

CROSSROADS
AMATEUR RÁDIO CLUB

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio by furthering better co-operation among its members, developing individual efficiency, furthering the interest of radio in the general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the CROSSROADS AMATEUR RÁDIO CLUB and do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and selection upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.

SECTION 2: There shall be two types of membership: Full members and Associate members. Full members shall be any person who pays dues and holds a valid license issued by the Canal Zone Licensing Authority. Associate members shall be persons who pay dues and do not hold a valid license.

SECTION 3: Full members shall have all the privileges of the Club. The associate members shall have all the privileges of the Club except the privilege of voting.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, "A quorum shall consist of five full or voting members for the transaction of club business!" (amended Sept. 24, 1959)

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of this club shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Activities Manager.

SECTION 2: The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year, by closed ballot. Elections shall be conducted during the first regular meeting in December and officers shall assume their duties on the first day of the month following their election.

(amended Feb. 14, 1951)

SECTIONS 3: Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot, at the first regular meeting at which the withdrawal or resignation is announced.

SECTION 4: Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the full membership of the organization present at any meeting.

(amended Feb. 14, 1951)

ARTICLE IV

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Any full member in good standing may be nominated as a club officer by any other full member in good standing.

SECTION 2: After being proposed and seconded, the nominee or nominees will be voted upon by the closed ballot.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; he shall decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club; and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

SECTION 2: The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

SECTION 3: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings; keep a roll of members; be custodian of the Constitution and By-Laws (Sec 1, By-Laws); submit applications for membership; carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting; and make written notices to each member of every club meeting except when excused by section under the By-Laws. He shall at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club, to his successor.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep 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 meeting. 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.

SECTION 5: The Activities Manager shall organize Club member radio station activities, contests for enjoyment, and general interest maintenance. He shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator or SEC, who has jurisdiction, in order to further the fullest possible club participation in the ARRL Emergency Corps. He shall keep informed by questionnaires or other means, of the equipment, normal operating frequencies and hours, and type of operation of such members as possess station equipment to facilitate emergency organization and to help in planning general interest activities. He shall encourage new stations in reporting activities properly to the club (bulletin) and to the elected Section communications official of the ARRL; all these things to make the standing of the club and amateur activities in the community as outstanding as possible. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

ARTICLE VI

DUES

SECTION 1: The CROSSROADS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, may, by a three-fourths vote of the full members present at a meeting, levy upon the general membership such dues or special assessments as shall be necessary for the business of the organization within its objects as set forth in the preamble thereof. Non-payment of such dues or assessment shall be cause for expulsion from the club, within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

QRM AND MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

SECTION 1:- This club shall enact appropriate rules for the prevention of interference in operation between the stations of its members and particularly for handling cases of broadcast listener interference caused by any amateur station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club through designated members and committeees, will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in complete frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member stations.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of those present at any meeting. Amendments may be submitted at any meeting, and may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting. (amended Feb. 14, 1951)

ARTICLE IX

RULES

SECTION 1: Where not covered by this Constitution or By-Laws, Robert's Rule of Order (revised) or Cushing's Manual, shall govern all proceedings of this club.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the CROSSROADS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and have the same with him at every regular and special 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.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP: Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting, and each application must express a willingness of the applicant to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws, and such rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the club. A majority of those present at any meeting shall approve the applicant before he shall be considered elected to membership.

SECTION 3: MEETINGS: At least one regular meeting shall be held each calendar month at such place as the President shall order. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the request of any five full members of the club, and for this purpose the President may himself sign such a request. Notices shall be sent to all the members informing them of the meetings and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent that in the ordinary postal delivery they shall arrive at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time therein set for the meeting. Only such business as is designated in the notice shall be transacted at special meetings.

SECTION 4: DUES: Dues shall be \$3.00 for full membership except that where more than one full member exists in a family, each additional full member shall pay \$1.50 and each associate member shall pay \$1.50 per year, payable annually or semi-annually in advance. The Secretary-Treasurer shall not be required to pay dues. (amended 18 Oct. 1966).

SECTION 5: QRM COMMITTEE: The QRM Committee shall consist of five members (appointed by the Club President). This committee shall direct investigations, invite the proper representatives of amateurs, broadcast listeners, and the press, to inquiries, and organize the presentation of technical facts and other testimony within its province, reporting to the club on its results.

SECTION 6: SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Special committees may be appointed by the President.