

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

Same Place, Same Station!

We're going Virtual again this month. And I imagine we'll be making some final decisions on how to hold Field Day and the Flea Market at this meeting. So be sure to stay tuned.

Check This Out If You Haven't Already

Thanks to Lance WN0L for letting me know about the attached NCJ article about Ed Gray W0SD, knowing that I knew Ed and some of the others in the article due to my living in South Dakota for 20 years from 1970 to 1990. Lance also knows many of them.

I think you will enjoy the article and viewing the antenna farm put together by Ed and his wife, Edith W0OE. Some people talk about doing things but Ed and Edith actually do them. A lot.

On their website at: <http://www.w0sd.com/> you can read more about their adventures. The DX-peditions page is at: <http://w0sd.com/dx/dx.htm>

Be sure to read about their 2007 trip to South America, which fortunately had a happy ending but could have gone the other way.

I have always told people visiting South Dakota there are two places you need to be at either sunrise or sunset. The first is the Badlands. The second is on I-90 by the W0SD antenna farm. It is located just south of I-90 and west of the Salem-Highway 81 exit. Of course, Hams get more excited about the second location than other people.

Pictures of the antenna farm are in the article. For a view from above, obtain their address from: <http://www.wm7d.net/> and paste it into Google maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/>

Incidentally, one of the benefits of ARRL membership is that you can now read four ARRL magazines, including NCJ, on-line on the ARRL website.

Enjoy. Dave T. W0NRW

PARC

- > Virtual Meeting
- > Thursday
- > May 28, 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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Minutes

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for April 23, 2020, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 24 people checked into the meeting, which was then turned over to President Tony Renze, K0OMH. Tony opened the meeting by thanking Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP for publishing the *PARC News*, and Lance Hoffman, WN0L for coordinating the return of the PARC website, which was not available for several days. He then read the *Radio Amateur's Code*, which was written by Paul Segal, W9EEA in 1928. See: <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-code>

HOSPITALITY: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA relayed a report from Sharon Martens, KB0TVB that she had send a card to Cynda McCabe, wife of Mack McCabe, W0UVQ, due to her recent illness.

EDUCATION: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN reported that there is a good article in the March *CQ Magazine* on page 37 concerning attracting young people to amateur radio.

FIELD DAY: Scheduled for Izaak Walton League Park in Fremont on June 27-28, 2020, Don Renze, K0OM Chairman. Don reported that plans are still up in the air due to Norovirus restrictions, although we could probably make it work. The Pot Luck meal is definitely out. Some clubs are considering having members operate from home. K0VLA read a paragraph from the *ARRL Letter*, which suggests that Field Day offers a chance to be creative. See: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2020-04-23>

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 the event is on hold pending developments in Norovirus restrictions. He has not sent in the ARRL notification. He could mail out notifications at the last minute if the event is able to be held.

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 had previously offered to obtain information from the Fire Barn in Waterloo as a possible location for the party.

NET MANAGER: K0VLA has 5 Net Control Operators. He has the next 3 weeks covered and then will contact people to sign up for additional sessions.

PUBLICITY: W0NRW said no meeting notices are being published by the *Fremont Tribune* as most meetings are canceled. When I contacted them, they did give us some extra publicity by printing a small item about the club.

OLD BUSINESS: Wesley Payne, KE0WHA asked about PARC's 80th birthday plans. W0NRW commented that the birthday was going to be celebrated at the Flea Market. K0OMH said that with those plans on hold, we may have to find another date. WB0VNF suggested that he and W0NRW meet with the *Fremont Tribune* later this year about our 80th anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS: WB0VNF said that there are 4 people in the area who are ready to take the license exams, but most test sessions are canceled. He is looking into the possibility of holding a test session in order to accommodate them. KE0WHA reported he is working on a portable/mobile station. Jack Powley, WA0SAQ suggested that the repeater timers be turned off during the meetings.

ARES: WB0VNF reported that the ARES committee had met twice via ZOOM. There are Emergency Management plans in place if they are needed during the current pandemic, but our ARES involvement would probably be minimal. The Communications Trailer that is owned by Dodge County and stored at the airport, had an evaluation of all the trailer components. PARC paid for those evaluations, which Steve will now submit in the form of a grant request to pay for the upgrades and other improvements.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 738 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for May 28 in a format to be determined. Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

Radio Club Treasurer's Report April, 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

Instructions For Those Of Us Using The N3FJP Field Day Logging Software

For those of us that have the N3FJP Field Day logging software

Since some of us will be operating from home this year I thought it might be fun to share our field day efforts.

N3FJP field day logger allows us to do that

These instructions are for setting up the N3FJP field day logger to upload a quick status report to a web site

so folks can see how everyone is doing during field day.

It will upload a status report every 3 minutes or however you set it to keep things up to date.

To look at the various reports type <donrenze.com> into your web browser address line.

When the site comes up, click on the various call signs to see reports from the participating stations.

There is some test data on the web site now so you can see how it looks. Try it.

N3FJP Status Uploader setup instructions

Once the N3FJP logging program is up and running.....

Goto the Settings Dropdown menu then Select Web upload Contest Status (near the botton)

Wherever you see K00M in the example, change it to your own callsign - 2 changes needed.

1-The top Item (Web Page Title)

2-File Name on website: instead of K00M.html use <Yourcall.html> The .html part is important

Message -change to whatever you want

Copy and Paste the following item

FTP URL of your hosting site: -> ftp://home150968060.land1-data.host/

Send an email to (don@donrenze.com) so I can establish your account and I will send you a name and password entry

Your hosting site user name: (from my email)

Your Hosting site password: (from my email) This is case sensitive

Once you have things set up, enter some dummy data into the log something like AA1AAA.

Then hit the "Upload Now" button and hopefully you will not see an error message.

If you do, recheck your setup.

If that does not work, drop me an email.

If no error message, go to "donrenze.com" with your browser to see if it worked.

Your call sign should be on the web page.

Click on your call to see your report.

If you are planning to participate, please set this up well in advance of field day.

PS: You can also view the web page without having the software.

The field day software is available from N3FJP for \$8.99 and you will receive

the activation code and then you can use it nearly forever including any new updates.

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

We'll find out more on these events in the upcoming weeks.

Past PARC Hamfest



New Ham in Fremont

Congratulations to Charles Narans, KFOAFJ, a new Fremont ham. He is the son of Steve Narans, W0OVNF.