

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## ***UNO Amateur Radio Club Holds Its First Meeting***

The Amateur Radio Club at the University of Nebraska at Omaha held its first interest meeting on Jan. 29 and will register as an official campus club.

Students are not required to be licensed to join the club and participate in activities.

The Amateur Radio Club’s first interest meeting had nine students attend. They nominated and voted in club officers and two club advisors and a station trustee.

Dr. Svechkarev, advisor, volunteers with the Douglas County emergency communications team and is licensed by the FCC. He taught the new members about the opportunities of ham radio.

For the meeting, Svechkarev brought his personal equipment to give everyone a visual and auditory example of radio. The students were intrigued by the possibilities.

Most members do not own radio equipment. Other individuals and organizations are willing to donate equipment and funds to the club as needed.

The club members expressed gratitude for the \$500. donation from the Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, Neal Grandgenett for snacks at the meeting.

While several students were cybersecurity majors or interested in electrical and mechanical systems, others were entirely new to amateur radio.

The club has started planning hands-on activities and technical builds. They hope to build a club station when the weather is warmer. As students express interest., the advisors will help them prepare for the licensing exams.

Svechkarev said that many organizations and clubs are looking forward to working with the student-led radio station. “There are lots of people excited that our home area will finally have a radio club.”

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- > PARC
- > Meeting
- > Gambinos
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- > Fremont, NE
- > 1900 E. Military
- Thursday
- > Feb. 26, 2026
- > Fremont, NE
- >
- > Eat at 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at
- > 7 p.m.

**Program**

**Updates for Mesh!**

*By Tony Renze*

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## PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA

January 22, 2026

The January 22, 2026 Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at Gambino's Pizza in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Steve Narans, WBØVNF. 14 amateurs introduced themselves.

**Secretary Report:** The official minutes were corrected as to show the November meeting was held at the Schneider Building, not Gambino's.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, was approved. Dues for 2026 are due. Anyone paying or having already paid will have their names in tonight's drawing. Sharon and Wes went to the bank December 26th. Savings account was dormant for many years, so amount was added to the checking account. We still have some petty cash. No income in December because of the Christmas Party. Expenses were for the "Amateur of the Year" plaque and the monthly prize. Bills were paid to Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, for the 2026 Flea Market grand prize Yaesu HF radio; Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN for Christmas Party expenses (included additional plates for September Picnic); and payment to Lance, WNØL, for our annual Go Daddy account.

**Hospitality/Correspondence:** Sharon sent a card to Chuck Narans, KFØAFJ, to encourage him in his illness. She sent a card to Frank Veverka, KØAJA, when his wife Wilma passed away.

**Education:** Zach Young, NØRUS, was not present, but has the power point ready for our school presentations in March.

**Field Days:** Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV is going to be at the park for the Winter Field Day. Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, and YXL Ruth, KI5MDO, now have a full-size fridge in the barn for us to use at the 2026 Summer Field Day.

**Flea Market:** Monty, NRØA, of Norfolk is not up to chairing the VE testing. Is there anyone from our club that can get the authorization to order supplies, etc. and chair it this year? Mike Campbell, KEØKAZ offered to work on this. We are already sanctioned as an ARRL event, and the organization will again send door prizes closer to the event.

**Picnic:** Brian offered to have the picnic at their place, and suggested maybe a later lunch rather than an evening meal so people would be more comfortable not having to drive home in the dark.

**Christmas Party:** Nothing yet.

**Net Control:** Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, indicated we have been averaging 6 check-ins per week. He would call the net for the first Wednesday in February, Frank has offered to call the net on the second week, Steve will be able to help out after that.

**ARES:** Gary mentioned ice activity south of Columbus. Steve said we usually have our planning meeting sometime in February, and we would like to do another drill this spring. We did a excellent table-top drill for ARES last year with Matt Jones on terminology, peoples' positions, and responsibilities. Steve wants to talk to Tom about another city-wide discussion with the police, fire, sheriff, county supervisor, and the hospital involved. Most of it is around the table, with some people out in positions. Concerning storm watch training, something is being planned in Saunders County according to Mike, but dates have not been set yet. Steve said if we don't have one in Dodge, he and Wes will do a power point from weather service at our meeting.

**Publicity:** Wes is handling online publicity and posts on facebook.

**Unfinished Business:** It was mentioned echo link repair is still be investigated. Ham of the Year plaque will still need to be awarded for 2025.

**New Business:** Matt Jones, ALØR, has asked to step down as Vice-President. Sharon nominated Wes Chrisman, seconded by Darlene Hoffman, NØLOP. Wes said he would accept the nomination and was voted in by the group. Gary mentioned ice jam activity near the south of Columbus. The Vice-President helps set up programs. Steve requested the group help brainstorm future programs for this year's meetings. Suggestions were: The 50 Year Pathfinder Explosion Program by Mr. Rick Strong (March) at the "Dodge House" (Schneider Building); Storm Warning (April); Mesh (May); skip program in June; ask Tony to do a topic; Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB, on CES, and Ham Fests, and local hams on kit building. Discussion for reimbursing Jared for repeater.

**Announcements:** UNO is starting an amateur radio club. Maybe when organized some of us can visit or offer help with a program. There was no program tonite.

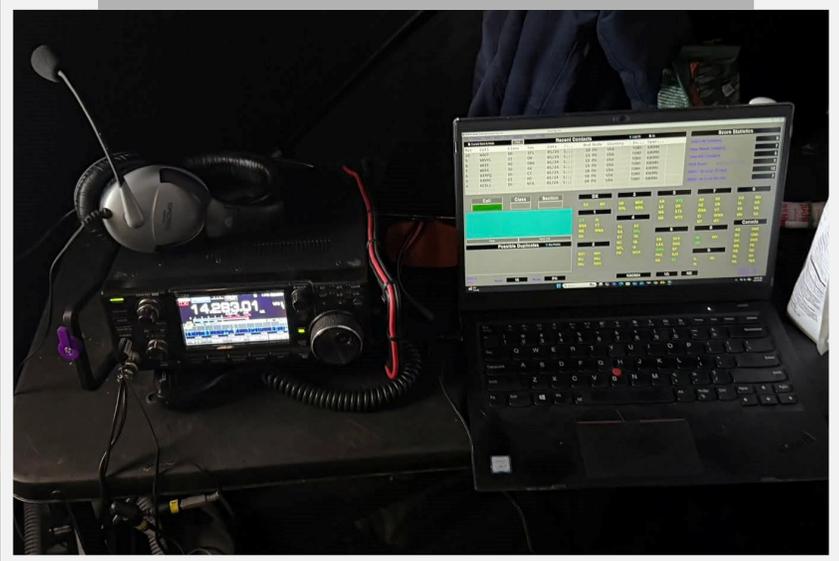
**Drawing:** Winner was Mike Campbell.

**Meeting:** Adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Jane Mehaffey



Winter  
Field Day  
2026  
IT WAS COLD, COLD  
COLD!



### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Steve Narans, WBOVNF  
**V. President,** Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV  
**Secretary,** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN  
**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV  
Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ  
Tony Renze, KDOMH & 2 Officers  
**Club Trustee:** Lance Hoffman, WNOL

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB  
**Field Day:** Tony Renze, KDOMH  
**Flea Market:** Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ  
**Picnic:** Brian Cooper, KDSRXP  
**Christmas Party:** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN  
Pat Bahl  
**Publicity :** Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV  
**ARES:** Steve Narans, WBOVNF  
**Education:** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN and  
Zach Young, NORUS  
**Net Manager:** Gary Wiese, KBOKYM

## 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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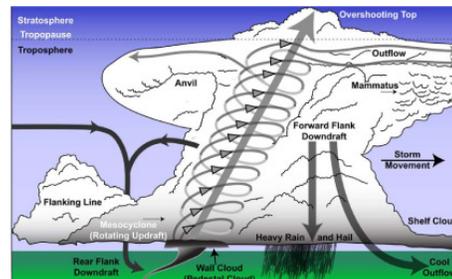
PARC Membership be aware that there was a SPAM email that was sent to a PARC Member that looked like it came from another PARC Member asking them to purchase Amazon gift cards for what seemed to be a project. It looks perfect, sounds real and very well worded.

We have no projects asking our members to purchase anything. That would have been presented, discussed and voted on publicly during a meeting..

The email addresses are being deleted from the web page.



## 2026 Severe Weather TRAINING



**March 30, 6:30 pm, Snyder Fireman's  
Ballroom,  
210 Maple St, Snyder, NE**

The National Weather Service will be conducting Severe Weather Spotter Training. The training lasts about an hour and a half, contains a multimedia presentation about severe weather, and is **free and open to the public**. Each presentation will be conducted by a NWS Meteorologist. All spotters and the general public are encouraged to attend the presentation.

- All classes last around 1 1/2 hours.
- Classes are free and open to the public.
- Classes are appropriate for all ages. Ages 10 and up will likely get the most out of the training.
- Pre-registration is NOT required.
- You may attend a class in any location, offered by any NWS office, regardless of where you live.