



Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated

P. O. Box 159
Sumner, Me 04292
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Dear Radio Amateur:

The Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a new, ham radio, vehicle registration plate. Purchasing this plate is an exciting way to show your enthusiasm for ham radio and to support it throughout the state of Maine.

Why should you order plates?

The first reason is that you are a licensed radio amateur. You have spent time and effort in studying to obtain your license. You have an interest in some facet of the hobby. It may be as simple as wanting to be able to communicate with friends or family. It could be that you have an interest in radio contesting. Perhaps you have put up your own repeater. You may enjoy helping with civic events in your community, in the state, or in the region. Maybe you work with children and like to help them explore new interests or a teacher looking for fun ways to introduce your students to science studies. This plate is a great way to display your interest in the hobby.

The second reason is to support The Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated in its mission to grow and strengthen this hobby that we all enjoy. With the funds raised through the sale of this new specialty plate, the Foundation will be working with you and others like you to train new hams, provide the necessary equipment for community activity and emergency communications support and assist in the maintenance of our repeater infrastructure.



Our original target of fall 2020, like so much else in the world, has been moved back to the fall of 2021. Starting in August 2020 and continuing through September 1, 2021, the Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated, will be working very hard to collect the necessary two thousand applications for the new registration plate to be issued. With your help, we will succeed in doing so.

The initial application fee for the registration is \$30, five dollars of which are to cover the administrative cost of processing your application. **The thirty dollar fee is non-refundable.** If we fail to reach the necessary two thousand applications, your fee will be treated as a donation to the Foundation, and the money will be used to fund successful grant applicants within this state.

The State of Maine requires four thousand active registrations per year to maintain a specialty plate. Please order a set for each vehicle that you register. Please encourage friends and family to participate, as well. If only licensed amateurs order and renew the plates, there will not be enough to sustain the class.

The registration number will come in the standard 123ABC format. You have the option of requesting special characters, such as your call sign. Please note that the character string may not duplicate the character string from any other class of registration plate.

Please complete the enclosed application form or go to www.mar.foundation and download the form. Please return the form with your payment to **Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, P. O. Box 159, Sumner ME 04292.** Please **DO NOT** send it to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Gilman

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President

From the by-laws of the Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated

ARTICLE II - The purpose of this organization is to support amateur radio throughout the state of Maine. This will be accomplished by providing technical, physical and/or financial assistance to those persons or organizations, residing within the State of Maine, who operate amateur radio facilities, support services or operator training open to the amateur radio community or in support of community emergency response or non-emergency events. At all times the activities of the organization shall be limited to those which support these or such other exempt purposes as set forth in section 501 (c)(3) of the Federal Tax Code.

The undersigned requests an amateur radio specialty registration plate from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles and requests the sponsor, the Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Incorporated (the Foundation), forward my application fee and signature to the Maine Bureau of Motor "Vehicles.

If the Foundation is unable to secure the minimum of two thousand applications as required by state law, the undersigned agrees that the Foundation will retain my fee and use it to fund project grants offered by the Foundation.

Finally, it is my understanding that upon receipt of my signature along with my application fee, the BMV will provide me with a voucher for my new registration plates. The Foundation will issue a receipt for a tax-deductible donation if the Foundation retains the money.

Please provide the information requested below so the BMV and the Foundation can contact you.

Legal Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Current Plate Number: _____

Email address: _____

Street: _____

City/town and ZIP Code: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Other contact phone number: _____

Please mail this completed form along with your check made payable to **MARF or Maine Amateur Radio Foundation, Inc. to MARF, P O Box 159, Sumner, ME 04292**