

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## ***New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades***

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees, therefore, will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously reported that the new \$35 application fee for amateur radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC at [www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee](http://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee).

## PROGRAM

**"Update On  
Dodge County  
Emergency Management"**

**By Tom Smith**

## PARC

### > Meeting

> Hero's Gambinos

> 1900 E. Military

> Fremont, NE

> Thursday

> April 28, 2022

> Fremont, NE

**Meet to Eat  
At 6 p.m  
Meeting at  
7 p.m.**

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## PARC Minutes



PARC Treasurer's Report April, 2022	
Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,310.73
Petty Cash	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,729.51</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	\$ 43.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 43.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Fremont Housing	
(Repeater)	\$ 50.00
Drawing	10.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

## PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR March 24, 2022

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for March 24, 2022, was held at Hero's/Gambino's in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Mike Campbell, KE0KAZ. Twenty-six people were present, who introduced themselves.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved as printed in the March *PARC News*.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** None.

**HOSPITALITY:** None. (*Anybody knowing of somebody needing a card should let KB0TVB know. Her email address is posted on the PARC website.*)

**EDUCATION:** None.

**FIELD DAY:** Chairman Tony Renze, K0OMH said that this year's event is scheduled for June 25-26, 2022, at Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. The last four years we have paid \$150 rental each year.

**FLEA MARKET:** Chairman Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ reported that this year's event will be on July 16, 2022, at the North Bend Auditorium. D&L will not be able attend. Steve Narans, WB0VNF said he is ready to start taking equipment for the Silent Auction.

**PICNIC:** 530 PM September 25, 2022. Sharon Martens, KB0TVB and Dave Theophilus, W0NRW Chairpersons.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** TBA. Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN Chairpersons.

**NET MANAGER:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA passed around sign-up sheets for Net Control.

**ARES:** WB0VNF said Dodge County Spotter Training will be on March 28 at 7 PM at the Scribner Fire Hall.

**PUBLICITY:** W0NRW reported that the *Fremont Tribune* is printing the meeting notices.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Steinoff, W7UP said that the License Exams in Omaha are on hold. (**Rea Blackburn, N0REA, the VEC died on April 5**). However, other test sessions are available in the area. KB0TVB raised the question about the payment to the Fremont Housing Authority for the two repeaters. KB0ARZ moved that the rents be paid. Carl Schaffner, KD0RMW seconded the motion, which passed.

**DRAWING:** The winner of the \$10 was Alex Haug, KE0WFK.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 715 PM.

**PROGRAM:** Tony Renze, K0OMH gave a program on "Parks on the Air".

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Hero's/Gambino's.

*Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW*

# History Of A Ham

Don Renze, K0OM

I have been interested in electronics since high school. I built several Heathkit projects including the Heath AR3 receiver. It was not much more than a 5 tube table radio but it gave access to the Ham

Bands. I hung a piece of electric fence wire from the bedroom window to the chicken house and the race was on. After graduation I moved to Omaha to attend classes at the Radio Engineering Institute located on Leavenworth Street for 2 years and learned a lot about electronics. During that time I went to work for the Telephone Company and found out how much I really did not know.

In 1965 the company moved us to Grand Island. I was still listening to the AR3. After getting settled, I met some folks from the G.I. radio club and joined up. Then I got more serious about a ham license and finally passed the code for a Novice license in 1966. That license was for one year and could not be renewed. That meant that you needed to upgrade to General class within one year. The AR3 retired to a shelf when I bought a Lafayette HA-350 receiver and a Knight T60 transmitter. That combination allowed me to get to the 13 wpm required for the general. After passing the General I drove to Council Bluffs bought a used Hallicrafters HT-37 from Word Radio labs that gave me to access to SSB. While we lived in G.I. I became quite active in the club. Some club members worked at the FCC monitoring station and were a great resource for a new ham and I appreciated that.

One day I got a phone call from the big boss asking if I would be interested in an interview for an engineering job in Omaha. I made a trip to Omaha. A few days later I got a call from my new boss asking if I could spell engineer. Guess I passed. We moved back to Omaha in 1972.

I joined the Aksarben club and had a lot of fun doing the usual ham stuff. Packet, 2Meter repeaters, DX, field day and the usual nets. During the early 80s I was invited to attend a PARC field day.

It was held in a large machine shed out East of Fremont but I do not remember the exact location. There I met K0sw and a bunch of local hams. I brought along my Drake Twins set up for CW. K0SW and I took turns logging for each other and we had a lot of fun. I really never liked doing the manual dupe sheets. I thought it was a royal pain. Computers and N3FJP did the ham world a great service.



*This is Tony in 1967.*

A list of HF radios used over the years...

Heath AR3 - Knight T60 - Lafayette HA-350 -  
Hallicrafters HT-37 - Hallicrafters SX-117 -  
Drake C-Line

Kenwood TS-830 - Kenwood TS-450 - Yaesu  
FTDX-950 - Icom 7100 - Flex 1500

Flex 5000 - Flex 6300

Nowadays I spend time on the nets, CW, FT8 using my Flex Radio 6300. As always I look forward to Field Day and the Ham Fests around the area. I also have fun messing with wire antennas especially the End Fed Half waves. 73, K0OM



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5/14/22—Nebraska ARRL Convention at Lincoln.

5/20-22/22—Dayton Hamvention, Xenia OH

7/16/22—PARC Flea Market in North Bend, NE

10/15/22—3900 Club Hamboree in Boone, IA

11/19/22—Northeast Nebraska Hamfest, Norfolk NE

For a complete list of Hamfests

[www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar)

### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Mike Campbell, KE0KAZ  
**V. President,** Steve Narans, W0OVNF  
**Secretary,** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW  
**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman NOLOP  
Dan Steinhoff, W7UP  
Phil Bahl KA0UNB & 2 Officers  
**Club Trustee:** Lance Hoffman, WNOL

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB  
**Field Day:** Tony Renze, K0DMH  
**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

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The FCC released a **\*Public Notice\*** on March 23, 2022, stating that the amateur radio application fees, including those associated with Form 605 application filings, would become **\*effective on April 19, 2022\***. The Federal Communications Commission's authority to impose and collect fees is mandated by Congress.

The \$35 application fee, when it becomes effective on April 19, will apply to new, renewal, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. The fee will be per application.

Administrative updates, such as a change of name, mailing or email address, and modification applications to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class\*, will be exempt from fees. (\*this new information was just confirmed by FCC staff on Tuesday, March 29.)

\*VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not have to collect the \$35 fee at exam sessions\*.

## **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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## **Nebraska State ARRL Convention**

**2022** **May 14th**  
**Lancaster Event Center**  
**Lincoln NE**



84th & Havelock Streets

8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

ARRL Sponsored

### **PROGRAM-FORUMS-DEMOS-DISPLAYS FLEA MARKET-FCC TESTING**

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. / Displays & Estate Sales begin 8:00 a.m.  
VE Testing and Forums 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**VENDORS ONSITE** D & L Antenna Supply Co., Kansas City, MO  
Associated Radio, Overland Park, KS

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

- 16 yrs and up \$8.00
- Below 16 yrs-free
- LARC members \$5

### **FORUMS**

- ARRL Midwest Division Director, Art Zyguelbaum, K0AJZ
- ARRL NE Section Manager, Matt Anderson, KA0BOJ
- ARRL NE SEC, Ed Holloway, K0RPT "Status of ARES"
- Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB "Portable HF" Radios and Systems

### **SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWINGS ALL DAY**

### **GRAND PRIZES DRAWING 2:30 P.M.**

(ONE) \$300 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO ASSOCIATED RADIO  
(TWO) \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO ASSOCIATED RADIO  
Must be present to win all drawings



Lancaster Event Center (Lincoln Room) 84th & Havelock Lincoln NE

### **Vendor Flea Market Information**

#### **Set-Up**

May 13th 12P.M. to 5P.M.  
May 14th 7 A.M.

**Flea Market Rentals**  
8 ft Table \$10 each

Electricity \$25 per drop  
and/or outlet

#### **Payment Options**

PayPal is open until Mar 3  
[www.lincolnhamfest.org](http://www.lincolnhamfest.org)  
bring your receipt



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