



Western Washington Repeater Association
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<http://www.ww7ra.org>
146.620MHz & 442.650MHz t103.5Hz

WWRA MISSION STATEMENT

HISTORY: The WWRA is a membership owned and operated amateur radio repeater system located on Gold Mountain in Kitsap County, Washington. The system antennae are at 2200-feet and the VHF repeater can be heard, and in some cases, with good antenna height, can be keyed from many locations along the I-5 corridor from Vancouver, B.C. south to Vancouver, WA. Base stations can handily use the WWRA VHF repeater. Because the system has such broad coverage the hams who initially set it up registered it with the state of Washington as a non-profit "association". This is much different than a "club" that has a more social function. Clubs usually own a low-level repeater having local coverage. Some clubs and groups use the WWRA VHF repeater for their nets and community service functions. The WWRA repeaters are available to all amateur community assist communications in the event of an area emergency.

MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT: The WWRA repeaters are entirely maintained by volunteers who provide technical and administrative services. Costs for professional tower climbing for WWRA antennae on a commercial tower are required. Since the systems establishment in 1976 the WWRA has solicited all users to financially support the WWRA with an annual membership. The WWRA has one fundraiser yearly at the annual general meeting.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY: The WWRA management team comprised of 5 to 10 people, includes the board of directors and operations committee that are elected at an annual general membership meeting. This group of volunteers is responsible for equipment maintenance and financial accountability to the general membership.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY: The general membership has the option through the election of volunteers from the general membership to create an audit committee at the annual general meeting. Once elected this audit committee is self-starting and coordinates their inspection with the board of directors and operations committee. They report their findings to the board of directors upon completion and to the general membership at the next annual general meeting. It is not solely the responsibility of the board of directors to solicit users to become supporting members. It is also the current members of the WWRA repeater who share responsibility to encourage their buddies who use the system to support the WWRA.

The WWRA managers are responsible:

1. To the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for adherence to Part 97 regulations, i.e.,
 - a. Ensure emergency traffic takes priority.
 - b. Monitor the system and ensure it used properly. Trustee and user are jointly responsible.
 - c. Proper uses of call signs by clearly announcing all letter and numerical characters.
 - d. Users permanent/personal address information must be current with FCC within (10) days.
2. To our Gold Mountain host ensuring the repeater system is used as advertised for hobby and community emergency services only. No commercial business operations and no additional external antennae.
3. To the WWRA membership:
 - a. To provide guidance in using the features of the repeaters with instructions, code cards and inter-personal on the air assistance.
 - b. To maintain and upgrade the system for maximum reliability.
 - c. To respond to member requests for additional capabilities (i.e. Echolink, 220MHz, Packet, 1.2 GHz systems) as these projects need additional volunteer leader/sponsor joining the ops volunteers.
4. To the amateur radio community. In deference to supporting members WWRA managers reserve the right to solicit all users. Establish and utilize a consistent solicitation system that is fair to all users.
 - a. The only users who are not subject to solicitations are local net users, visiting hams, Canadian hams who are guests in our country and therefore are guests on our repeater system and NTS traffic passers who are providing a nationwide radio service giving the amateurs a good public image.
 - b. To request that the WWRA active members encourage their user ham buddies to also support the WWRA with their membership.
 - c. Ensuring that ALL users are advised via mail of their equal opportunity to provide membership support.
 - d. Not to solicit users on the air but answer questions and direct users to the WWRA website. An automatic dues reminder makes periodic announcements.
 - e. To make the repeaters available for community service nets, emergency training and local club nets.