



# PEAKS & NULLS

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## FCC FEES IN EFFECT APRIL 19

On March 23rd the FCC announced that its new fee schedule would go into effect on April 19, 2022. We want to thank Sid K2GG for keeping us updated on the changes. Although originally announced that the \$35.00 fee would apply to any Form 605 change it was later corrected to say that "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." They also clarified "that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade a licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees" Sid also supplied us with the following explanation of how the fee will be paid:

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will **not** collect the \$35 fee at license exam sessions.

New and upgrade candidates at an exam session will continue to pay the \$15 exam session fee to the ARRL VE team as usual, and pay the new, \$35 application fee directly to the FCC by using the CORES FRN Registration system ([CORES - Login](#)).

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, **it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate** who then will have 10 calendar days from the date of the email to pay. After the fee is paid **and** the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license or explanation of other action. The link will be good for 30 days.

ARRL's Somma also explained that applications that are processed and dismissed will **not** be entitled to a refund. This includes vanity call sign requests where the applicant does not receive the requested call sign.

"The FCC staff has suggested that applicants for vanity call signs should first ensure the call signs requested are available and eligible for their operator class and area, and then request as many call signs as the form allows to maximize their chances of receiving a call sign."

As of this date we do not have any information on how payment for renewals using the FCC web site will be handled. We expect it to be the same as a new or upgrade. After the renewal is entered on the FCC web site they will email you instructions on payment..

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 189, 2022 Virtual Regular Business Meeting

May 16, 2022 Virtual Regular Business Meeting

June 20, 2022 Virtual Regular Business Meeting

July 18, 2022 Virtual Regular Business Meeting

## 2022 DUES

### 2022 DUES

Noel NO2EL is now accepting dues payments for 2022. \$15.00 for full membership, \$10.00 for associate. If you have a PayPal account, dues can now be paid by using Pay-Pal.

## SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 16 to 0500Z, Apr 17 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 17
Dutch PACCdigi Contest	0700Z to 1900Z, Apr 17
Quebec QSO Party	1200Z-2000Z, Apr 17
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 20
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, Apr 23 to 2359Z, Apr 24
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 23 to 1200Z, Apr 24
North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Apr 24
432 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 27
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 28
Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 30 to 0159Z, May 1 and 1200Z-2159Z, May 1
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, May 4
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 7 to 2359Z, May 8
Microwave Spring Sprint	0800-1400 local, May 7
7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8
Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 7 to 0300Z, May 8
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 7 to 2359Z, May 8
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 9
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, May 11

## VE EXAMS

**Newton NJ**  
**07860-4912**

### EXAM SESSION

04/22/2022

**Sponsor:** SCARC

**Date:** Apr 22 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

(Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** Sid Mar-  
kowitz

(973) 663-0518

**Email:** [k2gg@iee.org](mailto:k2gg@iee.org)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC)

**Location:** Sussex

County Public

Safety Training

114 Morris Tpke

Newton NJ

07860-4912



## PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR MAY 2021

### \*\*\*SUNSPOT NUMBER\*\*\*

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

15.3 24.3 6.3

### \*\*\*10.7 RADIO FLUX\*\*\*

#### PREDICTED HIGH LOW

75.1 84.1 67.7

## MARCH MEETING MINUTES

### Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

The meeting was held by video teleconferencing

Attendees (12) K2EMJ, K2GG, K2SCH, KC2RDX, KY2D, N1MID, NO2EL, W2GM, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G, W3CJD and one visitor KD2YRP

A quorum was present.

#### Opening of Meeting

President Ed opened the meeting at 8:02 PM

#### Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that February 2022 minutes were issued in the March 2022 Peaks and Nulls Newsletter. There was one error reported. In the Old Business section Mark W2GM was listed with Craig's WR2G's call. My apologies to Mark. At least I got it right in the story about his equipment donation.

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Rob KC2RDX seconded. The report was accepted.

Treasurer – Noel NO2EL reported that the March account balances. The actual numbers are available from Noel.:

Activity: Confirmed Amazon Web fees. Received Smile.Amazon donation. Purchased case, USB to Serial cable, and hand microphone for FT-450D loaner rig. Renewed the Club's URL (Note: For some reason, the URL automatically renewed which caused the billing of my personal account. Renewal will show as a \$41.00 payment to Noel Scheffen and will appear on next month's Report due to the fact that the check is issued by the bank and takes a week which will be after tonight's meeting). KD2JGS, WW2KBA, K2MJF, and W2MHL who's dues are not current are now considered as Former Members

Pat K2SCH moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Carl WA2YCI Seconded. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business: Noel reported on what he has done in obtaining accessories for the FT450D. If Harbor Freight in Parsippany gets in the yellow transit case he will exchange the orange

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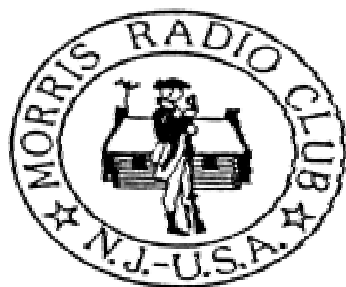


## MORRIS RADIO CLUB

K2EMJ	ED PETERS	PRESIDENT
W2GM	MARK SUGARMAN	VP
WA2VQF	BILL LOFTUS	SECRETARY
NO2EL	NOEL SCHEFFEN	TREASURER

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**ALTHOUGH MANY WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTRONICS RELATED FIELD, THE HOBBY APPEALS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS.**

**THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MORRIS RADIO CLUB IS A DIVERSE GROUP MADE UP OF MEDICAL, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AMONG OTHERS, WHOSE COMMON INTERESTS ARE COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.**

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### 2022 North Jersey Tailgate Hamfest

05/07/2022

**Location:** Horseshoe Lake Park  
72 Eyland Ave  
Succasunna, NJ 07876

**Website:** <http://splitrockara.org>

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case for a yellow one.

He also showed the work he has done on the IC-228H It is now ready for loan and will be placed on the list.

The loan notification now goes to Mark W2GM.

New Business: Ed asked Harvey WS2Q for a report on the Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade Craig WR2G will get the permit to use Central Park for field Day in case we use the park. There were no members at the meeting that have a problem working at the site so we will do all the preliminary work in anticipation of having Field Day at the park.

Joe showed the QRP rig that he just built.

Joe N1MID moved that the meeting be closed. Pat K2SCH Seconded

The meeting was closed at 8:56 PM.

WA2VQF MRC Secretary

# Splitrock Amateur Radio Association

## 2022 North Jersey Tailgate Hamfest



### Talk-In

\*\*\*WS2R/R\*\*\*  
146.985  
146.385 input  
PL 131.8

### Admission

Buyers/Sellers \$7.00  
Tailgating \$20.00  
Tail Gate purchase includes ONE  
Admission  
Non-Ham YL's and Harmonics Free

### Amateur Radio License Exams

VE session at the Roxbury Senior Center  
Starting at 9:00AM  
Walk-ins allowed  
Be prepared for test visit :

[arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session](http://arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session)

Saturday May 7, 2021  
Roxbury Senior Center  
72 Eyland Ave  
Succasunna, NJ 07876  
N40°51.415' W74°38.239'

- Many Great Vendors
- Door Prizes
- **Plenty of Parking!**
- Great Location
- Easy to Reach from Routes I-80, I-280,  
1-287, US-46, RT-10

### **SPLITROCK**



### Gates Open

Vendors: 6:00 AM

Buyers: 8:00 AM

### General Information

Splitrock Amateur Radio  
Association  
PO Box 528  
Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

### Vendor Information

Use the form online under Hamfest  
On Internet [splitrockara.org](http://splitrockara.org) or  
Email: [hamfest@splitrockara.org](mailto:hamfest@splitrockara.org)

### DXCC QSL Card Checking

Courtesy of the North Jersey DX  
Association  
[njdx.org](http://njdx.org)