

Starting a New Club

Recruit members

To start, your new club will need to have at least 4 members to fill the officers' seats of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Hold an open house, inviting the public. Share your enthusiasm for Amateur Radio with others. Excitement is contagious!

ARRL can provide brochures so you can inform the public about Amateur Radio and recruit prospective hams for your club.

Where To Meet

Your new club should have a meeting location that is convenient for people to get to. Secure parking and handicap access are some items to consider when looking for a meeting location.

Some small clubs meet at a local restaurant that has meeting facilities available. Public libraries, schools, community centers, churches and firehouses often have meeting rooms available to use. Some may charge rent or ask for a donation while others may be free for community groups like an Amateur Radio club.

Club Callsign

If your club plans to participate in on air activities, consider applying for a [Club Call Sign](#)

Become an ARRL Affiliated Club

Now that your club is established, what is next? [Apply for ARRL Affiliation](#)

If you have question about affiliation we are here to help.

Please contact us at clubs@arrl.org.

The ARRL is the National Association for Amateur Radio and represents the interests of all hams. There are many advantages to being an ARRL Affiliated club.

Delegate, delegate, delegate!

It's SO important that you not try to take everything on yourself! Get everyone involved. Participation will give everyone a sense of pride in the club and you won't get burned out. Plus, just think of all the new ideas you'll get from the various club members.

ARRL Field Organization

The League is here for you. If you are organizing a new club or anything else Amateur Radio related the ARRL Field Organization has many knowledgeable people available to assist you and answer any question you may have.

Contact your Affiliated Club Coordinator or [SM](#) for assistance. They will be glad to talk to you.