

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

New 60-Meter Frequencies Available as of February 13

The new 60-meter frequencies approved by the FCC in December will become available to amateurs as of February 13, 2026, along with new power restrictions on those frequencies. It's a bit confusing, as different rules apply to different segments of the band. The changes result from the FCC's action to approve a worldwide 60-meter amateur allocation made by the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2015 (WRC-15). See <https://tinyurl.com/mt8p8jpa>.

As of February 13, FCC-licensed amateur operators holding General Class or higher licenses may operate on a secondary basis anywhere between 5351.5 and 5366.5 kHz, subject to a maximum bandwidth of 2.8 kHz and maximum transmit power of 9.15 watts ERP (effective radiated power). For the purpose of computing ERP, the transmitter PEP (peak envelope power) is multiplied by the antenna gain relative to a half-wave dipole antenna. A half-wave dipole is presumed to have a gain of 1 (0 dBd). Amateurs using other antennas must maintain in their station records either the antenna manufacturer's data on the antenna gain or calculations of the antenna gain.

Here's the confusing part: The existing 60-meter channels centered on 5332, 5348, 5373, and 5405 kHz remain as secondary amateur allocations with maximum power of 100 watts ERP. However, the old channel at 5358.5 kHz is eliminated as it is now part of the new 5351.5-5366.5 kHz subband and subject to the lower power limit.

For all 60-meter transmissions, emission bandwidth is limited to 2.8 kHz or less and amateurs must not cause harmful interference to, and must accept interference from, stations authorized by the United States (NTIA and FCC) and other nations in the fixed service; and all other nations in the mobile service (except aeronautical mobile). Data or RTTY emissions in particular must be limited in transmission length so as not to cause harmful interference. Digital mode operators must be familiar with offsets in order to stay within the authorized frequencies.

The new FCC rules take effect on February 13, which is 30 days after publication in the January 14 edition of the *Federal Register*. See also [ARRL News](#) for related background.

- > PARC
- > Meeting
- > Gambinos
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- > Fremont, NE
- > 1900 E. Military
- > Thursday
- > Jan. 22, 2026
- > Fremont, NE
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- > Eat at 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at
- > 7 p.m.

**No Program
This
Meeting**

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA November 20, 2025

The November 20, 2025 Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at the Schneider Building in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by President Steve Narans, WBØVNF. 17 amateurs, which included our guest speaker, introduced themselves.

Secretary Report: The October minutes were approved as corrected in the October P.A.R.C. News. Official corrected copy has changes in red print.

Treasurer's Report: Steve, gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Hospitality: Sharon left word with secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, there was nothing new to report.

Education: Jane contacted Cedar Bluffs High School concerning our upcoming educational invitation in March. Steve has not talked to Trinity. Steve updated us on information from Zachary. Rather than producing a video, he is going to create a power point that stimulates a discussion. Then speak about some training programs that are available.

Field Day: Tony said nothing new. Brian, KD5RXP, and Ruth, KI5MDO, will host.

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, handed out advance notices for next year's flea market at the Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Flea Market in Norfolk. He received 6 table reservations at the event. Steve said he had several items left from Norfolk for our silent auction. Lance is donating toward the silent auction.

Picnic: There was nothing to report for 2026.

Christmas Party: Jane handed out the reservation sign-up sheet for the Christmas Party at Farmer Brown's, December 6th in Waterloo at 5 P.M. She asked for phone numbers in case of bad weather.

Net Control: Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, reported the average check-in rate for 2025 was about 8 check-ins. Last week we only had 2! Echo link has been having issues. Wednesday's five dates are all open for December. It was decided if anyone could pick up the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve nets, it would be an informal event without any previous commitments by anyone.

ARES: Steve reported radio purchased from Lyman's estate will be in the trailer.

Publicity and Unfinished Business: Nothing.

New Business: Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV, reported the club purchased an Echo Link Computer 3 years ago, and it burnt up. It was at Wes and Nina's house with a surge protector, but the computer and the power supply were ruined. The one we had was a refurbished one, and another like it would be about \$75. Don Renze, KØOM, moved and Karsten Miller, KFØSYD, seconded to pay for another refurbished unit, and the motion passed. Steve announced he is applying to ARRL on our behalf for grants in 2026. One is for ARES. He will need to submit the advance budget on which we have worked.

Announcements: Matt Jones stated some people who participated in the Meshtastic community in Omaha have changed over to Meshcore because it does many more hops effectively and is more reliable. A number of participants are transitioning to the newer system. Rich encouraged members to sign up to support the ARRL nationwide grassroots campaign aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles. You do NOT need to be an ARRL member to participate. It is as simple as putting in your call sign at ARRL website and hitting the red button.

Drawing: Won by Phil Bahl, KAØUNB. **Meeting:** Was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Program: Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB, gave a presentation with photos from Dayton Ham Fests and visits to CES, an annual trade show organized by the Consumer Technology Association in Las Vegas. It was extremely educational.

Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Winter Field Day Coming Soon

Amy, Maddie and Wes will be at Platte River State Park at the Owen Cabins #12. We will be operating Saturday, Jan. 24th all day and everyone is welcome to drop by.

Tony will be a Nebraska National Forest in Halsey with Wes and Nina.



PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Steve Narans, WBOVNF

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Secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Tony Renze, K00MH & 2 Officers

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, K00MH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ

Picnic: Brian Cooper, KD5RXP

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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Midwest Is One Division For America 250 Event

The Midwest Division is one of the kick-off Divisions for the ARRL's America 250 Worked All States Event. In fact, the Nebraska Section under Section Manager Matt Anderson, KBØBOJ, along with New York, is a kick-off section. W1AW/Ø will be operating from Nebraska from January 7 to January 13, 2026. As announced in the January 2026 issue of QST, you can earn the award by working one of the W1AW/portable stations or ARRL affiliated clubs in all 50 states and in several US Possessions/Territories. Contacts on all bands are permitted. There is also a WAS Triple Play earned by contacting all 50 states on three modes (CW, phone, digital). This is a year-long event. For more information, please visit <https://www.arrl.org/america250-was> The current activation schedule (subject to updates) can be downloaded from that page. 73 and Happy New Year, Art KØAIZ

