
Ham radio for the motorbike and truck

Posted by pjessen - 2008/04/20 22:25

Several of the club members have ham radios for their motorbikes...if a few more of us had them, it would be a kick on rides to be able to communicate no matter the distance or how deep in the hills we get.

All I know is that the radios are fairly reasonable, the license is much easier to get (don't need code), and we have members that know how to install them on a bike and they work.

Sure wish someone would chime in with any expertise they might have on the subject....???:unsure:

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Re:Ham radio for the motorbike and truck

Posted by k7ugt - 2008/04/21 00:09

If you're interested in obtaining a license or just learning a bit more about Amateur Radio here are a few good links to explore.

Amateur Radio Relay League – The ultimate source for anything Amateur Radio
<http://www.arrl.org>

How to get your License (Note:A little out of date, code is no longer required for any Amateur Radio License)
http://www.hamquick.com/articles/art_how_license.php
And their main page
<http://www.hamquick.com/>

Flash Card Practice & Exams (FREE)
<http://www.kb0mga.net/exams/>

Practice Exams (FREE)
<http://www.aa9pw.com/radio/>

MARC (Motorcycling Amateur Radio Club)
<http://www.marc-hq.org/pages/homepage.htm>

Test Sessions in Colorado
<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=CO>

If the Club exhibits sufficient interest, I can arrange a dedicated class for club members, and as a Volunteer Examiner (VE) arrange in house testing. This would be the "Technician Class License. Although this is the entry level License for Amateur Radio Operators, it will give you all the privileges needed for bike to bike Comms. This exam is 20% theory and 80% common sense. There are also numerous classes offered by local Ham Radio Clubs throughout the year. You can also pick-up the License manual (I suggest the ARRL version) at HRO on Iliff in Denver.

<http://www.hamradio.com/web/stores/denver.html>

This will give you the theory and reasoning behind the questions.

And don't forget to look at all the cool gear; Yaesu has just introduced two radios specific to Motorcycle applications the FTM-10R (waterproof control head) and FTM-10SR (Fully waterproof radio)
<http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=106&encProdID=AF7E08DC3F2467B1B4B2CB4DA49BCF88&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0>

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Re:Ham radio for the motorbike and truck

Posted by pjessen - 2008/04/21 10:28

Wow! What a great data dump!!

Anyone else out there want to join in this hobby?

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