

The Villages Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting

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TVARC Business Meeting Reports by Activity Leads

CHANGING REFLECTORS

Activity Lead: George Briggs (K2DM)

& Reflector's moderator/support provider



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- What is a reflector?
 - An email forwarding application with archival capability
 - Send an email to a central address, and it gets forwarded to everyone who has signed up for the list
 - Provides subscribers with an easy way to communicate
 - Band openings
 - Items for sale
 - Upcoming events
 - Etc.

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OUR CURRENT REFLECTOR

- Is a Yahoo Group administered by K2DM
- Prospective members ask K2DM to add them to the Group
- A Yahoo Groups account is required

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WHY CHANGE?

- Inconsistent service from Yahoo Groups
 - A number of club members have complained about delayed messages and lost messages
- Yahoo has been taken over by Verizon, and the future quality of Yahoo Groups is in doubt
- Some club members simply have not wanted to join Yahoo Groups
- The procedures for joining the group are somewhat cumbersome

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WHERE WE GOING?

- MailList, hosted by QSL.net, utilizing mailman.qth.net
- Some club members have experienced MailList through other clubs
- The TVARC Board of Directors, plus a handful of others have been testing MailList for weeks
 - After tweaking some parameters, we have found the service to be reliable and consistent

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HOW WE GETTING THERE?

- It's easy – K2DM will do all the up front work.
- He will transfer everyone's email addresses from Yahoo Groups to the new 'Mailman' list.
- Everyone will receive a 'Welcome' email from 'Mailman' with a default password (toward the bottom of the email) AND instructions on how to administer your preferences.
- K2DM will also send a message via the Yahoo Groups reflector announcing that the new list is ready and explaining how to utilize it
- There is nothing to join, just start sending messages to the new email address
- All of this information will simultaneously be posted on the TVARC website
- The Yahoo Groups reflector will be taken down shortly thereafter.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFO?

- Send questions to K2DM@ATT.NET
- Get general information about our new 'Mailman' list at:
<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/tvarc>

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