



Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club Email List FAQ



This document answers frequently asked questions about the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) Mailman mailing list.

Q. What is the purpose of this list?

A. This list is for sharing information of interest to club members.

Q. What kind of information is shared?

A. It's mostly used to announce monthly club meetings and events, but also open for technical questions, help requests, and member equipment needed/for sale.

Q. Is there a lot of email?

A. No, perhaps 5-6 per month on average.

Q. Can I join this list?

A. Yes! It's open to any human with or without an amateur radio license, and whether or not you are a paid club member.

Q. How do I join?

A. Fill out the form at <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/sterling> and wait for confirmation.

Q. Why do I need to fill out this form and pick a password?

A. The registration process helps ensure the mailing list isn't used to distribute SPAM, and the password lets you manage many useful features.

Q. What kind of useful features does the list provide?

A. Configurable options include the ability to receive a daily summary instead of individual messages, text instead of graphical email, temporarily disable messages, and unsubscribe yourself any time.

Q. Must I be on the list to send messages to it?

A. No, but messages from addresses not on the list will be "moderated" – reviewed before being sent to the wider audience.

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Q. Okay, I'm in – how do I use it?

A. Just send your message to sterling@mailman.qth.net and all list members will receive a copy. By default you will receive a copy of your own message (to confirm it was accepted), but you can disable this in the options.

Q. I sent a message but didn't receive a copy. I didn't change the self-delivery option; why isn't it working?

A. A common reason is the message was sent with a different return address than the one registered with the list. (Everyone has multiple accounts these days!) If you're sure it was sent from the correct account the server may be very busy or having problems; unless it's urgent please wait a day to report problems.

Q. I'm not really a web-person; can I change options any other way?

A. Yes! Just send email to Sterling-request@mailman.qth.net with the word 'help' in the subject or body. By default you will also receive a reminder email once a month with helpful instructions.

Q. How to I recover my password?

A. Send email to the list with the subject line set to "password" and it will be sent to you via email. You can also change your password via email; see the help instructions mentioned above.

Q. Passwords in email – is that secure?

A. It's not ideal, but it reduces list maintenance overhead. Think of it like amateur radio – no encrypted communication over the air. 😊

Q. What other parallels are there to amateur radio rules?

A. Don't sell things unrelated to the hobby, don't send large attachments, and limit cross-posting (simultaneously sending the same email to multiple mailing lists).

Q. Who do I thank for this great service?

A. The great folks at QSL.NET make this service available to the amateur radio community <https://admin.qsl.net/index.php>. They accept donations.