

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
PECOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
(Revised 4 September 2008)

PREAMBLE:

We the members of the Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, 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 the club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1--All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2--Regular membership shall be open to all persons holding a valid Amateur Radio license of any class. Only Regular members may vote.

Section 3--Associate membership shall be open to unlicensed persons with an interest in Amateur radio, but does not carry voting privileges.

Section 4--Ten(10) regular members including one officer shall constitute a quorum for regular business meetings.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS:

Section 1--The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2--A nominating committee of three (3) members (no officers), consisting of one (1) member from each of the following groups, if possible:

- 1) Technician Class Licensees
- 2) General Class Licenses
- 3) Extra Class Licensees

will be selected by a vote at the August meeting. The committee will report their recommendations at the September meeting for nominations to the office of the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this time. No nominations will be made without prior acceptance to run by the nominee.

Section 3--The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one(1) year by a majority vote at the regular September meeting, provided a quorum, as defined in article, Section 4, is present. The newly elected officers will take office at the October meeting.

Section 4--Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by a special election at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation, provided a quorum is present.

Section 5--Officers may be removed on a motion by three-fourths vote of the total membership.

ARTICLE III

Section 1--The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce all rules and bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2--The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President.

Section 3--The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of all members, carry on all correspondence and read communications at each meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Club and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He or she shall play no bills without proper authorization by the Club. He (she) shall, at the expiration of his (her) term, turn over everything in his (her) possession belonging to the club to his (her) successor.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS:

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. Ten (10) regular members, including one (1) officer shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

ARTICLE V

DUES:

Dues shall be \$10 per year per licensed Amateur, \$5 for second, or third, or more, licensed Amateurs in the home. Associate (unlicensed) member, \$5. For less than a year, dues shall be pro-rated at \$1 per month.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:

The Membership Assistance Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President. Any member requiring assistance with reference to TVI complaints, illegal operators, complaints or charges by any government agency, be it federal, state, county or city, can request help from this committee. This committee shall direct investigation, invite proper inquires, establish technical facts and testimony within its province, and report its results to the Club.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by a majority vote of regular members at a regular scheduled meeting, provided a quorum is present. Announcement of proposal to amend shall be made prior to that particular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES:

In the event of irreconcilable disagreement, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

BYLAWS

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club and have the same with him (her) at every meeting. He (she) shall note all amendments, changes, and additions, and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
2. All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership as prescribed in Article I of this Constitution.
3. Regular meetings are to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Special meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President.
4. Dues shall be \$10 per year per licensed amateur; \$5 for second, third, or more, licensed Amateurs in the home. Associate (unlicensed) member, \$5.
5. Committees as required shall be appointed by the President, with the exception of the nominating committee. He shall also see that there is a chairman for each committee.
6. October 1st shall be the beginning of the fiscal year, the date dues become due, and the installation of officers (1st Thursday).