



# Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(All areas on form must be completed)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_  
First middle init. Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER?  YES  NO

WHEN TALKING ON THE AIR, WHAT NAME DO YOU USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU USE THE INTERNET?  YES  NO E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLAIN BRIEFLY WHY YOU WISH TO JOIN R.A.T.S. \_\_\_\_\_

EACH MONTH THE CLUB TRIES TO HAVE A TOPIC OF INTEREST AT THE MEETING. WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSED? (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ELECTRONIC IN NATURE.)

WOULD YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, BE WILLING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING?  YES  NO  
IF SO, WHAT TOPIC? \_\_\_\_\_

OUR CLUB NEEDS "PEOPLE POWER" TO OPERATE. CHECK AREAS IN WHICH YOU WILL PARTICIPATE:  
 FROSTFEST  PROGRAMS  SOCIAL EVENTS  PUBLIC RELATIONS  
 OTHER AREAS (LIST YOUR IDEAS) \_\_\_\_\_

DUES FOR NEW APPLICANTS INCLUDE A \$5.00 FEE AND ARE PRORATED TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 1 (SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE DETAILS). SPECIAL RATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (AT THE SAME ADDRESS), SENIOR CITIZENS (AGE 65 AND OVER), AND MEMBERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE (YOUTH). SEE THE CHART BELOW FOR RATES:

MONTH SUBMITTING APPLICATION (PROCESSED AT REGULAR MEETING)	FIRST YEAR CLUB DUES	SPECIAL RATE CLUB DUES	
SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER	\$25.00	\$15.00	<b>IF YOU CLAIM SPECIAL RATE STATUS THEN CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW:</b>
JANUARY-MARCH	\$20.00	\$12.50	
APRIL-JUNE	\$15.00	\$10.00	
JULY-AUGUST	\$10.00	\$7.50	

**I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN RATS, INC., AND STATE MY INTENT TO ATTEND MEETINGS & PARTICIPATE IN FROSTFEST AND OTHER CLUB CLUB FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE HELD/SCHEDULED.**

Check here if you do not want your phone listed in club directory.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS A TWO PAGE FORM. IF PRINTING FROM THE INTERNET, PRINT AND FILL OUT 2 COPIES of page 1.

### For Internal Use

Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Directory  Orientation  Letter

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Prospective members must submit an application with the appropriate dues. All areas on the application must be filled out in order to apply for membership. Election will be by majority vote of members present at the next general membership meeting. You do not have to be present at this meeting to be voted in, but **you will need to attend an orientation meeting before repeater codes and other club privileges will be available to the new member.**

**Full Membership:** Available only to licensed radio amateurs who already hold their valid FCC issued amateur radio call sign. Full members in good standing shall have full voice in the conduct of the affairs of the club and shall enjoy all the privileges of membership, including access to the repeater functions.

**Associate Membership:** Available only to non-amateurs, organizations, or licensed radio amateurs who reside outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Associate members do not have voting privileges or access to repeater codes, and are not eligible to hold office in RATS.

**Dues:** The annual dues year runs from October 1st through September 30th of each calendar year. New member's dues are prorated by quarter to expire on September 30th (see chart on application), and include a \$5.00 new member fee. The fee covers various administrative, printing, and postage costs the club incurs with a new membership. Annual renewal rates do not have the fee included.

Full Membership dues are currently \$20.00 per year (prorated), plus the \$5.00 new member fee.

Associate members, additional Full members from a Full member's immediate household, Senior citizens (age 65 and over), and those members 17 years of age and younger, pay at a rate equal to one-half the annual rate of \$20.00 (i.e. \$10.00, also prorated), plus the \$5.00 new member fee.

If any individual of a family membership qualifies under the standard (Full) dues rate, that member shall be the primary holder of the family membership. Special rate members can not be primary holders of a family membership.

**"People Powered" Club:** In order for a large club such as RATS, Inc., to operate in accordance with its purpose, a commitment is needed from all members. Whether it is a need to fill an elected or appointed office, deliver a meeting program, or work on a special project, the club needs your support. Though we all enjoy the benefits of the repeaters, members also have an obligation to participate as helpers in club activities. Please consider volunteering to fill a need.

The *Frostfest* is our annual hamfest, which takes place in January. Help is always needed, whether it is selling tickets or just watching the doors to ensure "gate-crashers" don't get in without paying. The purpose of the Frostfest is to promote amateur radio and to provide funds for the support of the club's operation.

The *Program Committee* helps with the ideas and coordination of programs for our monthly meetings.

The *Social Committee* helps plan and implement various social functions (as approved by the Board) such as parties, picnics, or other group get-togethers.

The *Public Relations Committee* is responsible for the collection, dissemination, and distribution of information pertaining to amateur radio as deemed/set by the Board.

**Meeting Information:** Meetings are normally held at 8 p.m. on the third Friday of a month, although the schedule, which is set by the Board of Directors, can vary. Our current meeting site is the West End Volunteer Rescue Squad at 1802 Chantilly Street, Richmond( Go east on Broad Street one block past Staples Mill and turn right on Chantilly next to the East Coast Station. Please do not call the West End Volunteer Squad for meeting details (as they do not have them), but check our web site (<http://www.rats.net>), or send e-mail to [rats@rats.net](mailto:rats@rats.net) for the latest meeting information. Or, if you don't have a computer, you can call the RATS Voice Mailbox System at 804-790-0077 and enter box RATS (7287).