

Valley Radio Club FAQ

Q. What is Valley Radio Club?

A. Valley Radio Club of Oregon was chartered in 1932 and it is one of the oldest radio clubs in the nation. We meet in Eugene Oregon and work closely with the American Red Cross to help with local emergencies.

Q. Does the club have a web site?

A. Yes, <http://www.valleyradioclub.org>

Q. Do I need to know Morse code (CW) to get a license?

A. No. The code requirement was removed several years ago.

Q. How can I get a ham radio license?

A. You can take a class or study on your own at home using books and online resources. We hold monthly test sessions in Eugene. The cost to take a test is \$15.00. Check www.valleyradioclub.org for dates and locations.

Q. If I need help setting up my radio who do I ask?

A. You can get on the mail list, and ask there. Many people will be willing to assist you. We also have an "Elmer's" table at each meeting prior to meeting start. An Elmer is a person whom you can ask for help, on a regular basis.

Q. If I need help programming my radio, who can I ask?

A. Get on the email list and ask there. See, <https://www.valleyradioclub.org/interest-groups/> for a list of current mail lists the club supports.

Q. Does the club have a local net?

A. Yes, each week, the "W7PXL Tech Net", meets on Tuesday, at 7 PM, on 146.72, it can be used for general help. Use a tone of 100. Also, the "Up the Creek net", it meets every Thursday at 7 PM on 28.450 MHz., upper sideband.

Q. Does the club operate a local repeater?

A. Our club repeater operates in the 2 meters band and is located west of Junction City Oregon with great coverage of the south Willamette Valley. The frequency is 146.720 MHz, -600 Khz. and a tone of 100 Hz. We also have a six meter repeater, on 53.030, -1.7 MHz, and a tone of 100 Hz.

Q. Can I become a member of the club?

A. VRC welcomes people interested in amateur radio, we ask that you come to a meeting and fill out an application. You will have a first reading and come to a second meeting where you will have your second reading and then be voted in. Yearly dues for members are \$24.00.

Q. Do I have to be an ARRL member to join the club?

A. No, but joining the ARRL is a very good thing.

Q. How many people usually attend the monthly meetings?

A. On average about 50 people come to our meetings.

Q. What do you talk about on the monthly meetings?

A. We first cover a few business matters and then an invited person or member will present a radio related program or talk about things like radios, antennae, DX-peditions, contest, electronics, digital modes, towers, and much more.

Q. How can I get more information about ham radio?

A. You can visit www.arrl.org The National Association for Amateur Radio.

Mail reflector FAQ

Q. Do you have an email list?

A. Members communicate using our email list or "reflector" where all of us can get current Amateur Radio information, post radios or equipment for sale, and discuss Amateur Radio in general. Please keep discussion topics limited to Amateur Radio. It's a great way to plan for events, keep in touch with club members, ask questions and more. You need ask and be added to the reflector by our email administrator.

Q. Do I have to be a member of VRC to join the email list?

A. No.

Q. How do I join the mail list?

A. Go to: <https://www.valleyradioclub.org/interest-groups/>.

Q. Are there any rules for the mail list?

A. Yes, as with any mail list, there are rules, when you sign up you get the rules sent to your email. Here is a short list of some of the rules.

Q. If I have a topic about Amateur radio can I post it on the email reflector?

A. Yes.

Q. If I have a topic not related to Amateur Radio can I post it on the reflector?

A. Yes, but... If it is not related to Amateur Radio you may want to move it elsewhere, remember there are over one hundred people on this list, so they all have to read your post. This list is for, and about, the club and amateur radio subjects.

Q. What is thread stealing?

A. Thread stealing is when you reply to a thread, changing the thread subject line to something other than what the thread was originally started under.

An example of thread stealing would be if you saw a note about "Amplifiers", and responded to it, by hitting reply, but changed the subject to "2 Meter Radios", and then talked about two meter radios. That is thread stealing, and it really messes with the threading of both the reflector digesting, and most people's email clients.

Another form of thread stealing is when you talk about a subject not having anything to do with the subject of the email you are answering. Don't do that please, just start a new thread...

Q. Can I post links to interesting things I find on the web?

A. Yes but all links should be related to amateur radio in some way, and you should be familiar with the material on the link. Also, add a short description of what is there.

We have had at least one incident where a link was posted to an amateur radio related thread, that had NSFW, (Not Safe For Work), material there. Remember young adults use this list as well. Be sure what you link to is appropriate for all age groups, review the link you are posting, in total, before posting a link to it on the email list. Also, use common sense in the number of times you post these sorts of links. If you have to ask if it is OK to post something, it probably is not.

Q. If I am offended, or bothered by a post, what can I do?

A. If possible, relax, get over it, and then forget about it. If you are truly offended by a post please contact the list administrator. The administrators email is included in the email you are sent when you sign up.

Q. I feel person "X" insulted me on the reflector, should I respond on the reflector?

A. No, take it off the reflector and/or go fight it out behind the school house.

Q. How often can I post per day?

A. That is up to you... If the posts are relevant, and about amateur radio, then you can post more than if you are just mindlessly posting links to things related to amateur radio. Use common sense!

Q. Can I post photos of my cat?

A. No one cares about your cat but you! Please keep posts related to Amateur Radio.

Q. Can I list my for sale items on the reflector?

A. Yes, as long as they are amateur radio related.

Q. Can I attach files to the emails I post?

A. Yes, the list will block things like .exe, script files, etc. Be sure to virus scan all files you attach, well over 200 people will get your email. Keep all attached files suitable for young adults.

Q. What should I do with an attached file I get from the email list?

A. Be careful with it, it may be virus infected, scan all files you get from anywhere with a virus scanner, make sure you have updated your virus definition files sometime recently.

Q. I believe I got a virus infection from an attachment I got from the email list, what do I do?

A. Clean your machine...

Q. How do I unsubscribe from the email list?

A. There are instructions at the bottom of every email sent from the list on how to change your delivery options. Please read them. If you still can't figure it out, send email to [the list administrator](#), asking to be removed.

Q. I am not seeing my own posts on the email list, what is going on?

A. Some mail clients don't show your posts. If you want to be sure people are seeing your posts, ask a friend if they are seeing it. If no one is seeing your posts, email the email list administrator, asking for help.

Q. I post email from my pad, and all I see is the list signature line, what is happening?

A. Some older Android tablets have this issues, most do not.