

# QCWA



# TODAY

The QCWA today is stronger, more active and more modern than at any time in the past. QCWA members are among the most experienced and knowledgeable in the communications field; whether it be operating QRP from a mountaintop or a ship at sea or QRO from a remote location on a DXpedition, or holding licensing classes and VE exams across the US and other parts of the world, operating State QSO parties from historic sites, performing public service emergency communications, being leaders in the Broadcast community, publishing books and articles about every aspect of Amateur Radio, and having in its' membership a veritable who's who in Ham Radio. Our members are at the top of the DXCC Honor Rolls and among the top contesters.

We are the elite of the Ham Radio hobby, but we are not elitists. We welcome all at our meetings and when you have been licensed at least 25 years and are currently licensed, we welcome you to join our ranks. Our oldest members are over 100 while our youngest are under 40. Many younger Hams attend our events to ask questions and learn from those who have been there and done that.

Here are just some of the **"benefits"** of membership:

**Discounted Membership Dues** – 1 year is \$25, 2 years is \$40 and 3 years is only \$55. There is no Administrative Fee for new members.

**License Renewal Reminder** – Starting in 2015 QCWA began notifying FCC licensed members 1 month before their license expires that it is time to renew.

**The QCWA Journal** – A monthly full color digital publication produced in the easy to use Adobe PDF format exclusively for members. No complicated, proprietary and difficult to use software is required, just the free Adobe Reader. It can be read online, downloaded to a PC/MAC/Linux computer, or to an iOS device like an iPad or iPhone, or to an Android device like a tablet or smartphone, and to most Kindles.

Journals over the past several years have active links to content and websites and of course with Ctrl-F you can do a full text search. Selected sections, articles, pictures, pages or the whole issue can be printed if you desire. It averages 20-30 pages per month. It has limited advertising and with a short lead-time has very current content. Members can also place For Sale or Wanted ads in the Journal at no cost. Older issues of the Journal that were printed and mailed every quarter were 60 pages with many pages of ads, and had less content and were not as current. Prior to the Journal we had the QCWA News, before that a Newsletter and in the beginning a Bulletin. Almost every issue of all these since they started in 1952 is available on our website, along with many other historical documents available nowhere else.

**Awards and Certificates** – QCWA offers more than 15 operating awards and licensing certificates. License Anniversary certificates start at 50 years but Operating Awards start when you join. Some awards have special requirements like the 50 Year Continuous Licensing and Century Club Certificate.

**Annual QCWA QSO Party** – Your chance to see just how you, or your group, stack up with others. Results are published in the Journal and winners receive Awards.

**QCWA Nets** – We have weekly HF SSB and CW Nets and a D-Star Net. These are great to check in and see what is going on elsewhere. In many areas there are Nets on local repeaters to check in with your local friends and community.

**Scholarship Program** – In 2016 we provided \$21,500 in scholarships to 15 licensed Amateur Radio students pursuing college level classes. Our ever growing Scholarship Fund is not used, just the return on its investment.

[Only current QCWA members can nominate a student for a scholarship.](#)

**Member Supplies** – Include decals, stamps, sew on patches, coffee mugs, engraved name badges, embroidered hats and shirts, engraved Gold lapel pins, QSL cards, and more. Supplies are provided to members as close to our cost as possible. (In other words we are not marking them up to make a profit).

**Local Chapters** – There are over 125 very active Local Chapters worldwide, and another 100 that are less active but that is up to the members and your participation can make it more active. In the US, most members are within driving distance of a Chapter. Each meets as best fits their area and members. Some meet every week, most meet every month, some bi-monthly or quarterly, and a few just 2 times a year. Most have programs and a meal, so restaurants are popular meeting locations. Even if you live where there is no Chapter, the chances are you are within repeater range of other QCWA members. And remember we do have weekly HF Nets.

**No Renewal Penalty** – If you miss a few months or even a few years renewing your dues. There is no administrative fee or other charge. You just start paying dues again and you have access to all the stuff you missed.

**Bulletins and Email Reflector** – We also have a Bulletin service for late breaking news items of interest to members, and an Email Reflector for direct member-to-member communications, off the air.

**Recognition** – QCWA Members are recognized as being more experienced and knowledgeable than the general Ham community. That comes with being licensed 25 years or more. The average QCWA member has been licensed over 50 years. This leads to being an “Elmer”, a VE for various groups, an instructor, and a friend. The social and lasting relationships made while sharing your experience and expertise with others is truly priceless.

# Licensed For 25 Years and Licensed Today?

## Then Join and/or Renew Now!

<http://www.qcwa.org/join-renew.php>