

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

FCC Reduces Proposed Amateur Radio Application Fee To \$35

The FCC has agreed with ARRL and other commenters that its proposed \$50 fee for certain amateur radio applications was "too high to account for the minimal staff involvement in these applications."

In a Report and Order (R&O), released on December 29, the FCC scaled back to \$35 the fee for a new license application, a special temporary authority (STA) request, a rule waiver request, a license renewal application, and a vanity call sign application. All fees are per application. There will be no fee for administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address.

The R&O can be found online in PDF format at,
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-184A1.pdf>.

This fall, ARRL filed comments in firm opposition to the FCC proposal to impose a \$50 fee on amateur radio license and application fees and urged its members to follow suit.

As the FCC noted in its R&O, although some commenters supported the proposed \$50 fee as reasonable and fair, "ARRL and many individual commenters argued that there was no cost-based justification for application fees in the Amateur Radio Service." The fee proposal was contained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the "Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act" of 2018 - the so-called "Ray Baum's Act."

Information on Ray Baum's Act can be found online in PDF format at,
<https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ141/PLAW-115publ141.pdf>.

"After reviewing the record, including the extensive comments filed by amateur radio licensees and based on our revised analysis of the cost of processing mostly automated processes discussed in our methodology section, we adopt a \$35 application fee, a lower application fee than the Commission proposed in the NPRM for personal licenses, in recognition of the fact that the application process is mostly automated," the FCC said in the R&O. "We adopt the proposal from the NPRM to assess no additional application fee for minor modifications or administrative updates, which also are highly automated."

The FCC said it received more than 197,000 personal license applications in 2019, which includes not only ham radio license applications but commercial radio operator licenses and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) licenses.

The FCC turned away the arguments of some commenters that the FCC should exempt amateur radio licensees. The FCC stated that it has no authority to create an exemption "where none presently exists."

> Virtual Meeting

> Thursday

> Feb. 25, 2021

> Supper 6 p.m.

> Meeting at 7 p.m.

> Hero's/Gambinos

> 1900 F. Military

> Fremont, NE

Until Further
Notice

Virtual Meeting
On 146.67
Repeater

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR January 28, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for January 28, 2021, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 15 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K0OMH. Tony opened the meeting by giving the PARC website of www.k0sw.org for members to check for financial and other information. He thanked Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP for publishing the *PARC News*. He then read the *Radio Amateur's Code*, which was written by Paul Segal, W9EEA in 1928.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP reported that the report is in the *PARC News*. She also said that the bill for the State Incorporation Fee and the bill for the GoDaddy web hosting had been paid and would appear in the February *PARC News*.

HOSPITALITY: There were no reports from Sharon Martens, KB0TVB. *(Anybody knowing of somebody needing a card should let KB0TVB know. Her email address is posted on the PARC web-site. Sharon later let me know that she did listen to the meeting but her radio did not have the tone installed for her to talk. Lance, WN0L is going to correct that problem.)*

EDUCATION: No report.

FIELD DAY: Scheduled for June 26-27, 2021. Don Renze, K0OM said he is hopeful we will be able to hold it at Izaak Walton Park. The fee is \$300. Nobody objected to the cost, so Don will contact KB0TVB about arranging the reservation. *(Don later let me know that we have our usual building reserved and KB0TVB will handle the payment.)* WB0VNF also said that the Dodge County Emergency Communications Trailer would be available, either to use or to have on site for demonstrations.

FLEA MARKET: Scheduled for July 10, 2021 in North Bend. No report.

PICNIC: TBA

CHRISTMAS PARTY: TBA

NET MANAGER: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA said he has updated the procedures for Net Control Operators and also the way stations will check into the net. He has open dates for Net Control Operators.

ARES: WB0VNF brought everybody up to date on training goals, the communications trailer, remote weather stations, severe weather planning, manuals to prepare, drills, and the ARES structure. ARES will also handle the Silent Auction at the Flea Market.

PUBLICITY: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW said he continues to notify members of important information via email. The precipitation reports are entered on 4 different Facebook pages as well as going to email subscribers.

OLD BUSINESS: K0OMH reported that the PARC dues for 2021 were canceled. He might operate during Winter Field Day on January 30-31. In a discussion of when we might resume in-person meetings, May was suggested as a possible date but that will depend on the Pandemic. WB0VNF said he could have access to a gym. If anybody has any suggestions, please email Tony.

NEW BUSINESS: WB0VNF said it was time to pay the Fremont Housing Authority for the 2 repeaters using space on the two towers. There were no objections to the \$100 cost, \$50 for each repeater, so Steve will contact KB0TVB to make the checks available.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 731 PM.

NEXT MEETING: The next On-Air Meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

There will NOT be a book sale at the Library in 2021.



PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Tony Renze, K00MH

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

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Picnic: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW &

Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

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Joining Our Organization

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Yearly: \$10. per member

Family Yearly: \$10 first member,
\$3 each additional member

Paid between Jan. 1—March 1

After March 1, dues are prorated
at \$1 per month for new members.
Previous year member's dues re-
main \$10. whenever paid.

Life Membership: \$200.

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What Do You See?



Dave T. Will Have The Answer At The Meeting if you haven't solved it.

Radio Club Treasurer's Report February, 2021

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,260.22
Petty Cash	80.00
TOTAL	\$2,689.00
INCOME:	NONE
Expenses:	
Command Ctr Radio	\$ 250.00
Web Page	143.88
Repeater Rent	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 493.88

Severe Storm Spotter Training

February 4, 2021 Update: Virtual spotter training sessions are listed below in the calendar for the month of March. Most of the sessions are held during the evening time using Goto Webinar. You can register for one of the sessions by clicking on the Gotowebinar link posted on the calendar dates below.

See: <https://www.weather.gov/oax/spotter>

Dave T. W0NRW