

Hello members,

Winter Continues:

It is almost March and we should be glimpsing a bit of Spring, but in Central MN, the weather has been like a yo-yo. It is cold one day and warm the next. As I am writing this it is 32F outside, warm but windy. Many ham operators, including myself, are looking for that Spring weather to get back to antenna and other outdoor projects.

Ham Fests:

Mid Winter Madness Hobby Electronics Show – Sat. March 19th

Buffalo Civic Center
1306 County Rd 134, Buffalo MN 55313.

ARRL VE Testing starts at 7:30 am \$15.00 fee
<https://k0ltc.org/midwinter-madness/>

Brainerd Area Hamfest – Sat. April 23rd

Brainerd National Guard Armory
1115 Wright St, Brainerd, MN 56401
<http://brainerdham.org>

Proposed FCC License Fees:

An effective date for the new Amateur Radio license application fees has **not** been announced. It is expected that such fees will not be put into effect until sometime in 2022. This is a good time to upgrade your license. You can search the ARRL for VE testing near you. <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Welcome new members for 2022:

A belated welcome to new members. Some of whom signed up last December.

Jean Baca, KFØGDN, St Peter, MN
Michael Songstad, NJØQ, St Peter, MN
Dan Killion, KCØUWG. Blue Earth, MN
Tyler Kruckman, KDØUUE, Monticello, MN
Shaun Ratcliff, KFØGZP, Tech Sauk Rapids, MN

A few of those callsigns indicated newer hams (as my wife and I are only being licensed since July 2020). I hope to hear you on the various repeaters and nets.

Our Website:

The Digital Amateur Radio Club has a website at: <https://the-darc-room.com/>. It is fully active but we are always looking for suggestions, corrections and contributions.

Recent Nets:

Date	Net	NCS	Checkin Count
1/15/2022	DARC FM NET	KBØNMN, Kevin	9
1/22/2022	DARC FM NET	KFØAUW, Shawnne	7
1/29/2022	DARC FM NET	KBØNMN, Kevin	5
1/29/2022	DARC Digital Net	KFØAUW, Shawnne	16
2/5/2022	DARC FM NET	KFØAUV, Jerry	8
2/5/2022	DARC Digital Net	KD9GVS, Rick	18
2/12/2022	DARC FM NET	KBØNMN, Kevin	7
2/19/2022	DARC FM NET	KFØAUW, Shawnne	10
2/19/2022	DARC Digital Net	KD9GVS, Rick	18
2/26/2022	DARC FM NET	KBØNMN, Kevin	8

March Meeting:

The next meeting of the DARC will be held on Saturday March 12th at 3:00 pm central time. It will be held in the DARC Room #28439. To participate in the meeting you must have paid your dues for 2022.

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