



Loma Linda University Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events for LLUARC

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Since the January breakfast, we have seen a heightened activity within the club. We now have a full slate of officers including a president, vice-president and secretary.

Because of that, regular club meetings are now resuming, the first of which taking place on April 21, 2002, starting at 1900 hours in room A605 in the Schumann Pavilion of LLUMC. Our program will be presented by Joe and Pat Essary who will be discussing Search and Rescue

operations of San Bernardino County. This will be a very interesting program, and we want to encourage everyone to attend.

Following the April meeting, we will change from a quarterly to bimonthly schedule, with events such as a Field Day in June, an antenna party in August, and potlucks in October and December. More about these meetings will follow in the future.

The next Technician licensing class will begin on

Monday, July 8 at the Loma Linda Emergency Operations Center. More information about this will be discussed at the April meeting.

Please check out the club website <http://www.llu.edu/llu/lluarc> which includes information about all of these events and will be updated as necessary.

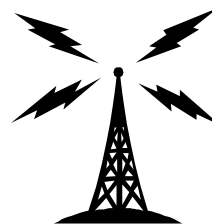
We hope to see you all at the April meeting! It will be an evening you definitely won't want to miss!

Repeaters

- **LLUARC**
147.735 MHz, PL 118.8 Hz
445.600 MHz, PL 118.8 Hz
- **ARG**
145.240 MHz, PL 118.8 Hz
- **LOMA LINDA RACES**
147.240 MHz, PL 156.7 Hz
447.000 MHz, PL 156.7 Hz

Nets

- **LLUARC**
147.735 MHz, PL 118.8 Hz
Every Tuesday at 2100
- **ARG**
145.240 MHz, PL 118.8 Hz
Every Tuesday at 1900



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LLUARC provides public service communications for Loma Linda University Medical Center and the community at large; assists individuals in obtaining amateur radio licenses and provides for mutual fellowship of amateur radio operators who reside in this area. LLUARC owns and operates repeaters on 147.735, 145.24 (ARG) and 446.875 MHz, all with PL tones of 118.8 Hz.

Dues:
\$25.00/year for LLUARC, \$20.00/year for Arrowhead Repeater Group (ARG), \$40.00/year for both. Students or additional family members of the same household are reduced rates.

FCC Vanquishes Vanity Backlog

NEWINGTON, CT, April 10, 2002— For all intents and purposes, the FCC has now cleared the long-standing vanity call sign application backlog that had built up as a result of mail problems last October. So far this week, the FCC has issued 289 more vanity call signs. That completes the processing of applications received at the FCC's Gettysburg, PA, office through March 22.

At its peak, the vanity backlog was estimated at more than 2000 applications. The FCC resumed routine vanity processing in early March. The processing of routine Amateur Service applications was unaffected by the vanity problems.

The vanity holdup began after some two weeks paper of vanity applications sent off last October for anthrax decontamination were not returned to Gettysburg. Since FCC policy continues to give equal priority to paper and electronic vanity applications, all vanity application processing was halted when the paper applications didn't come back.

FCC staff—with help from the ARRL—used payment information to contact those who had filed and have them submit new applications. Last month, the FCC began receiving the applications that had been missing.

Comments are due April 23, 2002, on an FCC proposal to raise the regulatory fee it charges vanity call sign applicants from \$12.00 to \$14.50 for the 10 year license term. Reply comments on the proposal are due May 3, 2002. If approved, the new, higher fee likely would go into effect in September. The FCC proposed the new fee in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MD Docket No. 02-64)* released March 27 to set Fiscal Year 2002 fees. The FCC has estimated that 8000 applicants will apply for vanity call signs in FY2001. The vanity fee is paid at the time of application for a new, renewal or reinstated vanity license.

Amateurs with pending applications may take advantage of the FCC Call Center's toll free number, 888-CALL FCC (888-225-5322) or may initiate an application search via the Universal Licensing System at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. Information on the amateur vanity call sign system is available at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/callsigns/vanity/index.html>.