

THE PLATTSMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Communicator

May 2022

FCC Not Processing New License Applications

(ARRL 04/27/2022) On Wednesday, April 27, in a notice to all VECs, the FCC again asked them to refrain from submitting any amateur radio exam session or license application files while the Commission works to resolve an issue with the Universal Licensing System (ULS) application filing system.

The ULS application filing system was not functioning properly last week and then the FCC indicated the problem was resolved, as previously reported by ARRL.

However, this was not the case, as no new amateur radio call signs and licenses have been issued since Monday, April 18, 2022.

Tuesday, April 19 is the day the FCC application fees became effective for amateur radio.

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports that new call signs are not being assigned by the FCC even if the applicant has paid the FCC application fee.

The FCC was processing upgrade applications through the system without an issue because there are no fees required for those applications.

In addition to new call signs not being issued even if the applicant has paid the FCC fee, some applicants are also having issues paying and logging into the system.

Other types of license application transactions may also be experiencing problems. Applicants should expect delays with license, call sign, and application processing associated with individuals and amateur radio clubs.

Amateur radio license filings are currently on hold until further notice and FCC did not estimate how long the system would be down.

<http://arrl.org/news/fcc-not-processing-new-license-applications>

Lincoln Hamfest

May 14, 2022 8:30-3:00

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln

<http://www.lincolnhamfest.org>

New build of Ham-Pi available for Raspberry Pi

It's cute, it's cheap, and it is a real computer the size of a deck of cards—How could anyone resist. Well, a lot of us didn't and, truthfully, a lot of them have mostly been gathering dust.

Dave Slotter, W3DJS, has put together a build he calls HamPi 2.0. The image is available for download and includes the full operating system as well as a great number of ham radio related programs. All set up and ready to go. It looks like a good way to get on digital modes with a minimum of fuss. Also included are logging programs, CW, SDR, APRS and many others. He notes that on this build he left out a few things including support for the SDRPlay—something that I want. I guess I'll learn how to load it.

For those of us who have been stuck in the Windows World, Linux looks like a challenge. Given how many perfectly good computers won't run Win 11 it may be time to take on that challenge. (And on a side note—there is a reason Microsoft stock is trading at ten times what it did a decade ago.)

If you don't already have a Raspberry Pi you may have trouble finding one. Right now there are some people profiteering on Amazon and Ebay asking a couple hundred bucks for them, but this may change at any time.

The image is available at: <https://sourceforge.net/projects/hampi/>. You will also want to download the ReadMe file and the How to Flash Image text file. He recommends Balena Etcher from <https://www.balena.io/etcher/>. This is a real simple program that reads the downloaded image and writes it to the micro SD card.

For some reason my download of 2.0 wouldn't load, but a previous (1.5) version works just fine. I also had an issue with one of my cards. But I am just getting started. It looks like a good challenge and one worth taking on.

I'm also intrigued with VNC which will let me use an old iPad as a terminal to the Pi. It works fine on my home network and supposedly can be made to work on a peer to peer basis for remote work. We'll see!

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**Charter Members #New Ham*

Note: Thanks to all who have paid their dues and many who have given additional donations. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please let me know of any corrections.



Meetings are 8am the last Saturday of most months at Mom's Café in Plattsmouth.

Tuesday night get-togethers at Plattsmouth Burger King at 6 PM

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MINUTES of the MEETING

The monthly meeting was held on March 26 at Mom's Café. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Behrns at 8:20 am.

Those in attendance were Roger (KBØOGO), Kevin (KIØPY), Ray (N5SEZ), Derek (WØDBW), Chuck (AIØN), Gary(WDØCFC), and Jim (WØJRN).

The Minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Chuck and second by Gary.

The Treasurer reported receiving \$15 in dues and no expenses. This leaves \$315 in the repeater fund and \$968.95 in the general fund for a balance of \$1283.95. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Derek and second by Jim.

It was noted that the Insurance bill had been received and was being paid.

A letter was being sent to the Murray Village Board to request holding Field Day in Murray again.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 am on a motion by Derek and second by Jim.



PLATTSMOUTH ARC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name		Call Sign		Class	
Address		City		State	
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Spouse Name		Call Sign		Class	
Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> Primary(\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> New Ham		● Additional donations are gratefully accepted. ● New Hams are free during the year they receive their first license. ● Please give this form and dues to the club treasurer or any club officer.		Donation for: <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater fund <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General	
Any additional e-mail or cell phone #s?		Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer my donation to be anonymous.			

Meeting Calendar

8am, Sat April 30, 2022
 8am, Sat May 28, 2022
 at Mom's Café
 Field Day is June 25-26.