

**Decatur County Amateur Radio Club  
Constitution**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the organization shall be the Decatur County Amateur Radio Club, Inc., hereinafter called the Club.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation; the relaying of messages by radio without charge; the furtherance of the public welfare; the advancement of the radio art; the fostering and promotion of intercommunication by electronic means for the personal benefit of members and without pecuniary gain; the fostering of education in the field of electronic communications and dissemination of knowledge and information by electronic means.

The club strongly supports and encourages an active relationship with emergency and disaster relief organizations.

**ARTICLE III**

Full membership in the Club shall be open to any licensed amateur having an interest in the purpose of the Club upon payment of annual dues.

Other classes of membership may be authorized in the By-Laws of the Club.

The amount of the dues in each class of membership and method of determining the dues shall be specified in the By-Laws of the Club.

**ARTICLE IV**

There shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer whose duties, eligibility for office, removal from office, succession of terms, and terms of office shall be defined in the By-Laws of the Club.

**ARTICLE V**

The time and place of meetings shall be defined in the By-Laws of the Club.

Radio station(s) for the use of licensed amateur radio operators may be maintained. The operation of said station(s) shall be under the jurisdiction of the Trustee named on the Club's station license and the operation of said station(s) shall be conducted in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the Trustee in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations.

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**ARTICLE VI**

Committees shall be established to operate the Club in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

**ARTICLE VII**

The Club may take no binding action unless a quorum is present at the meeting where said action is considered. A quorum for this purpose shall be defined in the By-Laws of the Club.

**ARTICLE VIII**

No part of the assets or income of the corporation shall be the property of any member or members, but such assets and income shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes set forth herein.

The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined in the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code including the fostering of education in the field of electronic communications and the dissemination of knowledge by electronic means.

**ARTICLE IX**

This Constitution may be amended, with the proper notice and publication, by a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at a regular or special business meeting plus absentee ballots. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing and read by the Club Secretary to the members at a regular or special business meeting. The proposed amendment(s) shall then be posted on the Club's web site for a period of not less than thirty (30) days and voted on at the next regularly scheduled business meeting after elapse of the thirty (30) day period. At the time the proposed amendment(s) are posted to the Club web site the Secretary shall make available to all members who may request them printed copies of the proposed amendment(s). All amendments adopted by the Club shall be posted on the Club's web site.

Absentee ballots shall be permitted for the purpose of amendment of this Constitution and must be delivered to the Club's corporate office no later than seven (7) days prior to the vote being taken.

**ARTICLE X**

This Constitution, along with By-Laws of the Club shall be the primary documents controlling the operations and business of the Club.

Accepted and Ratified by the members of the Club on December 14, 2009.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary