

RULES AND TECHNIQUES TO OPERATE AND USE THE "LEE DE FOREST AMATEUR RADIO CLUB REPEATER"

PREAMBLE TO RULES AND TECHNIQUES: If necessary, to ensure proper operation of the repeater, it is permissible for the repeater owner to limit its use to only certain stations (ref.97.205) (e). A repeater is not a "public utility." No licensee has the automatic right to use a specific repeater. Repeater owners may always make rules for the use of their equipment that are more stringent than those imposed by Part 97. Failure to abide by those additional rules can lead to the revocation of their privilege to use a specific repeater.

RULES and TECHNIQUES:

1. **QUICK KEYING:** A brief pause before you begin each transmission allows other stations to participate or emergency traffic to break in and gives the timer a chance to reset.
2. **ID'ing:** It's illegal to transmit without identification. Aside from breaking FCC rules, it is poor operating practice to key your mic to turn on a repeater without ID'ing. This is called "KERCHUNKING" the repeater. If you do not want to have a conversation, just say "TESTING" or call-sign and say "MONITORING" or "LISTENING".
3. **RAG CHEWING:** Extended rag chew lasting more than 10 minutes with no purpose in mind. Repeaters are intended primarily to facilitate mobile operation. During the commuter rush hours, base stations should relinquish the repeater to mobile stations. Rush hours are established as being from 5:30 am to 9:00 am and between 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm weekdays. After a contact has been made on a repeater and doing a rag chew move the conversation to a simplex frequency. Simplex communications offer a degree of privacy, impossible to achieve on a repeater. There is also no timer to worry about or courtesy beep to wait for.
4. **EARTHQUAKE FELT or An EMERGENCY DECLAIRED:** Stop all routine communications until the emergency has passed
5. **FORMING NEW NETS on the REPEATER:** All requests for new nets to start will be submitted to the board of Directors for approval. Request will contain type of net, start time and approximately how long the net will run and day of week.

All concerns about the operation of the repeater shall be presented to the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings.