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Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska



Steve Narans, WB0VNF, with the ARES trailer going to 3 towns during the recent power outage to render community service. Below, are Brie Frank, Steve, Dustin Weitzel and John Larson of Douglas County ARES.



PROGRAM TONITE

The Program tonite will be A New Offgrid Communications Network "Meshtastic"

By Tony Renze

> PARC

> Meeting

> Gambinos

> 1900 E. Military

> Fremont, NE

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> Thursday

> Mar. 27, 2025

> Fremont, NE

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> Eat at 6 p.m.

> Meeting at

> 7 p.m.

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR February 27, 2025

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for February 27, 2025 was held at Gambino's Pizza in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Steve Narans, WB0VNF. A Moment of Silence was held in honor of silent keys Dave Theophilus, W0NRW, and Jack Pawley, WA0SAQ, and former member Dale Heitshusen, K0TPN.

27 members and guests were present, who introduced themselves. The meeting proceeded with a program given by Wes, KD0PGV, and Steve Narans, WB0VNF highlighting the Winter Field Day on January 25 - 26, 2025. Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV, YXL Amy, KF0GCN, and daughter Maddie, Steve Narans, WB0VNF and YXL Mary, Chuck Narans, KF0AFJ, YXL Becky, and their son Mason, Jarad Chrisman, KD0EFC, YXL Kate Chrisman, KD0SPD, and their son Warren, Tony Renze, K0OMH, and Don Renze, K0OM, participated at Platte River State Park near Louisville, NE. The presenters shared photos and positive comments about their experiences. In addition, several hams participated from different locations. Wesley Payne, KE0WHA, and Nina Stark, K0NSS, operated from their tent at Halsey, while several others worked the event from home stations. Next year's Winter Field Day is scheduled for January 24 -25,

MINUTES: With the passing of Dave Theophilus, W0NRW, there were no January minutes printed in the February *PARC News*.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as printed in the February *PARC News*. Bills: Rich was paid \$250 for the brick we purchased from ARRL. Sharon Martens, KB0TVB, said the family of P.A.R.C. member Dave Theophilus, W0NRW was delivered, and she would see that the family of Jack Pawley, WA0SAQ, would receive one as well after receiving an address from Matt Jones, AL0R.

HOSPITALITY: Sharon Martens, KB0TVB, shared she had sent a lot of cards, this was a busy month. A thank you was received from Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP, for the memorial given in remembrance of her husband Bob, W0ICE.

EDUCATION: none

FIELD DAY: Tony reported that Field Day will be held at a location provided by Brian Cooper, KD5RXP. Steve, WB0VNF, reported the ARES Trailer will not be on site as previously discussed as the location indicates there will probably not be many of the public in attendance.

FLEA MARKET: The flea market will be held on July 12, 2025, in North Bend with Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ, and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN, as Chairpersons. Ross Mehaffey will also be leading the kitchen crew. Darlene, N0LOP, and Sharon, KB0TVB, are willing to be the cashiers for that portion of the event. Rich and Jane have prepared the post-cards for mailing. They just need the address side completed for mailing closer to the event. Rich asked if anyone would be willing to step up to take Dave and Mel's, W0NRW and N0VLA, place at the door to collect admissions. Gary Wiese, KB0KYM, who also had prior experience at this spot, and Amy Chrisman, KF0GCN, offered to work in this area. The group expressed interest again in having Monty Wilson, NR0A, of Norfolk to lead the testing

again if he is able. He and Jane are planning to attend the SWIARC (South-West Iowa Amateur Radio Club) Ham-fest in McClelland, Iowa this Saturday, March 1st. We have some flyers printed for distribution and have forwarded a copy to Lance for the website. Steve, WB0VNF, asked members to remember to check if they had items to donate to the silent auction portion of the flea market.

PICNIC: More information will be forthcoming in the future concerning the September 21, 2025 event scheduled to begin at 5 PM.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be at Farmer Brown's in Waterloo at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2024, with Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN and Pat Bahl as Chairpersons. Some prizes have already been collected and one activity is already planned.

NET MANAGER: Gary Wiese, KB0KYM, net manager reported which Net Control slots were available and volunteers filled in the open dates through the first week of April.

ARES: Steve Narans, WB0VNF, stated that Gary, KB0KYM, would need a backup for weather nets. Wes, KD0PGV, volunteered for the position. Steve also introduced Jim Nelson, W0JRN, the Southeast District Representative for the Nebraska ARES. Jim spoke about NWS-Chat 2.0, which brings you virtually into National Weather Service (NWS) operations powered by Slack, as a real-time instant messaging program. This allows your local NWS office to communicate weather and flood information with key partners during incidents.

PUBLICITY: In new business, with the passing of Dave Theophilus, a new publicity person will need to be appointed, volunteered, or voted on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: KB0ARZ reported he completed the paperwork for the \$250 ARRL brick with our club information, he wrote his check for the purchase to headquarters. Our club will receive a paper certificate of the brick inscription at no additional charge. Lance was not present to report on any findings about club badges.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Sharon Martens, KB0TVB, and seconded to have Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN, finish the 2025 year as recording secretary for P.A.R.C. with Dave's other responsibilities to be decided separately. The position of publicity chair will need a volunteer, be appointed, or voted on and was tabled until the next meeting. Several spotter training dates were announced. Our local Dodge County night is scheduled for March 31 at the Scribner Fire Station.

DRAWING: New member Kyler Bowling, KF0MMT, drew for the \$10, the winner was Arnie Grubbs, KA0NCR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ross Mehaffey, K0ARZ, said that when he contacted P & H Electric in Fremont about obtaining a few feet of 15-gauge magnet wire, he was told he could have it at no charge. Upon picking it up and confirming it with the business, he was gifted with a six-pound spool rather than just a few feet. Having brought the roll with him, he urged anyone needing a piece for a project was invited to take what they wanted. About a half dozen hams took him up on his offer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM. Submitted by Acting Secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

Win a Dream Station with the Latest Gear from Icom.

Members who join — or re-new — their ARRL membership any time from January 3 through December 31, 2025, are automatically entered into the ARRL Sweepstakes to win a dream station from Icom. If you're not an ARRL member, you can [join today!](#) If you are already a member or Life Member, there are even more ways to automatically earn entries. [See how by clicking here!](#)

PARC Treasurer's Report March. 2025

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,776.66
Petty Cash	80.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,205.44
INCOME	
Dues	\$ 60.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 60.00
EXPENSES	
Drawing	\$ 10.00
ARRL Brick	250.00
Non Profit Fee	30.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$290.00

Radio Connects Is 2025 ARRL Field Day Theme

ARRL has released the logo and theme for this year's ARRL Field Day, June 28-29, 2025.

The theme is "Radio Connects" highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

Ham radio provides a connection both for practical communications and to form relationships with fellow radio amateurs. No matter who you are, or what your background or interests are, if you have an interest in radio and wireless technology, radio connects you with others.



The theme is universal, Local amateur radio clubs bridge generations. Contacts made across town or around the world allow cultural exchange, right over the air. In times of crisis, radio connects those in need with information. The whole point of amateur radio is the connect, both literally and figuratively. Amateur radio also inspire the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands on sandbox where students can gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

DON'T FORGETTHE SWAG!

2025 ARRL Field Day Radio Connects merchandise is available for preorder from the ARRL Store. All the fan favorite gear is back, tee-shirts (complete with ARRL Sections checklist on the back), mugs and pins are available for shipping in late April. Please note, any orders from the ARRL Store that contain 2025 ARRL Field Day merchandise will be held for shipping until the Field Day items are available in late April.

Visit www.arrl.org/field-day for more information.

PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Steve Narans, WBOVNF

V. President, Matt Jones, ALOR

Secretary, Dave Theophilus, WØNRW

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman NOLOP

Wes Christmas, KDOPGV

Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ & 2 Officers

Club Trustee: Lance Hoffman, WNØL

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, KØDMH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ

Picnic: Dave Theophilus, WØNRW &
Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Christmas Party: Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN
Pat Bahl

Publicity : Dave Theophilus, WØNRW

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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of power for
5 1/2 days,
but Lance's
towers and
antennas
took a big
hit from the
70 mph
winds.

