

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

First visit the website: www.rasonva.com.

Check out all the information about RASON and our prestigious hobby.

Contact a member of the Board.

Don't hesitate to email a board member about your interest or if you have any questions. Email addresses can be found on the website. We will respond to you as soon as possible.

Come to a Meeting.

We meet the third Monday of every month at the Norfolk EOC Police Operation Center 3661 Va. Beach Blvd, Norfolk, Va. Contact a member of the Board for directions or questions.

Fill out Application.

When you come to a meeting, you will be given a membership application. Complete the application and return it to the RASON Secretary.

Dues.

Regular/full member - \$12.00 annually for an email copy of the newsletter. \$15.00

annually for a hard copy of the newsletter.

Family Member - \$8.00 annually for each additional family member.

Associate Member - \$8.00 annually.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact any member of the Board or visit our website for more information.



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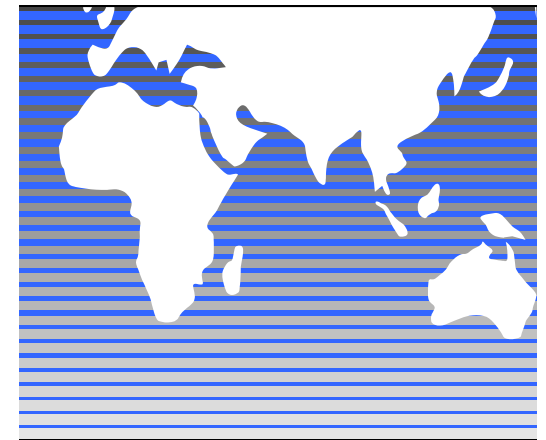
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The Radio Amateur Society of Norfolk (RASON) is dedicated to the hobby as well as its members. The society was created to instill the ideals and principles of ham radio. Even if you do not have an amateur radio license, we have a place for you. Whatever your favorite aspect of amateur radio is, whether it is Morse code, HF, single sideband, public service, or even emergency communications, we have a home for you.

RASON was founded on the premise of fun, hobby, family, and public service. The Society is supported by the local Amateur Radio Community and affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). We welcome all Amateur Radio Operators, no matter the skill level, to help prepare for communication needs during disasters. If you are not a licensed communicator yet, we can help you become one. Come on out to meet us and/or contact is for more information. We need your help to prepare now.

RASON supports SKYWARN

SKYWARN is sponsored by the National Weather Service designed to certify hams in severe weather spotting. Contact RASON for more info.

Welcome! Here's your invitation to a friendly, high tech hobby that's got something fun for everyone. You can become an Amateur Radio Operator-no matter what age, gender, or physical ability. People from all walks of life pass their entry level exams and earn their Amateur (ham) Radio licenses. They all share the diverse world of activities you can explore with ham radio.

You never know who you'll run into when communicating with Amateur Radio: Young people, retirees, teachers and students, engineers and scientists, doctors, mechanics and technicians, homemakers, boaters and astronauts, and even entertainers.

A FUN HOBBY...

Ham radio operators use two-way radio stations from their homes, cars, boats, and outdoors to make hundreds of friends around town and around the world. They communicate with each other using voice, computers, and Morse code. Some hams bounce their signals off the upper regions of the atmosphere so they can talk with hams on the other side of the world. Other hams use satellites. Many use hand-held radios that fit in their pockets

Some also like to work on electronic circuits, build their own radios and antennas. A few pioneers in Amateur Radio have even contributed to advances in technology that we all enjoy today. There are even ham-astronauts that take radios with them on space shuttle missions

and thrill thousands of hams on earth with a call from space.

LICENSE INFORMATION

Achieving your license can't be easier. All the study materials you need are right on the web. If you do not have access to the web, don't fret, there are amateur radio operators with textbooks to loan and knowledge to help you.

How much does it cost?

Currently, the cost is \$15.00 which is paid at the time you take the 35 question exam. You can find a local exam near you by going to www.ARRL.org. Once you pass the exam, you will be issued a license from the Federal Communications Commission as an Amateur Radio Operator. Your license is granted for a term of ten years.