

OUR SPOUSES

Although the majority of our members spouses are not interested in getting a license, they continue to support us in our hobby and attend the monthly meetings. They trade books, crafts and enjoy the conversations. They have become known as the V7ARC Ladies/ Book Club. They are an extremely important facet of our group.

Meeting Information
0900 on the 3rd Saturday of each Month

Mimi's Café

3005 New Center Point East of Powers Blvd.

(<http://www.v7arc.com/events.html>)

Our Breakfast meetings are informal and open to all. You are encouraged to come and join in the fun, conversation and Mini Tailgate Swap Meet after breakfast - WX Permitting.

Please feel free to bring your family and friends! You are only a stranger until your first visit.

To learn more about the Village Seven Amateur Radio Club, please visit our web site at www.v7arc.com. Also feel free to visit our "Contact Us" Page or contact Jim, and let us know what you think.

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**VILLAGE SEVEN
AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB**

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Club Call - KCORVS

CLUB OFFICERS

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| President | AB5SI, Jim Romines |
| Vice President | KCOHPT, Dave Nelson |
| Treasurer | KDOVNQ, Gerry Schroeder |
| Recorder | KEOCQF, Art Hollingsworth |

Club History and Purpose

The main motivation for establishing an Amateur Radio Club in 2004 was the Geratol Net which met in the Extra Portion of the 80 Meter Band. We needed another Colorado Club Station for the "Club Station" Endorsement. Additionally, we had several new Amateurs in the Colorado Springs area who were in need of some additional Elmer help so the [Village Seven Amateur Radio Club \(V7ARC\)](#) was born in March, 2004. We have a very active community and a very high degree of expertise in the hobby and electronics in general. Although our members are active on HF, Digital, SSTV, our main local conversations are conducted on (146.460). Ray, KG0SS, was very supportive in the effort to establish the club and agreed to serve as the first Vice President. The main premise of our club is to help new Amateurs become better operators and give them much needed encouragement and mentoring. Our members are always willing to share resources – spare parts and reasonably priced equipment. Since its inception in 2004, numerous new Hams have been helped by our members and those who join in the conversations on the frequency each day.

Club Accomplishments

During our first few years, our club was pretty much dormant. Around 2008 someone suggested that we have a breakfast and so we did. We had a good showing. We met at North Side Diner at 0600. That was our only meeting for quite awhile when the topic surfaced again so we scheduled a breakfast at Black Bear Diner with only two in attendance - Bill W0WCA and Jim AB5SI . From that beginning, we have blossomed from those early meager turnouts to an average of about 25-30 at each month's 3rd Saturday meeting in addition to our ladies. We now have some Special Events and Field Day activities to our credit.

2018 FIELD DAY

This year, our Field Day location is TBD. Visit our web page regularly and 2018 location will be posted when it is secured. Last year's location proved to be a great asset by having good exposure to the public. We had several curious park visitors stop in to see what we were up to. This enabled us to share information about our fantastic hobby. With the setup, operational and teardown phases, everyone had a great time and lots of fun!

Field Day Coordinator: Doug, AD0TP

Operational Events

In 2014, we conducted our first major Operational Event to bring wider awareness to the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition's Crawford House Program.

This year we plan to repeat our **Veteran Care Awareness Event** at the **Spanish Peaks Regional Hospital and Veteran Community Care Center**. For those of us who made it to the event, we had a fantastic time. We set up in an outdoor patio and invited some of the Veteran Residents to come out and get on the air. In addition to showing off our equipment and getting to them talk. We enjoyed visiting with them in a personal one on one setting. They seemed to enjoy our being there and so did we. Our best contacts were the California VA Hospital Net and W1AW. We would like to thank all our members for their support of these projects. We are looking forward to another great year of radio activity. For more information on the Care Facility check out the following:

[**www.sprhc.org/veterans-living.html**](http://www.sprhc.org/veterans-living.html)