

**ELECTRIC CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY LAWS
AUGUST 2007**

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the **ELECTRIC CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.**

**ARTICLE II.
GENERAL PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Association's formation are:

- (1) The primary purposes are to operate a nonprofit Association for educational, scientific and emergency radio communication purposes as follows:
 - (a) To educate and increase the proficiency of Amateur Radio operators in the science of radio communication.
 - (b) To educate the general public to the scientific principles and benefits of radio communication.
 - (c) To disseminate to, and educate its members of, the latest scientific advancements and techniques in the field of short wave and vhf radio communication.
 - (d) To organize and train units of licensed radio amateurs capable of maintaining and establishing radio communication as a public service during periods of emergency and disaster.
 - (e) To encourage and sponsor scientific experimental activities in radio communication and electronics, to the benefit of the public at large.
 - (f) To identify and assist public service organizations by providing communications services as allowed by law.

To assist in carrying out these primary purposes, this Association intends to maintain an active affiliation with **The American Radio Relay League, Inc.**, of Newington, Connecticut, the national nonprofit organization of radio amateurs.

ARTICLE II.
GENERAL PURPOSES (continued)

(2) The general purposes and powers of this Association are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit Associations under the laws of Montana, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property, provided, however, that this Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this Association.

ARTICLE III.
SECTION 501 (C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE:
PURPOSE

The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section **501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**.

ARTICLE IV.
NONPROFIT PURPOSES

This Association is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Laws of the State of Montana. This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it is organized for nonprofit purposes.

ARTICLE V.
HEADQUARTERS

The county in the State of Montana where the principal office for the transaction of business of this organization is to be located is Cascade County, City of Great Falls.

ARTICLE VI.
MANAGEMENT

The general management of the affairs of this Association shall be under the control, supervision and direction of the Board of Directors. Directors shall serve at their pleasure, without term limit. A director may be removed from the Board with a simple majority vote of the board if just cause can be shown for removal. Just cause can be, but is not limited to; failure to participate, conversion of assets, or other gross acts of misconduct. The Board shall consist of no less than (3) three members and no more than (5) five. The Board shall have the right of veto in all matters governing the Association, including votes of the General Membership. Applications for membership to the Association must be approved by majority vote of the Board. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors are as follows:

John Greer
PO Box 697
Great Falls, MT. 59403

Terry Wilkes
1816 4th Ave No
Great Falls, MT. 59401

Charles Walsh
1600 5th Ave NW.
Great Falls, MT. 59404

Jody Hanks
PO Box 249
Black Eagle, MT. 59414

Howard Taylor
259 Hwy 200-89 West
Vaughn, MT. 59487

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

There will be two classes of membership, to include Regular members and Associate members. The Regular membership shall consist of currently licensed amateurs, and Associate members will be any others with an interest in amateur radio. Only Regular members have voting status. Membership shall be by approved application and payment or waiver of dues.

ARTICLE VIII. DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this Association is irrevocably dedicated to educational, emergency communications and scientific purposes, and no part of its net income or assets shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Association, its assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to The American Radio Relay League, Inc., if it is then in existence and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code; but if it is not then in existence or exempt, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The elected officers of this Association shall be: Secretary, and Treasurer.
Board of Directors shall be appointed by majority vote of the seated Directors.

Sec. 2. The elected officers of this Association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the first meeting in December. They will be installed and take office in January.

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

Sec. 4. Elected Officers may be removed by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the membership, if reasonable cause is shown for their removal.

ARTICLE X. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. At least (2) two Directors shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and conduct the same according to rules adopted. They shall enforce due observance of these Articles and Bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents as necessary, and perform all other customary duties as normally pertaining to the offices of President and Vice President for the purposes at hand.

Sec. 2. 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. They shall keep the Association records in chronological order in a loose-leaf binder to best facilitate easy reference.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association. They shall keep an accurate accounting of all monies received and expended. They shall pay no bills without proper authorization of the Board. An Association officer may approve sundry expenditures of \$50.00 or less. At each meeting, the Treasurer will submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. They shall, at the expiration of their term, turn over everything in their possession belonging to the Association to the successor. There shall be an annual audit by a committee of three members to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII. DUES

The Association, by a vote of one third (1/3) of the membership, at any regular meeting, may

recommend a change in levy upon the general membership of dues or assessments as deemed necessary for the business of the Association within its objects, as set forth in the preamble. Nonpayment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Association. The Board at this time establishes Regular rates of \$20.00 USD and Associate rates at \$10.00 USD annually.

XIII. MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Association, through designated Committees, will provide technical advice to members concerning amateur radio equipment and antenna design and operation, to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from Association member stations.

The Association will also train individual members to assist local, state and federal authorities with emergency communications in times of natural disaster or other needs as determined by those authorities.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Changes to these Articles of Association and Bylaws may be recommended to the Board of Directors by a two thirds (2/3) 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 meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the Articles of Association and/or Bylaws at said meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or modify the recommendations as necessary to fulfill the General principals of the Association and to preserve, exercise, and expand the traditions and original purposes of Amateur Radio.

ARTICLE XV. RULES

RULES: Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

BYLAWS

1. SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Articles and Bylaws of the Association 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: Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing for approval. Each applicant must express a willingness to abide by the Articles and

Bylaws and other rules promulgated by the Association. A person may be asked to resign membership if, by his actions, he demonstrates an unwillingness to abide by the rules and provisions of the Articles and Bylaws or applicable FCC regulations. A two thirds (2/3) vote by the membership shall be necessary for expulsion from the Association.

3. MEETINGS: Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each calendar month at such place, as the Board shall order. Special meetings may be called by the Board by written request by any five Association members. Notices shall be sent to members' concerning special meetings and business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be so sent that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive not less than one week before the meeting time.

4. DUES: A regular assessment is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Articles for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Dues may be readjusted at any time by following the requirements of section XII, Amendments. If there are several licensed amateurs in a family, living in the same household, one member shall pay dues at the regular membership rate and all others shall pay dues at the associate membership rate. New applicants shall pay at a prorated basis from the time his membership begins until January 1, then on a yearly basis. The Association treasury shall normally consist of two separate funds, designated as General fund and Equipment fund. Dues and assessments shall be normally divided equally between the two funds. However, from time to time at the discretion of the Board, additional funds may be established to facilitate Association objectives. These funds may include, but are not limited to Education and Legal funds. They shall be funded at the discretion of the Board.

5. NOMINATIONS: Nominations for elected officers shall be presented at the first meeting in December. A nominations committee elected by the General membership, shall make their presentation at this time. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Elected officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. Any person nominated for office will have been a member of the Association for a period of not less than one (1) year prior to nomination. Exception, any member may run for elected office the first election of the Association.

We, the under signed Board of Directors of the Electric City Amateur Radio Club, certify that this document, Articles of Association and bylaws, is a complete and accurate copy of the original as amended by the membership of the Association in 2007.

DATED this 6th day of August 2007.

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Amendment I.

Be it known this day; 05 August 2008, that Director

Charles Walsh
1600 5th Ave NW.
Great Falls, MT. 59404

Has resigned his seat on the board of directors effective immediately.

By majority vote of the seated board, we hereby seat to the Board of Directors:

Donald J Loose KD7CWY
129 Marilyn DR
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