

**ALEXANDER AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY LAWS
(ADOPTED, July 15, 2003: Amended January 28, 2007)**

**ARTICLE I
(Name)**

The name of this Association shall be Alexander Amateur Radio Association.

**ARTICLE II
(General Purposes)**

The purposes for which this Association is formed are:

1. The primary purposes are to operate a non-profit Association for educational, scientific and radio communication purposes as follows:
 - a. To educate and increase the proficiency of its members in the science of radio communication.
 - b. To educate the general public regarding the application of scientific principles of radio communication.
 - c. To provide for dissemination of information among its members concerning scientific advancement and progress in the field of radio communication.
 - d. To organize and train units of FCC licensed radio amateurs capable of maintaining radio communication as a public service during periods of emergency and disaster.
 - e. To encourage and sponsor scientific experimental activities in radio communication and electronics, to the end that skills and experience gained in amateur radio will further application of electronics and communication to the benefit of the public at large.
 - f. To promote the high standards of practice and ethics in the conduct of amateur radio communication.
 - g. To assist public service organizations by providing communications services without pecuniary gain or profit.
2. To assist in carrying out these primary purposes, this Association maintains, and intends to continue to maintain, an active affiliation with **The American Radio Relay League, Inc.**, of Newington, Connecticut, the national nonprofit organization of radio amateurs.
3. The general purposes and powers of this Association are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit Associations under the laws of the state of North Carolina, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property, provided, however, that this Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this Association.

ARTICLE III

(SECTION 501 (C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE PURPOSE)

The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section **501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of

any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV

This Association is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Laws of the State of North Carolina. This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it is organized for nonprofit purposes.

ARTICLE V HEADQUARTERS

The county in the State of North Carolina where the principal office for the transaction of business of this organization is to be located is Alexander County.

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT

The general management of the affairs of this Association shall be under the control, supervision and direction of the officers. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of officers until the succession of their successors are as follows:

John C. Dollar, Jr. *Emergency Coordinator*
348 6th ST NW
Taylorsville, NC 28681

Jonnie Hutchison, *Assistant Emergency Coordinator*
252 Liledoun RD
Taylorsville, NC 28681

Bradley Millsaps, *Assistant Emergency Coordinator*
110 20th ST SE
Taylorsville, NC 28681

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

All members of this Association will consist of two classes of membership, to include regular active members and inactive members. Both memberships shall consist of currently licensed amateurs. All active members have voting status. Membership shall be by application.

ARTICLE VIII DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this Association is irrevocably dedicated to the educational and scientific purposes, and no part of its net income or assets shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Association, its assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to The American Radio Relay League, Inc., if it then is in existence and exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; but if it is not then in existence or exempt, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code.

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall conform to the general rules governing the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) issued by the American Radio Relay League and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. All offices shall be filled by currently licensed amateurs. The officers will consist of an Emergency Coordinator, one or more Assistant Emergency Coordinators, Net Manager, Technical Director, Treasurer, Public Information Officer and Secretary. One member may fill more than one of these positions simultaneously.

Sec. 2. The Emergency Coordinator is appointed by the State Section Emergency Coordinator. All other officers are appointed by the Emergency Coordinator and approved by at least one-third of the membership.

Sec. 3. Officers are appointed for a period of one year. Officers may serve consecutive years as appointed by the EC and approved by at least two thirds of the membership.

ARTICLE X DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The Emergency Coordinator shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and conduct the same according to rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of these Articles and Bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by this Association, and no other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of Emergency Coordinator.

Sec. 2. The Assistant Emergency Coordinator shall assume all the duties of the Emergency Coordinator in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3. The Net Manager shall schedule net control personnel for weekly nets, serve as liaison to other amateur radio nets, and conduct training on proper net procedure.

Sec. 4. The Technical Director shall be responsible for regular maintenance, installation and use of all electronic and radio communications gear owned and operated by the Association.

Sec. 5. The Public Information office shall serve as publicity person of this Association and shall be responsible for activities involving regular and frequent publicizing of amateur activities through local news media; school programs; presentations to service clubs and community organizations; exhibits and demonstrations; and other efforts which create a positive public image for this Association. He/She will also establish personal contacts with local government officials where possible to explain about Amateur Radio and how it can help the local community.

Sec. 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence and read communications at each meeting. He shall keep the Association records in chronological order in a loose-leaf binder to best facilitate easy reference. The Secretary will possess good writing and communications skills.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization of the officers of the Association. At each meeting, the Treasurer will submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Association to his successor. There shall be an annual audit by a committee of three members appointed by the Association Emergency Coordinator.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

The Bylaws shall provide for regular monthly meetings at a time and location decided by the membership. Special meetings may be called upon the discretion of the Association Emergency Coordinator.

ARTICLE XII DUES

The Association, by a vote of one third (1/3) of the membership, at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Association within its objects, as set forth in the preamble. Nonpayment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Association within the discretion of the membership.

We, the undersigned, officers of the Alexander Amateur Radio Association, certify that this document, Articles and Bylaws of the Association of the Alexander Amateur Radio Association, was adopted at the regular monthly meeting of Alexander Amateur Radio Association on July 15, 2003.

Signed, _____
John Dollar, Emergency Coordinator

Signed, _____
Jonnie Hutchison, Assistant Emergency Coordinator

Signed, _____
Bradley Millsaps, Assistant Emergency Coordinator