

WARC

Membership Information Packet

**WILSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
of
Wilson County, Tennessee**

Wilson Amateur Radio Club

Welcome to the WARC

This Membership Information Packet is to help you become familiar with the Wilson Amateur Radio Club. We welcome you and your family, and greatly encourage your participation in all club sponsored events throughout the year. We also welcome interested new hams and visiting hams to attend any of our meetings or scheduled events.

Our membership roster (which you will find enclosed in this packet) is published April of each year, with updates made as membership changes. You can request an updated roster at any time. Rosters are available from the club secretary or treasurer. Hopefully you will find it useful acquainting yourself with all the members of the WARC.

The WARC repeater is located on a hill off of Franklin Road, approximately eight miles southwest of Lebanon, atop the TV Channel 10 tower. The Wilson Amateur Radio Club was originally formed in 1984 with a membership total of about 45 members. At present, the membership averages about 30 members. Our club structure includes four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have any questions, please see one of these officers.

Our goals as an amateur radio club are to provide communications in times of need under prevailing conditions. We also hope to maintain and expand the pool of amateur radio operators thus preserving amateur radio for the future. Testing is offered on a regular basis, so upgrading is highly encouraged and new ham applicants are of special need. Our annual Field Day is in the summer and proves to be an excellent time to introduce someone to amateur radio. Participation is the key to success with our club, so again we encourage you to participate as much as your schedule allows.

The WARC repeater covers an eleven county area (Wilson, Williamson, Rutherford, Robertson, Trousdale, Sumner, Smith, Macon, Dekalb, Davidson and Cannon) in Tennessee. Coverage extends north into areas of Kentucky, giving our repeater an excellent coverage area overall. We have autopatch capabilities to all current members. Slot numbers are available, one per member, to speed your dialing to a number such as your home phone. Normally, the repeater is operated without a PL tone, but interference occasionally forces the use of one. This tone will always be 100.0. If you have tone capabilities, it is best to use it all the time, and should the need arise to tone the repeater, you will not be affected. If you do not have tone capabilities, we apologize for the temporary periods you will not be able to access the repeater. The WARC repeater is open for all other amateur use and all are invited to use the repeater whenever needed.

Again, welcome to the Wilson Amateur Radio Club.

BY-LAWS OF THE WILSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is Wilson Amateur Radio Club. (WARC)

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Wilson Amateur Radio Club is organized is to secure the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons interested in amateur radio, to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, individual operating efficiency, to support the 147.105-147.705 repeater or its substitute frequency pair in the way so designated by the club membership, to promote the welfare of amateur radio in the community, to support the local public agencies in the discharge of duties relevant to emergency conditions which may arise, to conduct club programs and disseminate information pertinent to amateur radio.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Wilson Amateur Radio Club shall be open to all licensed amateurs.

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must hold a valid amateur radio operating / station license and make application by written request.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

The applicant's acceptance or rejection shall be determined by the plurality vote of the membership at the meeting.

SECTION 3. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. CHARTER MEMBER - Those amateurs who became members before December 31, 1984.
2. REGULAR MEMBER - Those amateurs who became members after December 31, 1984.
3. HONORARY MEMBER - May be bestowed upon any deserving amateur who is sponsored by a club member and approved by plurality vote of the club membership present at the meeting.
4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER - Those persons who wish to become members with all privileges except voting rights and to hold office.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Charter and regular includes all privileges as well as the right to hold club offices and vote in all club business. Only charter and regular members are eligible to hold club office. Honorary members and associate members shall have all club privileges except the right to vote in club business and hold office.

SECTION 5. MEMBERSHIP DUES

The fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31. Dues shall be \$20.00 single, \$30.00 family per year for charter and regular members and \$10.00 single, \$15.00 family per year for associate. Dues are due on or before March 1 for current year membership. Dues may be prorated after June as follows, July through December \$10.00 and October through December \$5.00. Dues may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership.

SECTION 6. MEMBERSHIP LIST

A membership list may be distributed to members at the April meeting of each year which shall include all members in good standing.

SECTION 7. MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the members shall be held on the first Saturday night of each month, and may be altered by the members present as necessary to meet the needs of the membership. The meeting place shall be determined at each meeting for the next, alternating from place to place for the convenience of the membership and availability of space.

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president.

SECTION 8. MOTIONS

The members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote shall be necessary for the passage of a motion.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

SECTION 1. TITLE AND NUMBER

The number of officers of the club shall be four. They shall be: a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. No two offices may be held by the same person.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be for one year. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer may serve as long as the membership chooses.

SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

The officers of the club shall be elected from a ballot offered by a nominating committee, or by nomination from the floor, by a vote of a majority of the members present at the December meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of three members of the club, appointed by the president at the September meeting. The slate of nominees shall be presented at the November meeting.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The president shall preside at all meetings, and shall enforce due observance of the by-laws. The president shall sign all official documents that are offered by the club membership, appoint appropriate committee members and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Vice-president: The vice-president shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the president and such other duties as may be assigned by the president.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of club meetings, keep a roster of members, carry on correspondence, read communications, read minutes of the previous meeting and mail written notices of matters requiring such notices to the appropriate persons. At the end of the secretary's term, everything belonging to the club shall be turned over to the new secretary.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies to the club, pay all bills duly authorized by the membership. At each monthly meeting, the treasurer shall give a report on the financial condition of the club, and at the January meeting shall file a written financial statement with enough copies for the members present. At the end of the treasurer's term, everything belonging to the club shall be turned over to the new treasurer.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an executive committee composed of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee shall be empowered to act for the club in such matters requiring timely action in the period between monthly meeting. A report of actions of the executive committee shall be made at the monthly meeting following such actions and be recorded in the minutes of the club.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

The president is authorized to appoint such committees, either standing or temporary.

SECTION 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The Board of Directors shall meet annually at the January meeting and shall determine the condition of the club and then make any constructive recommendations to the club at the February meeting.

ARTICLE VI FISCAL YEAR AND AUDIT

The fiscal year of the club shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year. The fiscal affairs of the club shall be audited by a committee appointed for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII BY-LAWS

The power to make, amend or repeal by-laws of this club is vested in the vote of the membership as designated below.

SECTION 1. SUBMITTING

Proposed amendments to the by-laws shall be submitted to the president in writing. The proposal shall be signed by at least five voting members of the club.

SECTION 2. PRESENTING

The president shall present the proposal to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club. A two-thirds majority vote of the membership present shall be required to approve the amendment. Voting on proposed amendment shall take place no sooner than the next regular meeting, nor later than seventy days following presentation to the club.

SECTION 3. VOTING

Voting shall be by secret ballot. The ballots shall be prepared and distributed to the eligible members by the secretary. After ballots have been collected, the president shall appoint a committee of three to count the ballots and report the results to the members.

ARTICLE VIII PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

In all matters not covered by its by-laws, the club shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

In the event the Wilson Amateur Radio Club is dissolved, the assets of the club will be disposed of in accordance with the current membership of the club at the time of dissolution.