

2009 Application for Membership

Skyview Radio Society
 Membership Officer
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Each person applying for membership in Skyview Radio Society must complete this application, sign it, and mail it with payment to the address above. Each member is entitled to vote at meetings and to operate within the bounds of the member's license at the Skyview Radio Society facilities.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Other Phone: _____ Work Cell Pager

License Class: _____ ARRL Member: Yes No

Emergency Certifications Held:

Have	Description	Cert. #	Date	Expires	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	CERT				
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPR				
<input type="checkbox"/>	AED				
<input type="checkbox"/>	EmComm Level I				
<input type="checkbox"/>	EmComm Level II				
<input type="checkbox"/>	EmComm Level III				
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wilderness First Aid				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to ICS (ICS-100)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic ICS (ICS-200)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	NIMS, An Introduction (IS-700)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Response (IS-800)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Skywarn				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Skywarn				
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Please list sponsors for your membership below. If left blank, sponsors will be selected at the next regular business meeting.

Name: _____ Call: _____

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Calculate your membership dues ...

\$ Amount

Regular Membership

Date Joined: (See Note, below)	Jan Feb Mar Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dues:	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

\$ _____

Additional family members at same address

_____ X \$10.00

\$ _____

Senior or Physically Challenged Discount

\$ -5.00

\$ _____

Optional Donation

\$ _____

Total Enclosed

\$ _____

I agree to follow the rules of Skyview Radio Society, to treat all society property with good care, and to abide by the rules and regulations of my Amateur Radio License.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: New members are received, by vote at our monthly business meeting, held on the first Monday of each month. To calculate your first year's dues, determine which month you application will be received. The dues under that month, in the above table, are what you should pay. Renewal notices are issued in late November for the following year.



Q5-er – The official Newsletter for the Skyview Radio Society

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Message from the Skyview President:

This year Skyview will close out its first half century and in 2010 we will celebrate our Golden (50th) Anniversary. The founding members literally gave all of us a great place to enjoy the many facets of amateur radio and especially the kinship among hams. Each year builds on those before and every member past and present has contributed to Skyview's greatness I hope 2009 will uphold that tradition. Since this is the first president's message since the revival of the Q5'er I thought it fitting to bring folks up to date on some events of the Skyview year thus far. If this rambles a bit it is because so much has been happening!

The first half of 2009 has certainly been busy and eventful. We began the year with an ambitious program to improve the radio room equipment and the facilities. In addition we planned an update to the Constitution and Bylaws in preparation for changing our tax exempt status from 501(c) (4) classified as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.. We even established some new committees to Plan for the 50th, Focus on Emcomm and expand our member / friend communications- the "Q5er" being one.

The Skyview year begins with the banquet – We had a great time; John Rogers, N3MSE, section manager announced designation of Skyview as an ARES *Official Emergency Station* and *Official Relay Station* recognizing Skyview as an important link in emergency communications. Tony, KB3HGJ and Dave, KB3FXI, were honored for their service as officers and Bob, KB3RMB, earned the Skyview Ham Of The year (SHOTY) recognizing his dedication as membership chair secretary and many other contributions.

February brought a major windstorm to Skyview causing some \$26,000 in damage. The major loss was the toppling of the 100 foot repeater tower putting 64 off the air for about six weeks until Cooky WC3O braved the elements and placed temporary antenna on the old pipe tower. I am happy to say that we are emerging from this disaster better and stronger than before many members answered the call for help in cleaning up the toppled trees debris, repairing damage to the roof and other structures.



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Many friends of Skyview came forward with contributions to help get us back on our feet; I'm happy to say that the recovery is going along nicely and with any luck we will have a new 120 foot tower to support the repeater and some new additions to our antenna complement. Very special thanks go to those nonmembers who made contributions to help Skyview through this difficult time.

John (Doc), K3MD announced his plans to retire and returned to his home in central Pennsylvania leaving an opening for vice president. In accordance with the Constitution the Board of Directors appointed Tom Kerr, AB3GY, to serve the remainder Doc's term. Tom's willingness to jump into the breach is greatly appreciated. . Best of luck to you Doc!

The IRS informed us that are 50-year-old Constitution didn't pass muster required by new rules. We completed the Constitution and Bylaw update and as well as some changes to the "Articles of Incorporation" and are confident that we will be "tax-exempt" very soon opening the way for contributions to enhance our service to the community. Copies of the Constitution will be distributed to all with an explanation of the changes.

Speaking of fund raisers, the Annual "Swap & Shop" is coming up August 23. Come help out, clean out your good stuff for sale at the Skyview tent—don't forget the great Skyview eats. Bring your friends! Contact Bob, KG3F for details.

Membership now stands at 91 members with a good possibility we can top 100 by year's end. Skyview is truly the great club and with all of the activities and it is the best bargain around.

Thanks to each and every member of Skyview we're looking forward to a great second half of 09 and a really super celebration of our Golden anniversary as a radio club. Each of you should be puffing your chest out by now and patting yourself on the back. Our club relies exclusively on the hard work and support of the members.

Keep in touch with us on the web www.skyviewradio.net , on the yahoo group k3mjw@yahooogroups.com the Thursday night net on 146.640 (ye, we do radio!) If you want to get involved, have suggestions or comments, please let me know. Email ab3er@yahoo.com .

Larry, AB3ER (Skyview President, 2009)



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Groundwave – *What's going on at the Joint on the ground? Besides getting on the air, Skyview does a lot of ground work, too!*

Speaking of groundwork...

The Skyview gang has been busy at work in recovery phase after the club sustained major damages from a rare winter storm in February of this year.

Things are shaping up and the facility should be better looking and equipped than ever.

We had the trees cut to North side of the property line and a few other unhealthy trees removed toward the entrance. Final cleanup of the remaining logs and stumps should be completed soon.

In the meantime, plans for the new tower are being worked out.

There are still a few more ground events for 2009. All clubs and individuals are welcome as the following events are open to all....

-July 21 – Ice Cream Social

-August 23 – Skyview Swap n' Shop!

For more information, please drop us a line during our weekly net on the Thursday night net at 9pm on the K3MJW repeater (146.640 / 131.8 PL). Or check us out on the web at www.skyviewradio.net.

Skywave – *K3MJW on the air report!*

Contests and events already worked in '09.

The January 2009 RTTY RU

Rich and the gang busted out 102120 points, 888 QSOs with QSO's matched for all 50 states!

The WASH 2m simplex contest

The crew used the repeater antenna and made 67 contacts.

Field Day!

Once again, a very successful event with 2 club stations running... K3MJW and AB3ER at Townsend Park. Fun was had by all... great food (thanks Lou), good turnouts and we got some great publicity, too. Thanks to all who pitched in to make 2009 Field Day a huge success.

Upcoming on the air contests / radio events for K3MJW & WX3SKY in 2009!

August 15 - Murrysville Community Day Skyview booth. Contact AB3ER for info.

August or September (TBA) – Return trip to Mt. Davis! Check in on the K3MJW net or the email list for updates!

October 10-11 – PA QSO Party
At Skyview.



Join us...

- Skyview Radio Society 2m Net – Every Thursday evening at 9pm on the K3MJW Repeater, 146.64 / 131.8 PL, back-up machine is WA3WOM 145.370 / 131.8 PL (thanks, Mike!)
- Business Meeting – 1st Tuesday every month at 7:30 PM
- EmComm/WX Night – 2nd Tuesday every month at 7:30 PM
- Social Night (Food and Fun) – 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 - ?PM
- Elmer Night – 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM

**Visit us on the Internet at www.skyviewradio.net
and please consider joining our email list, K3MJW on Yahoo Groups**

Skyview Radio Society Mission Statement

- * To promote fellowship between amateur radio operators, radio enthusiasts, and the general public.
- * To assist in public service and emergency services when needed.
- * To help to bring new people into this honorable hobby. This should include informing, teaching, and examining for a license.
- * To employ and experiment with the new modes of communications as well as the normal modes.
- * To maintain a clean and proper clubhouse. A club and clubhouse we can all be proud of.
- * To promote cooperation with outside clubs and associations to our mutual benefit and the good of the Amateur Radio Service.



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Upcoming Skyview Events – *Elmer nights and other radio-related club activities!*

Elmer Nights

July 28th – K3RWN on NFL frequency coordination

August 25th – K3LR, on tower climbing safety

September 22nd – TBA

Hamfests – *Let's support all the clubs in Western Pennsylvania by attending their hamfests... and have some fun, too!*

August 23rd - Skyview Radio Society Swap-N-Shop and PA Section Convention.

Info: (Email-skyviewhamfest2009@verizon.net)

web: www.skyviewradio.net

September 5th -: Uniontown Hamfest (W3PIE)

www.w3pie.org/

September 13th - Butler County ARA Hamfest

www.w3udx.org

Check in to the K3MJW net for event schedules and club announcements every Thursday night at 9pm local on the K3MJW repeater (146.64 / 131.8 PL)

EmComm – *Skyview (K3MJW / WX3SKY) is now designated as both an Official Emergency Station, and an Official Relay Station. Skyview encourages its members to prepare for the time when "All Else Fails".*

As work continues in our recovery phase from the February storm, plans are in place for antenna improvements with EmComm in mind.

Thanks to WC3O for putting up the official 80m cloud-burner. The 80m resonant dipole is currently up about 8' along the property line behind the pavilion and is working well. Plans are in the works a vertical VHF yagi on a rotor for use on 2m FM and repeater work.

EmComm Basic Training – We're wrapping up our last 2 sessions of the EmComm Basic Training for 2009 with our digital emcomm session on Tuesday July 14th at 7pm and the final session Tuesday August 11th at 7pm where we'll be covering split and cross band repeat operations followed by a wrap-up of material covered in the previous sessions.

ICS / NIMS – Incident Command System and National Incident Management System certifications are available online at: <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/index.shtm>

SKYWARN – Amateur radio plays a big role in providing firsthand/real-time weather observation reports which are relayed to our local area forecaster. Here's the WPA SKWARN training schedule:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pit/skymet.htm>

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Skyview Rag-Chew – *Special interest articles from our members.*

Rebuilding – by WC3O

As many or all of you know, last February there was a major wind storm that passed through the region. A microburst from that storm passed right through our clubhouse grounds causing four large trees to uproot. One of these trees hit a guy wire for our 100 foot tower, breaking a guy and causing the tower to bend over and destroying it. Since that day we have been in recovery mode. Our first steps were to secure the grounds, talk to our insurance company, clean up, cut up the fallen trees, safely remove the old tower, burn whatever tree scraps we could and get the repeater back on the air. There was also lots of other damage the storm caused that needed attention. With GREAT help from our membership and friends of Skyview we are ready for the next steps to get back to where we were before the storm, hopefully even better.

Up to this point we have been asking many questions. We've learned a lot about why the 100 foot tower and the pipe tower were placed where they were. As it turns out, there were many good reasons that our forefathers did things the way they did and why they could have only happened in that particular way. Because of the unique layout of our property, the location on the clubhouse and the driveway/parking area, there are VERY limited options as to where a guyed tower can be located and not interfere with anything else. We discovered that there is no single, perfect answer as to how we should rebuild our tower and how to replace our aging pipe tower so that Skyview will be set in the tower department for the next 50 years. Our thoughts are not just to replace a tower, but what to do for the long term good of Skyview. Whatever options that are decided upon, future members will have to live with for the foreseeable future and we are doing our best to make the right decisions.

In making these decisions we have looked to many in



our membership for guidance and advice. We have received a VERY generous offer from another local club that would like to donate a tower to us. We already have donated Rohn 45G tower sections at our disposal. We have talked to mechanical engineers as to how we should proceed. There have been MANY hours devoted to finding the best resolutions to our issues. It may seem like this has been a slow process, it has been. The many concerns of this project have weighed heavily on the members that are responsible for deciding the best way to proceed, and we all wish that we could just call this project DONE. But we can't just yet. Plans are in motion and we should be seeing progress very soon.

Again, many thanks to all that have put time in on this adventure and to all of our financial supporters as well. I am sure that soon Skyview will have a new look and very high quality support structures to hang our many antennas from. We hope that future generations will appreciate the fact that we cared enough to do a proper job for the good of the club and that our efforts are put to good use for the betterment of Amateur Radio.

Thanks for your continued support.

Your Radio Officer
Bob, WC3O

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