Kenwood TS-520_820_530_830 Amateur Radio Group Policies

Welcome to the Yahoo Kenwood TS-520_820_530_830 Amateur Radio Group. This group is comprised of members who's interest is in maintaining and operating the Kenwood TS-520, TS-820, TS-530, TS-830, TS-510, TS-511, T-599/R599 and R820 Hybrid transceivers, transmitter and receivers. In addition, the group supports discussions covering the associated Kenwood accessories such as the VFO-520, VFO-820, VFO-230, and VFO-240 remote VFOs, the Kenwood antenna tuners, and the various Kenwood desk and hand microphones.

This is a restricted group requiring membership approval prior to receiving and posting messages to the group. To join the group simply complete the Yahoo Kenwood TS-520_820_530_830 Group's application process by clicking on the "+ Join Group" icon on the group's homepage. Select the desired method of receiving messages by clicking the appropriate radio button, then provide a brief description about yourself to include: your first name, your Amateur Radio call sign, your interest in the Kenwood hybrid radio, and the model of Kenwood hybrid you own, operate, or in the process of purchasing in the text box provided. If you are not a licensed Amateur Radio operator, no problem, simply complete the application process and provide the same information less the Amateur Radio call sign. Once you have completed the text, click the Join Group icon. Your application will be reviewed and approved by a group co-owner or Moderator. If you leave the application text box blank, your application for membership will be rejected. Simply reapply and provide the information requested and resubmit your application for membership.

New members are placed on a "Moderate" status. This means that any message a new member posts to the group must be approved by a group co-owner or Moderator before it appears on the group server for all members to see. The length of time a new member remains in a "Moderate message status" is determined by the members ability to adhere to, and follow the group's policies. The faster the new member(s) can prove they are adhering to, and following the group's policies, the quicker the new member's status will be changed to "Allowed".

The "Allowed" status means the member can submit/post their messages without group co-owner or Moderator's approval. A member who's message status is set to "Allowed" may have their message status changed to "Moderate" if it is deemed necessary by a group co-owner or Moderator for one of the following reasons:

1. Failure to follow the group's policies after being informed by a group co-owner or Moderator

2. Knowingly violate any of the group's policies

3. Any improper behavior by the member that is deemed inappropriate by a group co-owner or Moderator

The group is moderated by both group co-owners and group Moderators. While we would like to have a group co-owner and/or Moderator present 24/7, that is not possible, as group co-owners and Moderators have a life too. Therefore, there will be times when a group co-owner and/or a moderator will not be present. This will affect the time a moderated member's messages may take to get approved/rejected. This occurs most often during major holidays   Also, the group's server is not maintained by the group co-owner(s) or Moderators. Therefore, when Yahoo has problems affecting Yahoo Groups, ALL members will simply have to wait for Yahoo to fix the problem. Group co-owners and Moderators also do not have any control over how the group's server handles attachments to messages or how message search results are provided.

As stated above, this group has a set of policies that all members must agree to and abide by. If any member, new or old, that feels they cannot accept the group's policies, that member is free to terminate their membership at any time without notifying the group co-owners and/or Moderators.

Group's Policies:

1. Profanity of any type, regardless of the word and/or phrase(s) used in a message, is not allowed. This includes the use of abbreviation to improper words, use of symbols to substitute for letters, etc. In short, the use of profanity is NOT ALLOWED, PERIOD!!! The quickest way to get banned from this group is to use profanity!!!

2. Disrespect/Flaming any member regardless of the reason, is not allowed.

3. Taking over a thread by a member that changes the threads original subject and content, is not allowed.

4. Messages that contain as part of the message text, discussions of a member's private life are not allowed. Responses to messages are to pertain to the original message subject.

5. Long discussions that are products of an original messages are not allowed. If there are 2 or 3 members who wish to discuss a subject in more detail and at great lengths should take their discussions off the group and continue their discussions using private email addresses.

6. MESSAGES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ACCEPTABLE MESSAGE SIGNATURES, WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED! It takes less than 5 seconds to ensure your message contains an acceptable message signature. There is no excuse for not adding a message signature to your messages. Political or religious signatures/statements are not permitted.

The following are examples of the ONLY acceptable message signatures:

Licensed Amateur Radio members:

Example:

"73s

John WA1ABC"

Non-licensed members

Example:

73s

Mary

If a member does not wish to include their Amateur Radio call sign in their signature, then simply use their first/given/Christian name ONLY, same as non-licensed members.

Each message signature must be positioned at the bottom of the message text and separated by at least one line.

For example:

Hi John,

Yes capacitor C25 is the right cap you should be checking. For details, review the schematic.

73s

Bill

Screen names such as JLH524 or MWPO125 are not acceptable message signatures. Screen names are acceptable ONLY when used as part of the member's email address.

The member's email address is not an acceptable message signature, regardless whether the member's name appears in the email address or not.

A member's "initials" are not acceptable as a messages signature.

A member may add up to 2 additional lines to their message signature. The additional 2 lines may contain a link to the member's website and a link to the member's Amateur Radio club etc. The addition of 3 or more lines to the message signature, listing the many different clubs the member belongs to, the positions they hold within the respective club(s), their professional position within the company the member works for, and other information is considered excessive and not allowed. The following is an example of an acceptable message signature containing two additional line:

73

Mike-w5rkl

www.w5rkl.com

Yahoo Kenwood TS-520_820_530_830 Moderator (Mike-w5rkl is no longer a Moderator, but used as an example--tnx)

In the past there have been members who state our group policies are too strict. We maintain strict group policies for 2 simple reasons:

1. To maintain good order and discipline in the group.

2. Provide a friendly group where all members are treated equally and an environment free of improper behavior

73

Yahoo Kenwood TS-520_820_530_830 Hybrid Group Co-owners and Moderators.