

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## Disaster Volunteer Of The Year

All, It is a pleasure to announce Jim Kuddes as the State of Nebraska  
**2020 Citizen Corps**

Disaster Volunteer of the Year Award winner.

In addition, the Dodge County Citizen Corp Council is receiving the State of Nebraska 2020 Citizen Corp Council of the year award. This is an award to represent the collaboration of each volunteer organization, REACT, PARC-ARES, First Lutheran Shelter Team-ARC, CERT, and CAP; Together we make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help make our communities better places to live.

From the Lt. Gov.

*From The Fremont Tribune*

Kuddes joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) about 50 years ago. CAP trains its young members for emergency services.

“I do a lot of training for search and rescue. My other primary function is safety.” Kuddes said he focuses on three areas in training: Leadership, Aerospace education, and emergency services.

Kuddes said the Fremont squadron is one of the most active units in the state. “We’ve started doing a lot of things with drones in search and rescue and missing persons searches,” he said.

“Obviously, I don’t do this by myself”, he said.

Tom Smith, Dodge County Emergency Manager, said he was thankful for the award for the group, which is comprised of various groups that are involved in disaster preparedness, including CAP, CERT, **Pioneer Amateur Radio Club** and REACT.

## Election Of Officers & Amateur Of The Year

There will be election of officers for PARC 2021 at the upcoming virtual meeting. We also will decide what to do about the “Amateur Of The Year Award”. Be prepared with your input.

- > Virtual Meeting
- > Thursday
- > Oct. 22, 2020
- > Supper 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at 7 p.m.
- > Hero's/Gambinos
- > 1900 F. Military
- > Fremont, NE

Until Further Notice

Virtual Meeting  
On 146.67  
Repeater

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## PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for September 24, 2020, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 17 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K0OMH. Tony opened the meeting by giving the PARC website of [www.k0sw.org](http://www.k0sw.org) for members to check for financial and other information. He thanked Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP for publishing the *PARC News*. He then read the *Radio Amateur's Code*, which was written by Paul Segal, W9EEA in 1928.

**HOSPITALITY:** N0LOP reported that Sharon Martens, KB0TVB had send cards to everybody mentioned in the *PARC News*. Anybody knowing of somebody needing a card should let KB0TVB know. Her email address is posted on the PARC website.

**EDUCATION:** Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN suggested that members read the Boy Scout item in the *PARC News* as a way to get younger people interested in amateur radio.

**FIELD DAY:** Scheduled for next year on June 26-27, 2021.

**FLEA MARKET:** Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ said that the Hamfest in Norfolk is still on for November 21. He and KB0ZUN have reserved July 10, 2021 for next years PARC Flea Market in North Bend.

**PICNIC:** Canceled for this year.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** KB0ZUN reported that a large party room has been reserved for December 5 in Waterloo at the Fire Barn from 5 PM to 9 PM. We have paid a deposit of \$100. Jane said that last year she had a budget of \$250. This year she asked for \$250 plus \$100 for the deposit for a total of \$350. K0OMH asked if anybody was opposed. There being no objections, he said the request was authorized.

**NET MANAGER:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA said he is having no problem filling up his Net Control Operator schedule, but he has openings in October and November, which people can reserve after the Net.

**ARES:** WB0VNF asked for volunteers to help install two Dodge County Emergency Management weather stations, one on top of the Courthouse and the other at the County Highway Department garage. Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV; Wesley Payne, KE0WHA; Dave Theophilus, W0NRW; and Gary Wiese, KB0KYM will be on the committee, with KD0PGV as Chairman. A discussion followed about the best places to locate automatic weather stations. KB0ZUN offered up their QTH if one is ever located in North Bend. WB0VNF then gave an update on the modernizing of the Dodge County Emergency Communications Trailer. He will be looking for events where the trailer can be used and/or displayed. Don Otto, KE0WUC had asked to join the ARES management team. Robert Anthony from Dodge County REACT will also join the ARES team. The Dodge County Citizen Corp Council, of which PARC/ARES is a part, will receive the Nebraska 2020 Citizen Corp Council of the Year Award.

**PUBLICITY:** W0NRW said he continues to send pertinent information to club members via email.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe Means, N0XAT asked for an update on the new North Bend repeater. WB0VNF said that he thought the new equipment had been purchased and it could be installed by the end of October. (*It will operate on 443.900 MHz with a + offset and will be a KORPT repeater*). KE0WHA asked about the temporary move of the 146.67 antenna. WB0VNF said that no date has been set but that the repeater would not be down for a very long time. WB0VNF said that PARC had donated \$250 last March for use in updating the Communications Trailer. The money came from a \$500 donation to PARC from the previous Dodge County Emergency Manager. Steve was asking for another \$250 to help finish the Communications Trailer. K0OMH asked if anybody was opposed. There being no objections, he said the request for \$250 was authorized.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 743 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next On-Air Meeting will be on Thursday, October 22.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

## Hams Help Find Kids Using FRS Channel

Late on the afternoon of September 16, the police department in Post Falls, Idaho, received a 911 call that two juveniles -- ages 9 and 11 -- were missing from a Post Falls residence for about an hour. According to the report, the pair had left home intending to play in the neighborhood with some Family Radio Service (FRS) radios. Several patrol cars were dispatched to the area to conduct a visual search, and detective Neil Uhrig, K7NJU, responded as officer in charge due to his training and experience with missing persons investigations. The initial search focused on a 2-mile radius from the missing kids' residence.

One officer received information from witnesses that the pair was probably using FRS Channel 1 (462.5625 MHz). An officer returned to police headquarters to retrieve some FRS radios for distribution to the patrol officers, in the event they might be able to hear the youngsters talking.

Uhrig, meanwhile, pulled out his VHF/UHF handheld with the thought of setting up FRS Channel 1 as an auxiliary frequency, but without the manual at hand, he wasn't able to execute the channel setup. But Uhrig did hear the Northwest Traffic Net (NWTN) that had begun at 6:30 PM on the local 2-meter repeater.

Checking into the net at about 6:45 PM, Uhrig explained the missing persons situation to net control station Shannon Riley, KJ7MUA, and asked if net participants in the Post Falls area with FRS capability could listen for the youngsters talking.

A number of stations promptly checked in to say they had FRS radios and were monitoring FRS Channel 1. It was assumed that only stations located near the missing youngsters would hear them, given the limited range of FRS radios.

Not long after 7 PM, Jim Hager, KJ7OTD, reported hearing children talking on FRS Channel 1. Uhrig went to Hager's home to confirm his observation, and the patrol units were redirected to the new search vicinity. A short time later, the missing pair was found safe and returned home.

Uhrig said the most remarkable thing about the incident was that the missing youngsters turned out to be some distance from the original search area, and in the opposite direction from where they were thought to have been headed.

Net Manager Gabbee Perry, KE7ADN, said, "I'm so proud of what a superior job NWTN NCS Shannon [KJ7MUA] and all the operators did last Wednesday. It was a very unusual situation, but everyone had excellent focus and used their resourcefulness to help quickly find the missing kids." -- Thanks to ARRL Assistant Idaho Section Manager Ed Stuckey, A17H

## Nina And Wes Install A Weather Station On Dodge County Courthouse

Nina Stark K0NSS and Wesley Payne KE0WHA were contacted by ARES coordinator Steven Narans to mast a DAVIS Pro2 autonomous solar weather station on the Dodge County Courthouse. A transmitter mounted on the same mast as the station sends up to date information it gathers directly placing into the hands of Tom Smith, Director of Emergency Management for Dodge. Two stations were granted to Tom by CF Industries. The data is open to the public and available through the Davis weather APP. A second station is set to be deployed west of Fremont at the corner of military and county road 19 before falls end. Tom was very excited to start receiving live data prior to Nina and Wes completing the installation, hi hi. Special thanks to Gary Wiese KB0KYM for showing up for support. 73's All.



### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Tony Renze, K0DMH

**V. President,** Ed Almanshofer, NE0EA

**Secretary,** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bob Kirchmann, W0ICE

Darlene Hoffman N0LOP

Dan Steinhoff, W7UP & 2 Officers

**Club Trustee:** Lance Hoffman, WN0L

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

**Field Day:** Don Renze, K0DM

**Flea Market:** Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ

**Picnic:** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW &

Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

**Christmas Party:** Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP &

Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

**Publicity:** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

**ARES:** Steve Narans, W0OVNF

**Education:** Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

**Net Manager:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA

### 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 remain \$10. whenever paid.

**Life Membership:** \$200.

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## HAMFEST

**11/21/20** - Northeast Nebraska Hamfest in Norfolk NE.

See: [https://www.qsl.net/evarc/Hamfest\\_Flier\\_2020.pdf](https://www.qsl.net/evarc/Hamfest_Flier_2020.pdf)

## Section Manager Re-Elected

Hello all,

I have been re-elected as the SM for the State of Nebraska and will serve another 2 year term beginning Jan 1, 2021. I was unopposed in this election cycle.

If anyone has any concerns, ideas for the section please email me [nebraskasm@hotmail.com](mailto:nebraskasm@hotmail.com) 73 ARRL Nebraska Section  
Section Manager: Matthew N Anderson, KA0BOJ [ka0boj@arrl.org](mailto:ka0boj@arrl.org)

### Radio Club Treasurer's Report October, 2020

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,754.10
Petty Cash	80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,182.88</b>

#### INCOME:

**TOTAL INCOME**

#### Expenses:

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**No change from last month.**

## Silent Key

The Rev. Mr. Marvin E. Suhr died on September 26, 2020, at the age of 96 in Fremont NE.

His amateur call was WA0ESF, although he had not been active in recent years. His license expired in 2019.

I did not personally know him, but Sharon, KB0TVB said that he was friends with Larry, and perhaps some older members of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club as well.

*Dave T. W0NRW, PARC Secretary*