

# Sparks from the Spa



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## March 2022 Swapfest

The Swapfest made a roaring comeback after a 2 year break for the COVID emergency. A Great time was had by all. I hope you had a chance to get out and have some eyeball QSO's



## VE Test Session March 19

After the swapfest, we held a VE Test Session. It felt great to have the candidates sit down and take tests in person after a long period of COVID induced isolation. We had 8 candidates take the exam. Our results were very good. Of the 8 candidates, 2 unfortunately failed to upgrade, 2 obtained the Tech license, 2 got the General license, and 2 got Extra Class.

One note of outstanding achievement was that the 2 Extra licensees BOTH went from unlicensed to Extra at that session. In all the years we have given exams sponsored by our club it has been a rarity to see that happen to an individual. To have 2 in one day was mind bending.

Congratulations to AC1MO, AD2DP, KD2ZBF, KD2ZBG, KC2ADR, and KD2YZE.

Also, thanks to the examiners, KA2QYE, KC1NN, KR1CKM, W5BN, KA5VVI and KG2H.

## For sale:

Ten-Tec model 1209, 10 Meter to 6 Meter Transverter;  
Ten-Tec Model 1210, 2 Meter to 6 Meter Transverter;  
Heathkit Model SW1, SWR Bridge;  
MFJ Model 9475, 75 Meter QRP LSB Transceiver;  
MFJ Model 948, 300 Watt Antenna Tuner;  
Transverter Unlimited, Model 10-6, 10 Meter to 6 Meter  
Transverter.  
Icom Model IC-736, HF Transceiver;  
Kenwood TS-430, HF Transceiver;  
West Mountain Radio CLRspkr, Noise Reduction Speaker.

All items sold as is. All offers considered, best offer takes it.  
John, WA2JAE, (518) 381-4847.

## Reminder—Club elections

Just a reminder, that our June meeting is the annual meeting where we elect a new slate of officers for the next year. I hope that you will consider running for some position. The positions are President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and 4 positions of General Board member. I guarantee you that no one is going to be upset if we have some competition for any one of these seats.

If you are interested in helping the club, please contact any of the existing board members. Their e-mail addresses are on the last page of the newsletter.

## The Saratoga Springs Lions Club Duathlon Needs Our Help

Every year since the inception in 2004 of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club Duathlon, we have provided communications for this event.

<https://thememorialduathlon5k.com/race-info/>

When: Memorial Day, May 29

Where: The start/finish is at the parking lot of the Saratoga Springs Casino Hotel

The Duathlon starts at 8am and we need to be in place by 7:30am with our communications over by 11am. The event requires six to eight amateur radio operators who are on the bike course at locations where they will be providing communications for the Lions Club members who are stationed at those point.

If you have never done amateur radio communications at a public service event, this one is a great way to start. All you need is your handheld and the desire to enjoy an outdoor event.

Interested?

Contact Jim McKnight, K2LM, [k2lm@nycap.rr.com](mailto:k2lm@nycap.rr.com)

## New FCC Licensing Fee

The FCC has released a public notice stating that the \$35 fee will go into effect on April 19, 2022.

See the following:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-307A1.pdf>

The fees will be paid directly to the FCC during application processing.

New licenses, license renewals and vanity call applications (successful or not) will incur the fee.

Address and name changes do not incur the fee.

( note, see newsletter pages 4 and 5 for the complete text of DA-22-307A1 ed.)

## Thanks

AA2EH, AD2BY, KA5VVI, KC2CLK, KD2VTV, N2MC, N2MOM, N2POR, W1AES, W2ALL, W5BN, WA2JAE, WA2JWO

Welcome to new members AA2EH, KC2ADR, W1AES, KD2ZBG

DA 22-307

Released: March 23, 2022

EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW APPLICATION FEE RATES FOR THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

MD Docket No. 20-270

On December 23, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order implementing a new application fee schedule which significantly updated the Commission's previous fee schedule.<sup>1</sup> As indicated in the 2020 Application Fee Report and Order, the new application fee rates will become effective when the Commission's "information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notice(s) in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of such rules."<sup>2</sup> On July 6, 2021, the Commission announced the new application fee rates for the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Media Bureau would become effective on July 15, 2021,<sup>3</sup> and on December 15, 2021, the Commission announced the new application fee rates for the Wireline Competition Bureau, the Enforcement Bureau, the International Bureau, and CALEA Petitions would become effective on December 15, 2021.<sup>4</sup> This Public Notice announces that the new application fee rates for the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, codified at 47 CFR § 1.1102, will become effective on **April 19, 2022**.<sup>5</sup> Wireless application fees can be paid through the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS) at <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system>.<sup>6</sup>

For further guidance regarding Wireless Telecommunications Bureau application fees, please refer to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Fee Filing Guide located at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/application-processing-fees>. For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Roland Helvajian, Program Analyst, Financial Operations, Office of the Managing Director, [Roland.Helvajian@fcc.gov](mailto:Roland.Helvajian@fcc.gov).

<sup>1</sup> See Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules, MD Docket No. 20-270, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 15089 (2020) (2020 Application Fee Report and Order). Pursuant to section 8(b)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Commission is required to review the application fee schedule in every even-numbered year, adjust the fees to reflect increases or decreases in the Consumer Price Index, and round to the nearest \$5 increment. See 47 U.S.C. §158(b)(1). In addition to the adjustments required by subsection (b), the Commission shall also, by rule, amend the schedule of application fees established if the Commission determines that the schedule requires amendment so that: (1) such fees reflect increases or decreases in the costs of processing applications at the Commission or (2) such schedule reflects the consolidation or addition of new categories of applications. See 47 U.S.C. § 158(c).

2 2020 Application Fee Report and Order at 15155, para. 201.

3 See Effective Date of New Application Fees for the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Media Bureau, MD Docket No. 20-270, Public Notice, DA 21-747 (OMD 2021).

4 See Effective Date of New Application Fees for the Enforcement Bureau, the Wireline Competition Bureau, and the International Bureau, MD Docket No. 20-270, Public Notice, DA 21-1496 (OMD 2021). Note that, on December 15, 2021, the Commission decommissioned and permanently discontinued its in-house online electronic payment system known as Fee Filer and replaced it with a new payment module contained in the Commission's Registration System (CORES). See FCC Announces Decommissioning of Fee Filer as Method of Payment and Replacement with New Payment Module within CORES and Decommissioning of the Commission's Red Light Display System and Replacement with a New Module within CORES, Public Notice (Dec. 1, 2021).

5 47 CFR § 1.1102.

## **Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association Membership Information** **Please Print CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class N T G A E

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

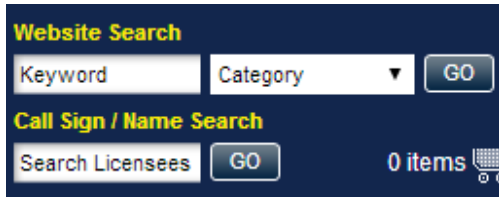
ARRL Member YES NO

Dues are \$10 per year, Payable to **Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S.**

You can mail your dues with this form to Jim Polewczak KG2H, 231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa 12020

Admin use – Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Check # \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_ Was \_\_\_\_\_ Now \_\_\_\_\_

Have you checked the expiration date on your license? It's very easy to do. One way to do it is to go to [WWW.ARRL.ORG](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG), and just fill in your call sign in the search box on their home page. You do not need to be a member of ARRL to use this service.



K2DLL repeater system:

Corinth NY  
147.000 MHz +600KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode  
448.225 MHz -5.00 MHz 91.5 CTCSS encode/decode

Providence NY  
147.240 MHz +600 Hz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode.  
147.360 MHz +600 Hz (add 91.5 Hz CTCSS to connect to the NYS Network

Sacandaga Reservoir aka Fraker Mountain  
147.03 MHz +600 KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode

Middleburgh NY  
448.925 PL 107.2 WA2TTP-R Steve's Repeater is linked to ours via UHF



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Please be sure to visit our webpage for any late breaking news or newsletter archives.

[WWW.K2DLL.ORG](http://WWW.K2DLL.ORG)

Got News or information you would like to get published? How about your own projects or other things you think would be of interest to Club Members? How about (GASP), a letter to the editor? Contact us at our email address :

[K2DLL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:K2DLL@OUTLOOK.COM)

### Upcoming program note

We are looking for input from the membership as to what YOU would like to hear. Program suggestions are always welcome. Please let any of the Board Members know of your ideas.  
Thanks