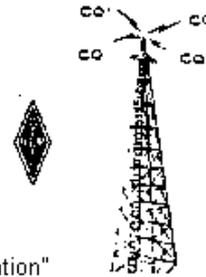




Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society Inc.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



"Dedicated to Furthering the Interest of VHF Operation"

Dear Fellow VHFer:

The **GREATER PITTSBURGH VHF SOCIETY** wishes to extend an invitation for you to join our organization. You have been selected to receive this invitation because you have shown a genuine interest in VHF OPERATIONS and have been heard in QSO's on our network repeater system.

If you have been a former member who have neglected to renew you membership...We invite you back into the Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society. If you are a newly licensed amateur, we can give you experienced guidance in the handling of the many problems that you will encounter in VHF OPERATIONS. We can give you *HELP, ASSISTANCE, and BENEFICIAL SUGGESTIONS* in setting up your station.

If you are a fugitive form the lower frequencies...We invite you to learn more about the VHF BANDS and about the people who operate them. And if you are an old timer...You can benefit us by sharing you experiences and advice with us.

NOW WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING: You would have access to AUTOPATCH USAGE...The **146.610MHZ (-600), 444.950MHZ (+500), 223.980MHZ (+1.6)**, all linked together and 29.640Mhz-10 Meter /52.640Mhz-6 Meter Repeaters. All are owned by the GPVHFS in Pittsburgh area. Also the **145.330 (-600) Repeater** in Delmont. You would be eligible to participate in all the Social Events that are open to GPVHFS members only. You would also receive the Club's Bi-monthly Newsletter.

Thanks for you support

Hoping to have you as a New Member

Best of 73's

KA3TDQ - JOE
Membership Committee Chairman
GPVHFS

PS--Listen to the **GPVHFS SWAP-N-SHOP NET** on Tuesday nights at 9:00PM, September through June on W3PGH/R Repeater System. A complete listing of the Swap-N-Shop may be down loaded from the Club Packet Bulletin Board (W3PGH[digi-PITTS] or W3PGH-1[digi-W3PGH-7] on 144.910MHZ. You may also down load a copy of the list on Internet at <http://engrng4.fsheng.pitt.edu/gpvhfs/> Also listen and checkin to the **SATERN** (The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Net), on Tuesday nights at 8:00PM.

Check out the Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society Web Page at <http://engrng4.fsheng.pitt.edu/gpvhfs/>

GREATER PITTSBURGH VHF SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All memberships are based on a calendar year and will expire on December 31st. There are two types of membership available to you:

REGULAR MEMBERS have all benefits of membership, including, unlimited use of the Autopatch on the club owned and operated 146.610MHZ, 444.950MHZ, and 223.980MHZ repeaters located in the Pittsburgh area. The Autopatch serves the entire Pittsburgh Metropolitan area, as described in part two.

The Dues for **REGULAR MEMBERS** are currently set at \$20.00 per year.

NEW REGULAR MEMBER applicants may join for a partial year according to the following schedule:

Application made between JAN 1 and MAR 31---\$20.00

Application made between APR 1 and JUN 30---\$16.00
Application made between JUL 1 and SEP 31---\$12.00
Application made between OCT 1 and DEC 31---\$ 8.00

(Dues are 1/2 price for additional member in the SAME HOUSEHOLD)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS may not vote, hold office, or use the Autopatch but may attend meetings and social events and also receive the Society Newsletter.

The Dues for **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** are currently set at \$7.50 per year. There are no partial year fees for **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** applicants, it is \$7.50 no matter when in the year it is.

HERE IS WHAT TO DO!!

Everyone must complete the Application. You **MUST** give your phone number. If you do not want it published in the Society Roster, check the "**DO NOT PUBLISH**" block and it will remain in the Treasurer's records only. If you have a new call which is not in the current edition of the Callbook, include a photocopy of your license with your Application.

AUTOPATCH OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.. Make sure you are in a good signal area before attempting Autopatch. In the case of mobile, make sure your travel keeps you from dropping out of the repeater.
2. If you have an important Autopatch to make, then interrupt a QSO. Like wise, if you are in a QSO, please honor another station's request to break for an Autopatch.
3. During an Autopatch conversation you are in complete control of on air content. By keying you rig you override all signal from the phone line. In this way, any bad language can be kept from being transmitted by the repeater.
4. As soon as you know you have dialed a wrong number, quickly tell the answering party you have dialed a wrong number and immediately proceed with Autopatch dump sequence.
5. Before testing new touch-tone pads on the air, try to use whatever equipment you have available to adjust it. If you want someone to listen to your tones, please try a simplex frequency. You should not attempt to interrupt a QSO to complete final testing of your pad.
6. Do not use the Autopatch or the repeater to conduct business. There should be no monetary gain for you or the answering party connected with the content of the conversation. If you call a place of business, the content of the conversation should have nothing to do with the company's line of business. If you have any doubts, play it safe and do not make the Autopatch call.
7. Do not use the autopatch solely to circumvent long distance telephone charges for yourself. Other than for the purpose of testing or demonstration, there should normally be no need to make an Autopatch from your home.
8. When identifying you station and third party traffic at the conclusion of an Autopatch, make sure you speak clearly enough to be understood.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PART TWO

Home Phone # _____ Applicant's Call _____

Provide a complete listing of all TOLL phone numbers (exchanges which are NOT on the Toll Free Calling Area List) that you **MIGHT** call on the Autopatch someday (friends, relatives, other hams, place of employment, police, fire, ambulance, etc.). *GIVE COMPLETE NUMBERS:*

I agree to be financially responsible for these and any other toll calls that I may make on the Society Autopatch.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS - PART THREE

Applicants for **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:**

- 1) Write a check to **GREATER PGH VHF SOCIETY INC FOR** \$ _____
- 2) Complete the Application.

Applicants for **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

- 1) Write a check to GREATER PGH VHF SOCIETY INC for \$7.50
- 2) Complete the Application.
- 3) Include a copy of you license if it is NOT current in Callbook or on the WEB.

4) **Mail everything to:**

**Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society, Inc.
ARS - KA3IYI
Don Younkin
716 Joyce Drive
West Mifflin, PA 15122**

- 5) All necessary information for the type of membership you have chosen will then be mailed back to you.
KEEP ALL MATERIAL EXCEPT THE APPLICATION(S) FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!!