

Ham 124 – New Subject-Matter Elmers

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1. Since *Dr. Michael*, KI5UNQ, with *Jerry Boyd*, KI5TPV, suggested setting up a ham group to two hams, the development has been phenomenal. In a little over one and a half years, there are now over 100 people. A few were previously licensed, but the overwhelmingly majority came in, took the class, and became brand new hams.
2. All of us had no ham skills when we decided to become an amateur radio operator. But there is a huge amount of talent from outside experience.
3. Some of these folks have stepped up to be **subject-matter Elmers**. Evergreen Communications Group has no officers, these are Elmers to help others and the Elmers can use your help. Their teams have 3 to 7 others growing the group. We do not know what you know. Let the Elmer know you want to join in. No experience required.
 - a. *Ashley*, KI5TBB, is **Ham Class Instruction**. The present team is Russ, Joyce, Rusty, Lt. Col. Dan, and Dr. Marc. It is awesome to see people going from no knowledge to active ham. Is this your place?
 - b. *Jerry*, KI5ZRB, is **AllStar Nodes**. This is a very cool, important part for our ham radio system, since the little nodes intertie our repeaters, radios, and phones. It is a little Pi, a little Wi-Fi, and a barrel of fun. Are you curious or interested in building, using, and networking nodes?
 - c. *Rusty*, KJ5AND, is **Project Coordination** for repeaters and other big projects. With five projects underway, he is juggling. The present team is Russ, Richard, Chuck, and Dr. Marc. Are you construction project savvy?
 - d. *Mark*, K5LGS, is **Sho-n-Tell** coordination. His team is Scooter, Russ, Dr. Marc, and YOU. What are your ideas for Sho-n-Tell? Are you interested in showing or telling or helping others do or make?
 - e. *Russ*, N5IRU, is **Engineering and Technology** development. He makes sure what we are doing is technically kosher. He keeps the repeaters going. The present team is Dr. Marc. Are you an engineer with relevant skills?
 - f. *Brett*, KI5TAX, is **Website and Social-Media**. He is managing over 160 articles on the web, with two or three changes each week. Do you have creative skills, media skills, or web skills?
 - g. *Chris*, KI5ZDE, is **Net** coordinator. The team is Russ, Brett, Lt. Col. Dan, Joyce, Richard, Ashley, and Tim. Are you interested in doing net control, promoting the nets, or starting a new net, such as Youth or HF or ...? Are you interested in an alternate like Thursday once a month or additional night for the net, for those who cannot make Monday?
 - h. *Kathryn*, KI5TAT, is **Just for Newbies** coordination. Helping folks getting started is an incredibly valuable resource. We were all there. This is encouragement, answering questions, and showing where info is available, like articles and soon to be videos. Getting them to talk on your radio. Technical skill not required. Do you want to mentor?
 - i. *Lt. Col. Dan*, K5CAY, is **Testing, Licensing, and Repeater** site coordination. The team members require ARRL VE certification. The present are Russ, Joyce, Ashley, Larry, Brett, Marty, and Dr. Marc. Are you an Extra?
 - j. *Dr. Marc*, NM0D, and *Rosemary*, KE5CMS, are **Research Scientist and Weekly Articles**. These articles come from your questions and requests. If one person has a question, we know someone else likely has a similar quandary. With the wide range of experience, interests, and queries within the group, this is just plain fun, challenging, and enlightening. From basics to rocket science, what an awesome group. Do you have a question?
 - k. *Lt. Col. Dan* and *Dr. Marc* are **Founder** Elmers providing advice, counsel, and direction. Are you financially gifted and want to help?
4. These are additional areas that could use your talents. Let us know.
 - a. **Video development**. It would be great to create short you-tube-type videos for training and social media. A ready starting resource is the myriad articles on Brett's website. Video of Sho-n-Tell events is another. Easily you can start with a channel of 150 videos or one. Do you want to make a lasting image?
 - b. **Ham Build** coordination for helping set-up home stations, doing installations, and guiding equipment needs. Some folks physically are not able, others do not think they have the skills. This is a home-town team. People prefer to deal with people they know. TARC has a team, but folks have shown hesitancy to call them. TARC will help the team if needed. E.g., Joyce will call Scooter, but not TARC.
 - c. **Emergency Response** coordination would plan equipment requirements, demonstrate gear, and participate in events. The team would have communication and other necessary skills. Are you ready?
5. Are there other areas you see that could be done? You are a ham. The FCC says so. You can do anything within your license. **Communicate – Enjoy – Camaraderie**. Evergreen has plenty of things you can be a part of.
6. Life is good. Enjoy!

