

## GETTING STARTED

Have we peaked your interest yet?  
Would you like to experience the  
joys of amateur radio?

It's easy.....just contact our club for  
details on how to start your fun of  
being on the air!

The FCC requires radio operators  
to be licensed and we offer classes  
and instruction to help you get  
started. Please use one of the  
methods listed and send us a  
message.



Our mobile communications trailer  
enables us to operate any where, any  
time.

## JIM BELL WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Jim Bell Wireless  
Association is named after the late  
Jim Bell, a former Butler County  
EMA Director and well respected  
Amateur Radio enthusiast. The  
club was awarded his retired  
callsign, K4TNS. The club is open  
to folks from Butler and  
surrounding counties.

The club meets once a  
month. Please check our  
Facebook or Website pages for  
details on time and location.

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Amateur Radio Club

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In the World of  
Amateur Radio**

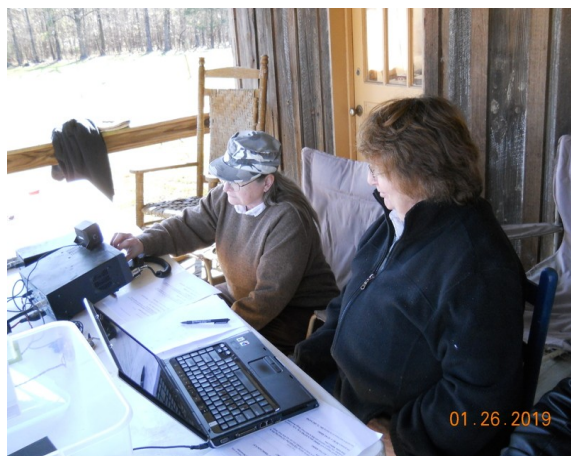
## Are you interested in:

The joy of talking with someone from remote parts of the United States about your shared hobbies or the excitement of speaking with folks from far away countries?

Helping your community in emergency situations by providing lifesaving communications or spotting severe weather?

Having fun earning awards by competing to contact as many stations as you can around the United States or the world?

**Then Amateur Radio may be the thing for you!**



Jim Bell Wireless operators working stations around the world at the January 2019 Winter Field event in Greenville, Alabama

## *Here's a few exciting examples of Amateurs in action!*

### **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

When disasters strike and normal communications are knocked out, amateur radio operators step in to provide emergency communications. Whether it be severe weather such as tornadoes or hurricanes, wild fires, or earthquakes, amateur radio operators provide critical communications in the devastated areas.

### **SKYWARN**

During weather warnings (severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes), the amateur radio SKYWARN network is activated. Dedicated radio operators provide detailed and timely observations to the network and the weather service. These reports provide early warnings of severe weather conditions to potentially save lives and provide current road conditions and damage reports in the communities.

### **FIELD DAYS**

Every year, during the 4th full weekend in January and June, amateur radio operators get on the airwaves to see how many stations they can work. It gets radio operators away from their cozy homes and takes them into mobile communication trailers and tents, relying on batteries or solar to power their radio equipment. It is a lot of fun and is very competitive – allowing clubs and individuals to earn coveted awards.



Demonstrating Amateur Radio to future "Hams" during the 2024 Winter Field Day event in Greenville, Alabama.