

## **ABARC Know Your Radio Day! Free Pizza to Licensed Hams**

On Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 5:30 P.M. at the Bill Platt Training Center the Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club (ABARC) will be holding a "Get to Know your Radio and Frequencies" training class along with a free pizza lunch. Whether you have had your amateur radio license for some time, or you just received it in the past year, the ABARC would like to make sure that you have the skills and expertise to communicate effectively in an emergency.

The class is designed to assist you to develop a beginner level proficiency with using VHF ham radio handi-talkies, small transceivers, and mobile units. This is a hands-on training class. Please bring the ham radio equipment you are currently using or have available to this class. Also, if you have a laptop computer, please bring that as well. We will be practicing sending text messages using radio frequencies.

The primary focus of the class will be:

1. Recommendations for starter radios and choices for upgrades (handout)
2. How to tune/program your radio
3. What frequencies are available to you
4. How does a repeater work?
5. Emergency and non-emergency radio etiquette
6. Attending radio nets to gain experience
7. How to setup and use FLDIGI (digital communications)

We are all watching the devastation as the fires continue to rage in northern California. It has become clear that no wooded or urban area is immune to the destruction that accompanies a fire. When this occurs, almost every form of communication that we depend upon and trust can disappear in a flash. At that point ham radio might be your only way to get help.

All this and the pizza is free! Please bring your preferred beverage to share.

Please let us know if you will attend by responding to this email at your earliest convenience.

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