

"Opening up" Mailman mailing lists.

We've found that the mailing lists on qth.net, and other places using Mailman, can be modified to support HTML messages, including inserted graphics, and attachments.

1) Go to **"(name of list) mailing list administration General Options Section"**

Maximum length in kilobytes (KB) of a message body. Use 0 for no limit. (Edit max_message_size)	<input type="text" value="50000"/>
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This value is normally 40 (40 Kilobytes). Open it up to something comfortable. I started back in 2012 with 5MB. I've been running Military Radio Collectors Association mrca@mailman.qth.net at 50MB for a couple of years now with no problems. You might choose to be more conservative here, but keep in mind that a modern cellphone snapshot might be 3MB. I'm still a little concerned about clogging peoples in boxes with 100 MB videos.

2) Go to **"(name of list) mailing list administration Content Filtering Section"**

Clear both these fields:

Remove message attachments that have a matching content type. (Details for filter_mime_types)	<input type="text"/>
Remove message attachments that don't have a matching content type. Leave this field blank to skip this filter test. (Details for pass_mime_types)	<input type="text"/>

Set both these values to No:

Should Mailman collapse multipart/alternative to its first part content? (Edit collapse_alternatives)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Should Mailman convert text/html parts to plain text? This conversion happens after MIME attachments have been stripped. (Edit convert_html_to_plaintext)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

YMMV,

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