

Alternate Posting Addresses for Yahoo or Mailman Groups

This memo explains adding Alternate Posting Addresses to your Yahoo Group subscription. The March 2010 revision includes similar methods for Mailman Groups. Reasons for either include:

1. Cell phones and other travel e-mail devices can send quick messages to a Group when on a trip.
2. When a member answers from an address not subscribed to the Group, the message is rejected.
3. When a member subscribes with an alias like arl.net but does not send using this, messages are rejected.

Yahoo Groups

Cell phone numbers or other Alternate Posting Addresses are not displayed by Yahoo, only the subscribed address which you link.

Your Moderator cannot do this for you. You must do it yourself. But it will work on all Yahoo Groups where you use that subscribed address. Added addresses do not receive any messages from your Groups with this method.

HOW TO DO IT - While logged on to Yahoo Groups (not "Groups Home") select "My Groups", then select "My Email Preferences". Opposite the address/ID you are using, select "Edit" under "Options". At the bottom are five lines for "Alternate Posting Addresses". Fill in all addresses you may use, accidentally or on purpose. Save it.

YOUR CELLULAR ADDRESS - You need an "Alternate Posting Address" usually 10DigitNumber@CarrierDomain. Send one e-mail from the phone to your computer to receive the correct address. Or you can create an alias instead of the number using some carriers' web pages. You may need an alias for other purposes, including for Mailman, below..

CELLULAR E-MAIL - No special format is needed for "SMS to E-mail" using Verizon, Nextel, Boost, and others. GSM phones like AT&T or T-Mobile require sending to their e-mail gateway number and a special message format, not exceeding 160 characters. Gateway numbers shown are for USA.

- **AT&T** – Mail To: 36245 (spells "email" on a number pad)
Msg: YourGroup@yahoogroups.com (Subject) Your message text.
- **T-Mobile** – (Not tested!) – Mail to: 500
Msg: YourGroup@yahoogroups.com /Subject/ Your message text.

Even if your phone has an e-mail client or browser, SMS may work in more locations that have less data service.

Mailman Groups

HOW TO DO IT – Read Yahoo Groups above with the following changes. Ask your Group Moderator(s) to add your extra addresses to each individual Group as Non-Member Sender Filters under Privacy. "Mobileer" or "NHRC-Board" requests go to me. Unlike on Yahoo, these addresses are seen on any messages you send, so an alias (see above) can shield cell phone numbers..

Costs

E-mail sent from a cell phone without a special message plan typically costs 20 cents each. This should not be a problem for occasional use. No replies are sent to the phone by a Yahoo or Mailman Group using these methods.

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