

CONSTITUTION FOR THE
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF MT. VERNON

PREAMBLE: We, the existing members of ARCOM, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, do enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and co-operation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP: All persons interested in amateur radio communication* shall be eligible for membership. (Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.)

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS: Sec. 1 - The officers of this club shall be; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager.

Sec. 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be quorum, at the meeting on the third Tuesday of the month of October.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourth vote of the membership.

* Radio communication between amateur stations solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS: Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President, in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep and an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 5 - The Activities Manager shall organize club member activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefit, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He shall, maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Co-

ordinator of SEC to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. He shall encourage new stations in reporting activities to the club (bulletin) and to the elected Section Communications Manager of the ARRL; all these things to make the reputation of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

DUES: The amount of dues for the ensuing year, shall be set by a majority vote of the general membership, during the regular August business meeting. Any member may be dropped from general membership for failure to pay the dues for more than six consecutive months following the annual due date.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

ASSISTANCE: This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club through designated INTERFERENCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS and OPERATING COMMITTEES will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meetings, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES: Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

BY-LAWS

1. SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and by-laws of the club and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
2. MEMBERSHIP. Full Membership is open to licensed amateurs and those Actively engaged in a class leading to an amateur radio license. Associate Membership is open to all other interested persons. Full Membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate Membership includes all club privileges except for

the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Associate Members who have been Associate Members for a period of two years shall have the right to vote for club officers. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.

3. MEETINGS. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each calendar month at such place as the president shall order. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent so that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive not less than 24-hours before the meeting time.
4. DUES. A regular yearly assessment of \$15.00 per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. In cases of specific hardship, a members dues for one year may be waved by a committee appointed by the President, to investigate such a case.
5. INTERFERENCE COMMITTEE. This committee shall consist of 5 members appointed by the president. The purpose of the committee shall be to assist the members with technical data and public relations in dealing with BCI, TVI, or malicious QRM. Additional members of this committee may be selected from the public as deemed necessary by the committee.