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# Vision & Proposals

December 2016

Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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# Agenda

- ARRL Mission Statement
- RARC Vision for 2017
- RARC Activities in Progress

# ARRL Mission Statement

“To advance the art, science, and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.”

# RARC Vision for 2017

- Supports the awareness and growth of Amateur Radio worldwide;
- Strives for every member to get involved, get active, and get on the air;
- Encourages radio experimentation and, through its members, advances radio technology and education;
- And Organizes and trains volunteers to serve their communities by providing public service and emergency communications

# RARC Activities in Progress

- FrostFest
  - Need volunteers to represent RARC and staff the table
- Tom Flippin (KD4CMK) has been appointed as the “President’s Director”
- The Tech Committee has been formed
  - Tom Flippin has been named Chairman of the Tech Committee
  - Win Grant will represent D-Star interests
  - A team has been formed to establish the goals and objectives of running a Remote Station for RARC members

# RARC Activities in Progress

- The Tech Committee needs volunteers
  - Inventory Manager - Allows members to check in/out equipment
  - Remote Administrator - Manage the Remote Station and assist members with use
  - D-Star Administrator - Manage the gateway, passwords, and assist members with use

# RARC Activities in Progress

- Established a Public Information Officer (PIO) position
  - Dan Bryant (N4DOB) has agreed to be the PIO for 2017
  - Obtain facts and distribute them to the media
  - PIO's produce printed and video material about their organization for dissemination to the public
  - A PIO may be responsible for organizing special events such as news conferences and awards ceremonies
  - Maintaining a social media presence may be part of a public information officer's duties.

# RARC Activities in Progress

- Sponsor the VA QSO Party for 2017
- Tech Testing HT Program
  - Each person who passes their Tech exam **AND** signs up to be an RARC member will receive a 2m/70cm HT for “free”
  - The RARC Testing Team will deliver the HT to the new member
  - Allan Johnson (WA3J) has agreed to oversee the initial programming and distribution of the HT
  - The HT will not exceed \$30
  - The program will be funded for the 2017 calendar year

# RARC Activities in Progress

- 80% Participation Rate for Members
  - Each member should engage in at least 1 (one) activity during the 2017 calendar year
  - What counts as an “activity?” - Teaching a class; bringing cookies; being an officer; presenting; checking into a club net; participating in an RARC sponsored event (Radio Run/Field Day/etc.)
  - The Membership roster “owner” will be responsible for tracking the completion of AT LEAST 1 (one) activity during the calendar year and providing a monthly % update
  - Each member is expected to inform the Membership roster “owner” of completing at least 1 (one) activity/event during 2017

# RARC “Social” Progress

- Twitter Feed - @RARC\_W4ZA
- YouTube [Channel](#)
- Online Club Equipment [Inventory](#)
- Online Club [Calendar of Events](#)

# RARC Programs for Winter 2017

- Jan - Solar & Off-Grid
  - PEG Solar
- Feb - DX Contesting (ARRL SSB DX Contest on Mar 3-4)
  - Jonathan Payne - W4HZ
  - Bob Eshleman - W4DR
- March - Packet
  - Lee Maddox - N4HOK

# Tentative Schedule - *Italics means Unconfirmed*

- 2017-01 - Solar & Off-Grid
- 2017-02 - DX Contesting
- 2017-03 - Packet
- 2017-04 - 50.215 Group & 6m
- *2017-05 - Field Day Operations/Portable Ops*
- *2017-06 - Logging software & LoTW*
- *2017-07 - VHF+ Weak Signal*
- 2017-08 - What can you do with a frequency counter? GPS Time Locked references? Oscilloscope? Using tools!

- 2017-09 - Public Service/EMCOMM (RARC Officer Ballot)
- 2017-10 - Basic solder station, tools, and how to start kit building? (RARC Elections)
- 2017-11 - Annual Banquet
- 2017-12 - Christmas Party

## Alternate Topics

- Computer/Phone Password and Encryption
- OneSpot/GMSK Modem Adapters
- Remote HF/VHF Ops with RARC station (if one gets built)

# Need Help!

- Any Pictures or Videos related to RARC Events
- Volunteer to record the RARC Meeting and Program
- Someone to “Own” the 50/50 Raffle