

# Exploring the Capabilities of VHF/UHF workshop

**Sat. 21 Feb 2026.** All day. Start time to be announced (assume 10:00 for now)

**Comox Valley SAR building**, 3001 Moray Av, Courtenay

**Cost: \$5**, due on the workshop day

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Starting in February, regularly check this WORKSHOP space in the MEMBERS ONLY area of the club website for workshop information

(e.g. YouTubes- important to watch before the workshop, what to bring)

This is not a build workshop, but rather a series of demonstrations that explore various capabilities of VHF/UHF.

Instructor-demonstrators are: The Project Committee (David, Janis) with Ken S. and Derek

Demonstrations likely include topics such as:

- explanation of all the capabilities of the club's various repeaters
- cross-band radio repeater operation
- slow scan tv (picture images via radio)
- satellite communication activity (subject to a good satellite pass)
- send an email over radio
- APRS - Automatic Packet Reporting System (map position, text message)
- Autopatch (Making a phone call using one of our repeaters)
- connect to far distant repeaters via an App
- connect to far distant repeaters using your radio

Many of these topics use a radio with more power than a typical handheld and many of the activities require computer interface to your radio. Therefore, the workshop is geared to mobile radios and is meant to show you the wide capabilities of a mobile UHF/VHF rig. If you have a mobile now (and use it just for local voice) or are thinking of getting a mobile, this may be the workshop for you.

If you are interested, a wait list is available, as spots could open up by the time the workshop runs. Email Janis VA7JNX at [bcpuli.j@gmail.com](mailto:bcpuli.j@gmail.com).