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Amateur Extra Ham Radio Class!

WECA will again be conducting a **free** Amateur Extra FCC license exam preparatory class. The class will run for ten weeks **starting on Tuesday, January 8th** and on **Tuesday nights thereafter from 7-9:15 PM** at the Westchester Fire Training Center, 4 Dana Road in Valhalla, NY 10595.** On Thursday of the 10th week, a VE test session will be conducted at the FTC (\$15 testing fee).

Please join us for this **free** interactive course taught by a team of knowledgeable Amateur Radio Operators from WECA. Instructors will be Amateur Extras or others who have special knowledge of specific subject areas. The class will review the test pool questions and answers and provide explanations of the accompanying concepts. There are >700 questions in the pool; 50 test questions; 37 correct (74%) to pass. **All are welcome to attend** who wish to gain additional knowledge of amateur radio even if you do not expect to take the test (or do not hold an amateur license).

Texts:

1. **ARRL Extra Class License Manual 11th Edition w/link to Practice Exam Software**
2. **ARRL's Extra Q&A Fourth Edition**

Both are available from ARRL at:

<http://www.arrl.org/shop/ARRL-Extra-Class-License-Manual-11th-Edition/>

<http://www.arrl.org/shop/ARRL-s-Extra-Q-and-A-4th-Edition/>

or from Gene W2KJI at KJI Electronics, Cedar Grove, NJ: <http://www.kjielelectronics.com/>,

973-571-1930; Gene is a reputable local ham radio dealer,

or from Amazon- Be very sure to order the correct editions.

1. **Please purchase the license manual and begin reading as soon as possible.**
2. **The Q&A has answers and brief explanations for all pool questions- a worthwhile investment.**

Conduct of Training:

Subjects include: FCC regulations, operating procedures and practices, radio propagation, electrical principles, practical circuit components and design, modulation, emissions, antenna design, transmission lines and safety. Hands-on practical on-air HF exercises are included.

Each class will have an instructor/facilitator who will be knowledgeable about the subject area and will involve others who can make contributions. If you have an area of strong interest and expertise that you can share with the group, please let me know.

If you would like to upgrade to Amateur Extra, please contact me by email at W2UL@WECA.org. Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated.

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WECA Education Director

** If you haven't been to the FTC before, you need to know that we enter through the rear door (the front door is typically locked/no parking). From Route 9A, with the Hawthorne Home Depot at your back, proceed East on Dana Road about 2/10 of a mile, past 4 Dana Road, and turn right on Walker Road. Park in the long lot on the right and go down the outdoor stairway, pass the trailer and enter through the glass doors. Classroom #3 is down the hall to the right. Handicapped access is available at the training level- just park in front and use the phone or call me on 732-693-4504.

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