

## **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**

**Please Check our web page**  
(<http://www.v7arc.com/events.html>)  
**for location**

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](http://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**

**[www.v7arc.com](http://www.v7arc.com)**

**Club Call - KCORVS**

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	<b>AB5SI</b>	<b>Jim Romines</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>KCOHPT</b>	<b>Dave Nelson</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>KGOSS</b>	<b>Ray Johnson</b>

## 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 of 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 (about 5 of the charter members) 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 WoWCA and Jim AB5SI. From that beginning, we have blossomed from those early meager turnouts to an average of about 15-25 at each month's 3rd Saturday meeting in addition to our ladies.

### 2016 FIELD DAY

This year, our Field Day was held at St. Francis Hospital at Woodmen and Powers on the east side (same as last year). We had a very successful event in 2015 and hope to have a bigger success this year. With the setup, operational and teardown phases, everyone had a great time and lots of fun! We will be able to share information about our fantastic Hobby with non-amateurs as well as some whose privileges had expired and were interested in getting back into the hobby.

## 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.

The Crawford House was established and purchased in 2002 by the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition (CVRC), a group of local veterans who, working with the Department of Veterans Affairs has many a large impact on the homeless veterans in El Paso County. The Crawford House, is a place for homeless veterans in Colorado Springs who have mental health, substance abuse and medical problems can get off the streets and into a safe, structured environment at The Crawford House, but the numbers of veterans in need far exceeds the facility's capacity. Located at 415 S. Weber St.,

