

SWARC Social Media

Overview of Methods for Keeping SWARC Members Informed

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What's Available for SWARC Members

- Facebook
- Slack
- Hamshack Hotline (HH)
- [groups.io](#)

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FaceBook

- A social media and social networking service.
- Accessed from devices with internet connectivity. ie: smartphone; computer; tablet
- Registered users can create a profile revealing information about themselves.
- Users can post text, photos, and multimedia which are shared with other users that have agreed to be their friends.
- Users can also opt to join established groups that share similar interests and also share text, photos, and multimedia.

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FaceBook (continued)

- SWARC has an active Facebook groups: Steubenville-Weirton Amateur Radio Club
- The purpose for the group is to share SWARC information and actives with the public as well as members.
- SWARC group use is monitor and restricted to prevent questionable content. Only those approved may post.
- Remember the public can see everything posted.
- Use and content are subject to facebook's terms of use.

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FaceBook (continued)

- SWARC Facebook question?

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Slack

- Slack is a cloud-based team communications platform developed by Slack Technologies
- Offers functionalities such as text messaging, file and media sharing, voice and video calls, and group chat for team collaboration.
- Accessed from devices with internet connectivity via the Slack app.
- SWARC is using a free version of Slack which has limitations.
- Interested SWARC members may request an invitation to join.

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Slack (continued)

- SWARC Slack is only available to those that opt to participate.
- SWARC members can make a post to the #general area that can be seen by all other members.
- Members can also DM (Direct Message) other members.
- Collaborative areas, channels, may be created with restricted use for special committees. ie: swarc-fd-2024; executive-committee
- # hamshack-hotline contains information and files concerning use of Hamshack Hotline

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Slack (continued)

- Getting started with Slack video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3HJuPaITWk&t=30s>
- Questions concerning Slack?

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Hamshack Hotline (HH)

- Hamshack Hotline (HH) is a free dedicated VoIP telecom service for the Ham Radio community.
- Requires: A valid Amateur Radio Call; A supported SIP Capable, VoIP, telephone; An account with HH so you phone may be provisioned; and an internet connection at the point the phone will be used.
- Allows one Ham to call another Ham using their assigned extension numbers.
- Supports conference and group calls.

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Hamshack Hotline (HH)

- Jon, K8FAM, maintains a HH Directory of SWARC members.
- Instruction for using the SWARC Directory can be found within SWARC Slack.
- The HH website: <https://hamshackhotline.com/>

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groups.io

- groups.io provides people who share common interests with an ad-free platform for communicating with each other through email groups and group websites.
- Accessed from devices with internet connectivity. Requires a valid internet email account. To use you need to create an groups.io account.
- Groups are created to allow those that share a similar interest to share and exchange ideas.
- Rules for any group and access to any group will vary.

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groups.io (continued)

- SWARC maintains the SWARC Members group. Available to any SWARC member.
- Only SWARC group members may post, however, the public may see the posts.
- Further information can be found at: groups.io
- Questions concerning Groups.io?

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swarc.net

- SWARC maintains the SWARC Web page at: www.swarc.net
- Although it is not interactive information concerning SWARC activities is kept current.
- Has links and downloads of interest to our members.
- Also is available for viewing to the public.
- Questions concerning the SWARC web page?

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Recap

- Thanks to Polly, W8PIK; David, W8DWK; Greg, N8GD; and Jon, K8FAM
- Member Questions?
- The End