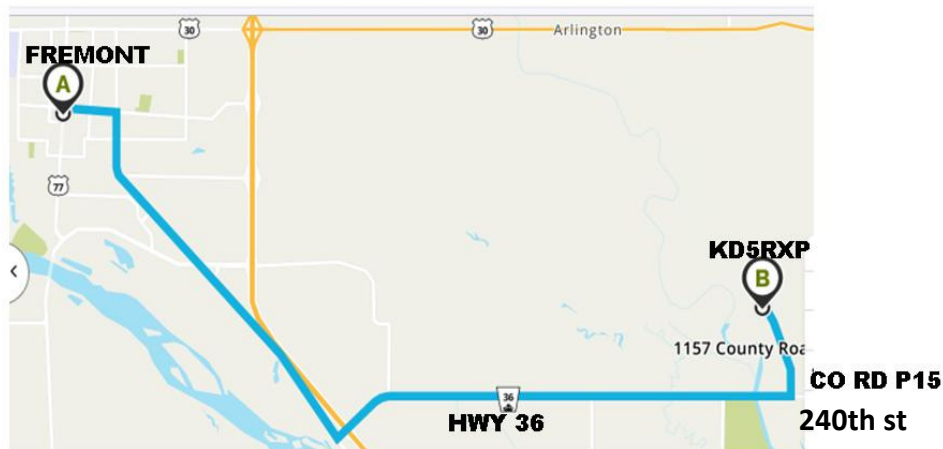


PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

Field Day Directions To Brian's From Fremont



Field Day 2025 site is at Brian Cooper's, KD5RXP, 1157 Co. Rd. P15, Arlington, NE 68002 Phone, 817-521-4375. From Fremont take Hwy 36 East to 240th St., turn left there, the pavement turns into gravel after a bit, and the road is now P15, go about 1/2 mile on the gravel to 1157, Brian's place, about 14 miles.

PROGRAM

The topic for the April meeting will be "Severe Weather Season". Steve, WB0VNF will lead the discussion. We will watch the Spotter Training online version because the live programs were all cancelled due to Federal Budget cuts.



- > PARC
- > Meeting
- > Gambinos
- > 1900 E. Military
- > Fremont, NE
- >
- > Thursday
- > Apr. 24, 2025
- > Fremont, NE
- >
- > Eat at 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at
- > 7 p.m.



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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR March 27, 2025

The March 27, 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 President Steve Narans, WBØVNF. He read the Ham Radio Code. 17 amateurs introduced themselves.

A program was given by Tony Renze, KØOMH, on Meshtastic. It is an open-source, decentralized, off-grid mesh network built around LoFa radios, enabling low power, long-range communication for text messages and data exchange in areas without traditional infrastructure.

MINUTES: Were amended as printed to read "2025 instead of 2024" for the Christmas Party in February PARC News. Motion was made by Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, seconded by Don Renze, KØOM to accept minutes as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as printed by Sharon, KBØTVB, in the February PARC News. There were no new bills. \$50 will be sent to Jarad Chrisman, KDØEFC, for our annual support of the repeater.

HOSPITALITY: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, shared she sent a card to Corey, KEØIBU, and Becky Hull. Corey's mother passed recently. She received a thank you from Linda Kirchmann, WØZIP, which she read.

EDUCATION: Jane Mehaffey, spoke about notifying local high schools about free admission for area high schoolers to the flea market. A suggestion was made to send information to the STEM instructors at Fremont High, Bergan, Trinity, and North Bend Central.

FIELD DAY: Tony Renze, KØOMH, indicated that antenna set-up would be like what was done in the past. Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, will send address and instructions to Darlene for access to the site June 27 & 28.

FLEA MARKET: Monty Wilson, NRØA, of Norfolk contacted Rich and is all set to lead the testing again. 22 packets with 12 flyers each were sent to various area clubs. Paper copies were distributed at the SWIARC Hamfest. At this point we have 9 spaces reserved. We did inform the youth group leader at Offutt Airforce Base that their youth and sponsor(s) would be admitted free. Darlene, NØLOP, offered to bake her kolache

PICNIC: No new information at this time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be at Farmer Brown's in Waterloo at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2024. At this time, there was no additional news.

NET MANAGER: Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, not present, sent a message all net control slots need to be filled beginning April 9th. Sign up by contacting him.

ARES: Steve Narans, WBØVNF, manned the Emergency Trailer March 20 – 22 in the communities of North Bend, Uehling, and Nickerson during the power outages for a total contact time of 23 hours. He was assisted by Zach Young, NØRUS, Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV, John Larson, KFØSLC, and Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ. Thanks to Dodge County Sheriff Dustin Weitzel, his officers, and the local fire departments for their assistance. Coffee and rolls were provided, cell phones charged, and doors were open to those without power and in need of a place to warm up. Some community publicity should be forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Lance, WNØL, had no response from a repeated inquiry about club badges. He will talk to Embroidery Connection next and report back. We are still in need of a new publicity chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DRAWING: The winner was of the \$10 was Ed Altmanshofer, NEØEA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: KBØARZ reported he received the paper certificate of the brick inscription, provided at no additional charge. It will be framed and hung in Schneider Building. Lance, WNØL, reported Lyle Nelson, KAØLDN, has a Kenwood TM2530A 1980's version of a 2-meter that he would like to sell. Steve, WBØVNF, has a 1000 W Collins 3201 amplifier available like brand new and another one for parts for \$1300.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at shortly after 8 PM.

Submitted by Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN

Meeting Minutes

PARC Treasurer's Report April 2025

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,796.66
Petty Cash	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,215.44
INCOME	
Flea Market Tables	\$ 20.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 20.00
EXPENSES	
Drawing	\$ 10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10.00

ARRL Learning Center Features Two New Emergency Communication Training Courses

ARRL has released [two new courses](#) to train emergency communications (EmComm) operators for volunteering within the [Amateur Radio Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#). Both courses are within the ARRL Learning Center.

The Basic EmComm course is designed to get a new volunteer started. It provides basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer and contains three modules and 11 topics, including required prerequisites. It's expected to take approximately 10 - 20 hours to complete.



The Intermediate EmComm course builds on the lessons learned in the first course and equips volunteer radio amateurs with the tools needed to thrive in the fast-paced environment of public service communications and to understand the legal rights and responsibilities of working with a **served agency, as well as teach them and how ham radio fits** into the broader incident command (IC) structure.

The new courses replace the previous EC-001 and EC-016 programs, however, certificates of completion earned for the previous courses are still valid. "Training is not a one-and-done thing. Throughout my fire-fighting and emergency management career, we were constantly taking new courses to reinforce existing knowledge and introduce new concepts," said ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. "Engaged volunteers should want to stay up to date on advances in the science of emergency communications. I'd even encourage veteran operators to take the new courses."

In 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [revised the Guide for National Emergency Preparedness](#) to specifically include amateur radio. ARRL and FEMA entered into a new Memoranda of Understanding in May 2023 that outlined the importance of trained radio amateurs within the response ecosystem.

"Amateur radio is as important as ever in emergency management," said Johnston. "The new courses will keep hams trained to serve effectively."

The ARRL Learning Center at learn.arrl.org is a member benefit and features many ways to get the most out of your amateur radio license. The Basic and Intermediate EmComm courses are available to anyone with a free www.arrl.org account. Users must log in to the ARRL Learning Center with this account, and functionality of the site relies on cookies being enabled.

Nearby Events

5/10/25—ARRL Nebraska State Convention in Lincoln, NE

6/27-28/25—ARRL Field day

7/12/25— PARC Flea Market, North Bend, NE

9/6/25— AKSARBEN ARC Flea -Esta in Omaha, NE

9/20/25—SARA Hamfest at Sioux City, IA

11/15/25— Northeast Nebraska Hamfest in Norfolk, NE

A Complete list of Hamfests at arrl.org/hamfests-andconventions-calendar

2025 PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETINGS

In 2025, the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (PARC) will continue to meet at Gambino's Pizza on the 4th Thursday of the month, **with 3 exceptions in September, November, and December noted below.**

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, 6 pm supper, 7 pm meeting, Gambino's Pizza, 1900 E Military Ave., Fremont.

Apr. 24

May 22

Jul 24

June 26

Aug. 28

Sep No Meeting—Picnic Sep 21 at 5 pm

Oct 23

Nov 20— 1 week early due to Thanksgiving

Dec No Meeting – Christmas Party TBD

The PARC website is at: <http://www.k0sw.org/>

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, KBOARZ & 2 Officers

Club Trustee: Lance Hoffman, WNOL

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, KDOMH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ

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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Zach Young, NORUS presenting the program on GMRS at a previous PARC meeting.