pulled that out a lot when I had some free time. That app helped me to feel very confident when I started seeing the actual questions on the test. "



#### **About the Lifelong Learning Project**

The Lifelong Learning program was established to provide a range of education and training opportunities to amateur radio operators.

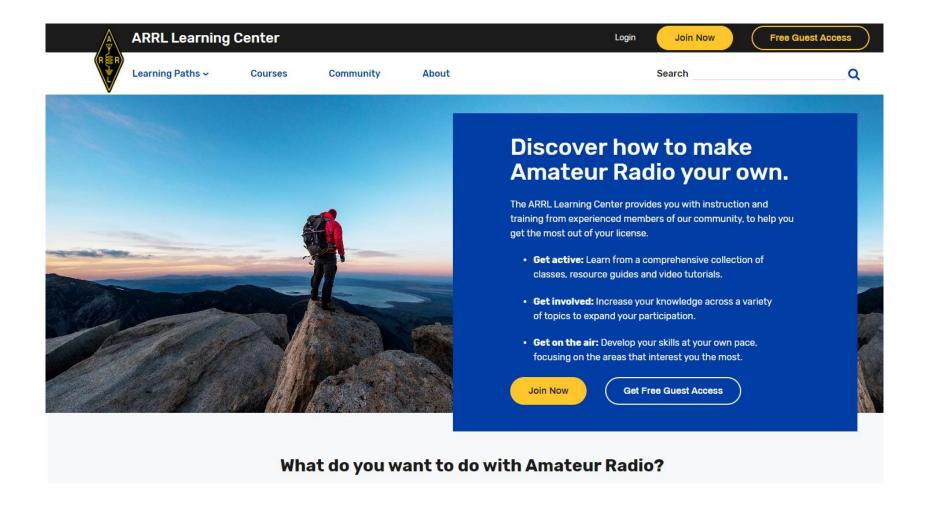
- Objective: To develop an amateur radio learning center that offers a variety of instructional topics, initially focusing on new licensees seeking help getting started
- Plan: ARRL is working in collaboration with Mintz+Hoke, a full-service marketing agency in Avon CT, to build a robust, modern web presence and to develop a promotion plan to effectively reach the target audience





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## **New Learning Center (sample)**





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#### **Learning Center Tracks**

#### Choose your own adventure.

ARRL Learning Center organizes its course content around learning paths, making it easy to navigate and explore the field. Select the path that interests you most to get started.

# **Emergency Communications**

Discover how you can use Amateur Radio to serve your community, such as during emergency situations and community events.

View path

#### **Personal Communications**

Get started with the fundamentals of Amateur Radio and learn how to connect with people across the globe.

View path

#### **Electronics and Technology**

Explore some of the more advanced and technical aspects of Amateur Radio, such as building your own rigs and antennas.

View path



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#### **Learning Center Sub-Categories**



**Personal Communications** 



- **Community Service**
- **Disaster Readiness**

- **Communicate Near & Far**
- 21st Century Radio
- **Get Licensed**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Having Fun**

- How Radio Works
- **Electronics & Technology**
- Build



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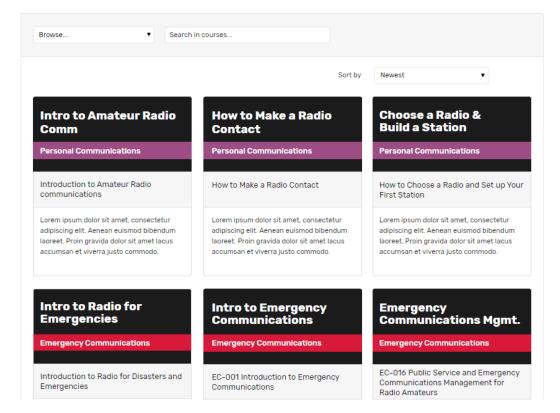
#### **Learning Center Courses**



#### Courses for every interest and level.

The Learning Center's extensive course offerings will help you increase your knowledge, skills, and ability to enjoy Amateur Radio your way.

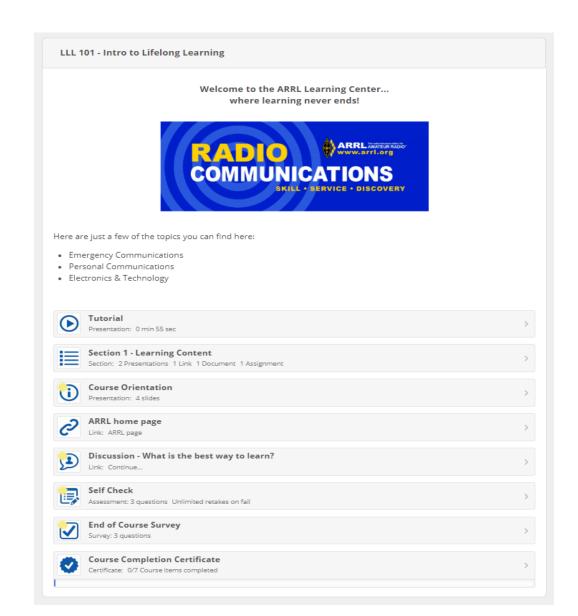
To find courses of interest, use the drop down menu to sort by topic. You can also search for courses directly.





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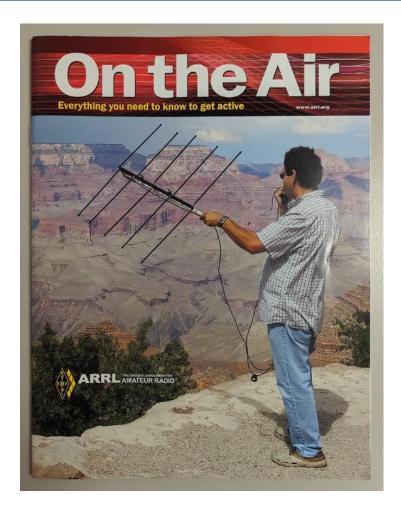
# **Sample Course**





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#### **Other Learning-Related Initiatives**



#### On the Air magazine

- Coming mid-January 2020 http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-magazine
- If you would like to receive **On the Air** magazine, click on the link below to learn all about the benefits of an ARRL membership: http://www.arrl.org/membership



# **Questions?**

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