

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

Important VEC Submission Changes

Dear ARRL Volunteer Examiner,

To improve efficiency and security in processing session results, the ARRL VEC will be implementing the following changes;

Business Reply Mail Account Closure:

Effective Nov. 1, 2025, we will be closing ur Business Reply Mail account with the US Postal Service. We will no longer accept VEC postage-paid return labels or envelopes with this account.

Transition to Secure Digital Uploads

All exam session results must be submitted via our secure Session Upload page.

*If your team already uploads session documents, no further action is needed.

*If your team has not yet transitioned to digital uploads, please contact us at VEC@arrl.org to receive instructions and access to the upload portal.

Mailing Exam Fees

Teams that choose to mail exam fee checks to the VEC may retain a portion of the collected fees to help offset postage. Checks should be sent using a standard business sized envelope and must include a reference to the session date and location.

Reminder: The ARRL VEC is in transition to fully digital. Printed booklets and supply shipments will be discontinued as all VE teams shift to using the Exam Tools system for exams.

VE teams can go completely electronic by using to conduct online exams for in person or remote video supervised sessions. Or teams may print exams for in person sessions from this website.

You can find this information on the ARRL website: arrl.org/volunteer-examiners, or can contact the VEC office at VEC@arrl.org for support, instructions and guidance.

These update are designed to streamline our processes, enhance security and support teams during the transition.

ARRL VEC TEAM, ARRL The National Association of Amateur Radio. Newington, CT
1-800-927-7583, VEC@arrl.org, www.arrl.org

**Come to the Meeting To Choose
2026 Officers and Amateur of the Year**

> PARC
> Meeting
> Gambinos
> 1900 E. Military
> Fremont, NE
>
> Thursday
> Oct. 23, 2025
> Fremont, NE
>
> Eat at 6 p.m.
> Meeting at
> 7 p.m.

There is no program for this meeting because of the amount of info to be discussed.

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA**August 28, 2025****Meeting
Minutes****Nearby
Event**

11/15/25— North-
east Nebraska
Hamfest in Norfolk,
NE

10 park tour of west-
ern Nebraska, Wyo-
ming and south Da-
kota. Activated 9
parks for POTA
(Chimney Rock,
Scotts Bluff monu-
ment, Fort Laramie,
WY, Fort Robinson,
The Badlands, SD,
Chadron State Park,
Toadstool, Smith
Falls, Ashfall)...in 4
days,

Bryan KD5RXP



The August 28th, 2025 Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at Gambino's Pizza in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice President Matt Jones, ALØR, in the absence of the president.

15 amateurs introduced themselves.

The minutes were approved as printed in the P.A.R.C. News. (However, Secretary Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, noticed she made an error in the minutes. The date should have read: July 24, not June 26, as printed. The error was on her part, not the newsletter editor.)

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, gave the monthly report and it was approved. Regarding bills, Steve Narans, WBØVNF, said he talked to Karol T, YXL, and it is her wish for P.A.R.C. to donate the entire \$700 made on Dave's equipment to Wayne State College to add to the meteorology scholarship they started there. He said he would get all the appropriate information to Sharon, so she has the correct instructions for sending it to the proper place at the college. He is asking for a motion, second, and vote to approve Sharon to do this on behalf of Karol and P.A.R.C. No motion was made as Sharon was under the impression that Karol wanted to donate funds toward paying for a P.A.R.C. meal and donating \$500 to the college scholarship they created. The picnic was important to Dave, thought was given to using these funds for those we historically used from the club treasury for the event. In lieu of the confusion and absence of the president, the bill was tabled at this time.

For hospitality, Sharon reported no activity.

In education, Zach Young, NØRUS, received an email from hamradiocrashcourse.com, a website that helps those interested in earning a ham radio license. The email stated if you are an educator let him know by email, and they could try to set us up with resources to help our youth get training for an amateur license.

No new information about summer 2026 field day. Tony Renze, KØOMH, was absent, Steve sent word about the upcoming Winter Field Day January 24 - 25, 2026. At this point some hams have reserved a total of 3 cabins at Platte River State Park.

Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, reported no new information to share for the next flea market. However, he met Jason Knapton, KEØEJS, from Storm Lake, IA at Pat Wennbaum's Elk Point Flea Market August 9th, who was very impressed with his first visit to a P.A.R.C. flea market. He was a vendor and will definitely return next year.

Steve informed me the picnic had been booked for the Schneider Building to begin at 5 P.M. The date is Sunday, September 21, 2025. In the past the club paid for the meat we grilled. The group decided to have pizza catered, with members contributing cookies or bars for dessert. Each person will provide their own non-alcoholic beverage. Sharon will see there are bottles of water available. The building will be open at 4 P.M. for us to see the emergency management equipment and look at P.A.R.C. photo albums for those who desire to do so. Note: Guns are NOT allowed. An email will be sent about the family picnic, and those not at the August meeting are asked to RSVP to get a head count for the pizza entrée.

Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, reported no new information for the Christmas gathering. Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, was not present but sent word with Sharon no one had signed for net control, so September is completely open. He is looking for operators to fill the dates. Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, will run the Wednesday, September 3rd net.

For ARES, Matt shared there is a regional simulated emergency test currently being coordinated by Omaha Red Cross on October 4 that will be emailed out. If interested, they are going to send out three field teams to do a brief communication. It is also the same weekend ARRL does their national set. Matt said Nebraska doesn't usually participate but Iowa does. Also, Zach added he broke the door on our trailer, and it will be repaired. The Saunders County group is working on their own emergency program and is looking for some of its 76 amateurs who are interested to come forth. If interested let Matt know

Nothing has been done regarding a publicity chair.

In unfinished business, Steve also said he had formed a budget committee for 2026 and will ask those members at the September meeting. His hope is to have it ready for P.A.R.C. member approval before the 2026 year begins. Also, as a follow up on the brick, Rich shared the correspondence from Jill Stelmack, KC1VRH, showing proof the brick we purchased was laid in the Diamond Club Terrace at the ARRL Headquarters.

There was no new business. A program was not scheduled for tonight.

Lance was the \$10 drawing winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Submitted by Jane Mehaffey, Acting Secretary

Here is the link to ARRL current-legislation for the PARC membership. If an Amateur Radio Operator has not yet contacted their U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator, the ARRL will submit a letter on your behalf. All you have to do is enter your call sign, and click on SEND.

A copy of the letter is attached.

Thanks & 73, Dan - W7UP

<https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation>

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act HR1094-S459 Letter

The Honorable U.S. House of Representatives/U.S. Senate

[Office Address]

Washington, D.C.

Re: [H.R. 1094/S.459]

Dear Representative/Senator

I am one of your constituents and I am an FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operator.

I strongly support — and I write to ask you to support and co-sponsor [H.R. 1094/S.459] — legislation that is vital to the survival of Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio faces an existential threat as 80% of all new housing developments carry private land use restrictions that prohibit all Amateur Radio antennas, including many that are indistinguishable from satellite and broadcast antennas that are permitted by federal law as a matter of right.

[H.R. 1094/S.459] would provide Radio Amateurs the freedom to operate their stations from their homes, a right effectively denied by private land use restrictions. The bill would accomplish this by extending the same federal protections to Amateur Radio operators as those currently enjoyed by homeowners who install TV antennas, satellite TV dishes, wireless internet antennas, and free-standing flagpoles.

Amateur Radio operators have a 111+ year history of volunteer support to local governments, state governments and Federal agencies when communications and related expertise is needed at times of disasters and other emergencies. Amateur Radio also has, and continues to, serve as a gateway for the youth of America to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. It has been the foundation for the careers of a significant number of the leaders in American communications and technology. As an example, the first private satellite launched into space, Oscar 1, was designed and launched by Amateur Radio operators. Today almost every astronaut on the International Space Station (ISS) is licensed as an Amateur Radio operator. When in space they use some of their free time to talk with students across the world to interest them in space, technology, and related fields.

I request your support for, and co-sponsorship of, [H.R. 1094/S.459] to eliminate the threat to Amateur Radio. I would be honored to meet with you, or your staff, within the District to discuss my concerns or to have Amateur Radio's representatives meet with you in Washington.

Sincerely,

PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Steve Narans, WBOVNF

V. President, Matt Jones, ALOR

Secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman NOLOP

Wes Christmas, KDOPGV

Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ & 2 Officers

Club Trustee: Lance Hoffman, WNOL

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, KDOMH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ

Picnic: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Christmas Party: Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN
Pat Bahl

Publicity : Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV

ARES: Steve Narans, WBOVNF

Education: Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN and
Zach Young, NORUS

Net Manager: Gary Wiese, KBØKYM

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 re-
main \$10. whenever paid.

Life Membership: \$200.

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PARC Picnic 2025

