

Charter Oak Charter

For the

Charter Oak Radio Society

Preamble

We, the Membership of the Charter Oak Radio Society, an unincorporated society, desiring to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the Society of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, constitute ourselves the Charter Oak Radio Society and enact this charter as the governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote and encourage technical advancement, excellence and experimentation by its members, to assist members and prospective amateurs in achieving fraternalism and high standards of conduct to conduct society programs and activities in such a manner as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community and support the public safety when called upon to do so.

Article 1

Statement of Purpose

SECTION 1 - To establish and effect an association of members interested in the furtherance of Amateur Radio in the United States and the State of Connecticut, to band with related or non related civic or fraternal organizations with like or similar interests; to further educate members and others regarding the use of Amateur Radio for social betterment, and to establish uses for communication in times of emergency, declared or undeclared; to provide through its membership a dedicated number of Amateur Radio operators for the dissemination and communication of both official and unofficial information in the public interest, when determined desirable by club officers or when called upon by any official agency of the City, County, State or Government of the United States of America.

SECTION 2 - To provide qualified members of the Charter Oak Radio Society to conduct educational seminars or classes, individually or in association with other organizations with like intention and purpose, for the teaching and education of anyone interested in amateur Radio and Electronics for becoming licensed by the

Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Amateur Radio Operators and upgrading such licenses to more advanced levels of skill and learning together with instruction in Morse code for such advancement, all in the interest of furthering the hobby of Amateur Radio, and providing potential members for the Society or the general benefit and knowledge of both members and interested individuals; To provide a forum for research, education, exchange of ideas, experimentation and scientific purpose, for all who have an interest or seek such knowledge.

Article 2 **Club Leadership**

SECTION 1- The leadership of the Society shall be the following: Operations Manager, Education Manager, VE Team Manager, Membership Manager, and the Financial Manager they shall be the governing body of the Society, and all shall be in total agreement of all matters of the Society. The five above noted managers shall be permanent managers and are life members of the society.

These managers are as follows:

Operations Manager is K1DFS, Charles I Motes Jr
Education Manager is N1RMF, George Carbonell Jr
VE Team Manager is K1WMS, Walter M Styslo
Membership Manager is N1QLN, Michael Sanders
Financial Manager is AA1AZ, Christina M Risser-Milne

SECTION 2 – In the event that is a permanent absence of one or more of the managers, it shall be the responsibility of the remaining managers to elect a permanent manager to fill the vacancy.

Article 3 **Membership**

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by invitation only and with the unanimous approval of the leadership of the Society and approval upon such terms as the club shall provide in its Charter.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Full Membership - shall be open to all persons interested in promoting amateur radio and desiring to further their interest by participation therein. Full members must possess a valid and current amateur radio license.

Family Membership - shall be open to those members of the immediate and dependent family living with a full member, except that children of a full member shall no longer be eligible for family membership after they have reached 18 years of age. Only family members including spouses and children under 18 years holding a valid amateur radio license shall be eligible to vote.

Patron Membership - shall be granted to any persons or organization(s) not defined as a full or family member, who wishes to support the club, and includes all club privileges except the right to vote.

Removal of a Member - any member may be Expelled from the Society for:
a) Conduct deemed unacceptable to the club,
b) Conduct deemed unacceptable to amateur radio practice. Termination shall be at the discretion of the Society's Leadership following a unanimous vote by the leadership to expel.

Article 4 **Membership Assistance**

The Society, through designated Committees will provide technical advice to members, and other amateurs concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practices, and absence of spurious radiation from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article 5 **Meetings**

SECTION 1 - The Charter shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of thirty-five percent (35%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All actions taken by the membership shall not take effect unless approved by the leadership.

SECTION 2 – Robert’s Rule of Order Revised, Current edition shall be the Parliamentary law governing all meetings.

Article 6
Dues

The Club, by majority of the quorum present at any regular meeting, subject to confirmation by the Leadership, may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Society. There are currently no dues.

Article 7
Amendments

This Society Charter Articles may be amended by a unanimous vote of the Society’s Leadership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided a reasonable attempt to notify all members of the intent to amend the Society has been made, prior to said meeting.

Article 8
Conduct of Meetings

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings of the Club, unless otherwise determined by the Leadership.

Article 9
Committees

The Society’s Leadership shall have the authority to establish temporary or standing committees as deemed necessary. Members of committees shall be drawn from the Club membership. The Club officers or the Executive Committee shall appoint a committee chairperson.

Approval

We, the undersigned managers of The Charter Oak Radio Society, certify that this Charter, dated October 30, 2013 was approved by a unanimous vote of the Society's Leadership meeting on October 30, 2013. With this approval, the Charter Oak Radio Society adopts this Charter as its governing law.

Revision date March 11, 2014 (Revision includes succession of managers Article 2 section 2), and (Robert's Rule of Order, Article 5 section 2)

Revision date May 14, 2016 (Revision includes Article 2, Club Leadership, Section 1, to include Financial Manager is AA1AZ, Christina M Risser-Milne)

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