

What is Ham Radio?

■ A man in Dallas receives a data transmission from an orbiting satellite. He forwards the data to a university in Norway, to help the students with a science project.

■ During a Colorado wildfire, communications assistance from volunteer Amateur Radio operators helps save lives and property.



■ A woman in Connecticut uses a pocket-sized handheld radio when she's out of cell phone range to talk to her friends in North Carolina.

This unique mix of fun, public service, and experimentation is the distinguishing characteristic of Amateur Radio, also called "ham" radio.



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