

THE MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Ratified May 18, 2002

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in the competitive aspects of Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the **Mad River Radio Club** and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance that interest in Amateur Radio.

Article I: Membership

All persons interested in the competitive aspects of Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership may be by application to the club secretary and payment of the annual club dues. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.

Article II: Officers

1. The officers of this club shall be President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting to be held each year at the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, OH. At the expiration of their term, all officers shall turn over all items belonging to the club to their successors.
3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Article III: Duties of Officers

1. The President, or designee, shall preside at all meetings. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.
2. The President shall authorize a club member to be responsible for the publication of the club newsletter, to be called "The FLASH". Expenses for the publication of the newsletter, as authorized by the President, shall be borne by the club.
3. The President shall authorize a club member to be responsible for the operation of an Internet Web site for the club. Expenses for maintaining this web site, as authorized by the President, shall be borne by the club.
4. The Secretary/Treasurer, or designee, shall accept membership applications, and keep a roll of members, which will be provided to the newsletter editor for the purpose of publishing the newsletter. Furthermore the Secretary/Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies expended; and pay no bills without proper authorization by the club president. He/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts for publication in the club newsletter as required.
5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Articles Of Association and by-laws of the club. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.
6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a list of members in good standing to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) prior to any ARRL radio contest where there is a club competition for ARRL affiliated radio clubs.

Article IV: Meetings

There shall be at least four regular club meetings per calendar year. These shall be held at hamfests, Swap & Shops and other occasions during the year as determined by the President with the consensus of the membership. Meetings shall be announced in the club newsletter, the club e-mail reflector and on the club Internet Web site not less than twenty-four hours before the meeting.

Article V: Dues

The club, by majority vote of those present at the annual Dayton meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization

Article VI: Member In Good Standing Status

To be Member In Good Standing, members must be active in the Mad River Radio Club in one or more of the following:

- Attend scheduled meetings.
- Participate in amateur radio contests and submit scores to be credited to the Mad River Radio Club.
- Participate in and contribute to, when applicable, the Mad River Radio Club e-mail reflector.
- Participate in and contribute to, when applicable, the Mad River Radio Club Monday Night Net.
- Participate in and contribute to, when applicable, the Mad River Radio Club newsletter "The Flash", and/or club web site.

Article VII: Amendments

These Articles Of Association or By-Laws may be amended at the annual Dayton meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing for publication in the club newsletter, club web site and e-mail reflector prior to the meeting, and shall be voted on at that meeting.

By-Laws:

1. Dues. A regular yearly assessment of \$12.00 per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.
2. Regional directors. The President may appoint Regional Directors within the club to encourage and assist other members in entering and submitting scores for the good of the club.