

# PARC NEWS

*Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska*

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## PARC Meeting

**Thursday,  
Aug. 25th**  
Supper 6 pm  
Meeting 7 pm

Hero's/  
Gambino's  
1900 E. Military,  
Fremont, NE

Let's Have A Picnic!

## It's the Annual PARC Picnic

Sunday, September 25, 2016—5:30 pm  
At The Theophilus Home  
507 E. Third, Fremont

Please bring a side dish—salad, veggie or dessert  
so we have a variety.

The club will furnish the  
hot dogs and chicken, the  
drinks and the tableware.

It's always a good time!



## Dan, W7UP Plans Short Program

I plan to bring a dual boot laptop with Ubuntu Linux to the club meeting to demonstrate the graphical user interface. I will keep it short due to other major discussion.

Due to the unfortunate passing of Steve, KF0MS, we will start a discussion during the business meeting on the equipment donated to the club.

*Dan W7UP*

### PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR July 28, 2016

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for July 28, 2016 was called to order at 7 PM by President Dan Steinhoff, W7UP. 17 people were present. Everybody introduced themselves.

**MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT:** The June minutes and July Treasurer's Report were approved as printed in the June/July *PARC News*.

**MOTION to PAY BILLS:** No bills.

**HOSPITALITY:** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB gave an update on the condition of Steve Benke, KF0MS.

**EDUCATION:** Nothing to report.

**FIELD DAY:** Larry Martens, K0SW returned the key to the Izaak Walton people and passed on the \$100 donation. He also thanked everybody for their help.

**FLEA MARKET:** Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN gave a report on the July 9th Flea Market, which everybody agreed was successful. Following a discussion on the merits of moving from St. Charles Parish to the North Bend City Auditorium, Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP moved that we stay at St. Charles Parish in 2017 on July 8. The motion was seconded by Ray McNally, N5SEZ, and was approved. KB0ARZ and KB0ZUN received a round of applause.

**PICNIC:** 530 PM Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Theophilus home.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** 530 PM Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Office Bar & Grill in Hooper.

**NET MANAGER:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA thanked everybody. He has Net Controls through August.

**ARES:** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW reported that the amateur radio precipitation reports

could be more easily handled by the National Weather Service if they were entered into the CoCoRaHS system. He will send sign-up information via email.

**PUBLICITY:** Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was decided to hold Field Day on June 24-25, 2017 at the Izaak Walton Park. K0SW will make the arrangements. We will need to have new Field Day chairpersons. The donated 2 meter radio did not sell at the Flea Market. Frank Veverka, K0AJA will talk to a prospective buyer at a cost of \$50. W7UP will try to have a program for the August meeting. N5SEZ reported that he will be teaching Morse code to Cub and Boy Scouts at Camp Little Sioux. Lance Hoffman, WN0L reported that Dick Newsome, W0HXL has moved from Omaha to a new home near Corning, Iowa. KB0ARZ and KB0ZUN invited everybody to their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration in North Bend on August 14.

**DRAWING:** The winner of the \$10 Gambino's Gift Card was Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 755 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Theophilus, W0NRW*

## 2016 PARC Calendar

In 2016, the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (PARC) will continue to meet at Gambino's/Hero's on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, 6 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting, Gambino's/Hero Deli, 1900 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE

The Dates Are:

August 25

September—No Meeting —Picnic Sept. 25

October 27

November 17—1 week early due to Thanksgiving  
December—No Meeting Christmas Party Dec. 10th

The PARC website is at: [www.k0jfn.com](http://www.k0jfn.com)

## Upcoming Hamfests

Aug 27—Joplin Hamfest, Joplin, MO

Sept. 10—Ak-Sar-Ben Flea esta

Oct 13 —Microwave Update Conf, St. Louis, MO

Oct 15—Southside ARC Hamfest, Belton, MO

# A Tribute

## Silent Key KF0MS

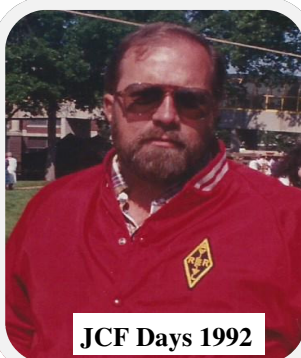
## Steve Benke

## Nov. 13, 1947-Aug. 6, 2016

JCF Days 1990



JCF Days 1992



JCF Days 1993



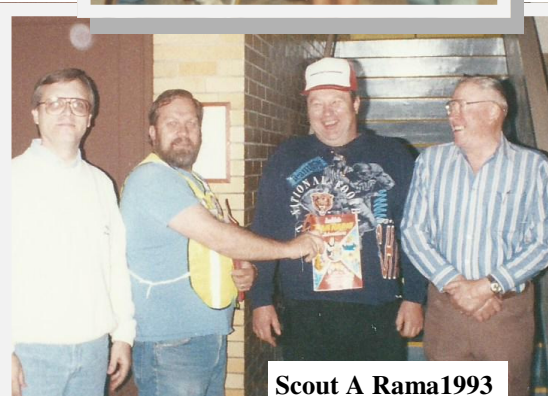
NOBE 1992



Field Day 1992



Scout A Rama 1993



Field Day 1990



Field Day 1996



We've seen over the last few weeks just how much our club members thought of Steve by the e-mails and facebook posts. Here are a few more:

- \* President of PARC for several years. He always ended the meetings with a list of witty or meaningful sayings or a sheet of jokes.

- \* Field Day at the Conestoga Wagons at the camp site are some of my fondest memories of Steve—always there bright and early raising antennas.

- \* Teaching radio to the kids at North Bend Schools for many years.

- \* All the Flea Markets—you could always find Steve at the Admissions table.

- \* The Picnic— What will it be without Steve's famous "Peach Pies"? He loved peach pie! And his famous saying "You gotta come, the food is always delicious".

- \* The Christmas Party—My memory is Steve always dressed in a bright colored shirt.

And the meetings themselves always brought Steve in bright shirts and his famous shorts—even in the winter.

Steve, the laid back, not a big deal, wonderful person. He contributed so much to our PARC club and activities.

You will be missed very much our friend. May you rest in peace.

- Darlene, NOLOP



## ***Steve Benke's Equipment***

As some of you may know, Charley Benke, Steve's wife, left all of his ham radio gear and antennas and towers to the club. Dave T, Mel, and Lance brought it all out to the ham shack at our site till we, as a club, can decide the next step.

According to Dan, W7UP, we will be discussing what to do with the equipment and who may want to purchase some of the equipment and what will be the best way to do that.

Below is a list of the major equipment Lance has put together for us.

Hallicrafters R-42  
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Hallicrafters S-120  
Hallicrafters S-38E  
Hallicrafters S-40B  
Hallicrafters Sky Rider  
Hallicrafters SX-42  
National NC-173  
DSI-3550

Vibroplex Bug w/case  
GE Power Supply 7A  
Cushcraft R-8—PARC to keep for FD  
Misc handheld Radios  
Misc 2-m/440 Base Radios  
Misc Coax  
Misc VOM, etc  
IsoLoop Antenna  
Many Other Misc Items

### **TESTED ITEMS**

Kenwood TS-930S—no output  
Heathkit SB-200—no tubes, case bent  
Astron RS-20—works  
Auttek MK-1 Memory Keyer—Lance repaired

## ***Final Call to KF0MS***

The Dodge County ARES Net was held on Aug. 10, following the funeral of Steve Benke, KF0MS.

Dave Bauer, N0LGU, the NCS had 13 check-ins. At the conclusion, Jarad Chrisman, KD0EFC conducted a Final Call for KF0MS. He called 2 times with no answer, and then gave a short tribute to Steve.

After that several members called KF0MS with short remarks. It was an appropriate way to say goodbye to a longtime PARC member & friend.

*Rest in Peace Friend  
Dave T. W0NRW*

## **CoCoRaHS Info For You**

Those of you see my precipitation summaries know that in addition to reports from amateur radio operators in Dodge and northern Saunders Counties, I also include reports from CoCoRaHS. So, what is CoCoRaHS?

Here is the answer taken from the CoCoRaHS website at: <http://cocorahs.org/>

*CoCoRaHS is an acronym for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. CoCoRaHS is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive Web-site, our aim is to provide the highest quality data for natural resource, education and research applications. We are now in all fifty states.*

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Omaha/Valley has asked me to relay information to the rainfall reporters (and to others as well) about CoCoRaHS and to ask you to consider becoming a CoCoRaHS observer.

Even though I send the amateur radio reports I receive to the NWS, it would make their job of entering the reports into their system much easier if the reports came in through the CoCoRaHS system. It would also lessen the chance that the reports would be overlooked and greatly increases the number of people and agencies that would receive the reports.

I am the backup NWS Cooperative Observer for Fremont (K0SW and KB0TVB are the primary observers), but I have also been a CoCoRaHS observer since 2013. I enter my observations each morning on the CoCoRaHS website around 7 AM, which is the standard observation time.

All that is required is your time and the use of a 4" diameter plastic rain gauge, which can be purchased locally or at two different sites on the CoCoRaHS website. While they like the 0 reports, it is not necessary to report every day.

For those of you who only want to look at the reports, you can do that on the website in several different formats.

Give the website a look. If you have any questions, send me an email.

*Dave T. W0NRW*

*Dodge County Amateur Radio Emergency Service*

## ***Dayton Hamvention Has To Find New Home***

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) regrets to inform our many vendors, visitors and stakeholders that, unfortunately, HARA has announced the closing of their facility. We have begun execution of our contingency plan to move Hamvention® 2017 to a new home.

DARA and Hamvention® have enjoyed many successful years working together with HARA Arena and we wish the Wampler family the best.

DARA and Hamvention® have been working on a contingency plan in the event HARA would become unavailable. We have spent many hours over the last few years evaluating possible locations and have found one in the area we believe will be a great new home! Due to logistics and timing issues, we will make a formal announcement introducing our new partner. This information will be coming soon. We all believe this new venue will be a spectacular place to hold our beloved event. Please rest assured we will have the event on the same weekend and, since it will be in the region, the current accommodations and outside events already planned for Hamvention® 2017 should not be affected.

Ron Cramer General Chairman  
Dayton Hamvention 2017

## **Dave T. Finds Himself Listed On A Site While Internet Surfing**

Starting on the ARRL Letter this week and surfing the Internet through several interesting links, I ran across a remarkable document. It is The History of the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club (MRAC) 1917-2016. What makes it so remarkable is not the fact that I am in it, but rather the fact that in addition to MRAC history, it also contains many items pertaining to amateur radio history in general, as well as U.S. history. It is very interesting reading. It can be found at:

<http://www.w9rh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/MRAC-History-Edition-2016.pdf>

Dave T. W0NRW

P.S. I am in 1967 with a follow-up in 1969, but my correct call at the time was W9KWQ.

### **New RTL-SDR Now Available**

There is a new RTL-SDR Blog Units Now Available in Store. The site is at :  
<http://www.rtl-sdr.com/newrtl-sdr-blog-units-now-available-in-store-hf-via-direct-sampling-software-switchable-bias-tee-less-noisespurs/>

Dan W7UP

**No Meeting  
In September**

**Come to the Picnic**

**October  
Will feature  
Election of  
2017 PARC  
Officers**



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OF FREMONT, NEBRASKA

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President—Dan Steinhoff, W7UP  
V. President—Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV  
Secretary—Dave Theophilus, WØNRW  
Treasurer—Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Board of Directors:

Bob Kirchmann WØICE  
Frank Veverka, KØAJA  
Jim Sweeney KBØDYY  
And 2 Officers

Committee Chairs:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens  
Field Day: Steve Benke  
Wes Chrisman  
Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey  
Picnic: Dave Theophilus &  
Sharon Martens  
Christmas Party: Linda Kirchmann  
& Jane Mehaffey  
Publicity: Dave Theophilus  
Education: Jane Mehaffey  
Net Manager: Mel Cunningham  
ARES: Dave Theophilus

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Yearly PARC Dues are \$10 for the first member of a family and \$3 each additional member if paid between Jan. 1 and March 1.

Dues are prorated at \$1 per month after March 1st for new members. Previous year member's dues remain \$10 whenever they are paid.

Life membership is \$200.

**SEND TO:**

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

# FLEA-ESTA

## September 10, 2016

Air Conditioned 4-H Building  
Sarpy County Fairgrounds

**Admission \$5**

Door Prizes and Bargains

Breakfast & Lunch Available

Tables \$8 in Advance—\$10 at the door

[flea@aksarben.org](mailto:flea@aksarben.org)  
Click for a Map to the Flea Site

### Treasurer's Report Aug., 2016

Savings.....\$130.68  
Checking.....1,841.04  
Petty Cash.....20.00  
**TOTAL.....\$1,991.72**

**INCOME**

Dues .....\$ 10.00  
Flea Market.....533.00  
Flea Mkt Food.....183.25  
Donation .....25.00  
PARC Table.....75.00  
Vendor Tables .....79.00  
Memorial.....20.00  
**TOTAL INCOME ....\$ 925.00**

**EXPENSES:**

Field Day Picnic .....\$ 58.53  
Flea Market.....140.29  
Steve Benke Mem .....25.00  
Paper Products.....7.82  
**TOTAL EXPENSES \$231.64**