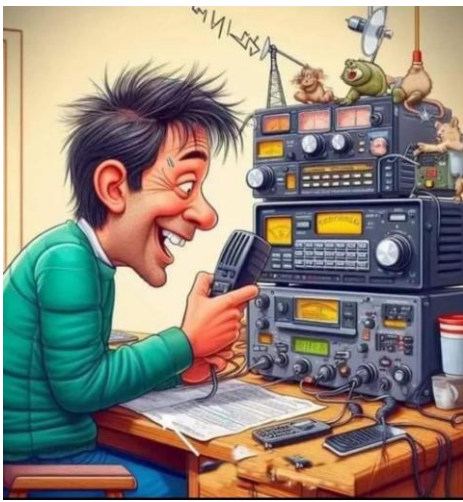




Upcoming Oct 2026 General License Amateur Radio Class

Interested in upgrading your Technician license to a General? Get into HF and start talking around the world! Ham radio is a good fit for many situations – including that you are just interested in communications and electronics. The Eastside VE Team instructors will be conducting a Fall 2026 Amateur Radio General class for the purposes of preparing you to upgrade to your FCC General Class ham radio license.

Our thanks to the Trilogy Amateur Radio Club for providing classroom facilities.

There is no charge for the class itself but there is a cost for the General Class study web service at <http://www.hamtestonline.com> (recommended and ~\$30) or <http://ham.study> (a good free alternative). There is a \$10 exam fee to take the license exam, but upgrading from Technician to General does not have a \$35 application fee from the FCC.

Why Upgrade from a Technician to a General Class License?

A General license gives you full HF access; you can operate SSB voice, digital modes like FT8, and phone contests across most HF bands. This increases your response to emergencies, disasters and public service as HF is critical for coast-to-coast and continental communication without infrastructure.

It allows you to use all HF modes (CW, SSB, AM, digital) and participate in contests, DX awards, and net operations. You also gain deeper technical knowledge in HF propagation, antenna theory, and operating practices. General Class offers about 90% of Extra Class privileges; giving you the best balance of capability and effort.

Where:

All sessions will be held at The Cascade Club at Redmond Ridge, 23225 NE Greens Crossing Road, Redmond, WA 98053, in the **Olympic room, Cedar Lodge, north of the Cascade Club.**

When:

1. Classes run on eight days; Wednesday and Friday afternoon from **1pm to 4pm.**
2. Session dates are **Oct 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, Nov 4, 6th.**
3. There is an exam session scheduled for **Nov 14th** and an optional "All-Questions Get-Together" session on **Nov 11th.**

Class size is limited to 30 persons so if interested, please register early. Students are urged to sign up as soon as possible for the <http://www.hamtestonline.com> or <http://ham.study> study service to become familiar with the exam format. Feel free to self-study early and get tested. We can advise you how to locate in-person and online testing facilities. Just drop us an email.

To enroll, please contact Larry Bethurum AF7RW, email: TrilogyRadioClub@gmail.com

Depending on availability, existing ham radio operators are welcome to audit the class as a refresher. If so, please include your call sign as part of your enrollment information.