

RAINBOW CANYONS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS

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**PREAMBLE:**

We, the undersigned, wish to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Rainbow Canyons Amateur Radio Club (RCARC) and 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 club programs and activities as to serve the community and advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio.

ARTICLE I:  
**MEMBERSHIP**

All persons interested in Amateur Radio Communications shall be eligible for membership by such terms as the club shall provide in its BYLAWS. Termination of membership shall also be upon terms as provided in the BYLAWS.

ARTICLE II:  
**OFFICERS**

SECTION A:

The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-president Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Editor and Emergency Coordinator.

SECTION B:

The officers of the club shall be elected for a term of one year by the procedure provided in the BYLAWS.

SECTION C:

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled as soon as possible by special election at a regular meeting following withdrawal, resignation or termination. Notification of all club members shall be by

Newsletter, if one is published, or by other reasonable means of communication.

ARTICLE III:  
**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

SECTION A:

The president shall preside at all meetings of this Club and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/She shall enforce observance of this CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the Club and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. He/She shall also appoint the various committees as needed according to the BYLAWS.

SECTION B:

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the president in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize Club activities, including monthly meeting programs or activity, plan and recommend contests and advance Club interest and activities as approved by the Club. He/She shall maintain close liaison with the Club Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

SECTION C:

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all finances and financial transactions of the Club, including the collection of dues and disbursement of funds as directed by the President, in accordance with the BYLAWS. The check book shall be reconciled each month and a financial statement made monthly to the Club membership. Reimbursement of expenses will be paid to members/officers in a timely fashion upon receipt or proof of expenses.

SECTION D:

The Secretary shall keep the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/She shall record all amendments, changes and additions in the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS and shall permit them to be consulted by members upon request. He/She shall prepare minutes of each club meeting.

SECTION E:

The Historian/Editor shall maintain a current inventory of all Club-owned equipment and keep a history-record of club activities. He/She shall see that if a newsletter is published, it shall be published and distributed to members on a regular basis. Any proposed CONSTITUTION or BYLAW change shall be published in the next regular newsletter or communicated to the membership by the best means available before the vote on those changes is taken. He/She shall keep an accurate membership roster or data base, a copy of which shall be available for membership inspection or correction at regularly scheduled meetings. Publication and distribution expenses shall be the responsibility of RCARC and paid for from club moneys and/or sponsor(s).

SECTION F:

Officers may delegate assignments to other club members if deemed reasonably necessary and with full accountability.

END OF CONSTITUTION

BYLAWS  
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ARTICLE I:  
**ADDITION AND AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.**

SECTION A:

The CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS may be added to or amended by majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE II:  
**MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION A:

Membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio.

SECTION B:

Active membership is defined as the above individual who is current with his/her dues.

SECTION C:

Revocation of membership shall be upon the recommendation of the Club Presidency for wanton violation of FCC regulations and by majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION D:

Active membership will be transferred to "inactive" status if dues are more than 30 days in arrears. Special circumstances may exempt this rule as negotiated with the Presidency.

ARTICLE III:  
**MEETINGS**

SECTION A:

Regular meetings are to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

SECTION B:

Minutes of regular meetings shall be approved at each subsequent regular meeting.

SECTION C:

Notice shall be sent to the membership of all regular meetings and the business to be transacted.

SECTION D:

Special meetings may be called by the President. Committee chairperson(s) may call special meetings for his/her committee as needed. Minutes shall be kept of business transacted in these special meetings by a person designated.

ARTICLE IV:  
**DUES**

SECTION A:

The annual dues for Membership shall be:15.00 for all grades of licenses and non-licensed members.

The dues shall be due and payable at the first regular meeting of the year.

SECTION B:

If more than one member of a household is an active member, dues for that family shall be \$20.00 for all members living in the household.

ARTICLE V:  
**COMMITTEES**

SECTION A:

Ad Hoc committee chairperson(s) shall be appointed by the President as needed to conduct the Club business. It shall be the chairperson's duty to enlist sufficient Club members or other interested individuals to carry out that assignment.

ARTICLE VI:  
**CLUB LOGO**

SECTION A:

The official Club logo shall display the name of the Club, depict the colorful canyons of Southern Utah and display symbols of electronic communications. All members have the privilege to display the official Club logo as long as it is not in a defamatory way or in violation of the Club CONSTITUTION. It shall not be used for any commercial purpose.

ARTICLE VII:  
**NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**

SECTION A:

Nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, shall be made by the members present at the November meeting. All members shall be notified of those nominations prior to the December meeting. Those nominated must agree to be nominated and to serve, if elected.

SECTION B:

Election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, shall be made at the December meeting by majority of voting members present. Newly elected officers are to take office in January for the

ensuing year. Elected officers must hold current Amateur Licenses, and be current with dues.

SECTION C:

All current members are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VIII:  
**POLICY MAKING**

Matters of policy shall be decided by vote and by the majority present at regularly scheduled meetings.

The following shall be considered matters of Policy:

1. Dues.
2. Officers and membership dismissal.
3. Special assessments.
4. CONSTITUTION and BYLAW amendments.

ARTICLE IX:  
**ABSENTEE VOTING**

Absent member may vote by submitting their vote to the Secretary prior to the December meeting or by proxy authorization to another member.

ARTICLE X:  
**EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

The Emergency Coordinator shall be appointed by the President and report directly to the Vice-President. He/She shall supervise and coordinate Civil Emergency activities.



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