

Hello members,

Winter Continues:

'April is the cruellest month' is a line from T. S. Eliot's 'The Wasteland'. But it seems relevant this year. We are at the end of a month a Spring but we are still having Winter weather.

Ham Fests:

Grand Forks Hamfest – Sat. April 30

Heritage Village
219 20th St NE
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
<https://www.wa0jxt.org/>

ARAC Hamfest – Sat May 7

Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds
4700 South Tower Ave.
Superior, WI 54880
<http://THEARAC.ORG>

Aurora '22 – Sat June 4

West Medicine Lake Community Club
1705 Forestview Lane North
Plymouth, MN
<http://www.NLRS.club>

FCC License Fees:

The new FCC \$35.00 license fee won't apply to upgrades. It will only apply to new licenses and the vanity licenses.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/new-fcc-application-fee-will-not-apply-to-amateur-radio-license-upgrades>.

So for those of us who want to upgrade this is one more expense we can avoid.

Repeater Activity:

The DARC is working to install new antennas on both the Becker 147.345 and the Paynesville 145.270. Per the March 26th meeting, we authorized the purchase on an antennas for one site.

Currently we have one antenna and depending on conditions either the Becker or Paynesville site will get updates firsts.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on the air in the DARC Room # 28439 on May 21st at 3PM Central Time

Our Website:

The Digital Amateur Radio Club has a website at: <https://the-darc-room.com/>. It is fully active

Our Nets:

Date	NCS	Net	Checkin Count
3/5/2022	KF0AUV	DARC FM Net	9
3/5/2022	KD9GVS	DARC Digital Net	18
3/12/2022	KBØNMN	DARC FM Net	6
3/19/2022	KFØAUW	DARC FM Net	8
3/19/2022	KD9GVS	DARC Digital Net	17
3/26/2022	KBØNMN	DARC FM Net	9
4/2/2022	KFØAUW	DARC FM Net	11
4/2/2022	KFØAUW	DARC Digital Net	19
4/9/2022	KBØNMN	DARC FM Net	10
4/16/2022	KFØAUW	DARC FM Net	12
4/16/2022	KD9GVS	DARC Digital Net	17
4/23/2024	KBØNMN	DARC FM Net	6