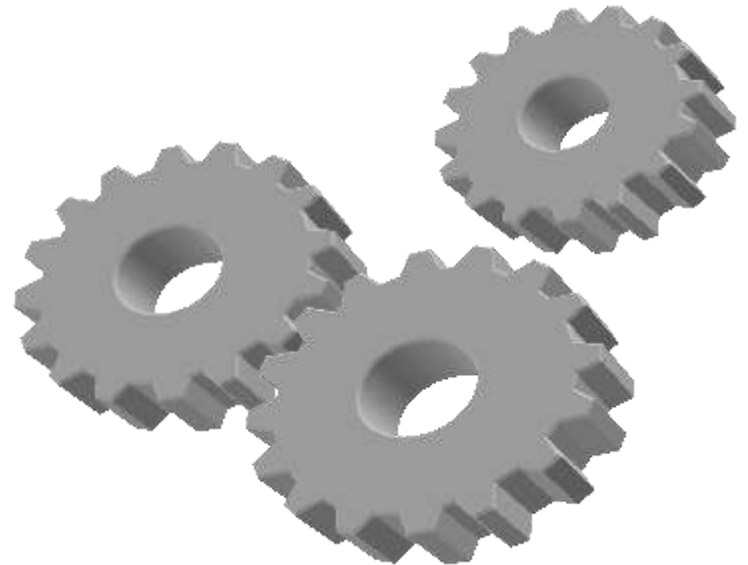


# **The Villages Amateur Radio Club**

## ***How TVARC Works***

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# Our Mission

The Villages Amateur Radio Club is a community service group, active in all aspects of Amateur Radio. We focus on providing support to public safety organizations, radio technology, public education, and general improvement of our community.



# Purpose of this Presentation

- To provide the general membership with insight on how TVARC operates
- To emphasize the input each board has in determining the scope of club activities

got purpose?

# Topics

- Relationship with The Villages Public Safety Department
- Relationship with The Villages Recreation Department
- Relationship with Sumter County Sheriff's Department
- Relationship with Wildwood Police Department
- Requirements & benefits of being an ARRL Affiliated Club
- Recordkeeping
- TVARC Standing Committees
- Events we do based on our relationship with DPS and our mission statement
- Events we choose to do
- Relationship with local media

# Relationship with The Villages Public Safety Department



## Because of our public safety mission

- We exist under the auspices of DPS
- We meet in a recreation center although not all TVARC members are Villagers
- We report our Emergency Communications Team members to DPS
- We participate in Hurricane Expo
- We have an operating position in FS 44 EOC
- We use the training facilities at FS 51 for classes
- We have an 440 antenna on the tower at FS 51 and a equipment site in the crew quarters

# The Villages Recreation Department

- Eisenhower Facility Permit
- Rec Center Picnic facilities



# Relationship with the Sumter County Sheriff's Department

- TVARC Members Volunteer with Sumter County EOC Amateur Emergency Services (AES)
- Field Day
  - Use of the facilities at the Sheriff's Annex at Morse and 466
  - Use of the Mobile Communications Vehicle
- 443.150 repeater and antenna installation at Morse and 466



# Relationship with the Wildwood Police Department

- 443.225 repeater located in the “doghouse” and antenna installation on tower at PD site.



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# ARRL Affiliated Club

- **Requires 51% membership**
  - Mailing Lists
  - Club Commission Program
  - Club Liability Insurance
  - Ham Radio Equipment Insurance Plan
  - Library Book Set
  - ARRL e-Mail Forwarding Service+
  - Annual Report
  - Referrals Of Prospective Radio Amateurs
  - Club Gavel Competition
  - 50% Discount on Club Ads in QST
  - Planning an ARRL Hamfest or Convention?
  - Special Service Clubs
  - Club Call Signs
  - New Amateur Reports for Clubs
  - [Tips For Preserving Your Club's History](#)



# Recordkeeping

## Dues & 50/50

- funds activities

## Attendance

- keeps our meeting space

## Membership Roster

- keeps data accurate & in compliance

## Minutes & Budgeting

- Accounts for transactions
- Keeps finances on track

## Insurance

- liability for club activities, \$200
- property for club property, \$98

## IRS Filing

- 990N filed annually

## State Business License

- \$61.25/year



# Standing Committees



## Education

- Fall General Class
- Winter Technician Class
- Extra Class every other year
- Coordinates with VEC for testing
- Coordinates with web master
- Updates curriculum



## Safety

- Observes club activities
- Suggests safety improvements

## Emergency Communications Team (ECT)

- Roster of members available to provide communications to The Villages in case of emergency



## Repeaters

- Access to equipment for maintenance



# Standing Committees (continued)

## Programs

- Solicits ideas
- Oversees development of monthly presentations



## RFI

- Works with members and non-members in resolution of RFI conflict issues



## WEB SITE

- Web master (or representative) keeps information current



## HAMNET



- Creating a network across The Villages; one node at a time

## HISTORIAN

- Tracking our progress
- Remembering our past



# Mission-related Events



## Hurricane Expo

- Tradeshow style
- Savannah Center
- Invited by Public Safety

## Field Day

- Recognized as emergency training
- Tests equipment, skills and community relationships



## MS Walk

- Communications help requested by the MS Walk Committee
- We man positions around the Polo Grounds and report problems

# Recreation Department Sponsored Events

## Camp Villages – Amateur Radio Hour

- Expose kids 9-13 to Ham Radio & Electronics
- Youth oriented Amateur Radio video
- AM Radio Project



## Camp Villages – SeaSpies

- Recreation Department Project
- Expose kids 7-12 to Morse Code
- Kids send their “secret message”
- Kids make a Morse Code necklace



# Ham Radio Promotional Events

## Radio Rodeo, March

- Introduces Ham Radio to the public
- Helps get new Hams from the Tech class on the air
- Opportunity to experiment with equipment and antennas in a non-contest environment



## Radio on the Square, November

- Introduces Ham Radio to the public
- Helps get new Hams from the Tech class on the air
- Opportunity to experiment with equipment and antennas in a non-contest environment

# TVARC Christmas Party





# TVARC & the Local Media

## Meeting Announcements

- Recreation News - Brittany Libby
- Villages-News – Meta Minton

## Our Daily Sun Representative

- Joe Pedersen, Business & Technology Editor

## Villages Media (Radio on the Square, Radio Rodeo)

- Nadia Skertich, Barbara Vesco



# **What WB2VYK meant to say...**

- **TVARC is a club with diverse interests, experiences and a mission based upon public safety**
- **We are connected to and dependent upon a number of organizations both within and outside of The Villages**
- **Our club projects promote our mission, as well as offer entertainment for the membership and information for the public**
- **Each election cycle, the new Board has latitude in what the club does**