

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

Linton National Guard Armory Purchased By ITU Corp to House Amateur Radio Mfg.

In a major expansion of its Indiana footprint, ITU Corporation has purchased the former Linton National Guard Armory to serve as the new manufacturing hub for Hy-gain and Cushcraft. By acquiring these legendary brands from MFJ Enterprises, ITU is centralizing production at the 15-acre Linton site. This new endeavor will bring between 20-50 new jobs to Linton.

Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc., is pleased to announce the sale of the renowned Hy-gain and Cushcraft antenna, rotator, and communication product lines to ITU Corporation, a 25 year old Indiana engineering and manufacturing company.

"I am thrilled to pass the torch of these legendary antenna brands to Dave & Kambi Carpenter and their team at ITU Corporation," said Martin F. Jue, President of MFJ Enterprises.

"After nurturing these brands for decades it was vital to me that hy-gain and Cushcraft - - premier brands that have served radio operators and stations worldwide for generations - - landed in the hands of someone who understands their legacy."

"Dave, and the ITU team share our commitment to American-made quality and customer satisfaction. They bring the engineering expertise and manufacturing passion necessary to keep these products and these trusted American high-performance antennas on towers worldwide for years to come!"

Famous for their robust long lasting design and unparalleled superior performance, hy-gain and Cushcraft are the gold standard for antenna performance, gain, durability and offer a wide range of antennas, rotators, and accessories.

The designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and rotators are included in the sale.

With this exciting announcement, the production of these trusted high-performance products marks a new chapter for the brands, combining their rich history with the expertise and dedication of the Indiana-based premier manufacturer.

This announcement includes ITU's purchase of the former Linton Indiana National Guard Armory facility at 2000 East Hwy 54 in Linton Indiana. Adding to it's current manufacturing and Corporate facilities located in Dugger Indiana.

"We are excited about the acquisition of the former 15 acre Armory facility in Linton as it offers a move-in-ready building that perfectly meets the needs of this operation" stated Dave Carpenter President of ITU.

- > PARC
- > Meeting
- > Gambinos
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- > Fremont, NE
- > 1900 E. Military
- Thursday
- > Apr 23, 2026
- > Fremont, NE
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- > Eat at 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at
- > 7 p.m.

Program

ARES Update and Preparation for Stormy Weather

By Wes & Steve

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES

March 26, 2026

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at Gambino's Pizza on March 26, 2026 in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Secretary Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, in the absence of President Steve Narans, WBØVNF, and Vice-President Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV.

After amateurs introduced themselves, the meeting opened with a presentation given by Dudley Allen, KDØNMD, Nebraska Youth Amateur Radio Coordinator. He was accompanied by his wife Kim, KEØBXX.

(Summary follows in next month's edition!)

MINUTES: Were approved as printed in the P.A.R.C. news.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Martens' report (KBØTVB) was approved. No bills were presented.

FLEA MARKET: Mike Campbell, KEØKAZ, and Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, spoke about the online VE testing taking place at the North Bend Public library this year. Rich, KBØARZ, said some postage has been purchased. The flyers were being updated and will be distributed at the upcoming Bellevue and Lincoln Ham Fests.

NET MANAGER and ARES: Gary Wiese, KBCKYM, was not present. On his behalf, Rich said there was only a total only 3 check-ins last night and all Wednesdays are open for a net control operator in April. There were several members that DID respond at yesterday's 10:00 A.M. weather drill. Reminder about next Monday's Storm Spotters Meeting in Snyder.

No new information was shared for **HOSPITALITY, EDUCATION, FIELD DAY, PICNIC, CHRISTMAS PARTY, UNFINISHED BUSINESS,** or **NEW BUSINESS.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rich asked the group to contemplate the idea of supporting the people affected by the recent wildfires that destroyed so many acres in Nebraska, reminding them of the number of people that supported our area in recent disasters.

DRAWING: The winner was of the \$10 will be awarded at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Mehaffey, Secretary

Brian Takes Over As Net Manager Dodge Co. ARES

Brian Cooper KD5RXP assumed the position of Net Manager as ARES Assistant EC for Dodge County on April 1, 2026.

Many thanks to Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, for his many years of service as Net manager, NWS Contact and Support of Amateur Radio.

Amateur Radio: A National Resource



Get Your Official 2026 ARRL Field Day Merch!

WEAR YOUR FIELD DAY T-SHIRT AGAIN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY!

ARRL Nebraska State Convention Saturday May 9th, 2026

Talk In
KØKKV
146.760-

8:00AM to 3:00PM

Onsite HT's
KØLNE
145.190-

Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln, NE

VE Testing and Forums 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

84th & Havelock Ave.- 8:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. - ARRL Sponsored



Sanctioned Event

ARRL
The national association for
AMATEUR RADIO

PROGRAMS-FORUMS-DEMOS-DISPLAYS
FLEA MARKET- ESTATE SALES -FCC TESTING

Onsite vendor:

AssociatedRadio
800.497.1457



www.lincolnhemfest.org

Doors Open At 8:00 A.M. Come On Time For The Best Deals!

General Admission: 16 yrs and up \$8.00 - Below 16 yrs-free - LARC Members \$5.00

Vendor & Flea Market Information

Set-up

May 8th 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 9th 7:00 a.m.

Flea Market Rentals

8 foot table \$10.00 each

Electricity \$30.00/drop or outlet

Payment Options

Online payment is open until May 7th

www.lincolnhemfest.org

Bring Your Online Receipt

Raffle Ticket Prizes

Many Raffle Ticket Prizes Will Be Called between 8AM and 2PM

Prizes Include: Things & Tools An Amateur Radio Operator
Can Use Around The House, Garage, Work bench & Tower.

Grand Prize Drawings At 2:00 p.m.

(One) \$500 Gift Certificate To Associated Radio

(One) \$300 Gift Certificate To Associated Radio

(One) \$200 Gift Certificate To Associated Radio

(One)-FTM-310DR C4FM Dual Band

(One)-FT-3185R Mobile

(One)-FT-60R HT

(One)-VX-6R HT

(One)-UltraMax 36' Antenna

(One)-UltraMax 36' Antenna

(Only 1 Grand Prize Per Attendee)

(Must Be Present To Win All Drawings)

Forums:

09:00 AM: Roger, W8IO History and Design HyGain Antennas

10:00 AM: George, KCØHYI: NE MotoTurbo DMR System

11:00 AM ARRL NE Section Manager, Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ

PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Steve Narans, WB0VNF

V. President, Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV

Secretary, Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman, NOLOP

Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ

Tony Renze, K00MH & 2 Officers

Club Trustee: Lance Hoffman, WNOL

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, K00MH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ

Picnic: Brian Cooper, KD5RXP

Christmas Party: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN
Pat Bahl

Publicity : Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV

ARES: Steve Narans, WB0VNF

Education: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN and
Zach Young, NORUS

Net Manager: Gary Wiese, KB0KYM

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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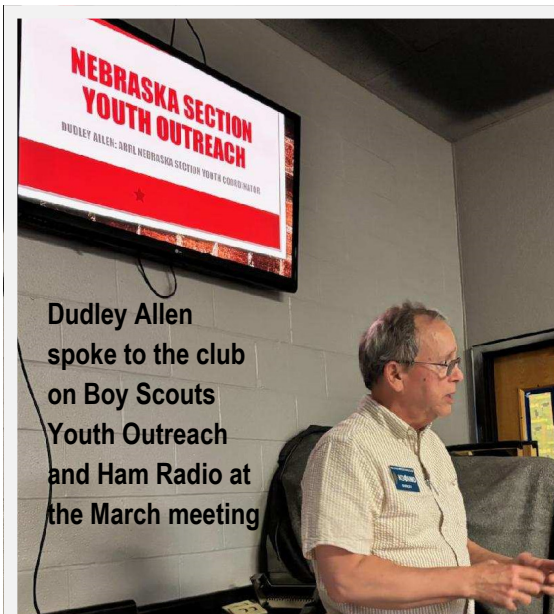
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web:
KOSW.org
& Facebook**

Silent Key

We are saddened to announce that Lyman Nelson WB0IEN became a silent key on April 9th, 2026. Lyman and his wife Judy were both Amateur Radio Operators and were active in the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club for many years. Rest in Peace, Lyman

Amateur Of The Year 2025

Ray McNally, N5SEZ is Amateur of the Year 2025, presenting the plaque is Steve Narans, WB0VNF, president.



Dudley Allen
spoke to the club
on Boy Scouts
Youth Outreach
and Ham Radio at
the March meeting

