

CONSTITUTION
of the
Playground Amateur Radio Club
Fort Walton Beach Florida
November 1, 1986
(As amended November 15, 2001)

PREAMBLE

Wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we do hereby constitute ourselves the **PLAYGROUND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** and do enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community, and to further Amateur Radio activities in the interests of a better and safer community.

ARTICLE I **MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 1 -- All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE II **OFFICERS**

Sec. 1 -- The officers of the club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Activities Manager, a Club Station Trustee, and a Repeater Trustee for each repeater.

Sec. 2 -- The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the voting members present, providing that there shall be a quorum, at the June meeting, and will take office at the following meeting. Only members in good standing may hold office.

Sec. 3 -- Vacancies occurring between elections, as with the initial slate of officers, will be filled by special ballot, at the first regular meeting after the vacancy or vacancies are announced.

Sec. 4 -- Officers may be removed on approval by three-fourths of the voting membership.

ARTICLE III **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Sec. 1 -- The President shall preside at all meetings of this Club, and conduct the meeting according to rules. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; and none other, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2 -- The Vice-President shall assume the President's duties in the absence of the President.

Sec. 3 -- The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written notices to members of the Club, except when excused by action under By-Laws. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Playground Amateur Radio Club. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. The Secretary shall at the expiration of the term of office turn over all Club materials to the succeeding Secretary.

Sec. 4 -- The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Club. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bill without proper authorization (by the Club or its officers constituting a business committee or as stated in the By-Laws). At the end of each quarter the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursement and receipts. The Treasurer, at the November business meeting, shall present a budget for approval to the Club for the next fiscal year. The Treasurer shall at the expiration of office term, turn over all Club materials to the succeeding Treasurer.

Sec. 5 -- The Activities Manager shall organize Club activities to advance the general interest in approved technical, operating, public service and social programs. The Activities Manager shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator to further the fullest possible Club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. The Activities Manager shall encourage growth of the hobby by promoting code and theory classes. The Activities Manager shall encourage new stations to report their activities that are a service to the community. The Activities Manager may appoint assistants to aid in specific branches of activity.

Sec. 6 -- The Club Station Trustee shall be responsible for the safekeeping, care and custody of Club property relating to the Club Station. The Club Station Trustee will be a licensed radio amateur of General Class or above. As the licensed trustee of the Club Station, the Club Station Trustee will serve as the station custodian.

Sec. 7 -- The Repeater Trustee(s) shall have control of the Club repeater(s) in accordance with regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. The Repeater Trustee(s) shall be responsible, principally through the Engineering Committee, for the safekeeping, care and custody of the Club property relating to the Club repeater(s). The Repeater Trustee(s) will be licensed radio amateur of Technician Class or above.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Sec. 1 -- The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At regular meetings, the voting members present shall constitute a quorum. At special meetings, one-third of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Sec. 1 -- The Playground Amateur Radio Club may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments specified in the By-Laws, as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Club within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for removal from the list of members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Sec. 1 -- This Club shall enact rules and plans to minimize interference between member stations and with other radio services. Interference, public relations, and operating committees may be established to provide technical advice and assistance to the members and to guide publicity in channels to amateur radio.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 -- This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the voting membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting. The By-Laws may be amended by the majority of a quorum following submission in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES

Sec. 1 -- Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings on matters not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

HAMFEST

Sec. 1 -- This Club shall sponsor, organize, and run (unless decided otherwise by the voting club membership) a yearly event officially known as the Playground Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. This event will normally be held the third weekend in March.