

Become a KC HamLink Volunteer

Volunteers are needed in several different roles to help KC HamLink fulfill its mission of coming alongside newly licensed operators. The roles below are where we need the most help and we would appreciate any level of commitment

- **Technical Article Authors and Reviewers.** Experienced hams are needed to help write short articles or review articles written by others on a variety of topics that new hams want to learn more about. The range of topics is practically endless – from APRS to QRZ. You can pick topics that you are most familiar with and passionate about or we can suggest topics to you.
- **Technical Consultants.** Even if you don't feel like writing or reviewing articles, we still need experts that can consult with authors and help us answer the wide variety of questions that new hams have. As a technical consultant, we will occasionally E-mail you questions submitted to one of our HamLink Guides. We want to be sure we have wide representation of viewpoints and expertise as we respond to the diverse questions presented to us.
- **HamLink Guides.** HamLink Guides are individual experienced hams that come alongside new hams to help them explore the hobby and figure out their next steps. Once new hams express an interest in having a personal guide, KC HamLink will attempt to match them up with a guide that can correspond with them directly on a one-on-one basis for the first few months after they are licensed.
- **Web Site Maintenance.** KC HamLink has a dynamic web site that continues to grow as we post new articles and update existing information based on questions that new hams raise and input from our technical consultants and authors. We can always use help posting that new and revised information.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Herb Fiddick, NZØF at nz0f.kchamlink@gmail.com



www.kchamlink.org



Helping newly licensed individuals connect with other hams and find the resources they need to fulfill their desire to become a functioning and valued ham radio operator in the KC Metro area.

What is KC HamLink?

Here's what it is not:

- It's not another amateur radio club. We have plenty of good active clubs in the KC Metro
- It's not an open technical forum where people can post questions and debate technical matters. There are plenty of places to do that on the web
- It's not a replacement for Larry's List. Why would anybody want to do that?
- It's not just a group of Elmers. "Elmering" implies mentoring about detailed technical issues – HamLink is less technical and more relational.
- It's not just a web site. The web presence is an important part, but it's the focus that matters.
- It's not an activity of any one club. The hope is that members from clubs throughout the Metro area as well as unaffiliated hams will become active and support KC HamLink.

Here's what it is:

- A Web site with local reference information, "first steps", and articles that will help newly licensed operators get started in the hobby and discover all ham radio has to offer.
- A core group of experienced hams to:
 - Help guide newly licensed operators to help them explore the hobby for their first 3-6 months.
 - Promote and facilitate educational opportunities in partnership with clubs or other ham radio-related groups.
 - Create and refresh reference resources to help newly licensed individuals find their own way in the KC Metro Ham Community



As a Newly Licensed Operator, what can KC HamLink do for me?

There are two key components to KC Hamlink that can help you get on the air and figure out what parts of this far-reaching hobby you may want to explore.

- **Check out www.kchamlink.org.** That web site is your resource to help you figure out what your first steps should be after you get your license. There's also a lot of information available there about the ham radio community in Kansas City and how to get connected to a club or ham radio-related service organization.
- **Getting connected to a KC HamLink guide** is also a great way to get one-on-one help to answer your questions and provide some guidance for the first few months after you become licensed. We've all been there and realize that figuring it all out takes some time and effort, but having somebody that can come along side you during this period can really be helpful.



As an Experienced Operator, what does KC HamLink mean to me?

KC HamLink provides experienced operators in the Kansas City Metro area with a chance to connect with newly licensed hams to get them started in this great hobby. You will never have a greater opportunity to influence these new hams and get them started in the right direction, regardless of the areas of this vast hobby they wish to explore.



As a **KC Hamlink Guide**, you can connect one-on-one with new hams for a few weeks to a few months to help answer their questions in a open and friendly environment, help them get on the air, and help them explore aspects of the hobby that they may not already be familiar with.

If you're not into one-on-one mentoring, your experience and expertise is still needed to **help write articles and consult** on other content for www.kchamlink.org.

All experienced hams have something to offer new members of our community—let KC Hamlink help you find a way to utilize your unique experience and skills.