

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues paying individuals or families are entitled to vote at squadron meetings, and may be appointed by the commander to represent KSPS and vote at district and national meetings. Active family members are entitled to take classes for personal interest or to work towards a complete certificate and participate in local, district and national activities and events. Members also receive newsletters from the local squadron newsletter, District 9 newsletter and national USPS newsletter. There are additional benefits outlined under the member benefits, such as discounts on insurance, and other rewards.

Dues contain four components

1) an amount designated for the national United States Power Squadron, 2) amount designated for the regional District 9 Power Squadron, 3) amount returned by national to our local squadron and 4) one dollar contributed by each individual or family unit toward the educational fund. On rare occasions, the squadron may offer a special discount on dues as a recruitment tool to attract new members. These are usually time limited. In addition to the annual membership fees in table below, there is a one time New Member Entrance fee of \$25.

Membership Categories and Dues for 2010

Member Category	USPS Nat'l Dues	District 9	KSPS Squadron	Education Fund	Total
Active Single	39.00	5.00	30.00	1.00	75.00
Family Unit Active	58.50	10.00	45.00	1.00	114.50
Life w/ Attached Family	19.50	5.00	15.00	1.00	41.50

Member Categories

The first member category is **Active Single**, which is a person who joins without active involvement of other family members. While a spouse or child of an individual who chooses Active Single membership may attend meetings and events, they do not have voting privileges and can only audit classes.

The **Family Unit Active** which is short for **Family Unit Active w/ Attached Member(s)** allows all members of a family to fully participate in classes, activities events and voting. The new set-up of dues lowers the cost for families and eliminates the previous categories of "Additional Active Member" and "Adult and Junior Members". The US Census defines family as anyone residing in the same household related by blood, marriage or adoption.

Life Member - Once a member has earned **25 merit marks**, they become a Life member and no longer need to pay national USPS dues. However, there is a cost for attached family members levied by national and district. By selecting Life member with Attached, additional family of life members would have voting and all other rights of active family members.

A **Cyber Member** is someone who joins through national USPS without specifying a local squadron. National then contacts the closest squadron(s) who are responsible for recruiting the person(s) into their squadron.

There is a one-time fee of \$2 to switch membership from one squadron to a different squadron (for example: when someone moves to a new town or state). Many people retain their ties with their initial squadron by becoming an associate member. An associate member gets a roster and other communications, but cannot vote.

Contact the Membership Chairperson for a membership application and if you have any questions about which member category is most appropriate for your situation. The current membership chairperson is Karen Strand (269) 964-6690 or KarenStrand@sbcglobal.net