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I want to talk to everyone about etiquette on the radio. There has been a recent uptick of complaints that Club members are scolding people about perceived imperfections in their radio technique. I want to remind everyone of some things:

1. We are not the ham radio police.
2. If YOU PERSONALLY think someone is not operating correctly, ask yourself this one question – Is the person violating FCC regulation 97? If the answer is that they are not, butt out and keep your opinion to yourself.
3. When you are broadcasting, especially on Club repeaters, you are not just representing yourself, you are representing ham radio in general and the Club specifically. So please conduct yourself accordingly.
4. Please be an ambassador to the hobby, not someone who lectures others, runs anyone – or the Club – down due to differences that you may have with one or more people.

5. Remember, we are preparing to start selling sponsorships. If a sponsor or potential sponsor starts monitoring and they hear any of this garbage and has misgivings about sponsoring us; don't be the one that does that to us. If you want to behave that way, due it somewhere other than on our repeaters.
6. Does anybody have any questions or comments about that?
7. If a Club member is conducting themselves in a manner that is damaging to the reputation of the Club, call me. We are not going to tolerate it. Don't call me because you don't like someone, call me because they are not conducting themselves in a manner that reflects well on the Club.

The Radio Amateur's Code

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CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio

Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928