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Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

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PARC Picnic In The Planning

Coming In September

Location To Be Determined

At This Meeting



> **PARC**
> **Meeting**
> **Gambinos**
> **1900 E. Military**
> **Fremont, NE**
>
> **Thursday**
> **Aug. 28, 2025**
> **Fremont, NE**
>
> **Eat at 6 p.m.**
> **Meeting at**
> **7 p.m.**

There will not be a program for this month's PARC meeting, because we have several things to discuss according to Steve, WB0VNF

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR June 26, 2025

The June 26, 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 Tony Renze, KØOMH, former president. 23 and 1 YXL amateurs introduced themselves.

The minutes were approved as printed in the P.A.R.C. News.

Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, reported the board members unanimously approved via phone to no longer print the treasurer's report in the P.A.R.C. newsletter. Darlene said since we are incorporated, she checked the rules and said there was no problem doing so. Treasurer's reports will continue to be made known at the monthly meetings, but we do need to make the information available if requested by someone of the public. The president, secretary, and treasurer will always have a copy for viewing. Sharon gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved. No additional bills were submitted, but expenses from the flea market will be reported during that portion of the meeting.

For hospitality, Sharon reported she did send the memorial to the family of Jack Powley, WAØSAQ.

In education, Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, thanked Mike and Monty for assisting in the request of a visiting ham if it was possible to have the test read to him. The answer is yes. The reader does not need to be a VE. However, he did not find out the answer soon enough to test at the Flea Market date.

Tony reported we do not have to anything at this point for the next field day, and his program was a photo power point created from the June 2025 Field Day.

Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, reported the next flea market is booked for July 11, 2026 at the North Bend City Auditorium. He read an email thank you from a guest, KDØRLZ. There were 47 paid tables in addition to free tables, commercial vendors, and ARRL. One absent vendor was refunded their prepaid money. Three vendors did not show, but the additional 2 remaining spaces were rented. 156 guests signed in. with total attendance about 200. Grand Prize was the most expensive ever awarded at \$1,033.75. The first winner declined the gift, and the second winner Jim Nelson, WØJRN, stated it would be donated to a local emergency management center. Additional door prizes were valued at \$482. We rented another 10 tables because we didn't have enough at the auditorium. P.A.R.C. set a record for the number of individuals tested for a license. According to Mike Campbell, KEØKAZ, 8 people tested, 13 tests were given and 6 people passed at the recent testing session at the Flea Market in North Bend. There are 4 new generals, and 2 new extras. Mike requested that we have an amount of money reserved as a cash buffet for those younger people wanting to test that may need help paying and having to be turned away. Many compliments were received about the organization of the event and suggestions for improvements for 2026 were noted. Thanks to Art, KØAIZ, for the ARRL forum! 28 guests and a couple of new vendors attended who had never come to the event before. Steve Narans, WBØVNF, did not have the exact amount of income in time for from the silent auction before he left, but estimated 300+ dollars. Notice that next year's postage will be increased.

It was recommended to wait for Steve to make a decision about the picnic location. Schneider Building seems to be the best option.

JoAnn, YXL of Don Renze, KØOM, donated a box of new gift items for the Christmas party.

Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, reported the next opening for net control is August 27th.

In new business, it was suggested that we think about having a list of items that we pay for every year, so we know a general budget and know the amount of additional funds available for discretionary use. It would include the amounts we generally set aside for items like the website, insurance, Christmas, ARES, and Repeater use. It should be noted that ARRL always asks how any profits are to be sanctioned by them, and every year we say repeater maintenance. We are failing to hold up to this end of the bargain. The group seemed in favor of pursuing this and to name a few individuals for work on this.

Gary requested that Cory Hull, KEØIBU, announce his plans for the repeater tomorrow he is placing on the top of a CVA (Central Valley Ag) elevator in Scribner. He has had the frequency 147.105 for several years. He stated at first there would with no PL tone. It will be linked to 146.670 by internet.

Tony thanked Brian and Ruth Cooper, KD5RXP and KI5MDO, for hosting the field day. Tony commented on the program slides of field day. 433 contacts were made from the site, and Brian was a "CW Machine" making over 100 contacts overnight. Tony thanked Rich and Jane for the donation of ribs and Brian for preparing them. Stuart Kauppila, W8EEK, came and participated from Michigan while his wife shopped in Omaha. Rich recommended returning next year, and Brian agreed.

Jim announced and they are developing an ARES Skywarn group in Saunders County and Grant Anderson, the new emergency coordinator there, is very interested in what their group has to offer. They have a meeting place in Wahoo.

Mike invited us to check into the Saunders County Wednesday 8 P.M net on the 145.310 repeater at Mead. Note that sometimes the net may not be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

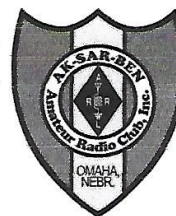
Cory was the drawing winner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, Secretary



AK-SAR-BEN ARC



IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

9AM-2PM

FLEA-ESTA

ENTRY FEE: \$5

**TABLES: \$10 PREPAID RESERVED
\$12 DAY OF EVENT (IF AVAILABLE)**

LOCATION:

**METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOUTH OMAHA CAMPUS
CAM BUILDING ROOM 120
2709 EDWARD BABE GOMEZ AVE
OMAHA, NE 68107
FREE ADMISSION FOR
CURRENT MCC STUDENTS**

SAVE the DATE

INFORMATION

UPDATED

AT:

AKSARBENARC.ORG

Confirmed Vendors:

D & L ANTENNA SUPPLY

DOOR PRIZES:

**Current TOP Prizes:
YAESU FT-70DR/DE HT
KENWOOD TM-281A 2M Mobile
MORE PRIZES COMING!!**

8FT TABLES

HANDICAP PARKING

**BREAKFAST and LUNCH ON-SITE
COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE and TEA
DOOR PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP**

Table Reservations open July 1st



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Sanctioned Event

PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Steve Narans, WBOVNF

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Secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN

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Wes Christmas, KDOPGV

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, KODMH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ

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Pat Bahl

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Zach Young, NORUS

Net Manager: Gary Wiese, KBOKYM

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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Nearby Events

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

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

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

SOOLAND AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

SIOUX CITY HAMFEST

ARRL SANCTIONED



QTH:

Morningside Lutheran Church
(lower gym— go to West side of building)
700 S. Martha St., Sioux City, IA

SATURDAY

September 20, 2025
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM
(Flea Market Setup starts at 8 am)

Flea Market



Prizes-Prizes-Prizes

Grand prize is a QT-60 Pro 10 meter
multi-mode 60 watt transceiver by



Other prizes include a \$100
Mystery Box from GigaParts, a
DX Engineering gift certificate, an
ARRL End-Fed half wave antenna,
HTs and more.

Commercial Vendor

D&L Antenna

will be there.

TALK-IN on 146.970 tone 110.9

Seminars and
ARRL presentation

VE Testing
at 1:00 PM



Admission: \$5

Flea Market Tables: \$10

To reserve a table, email Tim, K0UX at:
ttjarman@gmail.com
for more information

Food & Drink available for purchase.