

PARC News

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Jazz From Jane



KBØZUN

Last month I promised Darlene a paragraph, and "wrote a book." This time she indicated I could have the whole page, and I'll probably only think of a paragraph. Go figure!

I will be at Kearney on our Friday meeting date attending the state reading conference so Joe is graciously going to jump in or "roll up" as President at the last minute, if I don't get back in time to start or conduct the meeting. I haven't missed a meeting in months, and now that I am the "Prez" I'm gone for the second meeting of my tenure. Don't be too hard on him, because the year is just starting and I may need his help again. I'm not worried about his capabilities as I know without a doubt he can fill MY shoes.

The dates are getting firmed up for the student interest groups at North Bend Elementary this spring. I was told I should have dates by our meeting time on the 22nd.

If you are interested, I can demonstrate how I am learning the Morse code at a future meeting sometime. It will probably not make sense to anyone but me, but it might be fun for you to see how crazy your humble leader's brain works. Scary, isn't it!

If I don't make it, I'll miss you all. Remember to support those on our ill and injured list... Steve R, NØWY, Larry, KØSW, Dave B. NØLGU, etc.

The Ninth Edition of the ARRL VEC/VE Manual is now online on the ARRL Web site. The Manual, the most complete source on the Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Program, has everything you need to know in order to be an ARRL Volunteer Examiner.

"We're really excited about the new Manual," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "We've put a lot of work into it, taking suggestions from Volunteer Examiners all over the United States. It's very comprehensive, yet easy to understand." Somma said the Manual is full of new and timely information, taking into account the licensing rule changes that went into effect last year.

New ARRL Volunteer Examiner Manual Now Online

"One of the biggest changes to the Ninth Edition is the deletion of all the procedures having to do with Morse code testing," Somma said. As of February 23, 2007,

the FCC no longer requires those upgrading their license to be tested on Morse code. Somma said that more than 80 percent of the Manual's content has been revised.

The Manual, written to help guide amateurs through the VEC program, is also a guide for those aspiring to be Volunteer Examiners. "Any General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class license holder is eligible to be a Volunteer Examiner," Somma said. "It's a simple process to become a VE -- just complete the ARRL VE application form and pass a 40-question 'open book' test and you're set! If you're an active ham radio operator, you probably enjoy giving back to the Amateur Radio community, be it through public service or as a Volunteer Examiner. Many hams fondly remember their first license examination experience."

Information in the Manual includes how to become an accredited Volunteer Examiner and how to participate in the Amateur Radio examination process, as well as real-life experiences from current Volunteer Examiners. "It's really a reference manual with tons of details. The real-life experiences in the Manual will help current and future Volunteer Examiners know how to deal with those pesky situations that sometimes pop up," Somma said.

For more information on the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program, please see the ARRL VE Web site.

Check into the PARC Net Every

Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the

146.67 repeater!

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES 1/25/08

President, Jane KBØZUN, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. 19 people were present and introduced themselves.

The Minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved as printed in January PARC News. Steve, KFØMS to pay the bills. Joe WAØSTV seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Day: No report in Larry KØSW's absence.

Picnic: Dave WØNRW, said the picnic will be sometime in September.

Christmas Party: Jane will be in charge. Nothing .

Hospitality: No report in Sharon's KBØTVB absence.

Publicity: No report in Kiel's NØLVZ absence.

Education: Steve had nothing to report. A discussion was held on Special Interests Days at the North Bend Elementary School. Steve is going to order Archie Comics for the days in April.

ARES: Dave reported there is Net Control Training tomorrow in Omaha. Dodge County's Weather Spotter Training is scheduled for April 23rd.

Net Manager: John KCØKKE had a new sign up schedule going around the room.

Flea Market: Rich KBØARZ reported we cannot have the Flea Market on July 19th because of a conflict with the use of the hall. We agreed to move the Flea market to July 12th. The rent will be \$100. Rich mentioned most groups using the hall are getting their own insurance.

NO OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Rasmussen NØWY, is back in the hospital with the cancer recurrence.

Darlene NØLOP said the club got a QSL card from Field Day.

Steve said he read that many 911 calls were being made. When tracked, it was found that people were giving their kids old cell phones to play with and the kids were calling 911. He mentioned as a note to pass on.

Mel reported he and Sandy have an 8th grandchild.

Darlene brought up she and Lance are switching their internet service, so the club page will no longer be an option from their site. She gave the details of how the club could have their own domain with godaddy for approximately \$60 per year. Joe made motion to purchase and Dave T.

There was no drawing for the pot at the January meeting!



seconded. Motion carried. (Actual cost will be \$54.56).

Lance WNØL talked about the bus trip to Dayton per details from Todd KKØDX. It will be Thursday, May 15th thru Sunday, May 18th, with a stops in Iowa City and Champaign, IL. The total cost for the trip is \$150. Per person. The hotel is in Miamisburg, OH. The cost for a double \$91. The Dayton annual DX dinner is Friday night is \$37. The Contest dinner on Saturday night is \$36. There is a bigger bus this year, and we need a few more people to fill the bus.

Repeaters: Lance needs to work on the audio chip on the 146.67- to get better audio. Steve heard nothing from Neal WBØEMU.

Dave T. mentioned the Lincoln Hamfest on march 8th at a motel on north 27th St. More details will be coming.

Dave T. gave his annual plea for donations of used books to the Friends of the Library.

Joe mentioned we had a good turnout tonight. There was no drawing for the pot in the absence of the Treasurer.

Jane gave a demonstration on how she is learning code by association. She was tested (in fun) and passed with flying colors.

Joe mentioned his newest technology of digital hearing aids. They do not have any of the background noise of the old style aids.

Dave T. made a motion to adjourn and Mel KØVLA seconded at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by Darlene Hoffman NØLOP, Secretary

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Report - February, 2008

Savings	\$130.68
Checking	\$1,007.70
Total	\$1,138.38

Income:

Dues	\$162.00
Total Income	\$162.00

Expenses:

Newsletter	\$18.60
Web Domain Charge	54.56
Total Expenses	\$73.16

Membership Dues:

Dues are \$10 for first member of a family and \$3 each additional member per calendar year if paid between Jan. 1 and March 1. Dues are prorated at \$1 per month after March 1 for new members. Previous year member's dues remain \$10 whenever they are paid. Life membership is \$200.

SEND TO:

Sharon Martens
2316 E. First St.
Fremont, NE 68025



Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING: February 22, 2008
- Supper at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club
End of Winter Hamfest
March 8, 2008

Flea Market - Forums—FCC Testing

Country Inn and Suites
 5353 North 27th St. Lincoln, NE
 Just south off Exit #403 on I-80

Hours: Saturday 8—Noon Exhibitors 6 a.m.

Exhibitors: D&L Antennas, Kansas City, MO - Burghardt Amateur Ctr—Watertown, SD

Admission: \$3.00 Tables: \$5.00 Grand Prize Drawing at 11:30 a.m.

Forums: What is D-Star and a D-Star Clinic—Weather—Stealth Antennas

ARARAT Amateur Radio Shrine Club

HAMBASH 2008

Sanctioned by ARRL Ararat Shrine 5100 Ararat Drive Kansas City, MO

SATURDAY, April 19, 2008

Admission \$4.00 Talk-in 145.13— Open at 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Hourly Door Prizes - Main Prize Drawing at 1 p.m.

Commercial Exhibitors Traders Area Snack Bar Seminars and Auction

Testing by W5YI (Advanced Registration Not Required)

Ladies Hospitality Room

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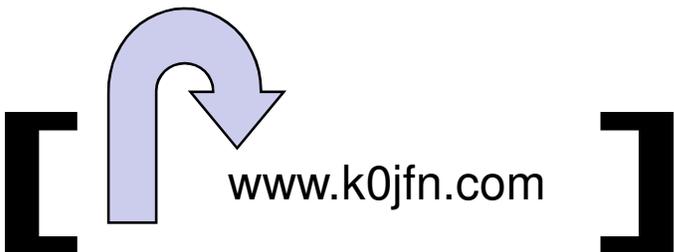
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 V. President—Joe Roberts Treasurer—Sharon Martens

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mel Cunningham , Joe Roberts, Bob Kirchmann
 + 2 Officers

Committee Chairs

Field Day—Larry Martens Publicity—Kiel Eltiste
 Flea Market—Rich Mehaffey Education—Steve Benke
 Picnic—Dave Theophilus Net Manager—John Beranek
 Christmas Party—Jane Mehaffey ARES Mgr.-Dave Theophilus
 Hospitality—Sharon Martens Technical—Carl Johnson



Can You Help?



By Lance, WNØL

Dave, NØLGU is looking for a multi band HF vertical antenna. If you have one you can loan or give him, we're sure he would appreciate it. His Cushcraft R8 broke again at the coil. In other words, it bit the dust. He is off the air as far as HF is concerned until one shows up.

And because he is out of commission, he won't very easily be able to pick one up at a flea market. We're sure he would appreciate having one while he has limited movement.

HOSPITALITY

PARC members have not had a good month!



Steve Rasmussen is out of the hospital, but is taking chemo on a regular basis.

Larry Martens fell at work on January 30th and broke his leg in two places. He had surgery and is recuperating at home.

Dave Bauer fell on ice with his bicycle on February 12th, and fractured his right hip. He had partial hip replacement on Thursday and is home.

We wish all of you the best and a fast recovery.

LOCAL NETS

M-F	6:30 pm	3.9820	NE Storm Net
M-F	9 pm	146.76	E. NE ARES
Tues.	8 pm	146.88	Clarkson
Wed.	7 pm	146.67	Pioneer ARC
Wed.	8 pm	145.31	Ashland ARC
Wed.	9 pm	146.82	Pott Co. ARES
Thurs.	8 pm	146.94	Heartland DX As
Sun.	9 am	3.896	3900 Club
Sun.	7:30 pm	146.775	Columbus

LOCAL REPEATER FREQUENCIES

K0ASH	145.310	Ashland
WNØL	146.07/146.67	Fremont
K0KKV	146.760	Lincoln
KF0MS	147.705/147.105	Fremont
WNØL	223.06/224.66	Fremont
W0UVQ	444.175	Fremont
KF0MS	449.375/444.375	Fremont
W0QOU	449.575/444.575	Logan View