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To: All SDYC/ARG/ARGJs that want to get/upgrade their Amateur Radio License.

Subject: Useful web links:

1. To conduct business with the FCC on-line, you must first register through the FCC's **CO**mmission **RE**gistration **S**ystem (CORES). Upon registration, you will be assigned a **FCC Registration Number (FRN)**. This number will be used to uniquely identify you in all transactions with the FCC.

<https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> (record your FRN/password in your cell phone)

Important: Obtain your FRN prior to your testing date

2. For your continued reference, make a color print of the **U.S. Amateur Radio Bands**:

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/Hambands_color.pdf

Place this color copy on the back outside cover of your notebook for ongoing reference.

3. Go to: www.grz.com

Follow SITE MENU, MAIN MENU, PRACTICE AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS, START TEST for "Practice Tests". That will take you to a PowerPoint presentation of how to prepare for the exam.

4. The best San Diego area ham radio store for buying Amateur Radio text books is:

Ham Radio Outlet (HRO)

5375 Kearny Villa Road

San Diego, CA 92123

858-560-4900

<http://www.hamradio.com>

5. The best two books that are available are listed below. You should have one for your reference:

a. American Radio Relay League Ham Radio License Manual, Level 1 Technician (\$25 at HRO)

<http://www.arrl.org>

b. Technician and General Class – Amateur Radio Element 2 & 3 by Gordon West (\$22 each at HRO)

<http://www.gordonwestradioschool.com>

Please look over one of these books before class if you get a chance. Your pre-study will help you ask good questions. I will be covering the Technician Class theory in detail. However, those taking the General must self-study prior to the class. I will be doing a FCC General Q & A review only. **Please study!**

6. Web sites where study material can be found that should be looked at and bookmarked.

a. <http://web.me.com/sandiegohamclasses/Students/Home.html>

b. <http://www.ah0a.org/AHOA.html>

c. <http://www.ac6v.com>

d. <http://www.hamuniverse.com>

7. **My Favorite:** Radio waves are a form of electromagnetic radiation. This radiation travels at the speed of light. To understand the physics behind it all, please take a look at this fantastic web site:

http://www.colorado.edu/physics/2000/waves_particles/lightspeed-1.html