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**Official Organization of the Sevier Amateur Radio Club
Started May 2016**

The Sevier Amateur Radio Club has grown from a few interested Ham Radio Operators meeting at “Bullies” back in mid-2009 to an organized group of Radio enthusiasts who have completed 342 weekly nets without a miss. We have over 130 different operators who have checked in at one time or another and about 50 that check in regularly - at least once a month. We have documented an Emergency Guideline that our operators, as well as Public Service, can follow in the event of a communications emergency that can re-establish communication among communities throughout the county and state if necessary.

We have completed several Ham Radio Classes helping over 150 new operators earn their licenses or upgrades. We have conducted Amateur Radio Exercises to determine the limits and capabilities of our equipment and our operators so we can improve our chances of helping our communities. The work we have done with the Central Utah Public Health Department includes 2 different Ham Radio Classes and subsequent testing, consulting on radio equipment and the eventual setup/programming of more than 30 radios in their system. Currently, we are working with them on a statewide “event” exercise and helping them determine their inter-agency communication capability and what part Ham Radio might play in the exercise.

Earlier this year, I began to realize that we have reached a point in our evolution that justifies and almost demands that we become more credible, more organized and more capable of working with other agencies in the communication world. We have so many excellent Amateur Operators now consistently contributing as mentors or guides amongst us, it made selecting a few to start this organizing effort very difficult. I went back to look at those who started with us in 2009 and arrived at a short list of individuals who were with us at Bullies or by our first net in November 2009.

This “Organization Committee” is comprised of:

Steve Fehlhaber – KE7ZIW*	Scott Brady – AC7OD
Shalice Brady – AC7NQ	Gary Reid – KF7FQU*
Becky Christiansen – KF7FRN*	Vearl Christiansen – KF7FRM*
Jeff Neilson – W7JVN	Del Dimick – W7AJY*
Keith Cartwright – N7XUO*	(*=attended all meetings)

We met on May 4, May 11, May 18 and June 1, 2016 to arrive at a Club Charter or “Constitution” and by-laws. We have also identified the steps necessary for us to complete this process which requires the involvement of all qualified and interested Amateur Radio Operators. This initial document can be seen as a [Word](#), [pdf](#) or [htm](#) file.

The Benefits of Organizing –

1. Maintain a regular schedule of Ham Radio events and activities,
2. Easier to participate in Community events and activities,
3. Allows us to acquire “Club” equipment available to all,
4. Acquire a “Club” call sign for local and National events in Amateur Radio,
5. Should provide us a spot on State and National lists of recognized Radio Clubs.

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Ratification Process –

We need all interested operators to review this document and send us your approval or denial so we can tally the yes and no votes by email. “Other” comments will be accepted but not incorporated into any change process until 2017. All submittals must be sent to steve@steveswww.com by July 30, 2016 to be included in the “Ratification” vote. All current members of our Yahoo Groups site and the individual email list will be forwarded this information. It can be forwarded to anyone interested. All emailed votes will be retained along with copies of this process for validation by anyone at anytime.

Post Ratification process –

The completion of this process allows us to open a “Club Account” at a Banking institution so dues can be collected and expenses can be processed with accepted accounting policies. The “Dues” process will begin our “Membership” roster.

We are starting with \$5 annual dues per person which need to be paid by October 31, 2016 to be eligible to vote for our first Club Officers in a November 2016 election process. Normal “Annual Dues” are due January 1st of every year. These elected officials will begin their term January 1st, 2017. This will be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A “Net Coordinator” will be selected and approved by these officers. This is a one year term.

The only expenses envisioned at this time are securing an official club Post Office Box for correspondence and refreshments for club activities. We would expect that we may purchase, maintain or repair “Club” Radio Equipment in the future or offer donations to other clubs who maintain Repeaters for us. This is a club association and dues are NOT a deduction on taxes.

Interim designated Officers -

Between today and December 31st, 2016, the Organizational Committee will operate as the Officers in the Club until the elected Officers can assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2017. We see no other way to get this started!

Eligibility of initial Elected Officials –

The eligibility of future elected officials is defined in the Club Constitution however, as a new organization, these requirements cannot apply. Therefore, our first Officers eligibility will require a documented minimum of 12 “check-ins” per year for the previous 12 month period November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016 and 2016 dues current.

Our Constitution and by-laws will offer us structure and flexibility to adapt to our Radio changing needs for years to come. We understand that there will be improvements and corrections to be made and we will need everyone’s help to see that they are identified and implemented. We are an incredible TEAM. I am proud to be a part of all this and hope that you will be also!!!