

**The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club Inc.**  
**Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws (as amended)**

November 12, 1976 (amended Aug 27, 1980)

Certificate Of Incorporation

We the undersigned desire to become a body corporate under the Alabama Non-profit Corporation Act of 1955 for the purpose hereinafter stated, and for such purposes, we hereby make, execute, and adopt the following Certificate of Incorporation and the attached By-Laws and Constitution of the Organization.

**Article 1**

The name of this organization shall be: The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated.

**Article 2**

The duration of this organization shall be perpetual.

**Article 3**

The object of this organization shall be to develop, maintain and operate electronic equipment remotely for the purpose of general amateur radio procedure. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of emergency procedures so that we may better handle emergency conditions which require the use of receivers and transmitters. We will directly cooperate with the national or local civil authorities for the purpose of handling traffic into and out of disaster areas. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of such aid by the acquisition of better, more reliable electronic equipment, buildings, property, and other equipment to be used for the above purposes. This organization shall always operate with the approval of and licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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**Article 4**

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

In Addition to the above-mentioned officers, there will be a four-person Technical Advisory Board plus the Trustee or Trustees.

All officers and Advisory Board members shall be required to hold a valid amateur radio license issued by the FCC.

**Article 5**

Officers shall be elected by ballot of the voting membership at the September monthly meeting each year and at a time and place to be announced.

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by official ballot at the first meeting following the announcement of vacancy.

A quorum will consist of 2/3 average of the attendance of the full members of the previous six (6) monthly meetings.

Officers may be removed by 51% of a quorum voting.

No vote on any issue shall take place without a quorum unless an emergency situation arises.

**Article 6**

Duties of officers shall be as follows: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Corporation and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Corporation and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office.

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

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The Secretary- Treasurer shall keep the constitution and the by-laws of this Corporation and have the same with him at every regular or called meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereupon and shall permit the same to be consulted upon request. He shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the Corporation and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. At each meeting, he shall submit a statement of receipts and disbursements.

The Technical Advisory Board shall study reports issued by the FCC; other repeater groups; trade manuals and other documents concerning FM repeater operation and improvements. The members of the Board shall keep abreast of the latest equipment and any used equipment available and shall report to the membership any findings deemed useful. By a majority vote of its members, the Board shall have the authority to make any decision concerning the operation of the repeater and its associated equipment. Any decision made by the Technical Board that involves money will be brought before the full voting membership for a vote of approval.

The majority vote of the Technical Board shall determine frequency change, call sign change, etc.

**Article 7**

Monthly meetings shall be held each fourth Tuesday at such time and place as the president shall order.

Special meetings may be called by the president upon the request of five members of the club. Forty-eight hours notice shall be given all members, notifying them of any special meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.

The president and one other club officer shall have authority to cancel, postpone, or delay any meeting due to ice, storm, snow, federal, state [or] county elections, or any other emergency. Members will be notified by phone, radio, word of mouth [or] mail. No two consecutive monthly meetings will be postponed, delayed, or cancelled. There must be one monthly meeting out of each two-month period.

**Article 8**

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Each voting member of the organization shall be required to hold a valid Amateur Radio license issued by the FCC. Associate members shall not be required to hold an Amateur Radio license and shall not be permitted to vote in matters pertaining to the Corporation.

**Article 9**

Individual members, officers, groups of members and groups of officers of this organization shall be limited in personal liability for the debts of the Corporation to one dollar (\$1) each.

**Article 10**

All records of DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club, Inc., shall be made available for members of the organization to read at reasonable times and shall be made available to any authority controlling such non-profit organizations. An audit of the treasury will be made between August and September meetings, or if the treasurer is replaced, or when it is deemed necessary. The President will appoint 2 members to do the audit.

Additionally, an inventory of club property by the technical board and a report made to the club annually.

In witness whereof, the undersigned incorporators have subscribed their names to this certificate of incorporation this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1976.

Jack Dobbs, President

512 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Fort Payne, AL 35967

William V. (Bill) Jacoway, Vice President

602 Grand Avenue North

Fort Payne, AL 35967

Ed Corwe. Secretary-Treasurer

Mentone, Alabama

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**BY-LAWS**

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

**Membership:**

Full membership is open to all licensed amateurs.

Associate membership is open to all interested persons.

Full membership includes all club privileges, as well as rights to hold office and to vote for club officers and other club members.

Associate membership includes all club privileges except the right to hold office and vote.

**Dues:**

The club by majority vote of those present at any club meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization.

The club year will run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year.

No payment of dues shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

A regular assessment of \$12 for full membership and \$6 for associate membership for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses, shall be payable beginning Jan. 1 each year.

A notice will be sent prior to Jan. 1

[Amendment stamped by Probate Court 27 August, 1980]