

(Non-Profit)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is **SAGINAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

(Please type or print corporate name)

ARTICLE II.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

To secure the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons interested in amateur radio, by furthering the interest of radio in the general community, and rendering service to the community in times of disaster and otherwise.

ARTICLE III.

Location of the registered office is:

116 No. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw Saginaw, Michigan.
(No.) (Street) (City) (Zone) (County)

Postoffice address of registered office is:

116 No. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw Michigan.
(No. and Street or P. O. Box) (City) (Zone)

ARTICLE IV.

The name of the first resident agent is **Charles Leedke**

ARTICLE V.

Said corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.
(Stock-share or non-stock)

~~(a)~~

~~(If upon a stock-share basis fill in the following)~~

~~The total number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have authority to issue is _____
(No. shares) of the par value of \$ _____ per share.~~

~~A statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof is as follows:~~

~~The minimum amount of capital with which the corporation will commence business is \$ _____
(This must not be less than \$1000)~~

~~(b)~~

~~(If upon a non-stock basis strike out paragraph (a) above and fill in the following)~~

The amount of assets which said corporation possesses is:

*Real property: None

*Personal property: \$180.00 in treasury and \$200.00 in equipment.

*(Give description and value. If none, insert the word "none")

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: Dues of \$6.00 per member, per year.

ARTICLE VI.

The names and places of residence, or business, of each of the incorporators and ~~(if a corporation organized upon a stock-share basis) the number of shares of stock subscribed for by each~~ are as follows:

(At least three required)

(Please type or print following information if possible)

NAMES	RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS	NUMBER OF SHARES
	(No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
Charles Leedke,	1970 Brockway	Saginaw, Michigan
Kenneth Mack,	219 Goetz	Saginaw, Michigan
William McEwen,	820 Orchard Court	Saginaw, Michigan
James P. Fettig,	1715 Mack	Saginaw, Michigan

ARTICLE VII.

The names and addresses of the first board of directors (or trustees) are as follows:
(At least three required)

NAME (No.)	(Street)	ADDRESS (City)	(State)
William G. McEwen, M.D.	820 Orchard Ct.,	Saginaw,	Michigan
James P. Fettig,	1715 Mack	Saginaw,	Michigan
Kenneth A. Mack	219 Goetz,	Saginaw,	Michigan

ARTICLE VIII.

The term of the corporate existence is 30 years.

(Corporations organized without capital stock for religious, benevolent, social or fraternal purposes, may incorporate without fixing any definite term in their articles, and the terms of such corporations shall be deemed to be perpetual, subject to the right of the legislature to alter, repeal or amend the corporation laws in accordance with the constitution.)

ARTICLE IX.

(Here insert any desired additional provisions authorized by the Act)

SAGINAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: The following named members of the association are authorized to act for all of the incorporators in the matter of signing articles of incorporation.

Charles Leake	Charles Leake
1970 Brockway	1970 Brockway
Saginaw, Michigan	Saginaw, Michigan
Kenneth Mack	Kenneth Mack
219 Goetz	219 Goetz
Saginaw, Michigan	Saginaw, Michigan
William McEwen	William McEwen
820 Orchard Court	820 Orchard Court
Saginaw, Michigan	Saginaw, Michigan

CITY OF Saginaw

On this 27 day of April, 1956, at Saginaw, Michigan.

Witness my hand and seal this 27 day of April, 1956.

Wendell Melburg
(Wendell Melburg, President)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was executed by the persons named therein and was acknowledged by them as their free act and deed.

April 27, 1956

Kenneth Buckey
(Kenneth Buckey, Secretary)

FRANCHISE FEE \$10.00
FILING FEE \$ 5.00

My commission expires May 27, 1957
(Notarial seal required if not acknowledged within one of State)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF SAGINAW

WE, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the State of Michigan:

WILLIAM G. McEwen, M.D. 270 Orchard St.
James P. Leedke 1725 1st St.
Kenneth A. Mack 219 Socon

SECRETARY: MICHIGAN
250 OLNEY COULS
ATTORNEY GENERAL

IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
AT LANSING, MICHIGAN
THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY, 1956

WITNESSED BY ME, the Secretary of the State of Michigan, and attested by my hand and the seal of the State of Michigan, this 21st day of May, 1956.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the State of Michigan, this 21st day of May, 1956.

We, the incorporators, sign our names this

21st day of May, 1956.

(Charles Leedke)
(William G. McEwen)

(Kenneth Mack)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF Saginaw

On this 21st day of May, 1956, before me personally appeared Charles Leedke, Kenneth Mack and William G. McEwen,

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Shirley Wren
(Shirley Wren) (Signature of Notary)

Notary Public for Saginaw County,
State of Michigan.

FRANCHISE FEE \$10.00
FILING FEE \$ 5.00

My commission expires July 20th 1958
(Notarial seal required if acknowledgment taken out of State)

ORGANIZATION PAPERS

ORIGINAL

CONSTITUTION

Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

PREAMBLE: We, the undersigned, being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, by furthering the interest of radio in the general community, and rendering service to the community in times of disaster and otherwise, do hereby constitute ourselves the SAGINAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION and do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP: SEC. 1--All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

SEC. 2--Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the association shall by its by-laws provide.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS: SEC. 1--The officers of this association shall be: a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2--The officers of this association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be quorum, at the regular meeting on the first Friday of January.

SEC. 3--Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot, at the first regular meeting at which withdrawal or resignation is announced.

Sec. 4--Officers may be removed on motion by three-fourths vote of the membership.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS: SEC. 1--The officers of the association shall, together with three elected members-at-large, constitute a board of directors.

SEC. 2--The board of directors is empowered to transact all association business other than that specifically excepted by the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3--Members at large shall be elected to the board of directors in the same manner as the officers, with the exception that at the first election one shall be elected to a term of one year, one to a term of two years, and the third to a term of three years, their terms to run concurrently. All future terms will be for a period of three years.

SEC. 4--Members-at-large of the board of directors may be removed on motion by a three-fourths vote of the membership of the association.

ARTICLE LV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SEC. 1--The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the association, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

SEC. 2--The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

SEC. 3--The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read necessary communications at each meeting, and mail written notices to each member of every meeting of the association. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, turn over all association property in his possession to his successor.

SEC. 4--The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the association. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bill without proper authorization by the association or its board of directors. At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall, at the end of his term, turn over all association property to his successor.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: SEC. 1--The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

SEC. 2--At all meetings, one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS: SEC. 1--This constitution or the by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the club members at a meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or by-laws at a specified meeting, provided there be a quorum.

SEC. 2--Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and may not be voted upon until the next regular meeting.

BY-LAWS CONT.

- SEC. 7--MEETINGS: Regular meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each calendar month at such place and time as the president may order. Special meetings may be called by the President, or on written request to the secretary of any five members. Notices of all special meetings and information of the business to be transacted shall be sent to the membership so that in ordinary postal delivery they will arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time set for the meeting. Only business designated in the notice may be transacted at a special meeting.
- SEC. 8--TECHNICAL ADVISER: The president shall upon taking office appoint a technical adviser. The technical adviser shall be available at all times to answer questions pertaining to theory of operation of radio or to advise as to where such information may be obtained.
- SEC. 9--ACTIVITIES MANAGER: The president shall upon taking office appoint an activities manager. The activities manager shall organize club activities, contests, and general interest maintenance activities.
- SEC. 10--EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: The president shall upon taking office appoint an emergency coordinator. It shall be the duty of the emergency coordinator to maintain close liason with the Amateur Radio Relay League emergency organizations and with the local civil defense organization so that the association may be of greatest possible service to the community.
- SEC. 11--BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors shall elect from their group a chairman. The chairman may call meetings of the board as he sees fit. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board to report action taken to the membership at each regular meeting immediately following such action.
- SEC. 12--EXAMINER: The president shall upon taking office appoint an examiner whose responsibility it shall be to make available at each regular meeting facilities and personnel to conduct examinations for amateur radio licenses as provided by the Federal Communications Commission. The examiner shall make any rules for examination he deems necessary to provide that said examination are conducted fairly and honestly.
- SEC. 13--PUBLICITY MANAGER: The president upon taking office shall appoint a publicity manager. It shall be the duty of the publicity manager to cooperate with newspaper, radio, and TV stations, to the end of obtaining favorable publicity for the association and amateur radio in general.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Among this partial list is the many forms of recognition SVARA and its individual members have received are:

- ★ the Herb S. Brier (W9AD) Memorial Award presented in 1982 to Ed, K8OT during a national competition for “Instructor of the year”
- ★ The Hiram P. Maxim award went to Mark, NK8Q in 1985 for overall leadership, community service, and service to the amateur radio community (national competition for men and women under 21 years of age)
- ★ SVARA members have been selected to serve as presenters before Michigan State Police Training programs at the state and county level, as examiners for FCC licensing tests and instructors for licensing preparation
- ★ In 1986 SVARA was called to the state capitol to receive a Governor’s commendation for its communication efforts during the 1985 Mexican earthquake relief
- ★ The local chapter of the Mexican Pioneers Association bestowed a similar honor upon the club in 1985 as did the amateur radio club of Mexico City, Mexico.
- ★ SVARA’s selection as Michigan’s first “Gateway Station”. Selection of SVARA Convention Committee members to share/present information with members of the international Friendship Games Committees
- ★ SVARA’s selection to host ARRL State, Divisional and National Conventions
- ★ The placement of SVARA members in leadership positions within the ARRL’s Great Lakes Division staff, its ARES and State’s RACES programs and as key personnel in both the City of Saginaw and Saginaw County Emergency Operations programs.

Note: Some of the just mentioned honors will be discussed in more detail later.