

# HAM RADIO IS \_ READY

When the stakes are high, skilled ham radio operators step up and answer the call. During hurricanes, severe thunderstorms, or even a 911 call center outage, ham radio gets information out when regular telecommunications systems fail.

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# HAM RADIO IS \_ OUT OF THIS WORLD

Talk to an astronaut on the International Space Station. Bounce a signal off the moon, the northern lights, or the trail of a meteorite. Send data through satellites. If a radio wave is what you crave, ham radio gets you to space and back at the speed of light.

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# HAM RADIO IS \_ ADVENTURE

Hear there from anywhere.

With a backpack radio and a solar panel, you can take ham radio with you on any adventure: off-roading, hiking, camping, you name it. Even without cell phones or the internet, you can stay in touch.

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# HAM RADIO IS \_ THE GAME

There are lots of ways to play the ham radio game: make contact with all 50 states, or talk to every country in the world; put a radio in your car and be the station others are hunting for; see how many stations you can talk to in a single weekend. The challenge is yours. Game on.

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# HAM RADIO IS — DISCOVERY



Before makers, hackers, and DIY, there was ham radio. We've been at the forefront of innovation and technology for over a century. Grab a soldering iron and make a transmitter with a Raspberry Pi, or connect a radio to your tablet or smartphone. Build it, code it, then use it.

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# HAM RADIO IS \_ FRIENDSHIP

Whatever part of ham radio you're into, you'll find other hams who love it, too. Across town or around the world, the ham radio community is filled with great people who share, mentor, and teach. Lifelong relationships begin on the air.

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## ***The History of South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.***

In the late summer of 1993, a small group of friends got together to form a new Amateur Radio club in the Pittsburgh area. The purpose of the club was simple; work together as a team to concentrate on the promotion of Amateur Radio. During this time, the group didn't have a name or even a meeting place to call their own. As a result, Jim - KA3EBX began working on a logo that incorporated the two repeaters that he owned, 145.130 MHz and 442.500 MHz. On August 23, 1993, he coined the name "*South Hills Amateur Radio Club*" (SHARC) and incorporated the name into the logo that he was designing. After completing the logo on August 28th, 1993, Jim had the logo & club name notarized on September 15th, 1993, thereby protecting his original work. A copy of the original 1993 notarized document is on file (microfilm) with the Pennsylvania Corporation Bureau. Our group had its first meeting at "King's Restaurant" in Heidelberg.

Around the same time, Steve Hunter - N3MAA, began working diligently on a club constitution & bylaws that were later adopted on September 28th, 1993. Corky - N3MJP - assisted by providing Steve with copies of bylaws from local surrounding clubs. Ron - N3WX also helped as well. Jim began writing numerous letters to various organizations to secure a meeting place for the new group. Up until then, the group had gotten together at a local restaurant and Municipal Park. One of Jim's letters found its way to a secretary at a local church in Bethel Park (John McMillan Presbyterian Church) who was familiar with Amateur Radio. She indicated that during the 60's when her husband was overseas in the military, Ham Radio operators provided phone patches so she could speak with her husband. The secretary had mentioned Jim's letter to the church's pastor, and he agreed to let the group use one of their classrooms.

Jim and Ron drove over to the church to check out the facility and discuss their plans with the church's Pastor. On September 22nd, 1993, Jim signed a liability/ reservation agreement for use of one of the church's classrooms for the club's meetings. On December 21, 1993, Jim wrote and submitted a letter to the ARRL requesting club affiliation. On January 10th, 1994, Jim received a response from ARRL Club Administrative Assistant, Vicky Armentano that his affiliation application was in progress. On March 7th, 1994, Jim received the affiliation charter from the ARRL, which still remains in Jim's possession even to this day. Jim also received a letter from Rick Palm - K1CE, dated March 17th, 1994, confirming the affiliation.

In January of 1994, Jim created the club's first newsletter, "*The Mariner*", a name he chose to tie the club's nautical theme with space exploration & technology. Jim received a very favorable letter about his work on the newsletter, dated January 14, 1994, from then Atlantic Director, Hugh Turnbull - W3ABC. The newsletter was also favorably mentioned in QST by then Section Manager, Bernie Fuller - N3EFN (QST July, 1994, page 127).

In early 1995, Ron & Jim submitted an application to the Internal Revenue Service, requesting an Employer Identification Number, (EIN). Since April 18th, 1995, and until present, Jim has always been the only trustee of SHARC's Federal Employer Identification Number.

Later, Ron applied for a club call sign, and was granted trustee of the call sign, KB3BRF. This is the "original" and "historic" call sign of South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and which was later used by permission of Ron's family, to obtain the callsign of N3WX after Ron passed away in 2001.

Once the club's founding officers established the groundwork, Jim - KA3EBX went on to design all of the club's jackets, hats, and t-shirts. Ron - N3WX was responsible for bringing in several speakers before the club, such as then WPA Section Manager Bernie Fuller - N3EFN, a representative from Crown Communications, and Civil Air Patrol (CAP). We also watched several Amateur Radio videotapes, and we sponsored a "Test Bench" night, where hams could bring in their radios and check their performance using a wattmeter, spectrum analyzer, frequency counter and deviation meter. Another huge success was 'Auction Night', where members donated various items to be auctioned off for the benefit of the club. These were just a few examples of events that helped to raise interest and bring members together to learn more about the hobby. One approach that made our meetings unique and promoted membership participation was our "round table" approach, where everyone sat in a circle. This created a less intimidating environment and promoted open participation from the group.

In addition to club activities, several of our officers were also involved with public service activities. Co-founders Steve Hunter - N3MAA and Corky Bennett - N3MJP were actively involved with activities such as the Pittsburgh Grand Prix, and SATERN. Corky had also participated in the initial rescue effort with respect to the US AIR, flight 427 crash.

From the very beginning, it's the positive & creative contributions from those mentioned above that made SHARC a respectable and popular organization to join. It's always been SHARC's philosophy to recognize the contributions of its members... past and present. After all, its contributions like these that help establish a club's heritage and good reputation. But more importantly, South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc. is an organization that is based upon friendship and members who will go out of their way to help another ham or fellow member. It's basic principles like these which have established our true heritage and good reputation. It's principles like these which we hope will continue to flourish in the true spirit of SHARC for years to come.

***South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.***

***KS3R- N3WX - W3PIT***

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**South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**Membership Application**  
Revised 1-2025

**KS3R / N3WX / W3PIT**

**Membership Section:**

Check (1) Membership & (1) Quarter Selection	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> QTR Jan-Mar	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> QTR Apr-Jun	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> QTR Jul-Sept	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> QTR Oct-Dec
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Membership</b> (licensed):	\$16.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$4.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Discount Membership</b> <18 or 60> yrs (licensed):	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Associate Membership</b> (licensed/unlicensed):	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Membership</b> (per member – licensed/unlicensed):	\$3.00	\$2.25	\$1.50	\$0.75

Name(s) of family household members (Family Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No How long have you been a Ham? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite modes of operation? \_\_\_\_\_ List any special skills that you possess: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ List other clubs that you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an accredited VE? ☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Callsign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthday (Month/Day/Year):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Page Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHARC reserves the right to accept or reject new memberships or renewals.**

Please make your check or money order payable to **South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.** (Do not send cash!)

Please return the completed membership form along with your check or money order to:

**South Hills Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
211 Gerrie Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1806

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Legally founded: August 23, 1993

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