

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

Picnic Canceled, PARC Meeting Instead

Picnic Chairpeople, Dave, W0NRW and Sharon, KB0TVB, after much discussion decided the picnic which was scheduled for September 27, would be a risk to have during this time. It was brought up at the recent PARC meeting and agreed to cancel it for this year.

Because of the cancellation we will go ahead with an on-air meeting on September 24th instead.

FCC Proposes to Reinstate Amateur Radio Service Fees

Amateur radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each amateur radio license application if the FCC adopts rules it proposed this week. Included in the FCC's fee proposal are applications for new licenses, renewal and upgrades to existing licenses, and vanity call sign requests. Excluded are applications for administrative updates, such as changes of address, and annual regulatory fees.

The FCC proposal is contained in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the "Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act" of 2018 — the so-called "[Ray Baum's Act](#)."

The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. In its *NPRM*, the FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service that had been excluded by an earlier statute. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees.

"[A]pplications for personal licenses are mostly automated and do not have individualized staff costs for data input or review," the FCC said in its *NPRM*. "For these automated processes — new/major modifications, renewal, and minor modifications — we propose a nominal application fee of \$50 due to automating the processes, routine ULS maintenance, and limited instances where staff input is required."

The same \$50 fee would apply to all Amateur Service applications, including those for vanity call signs. "Although there is currently no fee for vanity call signs in the Amateur Radio Service, we find that such applications impose similar costs in aggregate on Commission resources as new applications and therefore propose a \$50 fee," the FCC said.

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- > Virtual Meeting
- > Thursday
- > Sept 24, 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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PARC Minutes



Radio Club Treasurer's Report August, 2020

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| Savings | \$ 348.78 |
| Checking | 2,754.10 |
| Petty Cash | 80.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,182.88 |
| INCOME: | |
| Dues | \$45.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$45.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Go Daddy Web Page | \$21.17 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$21.17 |

Available For Pickup

Lots of Network cables, USB cables, DB9 HDMI, Video cables, and a large assortment of brick power supplies, Small Walwarts of assorted voltages.

Contact Tom K0AMD
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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for July 23, 2020, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 18 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K00MH. Tony opened the meeting by thanking 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.

MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT: Printed in the July *PARC News*.

HOSPITALITY: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN thanked PARC and Sharon Martens, KB0TVB for cards that were sent following the death of the father of Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ.

EDUCATION: KB0ZUN had nothing to report.

FIELD DAY: Tony said he hoped we would be able to operate a normal Field Day next year on June 26-27, 2021.

FLEA MARKET: KB0ARZ thanked the group for helping to spread the word about the cancellation of this year's event. He and KB0ZUN have reserved July 10, 2021 for next year.

PICNIC: Scheduled for 530 PM on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at the Theophilus home, with W0NRW and KB0TVB as Chairpersons. Dave said to keep your fingers crossed about this year's event.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: To be announced, with Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP and KB0ZUN as Chairpersons. Jim Muegge, W0JBM and KB0ZUN had comments about the possible party at the Fire Barn in Waterloo. They have several rooms that we could use with a \$100 rental fee. Jim will contact them about dates, a large enough room for social distancing, and a refund if we were unable to have the party due to the pandemic.

NET MANAGER: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA said he is having no problem filling up his Net Control Operator schedule, but he has openings in August and September. He also announced that he and Sandy Cunningham, KB0TVA would be becoming great-grandparents.

ARES: WB0VNF reported that the Dodge County Emergency Communications Trailer has had the new A/C, lighting, and other features installed in it. A new 3500 watt generator, which was purchased from Tractor Supply with grant money, will be kept with the trailer, but can be used for authorized events. Steve also noted that Brian Cooper, KD5RXP had checked into the meeting from Ft. Worth TX via EchoLink. Brian will be moving to the Arlington NE area in June 2021.

PUBLICITY: W0NRW said he continues to send information to PARC members.

OLD BUSINESS: WB0VNF mentioned in jest that he had not yet received that \$50 Drawing that was supposedly donated by Lance Hoffman, WN0L. (***The reply by WN0L indicated to this Secretary that a cow may jump over the moon first***).

NEW BUSINESS: N0LOP announced that she and WN0L became great-grandparents 2 weeks ago.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 722 PM.

NEXT MEETING: August 27. Format to be announced.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for August 27, 2020, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 20 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K00MH. Tony opened the meeting by giving the PARC website of www.k0jfn.org for members to check for financial and other information. He then read the *Radio Amateur's Code*, which was written by Paul Segal, W9EEA in 1928.

HOSPITALITY: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW thanked PARC and Sharon Martens, KB0TVB for a card that was sent to Karol Theophilus following her recent surgery.

EDUCATION: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN had nothing.

FIELD DAY: Tony said he hoped we would be able to operate a normal Field Day next year on June 26-27, 2021.

FLEA MARKET: Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ said that he and KB0ZUN have reserved July 10, 2021 for next years event.

PICNIC: W0NRW said that after conferring with KB0TVB, the two of them recommended that the picnic be canceled for this year due to Pandemic issues. An additional concern was the recent surgery for Karol Theophilus and the possibility that she could be undergoing radiation or chemotherapy by picnic time, which would mean she and Dave could not host the event. The Officers and Board agreed so the picnic is canceled for this year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: KB0ZUN and Jim Muegge, W0JBM reported that a large party room has been reserved for December 5 in Waterloo at the Fire Barn from 5 PM to 9 PM. Jim paid a deposit. If we have to cancel because of the Pandemic, the deposit can be refunded. Menus can be discussed at a later date.

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

ARES: WB0VNF reported that Wesley Payne, KE0WHA is working on new signs for the Dodge County Emergency Communications Trailer. Steve also said he had an Availability Drill for the ARES Committee and most responded to a text and were on the repeater within 2 minutes.

PUBLICITY: W0NRW said that the Fremont Tribune, without being asked to do so, started publishing our meeting notices at Hero's/Gambino's, but they stopped after he contacted them.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV reported that there will be a new UHF repeater on top of the COOP in North Bend. It will operate on 443.900 MHz with a + offset. It will be a KORPT repeater. The 146.67 MHz repeater will still need to be moved due to elevator construction on the Stanton Tower but he did not have a date for that yet.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 722 PM.

NEXT MEETING: With no picnic in September, we will have an On-Air Meeting on Thursday, September 24.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

Derecho Takes Down Tower And 35 Yagis

The popular contest station of Tony Radebaugh, N0NI, in Rippey, Iowa, lost some 1,200 feet of tower and 35 Yagis in the August 10 derecho event. Winds of 140 MPH or greater caused extensive property damage in some areas. "Trees falling on guy wires is what did me in," Radebaugh said. "Everything outside of the trees stayed up, including a three-element full-size 40-meter Yagi at 196 feet. A two-element 40-meter XM240 on the same tower snapped." The violent, fast-moving storm complex raked a 700-mile path from Nebraska to Indiana. Winds of more than 70 MPH hit Chicago, and more than 300,000 lost power. Iowa was the hardest-hit state, with some 10 million acres of corn and soybean crops wiped out. Residents had little or no warning before the so-called "land hurricane" struck.

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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HAMFESTS & EVENTS

9/17-20/20 - Friends of the Library Book Sale at Christensen Field in Fremont. **Post-poned till March 25-28, 2021.**

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

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

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

We/I haven't heard anything on the Norfolk Hamfest yet.

FCC Service Fees

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The FCC is not proposing to charge for administrative updates, such as mailing address changes for amateur applications, and amateur radio will remain exempt from annual regulatory fees. "For administrative updates [and] modifications, which also are highly automated, we find that it is in the public interest to encourage licensees to update their [own] information without a charge," the FCC said.

The FCC also proposes to assess a \$50 fee for individuals who want a printed copy of their license. "The Commission has proposed to eliminate these services — but to the extent the Commission does not do so, we propose a fee of \$50 to cover the costs of these services," the FCC said.

The Ray Baum's Act does not exempt filing fees in the Amateur Radio Service. The FCC dropped assessment of fees for vanity call signs several years ago.

Deadlines for comments and reply comments will be determined once the NPRM appears in the *Federal Register*. File comments by using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)), posting to MD Docket No. 20-270. This docket is already open for accepting comments even though deadlines have not yet been set.