

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

PARC Joining The Virtual World

On Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM on the 146.67 repeater we will try out having the April PARC meeting on the air. Additional reminders will be sent as we get closer to the date.

Emergency Communications Trailer Approved by E-mail Vote

On March 20, 2020 PARC President, Tony Renze, K0OMH, sent an email to members asking members to vote on a motion to purchase an emergency trailer that Steve Narans had brought up at a previous meeting. As Tony said, because of the Covet 19 virus, we could not do this at a regular meeting.

The trailer will cost \$250. A while back the club was gifted \$500. by the outgoing emergency coordinator to be used however the club chooses. This was an obvious use.

Fast forward a couple days, all who voted said yes and we received majority votes. It is a go. Sharon Martens, treasurer, is to mail the check to Steve Narans, WB0VNF.

Dodge County will own it, be responsible for its upkeep, insurance and storage. The county will be responsible for major items, such as furnace, AC, electrical, etc. Our responsibility will be to get it up to date, staff the ARES side when activated and as an advisor to usage.

Mountain RV in Valley will test everything out and give Steve Narans a dollar estimate to bring up to safety purposes. He will then apply for a grant to the Fremont Area Community Foundation to bring the trailer to reliable level.

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Compiled by Darlene Hoffman , N0LOP

- > Virtual Meeting
- > Thursday
- > April 23, 2020
- > Supper 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at 7 p.m.
- > Hero's/Gambinos
- > 1900 E. Military
- > Fremont, NE

Yes, Virtual Meeting

On the 146.67 Repeater

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for February 27, 2020, was called to order at 7 PM by Vice-President Ed Altmanshofer, NE0EA. 26 people were present, who introduced themselves.

MINUTES: The January minutes in the February *PARC News* were amended to switch the narratives following Hospitality and Education so they read: **Hospitality:** No report. **Education:** Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN asked if anybody would like to be the Chairperson but nobody volunteered so Jane still has it. The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The February Treasurer's Report was approved as printed in the February *PARC News*.

MOTION to PAY BILLS: Sharon Martens, KB0TVB reported that \$42.79 was spent on a flashlight and \$143.88 was spent to renew the club website. The expenditures were approved.

HOSPITALITY: KB0TVB thanked people for their cards and thoughts following the loss of her granddaughter.

EDUCATION: No report.

FIELD DAY: Scheduled for Izaak Walton League Park in Fremont on June 27-28, 2020, Don Renze, K0OM Chairman. Don reported that Tony, K0OMH will not be able to stay overnight as he has done in previous years, so he will be looking for an overnight volunteer.

FLEA MARKET: Scheduled for St. Charles Parish in North Bend on July 11, 2020, with Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN as Chairpersons. Rich reported that table reservations continue to come in.

PICNIC: Scheduled for 530 PM on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at the Theophilus home, with Dave Theophilus, W0NRW and Sharon Martens, KB0TVB as Chairpersons.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: To be announced, with Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN as Chairpersons. Jim Muegge, W0JBM will obtain information from the Fire Barn in Waterloo as a possible location for the party.

NET MANAGER: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA has 5 Net Control Operators. Steve Narans, WB0VNF has run the Net from the EOC in the Courthouse.

ARES: WB0VNF gave a report on Dodge County ARES activities for the recent flooding. ARES was activated twice with 150 hours of donated volunteer time. There continues to be some problems with people checking into ARES nets on EchoLink and/or the Nebraska Links with poor quality audio or being cut off at the beginning by not allowing enough time for the connections to be made. Lance Hoffman, WN0L donated a 24 hour clock for the EOC that came from the Steve Benke, KF0MS(sk) estate.

PUBLICITY: W0NRW said the meeting notices continue to be printed in the *Fremont Tribune*.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: KB0TVB said the rents for both repeaters will be coming due. She will also check to see if Jarad, KD0EFC picked up his check last year. She moved that each repeater (146.67 and 444.85) be given the \$50 rent and for KD0EFC to receive last year's rent if we hadn't paid it. Her motion was seconded by WB0VNF and was approved. KB0TVB also reported that she had found the minutes for the first PARC meetings in 1940. WN0L will scan them and post them on the PARC website. Mike Campbell, KE0KAZ pointed out that since PARC is 80 years old this year we should hold a party at the July FleaMarket, which met with everybody's approval.

DRAWING: The winner of \$10 was Carl Schaffner, KD0RM W.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 741 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW



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Minutes

Radio Club Treasurer's Report February, 2020

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,720.27
Petty Cash	80.00
TOTAL	\$3,149.05

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 85.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 85.00

Expenses:

Drawing	\$10.00
Flashlight (WB0VNF)	42.79
Web Page Renewal	143.88
Mobile Cmd Trailer	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$496.67

Finally!

By Lance, WN0L

PARC's 2019 Field Day logs have finally made it to LoTW!

Since we received the KØSW call in August, 2019, after FD, there was no rush to request an LoTW certificate. I had requested the Zero Bureau to forward any QSL cards to me in case there were any 160m confirmations forthcoming.

In December, I requested the new LoTW certificate. Unfortunately, I had overlooked the Field Day log. When requests for FD confirmations arrived, this year, I confirmed a few via QSL cards, then some emails arrived, asking for LoTW, ClubLog, eQSL and QRZ, online, confirmations.

Due to the new certificate, LoTW would not accept uploads prior to December. After discussing the problem with Bart Janke, W9JJ, at LoTW support, he suggested submitting a request for a new certificate, with a begin date of May 2019. The new certificate finally arrived, but when attempting to upload, every QSO generated errors.

The errors were due to a variety of updates last year to new ADIF specifications, a few defects within LoTW revisions and N3FJP software not adding STATION_CALLSIGN within the application.

After editing the ADI file three times, PARC's Field Day log has finally made it to LoTW.

Hopefully, it will make quite a few contacts, needing Nebraska, happy.

All this during the struggle with GoDaddy deactivating www.K0SW.org while doing a regular malware search of web sites and somehow, not reactivating it when completed. Aren't computers fun?

Field Day 2020 — A Time to Adapt

Many individuals and groups organizing events for [Field Day](#) 2020 have been contacting ARRL for guidance on how to adapt their planned activities in this unprecedented time of social distancing and uncertainty.

"Due to the unique situation presented this year, this can be an opportunity for you, your club, and/or group to try something new," ARRL Contest Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said. "Field Day isn't about doing things the same way year after year. Use this year to develop and employ a new approach that is in line with the current circumstances."

Social distancing and state and local requirements very likely will impact just how — and even whether — you are able to participate in Field Day this year. ARRL continues monitoring the coronavirus situation, paying close attention to information and guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)). If social distancing means that Class A with a 30-member team set up in a city park won't work this year, then it's time for a Plan B. Part of the Field Day concept has always been adapting your operation to the situation at hand. At its heart, Field Day is an emergency communication demonstration. Field Day rules are flexible enough to allow individuals and groups to adjust their participation and strategies in a way that still addresses their needs while being fun. Some possibilities:

- Encourage club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power (Class E).
- Use the club's repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event.

Family members interested in operating Field Day and unable to participate as part of a larger group may want to consider setting up a portable station in the backyard with a temporary antenna.

One big impact this year will be a decline in public visibility and any interaction with the visitors. Prudence may dictate dispensing with the ham radio PR table to attract passersby, should you set up in a more public location. It's okay not to score all the bonus points you may have attempted in the past. Local and served agency officials may be unwilling to visit, which is understandable under the circumstances. Do be sure to reach out to them as part of your preparations and remind them that you look forward to continuing your working relationship with them in the future.

The impact will differ from place to place, so ARRL recommends that all amateur radio clubs participating in Field Day stay in regular contact with local or state public health officials for their advice and guidance on hosting Field Day activities.

Demonstrating an understanding of the health crisis we all face and your willingness to adapt will show that you and your club or group are good working partners with local or served agencies.

"With any emergency preparedness exercise, it's not about adapting the situation to your operation, it's about adapting your operation to the situation that presents itself," Bourque said. "Try something different. Learn something new about how you prepare. It may be a challenge, and you may have to ask yourself if you're up to the challenge. We hope to hear you on the air over the June 27 – 28 weekend." — *Thanks to Paul Bourque, N1SFE, and Dan Henderson, N1ND*

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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Maybe HAMFESTS & EVENTS

7/11/20 - PARC Flea Market in North Bend NE. See: <http://www.k0sw.org/>

7/18/20 - Sioux Empire ARC Tailgate Hamfest in Sioux Falls SD. See: <http://www.w0zwy.org/>

9/17-20/20 - Friends of the Library Book Sale at Christensen Field in Fremont.

9/26/20 - AKSARBEN ARC Flea-Esta at Sarpy County Fairgrounds. See: <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/home/>

10/31/20 - ARRL Nebraska State Convention in Lincoln NE. See: <http://www.lincolnhamfest.org/>

11/21/20 - Northeast Nebraska Hamfest in Norfolk NE. See: https://www.gsl.net/evarc/Hamfest_Flier_2020.pdf



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