

Ham Links for New Hams

Description

Main Sites

The following sites are a combination of on-line tools and information

<https://www.arrl.org/>
<https://www.qrz.com/>
<https://www.eham.net/>

Beginners Information

<https://www.aaastateofplay.com/all-about-ham-radio-for-beginners>

Clubs

[SEMDXA](#) (Southeast Michigan DX Association)

Activities

Parks on the Air <https://parksontheair.com/>

Equipment

There are many online vendors for getting radio gear, but the two most popular are DX Engineering <https://www.dxengineering.com/> and Ham Radio Outlet <https://www.hamradio.com/>. Ham Radio Outlet has multiple store locations and a large inventory, but DX Engineering is famous for their super fast shipping. They are located in Ohio, and often times orders are delivered within 1 to 2 days.

Radios

This is just a quick overview of what youâ€™ll need to get onto HF. There are plenty of videos on YouTube that discuss the capabilities of various pieces of equipment. The primary equipment involves radios.

Some examples include:

- Yaesu FT-891: HF radio (6M to 160M) <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/ysu-ft-891>
- ICOM IC-7300: Excellent HF radio (6M to 160M) <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/ico-ic-7300>

- Yaesu FTDX-10: HF radio (6M to 160M. This is the third HF radio I bought
<https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/ysu-ftdx-10>

Antennas

A good antenna is very important. A great radio is no good without a great antenna.

Some examples include:

- SOTABeams Bandhopper â€œLinked Dipoleâ€•<https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/sbm-hopper4020>
- Aerial 51 â€œOff Center Fed Dipoleâ€•
http://www.spiderbeam.us/product_info.php?info=p252_Aerial-51%20Model%20404-UL.html
- Wolf River Coils â€œPortable verticalâ€•<https://www.wolfrivercoils.com/>

Masts

To get a good position of an antenna, having a good support system may be needed.

Some examples include:

- <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/sbm-tac7000hds>
- http://www.spiderbeam.us/product_info.php?info=p3_Spiderbeam%20HD%2012m%20fiberglass%2

Transmission Line

Good transmission line is needed to get the most signal from the radio to the antenna.

Some examples include:

- <https://www.dxengineering.com/parts/dxe-8xdx100>

Videos

There are many â€œHam-tubersâ€• on YouTubeâ€•!.. HAM radio enthusiasts that have excellent YouTube channels.

Some examples include:

- <https://www.youtube.com/@K8MRD> This is Mike, K8MRD. He was a member of our club until he moved to Texas a few years ago. You may see me in a one or two of his videos.
- <https://www.youtube.com/@HamRadioConcepts>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@HamRadio2>

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