

Microvolt Writing Guide

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The Utah amateur radio audience is in continual need of your interesting content for inclusion into *Microvolt*. We're ready to help you from concept to the printed (or electronic) page. Don't be overly concerned about spelling, proper English, punctuation, or paragraph structure. In return, you'll experience the satisfaction of seeing your printed name and ideas.

Content

Microvolt is published eleven times annually. We'll print the first eight pages and snail them to member addresses. The cover typically highlights an important or recent event, and the last page will hold the club information and business section. The remaining six pages of the first eight will be filled by the most recent club meeting, a member spotlight, and contributions by you. The pages beyond the first eight will be included only in the online version, and might include a technical spot and a memorial for a silent key.

Submitting an article

You can submit a full article with pictures ready for publication, or an outline of an idea that we can help you turn into a completed product. We'll correct spelling, attempt to follow good grammar and diction rules, and fact-check as necessary.

Send your text and photos to microvolt@utaharc.org

Content should be submitted by the 20th preceding the intended month

Suggested content

Here are some suggestions for possible articles or other submissions:

- Letter to the editor
- Ham radio news
- Amateur radio best practices
- Technical discussion, argument, essay
- Small DIY or build-it project
- Ham radio gear review
- Recent experience at Field Day, special event, or other outing
- Good, clean humor
- Anything else that's on your mind

Please no book reviews

Please try and sound positive in your demeanor

The Text

Formatting your text is not generally a concern, and will largely be up to the discretion of the editor. If your article requires a particular format for emphasis (bold or italics), placement (proximity to a photo), or an equation, send us the formatted Microsoft Word doc, for example, and we'll do our best to retain some semblance of the format.

Tables

Embed the table in a Word doc or send a photo of it. Keep it short and simple. For example:

Meter	320 pF	0.0082 μ F
MM1000	330	0.0815
MM200	291	0.0829
East ET4410	320.5	0.08301
Keysight U1773C	320.5	0.08375
Proskit	313	0.0832
Range %	13.4 %	2.8 %

Equations

Write simple equations in plain text.

For example, we'll likely convert $y = c + c_1*x + c_2*x*x$ to

$$y = c + c_1x + c_2x^2$$

If it's complex, scribble it on paper and send a picture, and we'll attempt to format it accordingly.

Pictures

Photos and artwork are welcome enhancements to your contribution. Keep in mind that their placement on the newsletter page might need to be adjusted to fit within margins, headers, and other content.

Thank you,
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