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ELMERS

WHAT IS,
WHO ARE THEY
AND HOW TO



WHAT IS AN ELMER?



WHAT IS AN ELMER?

- A generic name for an Amateur Radio Operator who helps other Amateur Radio Operators get started and keep going in the radio hobby
- March 1971 QST Magazine column “How’s DX” Rod Newkirk W9BRD, referred to his mentor named, “Elmer,” “and everyone should have an “Elmer” too!”
- Coach
- Advisor
- Teacher/Tutor

- **MENTOR**

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The Tri-lakes Monument Radio Association is an Amateur Radio community dedicated to fun, learning, and supporting everyone interested in Ham Radio. The Association is a Colorado-registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Get involved by attending one of our monthly meetings or weekly on-air nets. **There are no dues, no costs, and no obligations** – just plenty of learning, support, fun, and community.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday night of each month (except December). The meetings are held at the **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Building, 166 2nd Street, Monument, CO 80132**. We use **Google Groups** for our email list, which is the best way to stay in touch with the radio club activities: [W0TLM mailing list](#) and [Google group](#). We will open the doors at **6:00 for Connect Time**, where members can socialize, meet new people, seek out help, or seek out an Elmer. **The business meeting will start at 7 PM** - brief business session followed by the educational presentation. Our meetings provide:

- **Information** about public service and fun activities, license classes, emergency support, and more.
- **Technical presentations** to advance your knowledge of diverse Amateur Radio topics.

Join our **VHF net** every non-meeting Monday evening. [See the W0TLM Net page for details](#). **The NØXLF repeater frequency is: 147.075 MHz, +600 offset (i.e., 147.675). A 131.8 Hz CTCSS tone is required to access the repeater. We recommend leaving the "Tone Squelch" off.** Please add this frequency to your frequency list.

We recently completed a survey of our membership and the detailed results are here: [W0TLM Survey Results](#)

Visit the W0TLM Merchandise Page: The Club has a list of recommended vendors for shirts, jackets and name tags with the Club logo.

Visit W0TLM on social media: [facebook](#), [Youtube](#) (recent presentation videos), and [Instagram](#).

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Upcoming Meetings

Club Connect Time
Mon, 18 Mar 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM
Get acquainted with fellow club members, ask questions, find an Elmer, or just hang out.

W0TLM Monthly Meeting
Mon, 18 Mar 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
Doors Will Open for Connect Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM This gives you an opportunity to meet other members, socialize and expand your friendships with other hams. This is also a great time to meet with ELMERS, our ham radio mentors, to assist you with your challenges in the hobby.

Club Business meeting 7:00-7:30 pm. In-person and Zoom for remote attendees.

Presentation: 7:30 PM Topic "Elmers: What is, who are, and how to."

W0TLM Monthly Meeting
Mon, 15 Apr 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM
IMPORTANT VENUE & TIME CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY
THE BARN AT WOODMOOR
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Doors Will Open for Connect Time: 5:00 PM

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- Club Elmer Team email list <https://www.w0t1m.com/tech-topics>



Tech Topics

Technical And Operating Resources

The links below go to technical articles, radio operating articles, websites, and other resources of interest to our club members. These are focused on topics that our members are likely to be interested in, high-quality tutorial web pages, and Colorado (and local) information.

Club Elmer Team Contact via Email

- Contact our Elmers with a question via an email sent to: [w0t1m-elmer "at" w0t1m.org](mailto:w0t1m-elmer@w0t1m.org)

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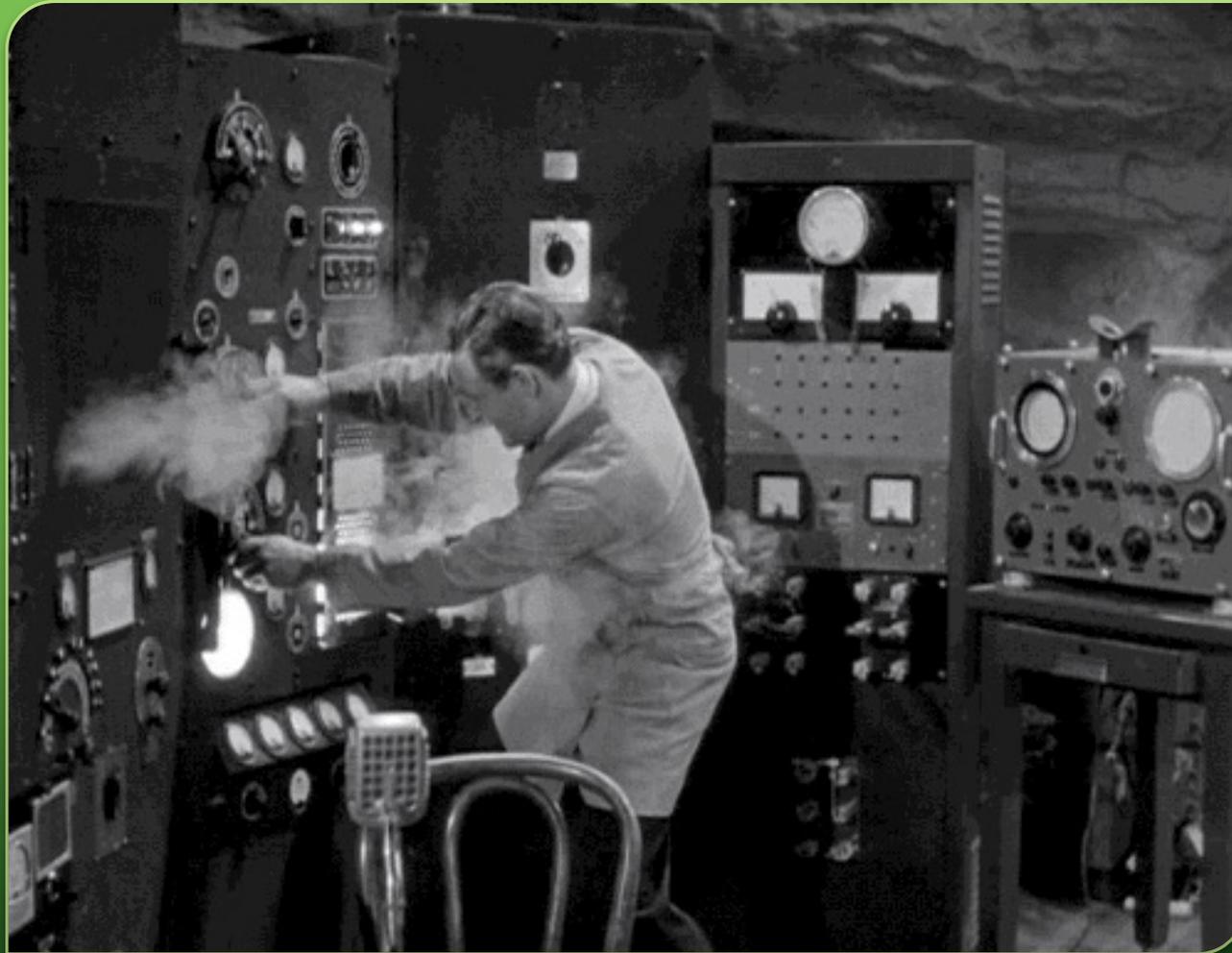
TWO WAY STREET

- Seek and you shall find **You have expectations ... we have expectations**
- It's your choice to get out of your comfort zone
- You only get answers to the questions you ask, we cannot be all things to all people
- Surround yourself with good people
- Send an email ... wait for an answer
- When you personally contact an Elmer, clear the time
- Have a list of questions or a specific topic
- Have a notepad Write down the advice you get

SOME TIPS

- Don't go it alone, someone else is on the same journey
- Maybe just a little bit ahead of us or way in the distance
- Who do we follow or ask for advice, not all are a perfect fit
- Mentor will help you see farther and stretch your abilities
- Insights and wisdom from experience...and maybe even education
- Coaching, don't need to know everything, fine tune
- Have a few plays you are excellent at vs 100 plays you are not great at
- Apply what you learned, go try it
- See one, do one, teach one
- Lifelong learning, it is a hobby of 1,000 hobbies

NOBODY IS PERFECT



MENTORS

- FEEL FELT FOUND
- LISTEN LISTEN LISTEN
- NOT ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE NOR ALL KNOWING
- LET ME LOOK INTO THAT AND GET BACK WITH YOU
- FRIENDLY AND CONSIDERATE
- CONTINUE YOUR LEARNING
- ASK THEM QUESTIONS, WHY, HOW, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING TO DO
- COMPONENT PARTS - I NEED AN ANTENNA ... WHAT RADIO DO YOU HAVE?

HOW TO BE AN ELMER

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- Get them focused
- Follow up
- You are a “Value Added” to the club membership benefits



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