

Pilots: Why become hams?

Emergency Communications

- Pilot down. No cell phone coverage for miles. Try the local 2-meter repeater!



Knowledge and Training

- Ham radio teaches superb communications skills, with emphasis on getting the message through under difficult and extreme conditions.
- Pilots, hams, the military, and NASA all use the International Phonetic Alphabet (“Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, ...”) to spell out words and call signs over a scratchy radio channel.
- Hams learn an operational understanding of electricity, which can be extremely useful when a circuit breaker keeps popping at 5,000 feet.

Communications

- Enjoyment. Nothing like making a 160-meter radio contact from 10,000 feet.
- CarolAnn Garratt used ham radio to stay “connected” on her record-breaking, single-engine trip around the world.

And Just Because

- The equipment has lots of cool knobs and buttons, just like your airplane.
- You need a license to fly a plane or experiment with ham radio. It sets us apart from others.
- Any day you don’t learn something new is a wasted day!



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