

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

The Two Big Events For PARC Are Getting Close

FIELD DAY—June 27-28, 2026— Brian Cooper's layout

Tony Renze will give a presentation on WRL—World Radio Login at this next meeting to be considered for the upcoming Field Day. It is again at Brian and Ruth's place.

We will make plans for the two day activities, including food, at the upcoming meeting. Bring your ideas and questions.



Directions To Brian's From Fremont

Brian Cooper's, 1157 Co. Rd. P15, Arlington, NE 68002. Phone, 817-521-4375. From Fremont take Hwy 36 East to 240th St., turn left, the pavement turns into gravel after a bit, and the road is now P14, go about 1/2 mile on the gravel to 1157, about 14 miles.

Flea Market—July 11, 2026—North Bend, NE Auditorium

Rich is asking for helpers for the various jobs at the Flea Market so he will know what he still needs to fill. The library in North Bend has been secured for the VE testing at 10:30 according to Mike Campbell. Come prepared to help out because we will need all the help possible.

ALERT

This meeting will begin at 6:30
To accommodate the speaker
And time for a regular meeting.

PROGRAM

The speaker for this meeting
is George Blessings' presentation on repeaters.

> 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.

> **This Meeting**
> **ONLY will begin**
at 6:30 pm

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES**April 23, 2026**

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at Gambino's Pizza on April 23, 2026 in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Steve Narans, WBØVNF.

PROGRAM: Steve stated the recent 4 to 5-hour power outage that affected the repeater on Gifford Tower, and the battery backup lasted about 45 minutes. The hospital generator was able to carry on with their generator system. He introduced Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV, as the program speaker, with support from Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, and himself. In the program, Wes talked and showed slides about some updates from the recent ARES team meeting at the EOC. Organizational chart shows the addition of Karsten Miller, KFØSYD, of Scribner to the team. Frank's name will be readed once his email issue has been fixed. Each ARES team member has their own badge that allows them access to the EOC. Showed visuals of the EOC area and radios. A test net was conducted and worked flawlessly. The radio will reach Norfolk, Lincoln, and Columbus. For the reduction of noise, we need another set of headphones so one ham can communicate while the second listens and records the information. The EOC has different colored vests with responsibilities on back to indicate the role each person is performing. Adjoining the EOC is the conference room with the different forms that may be needed. In the back storage room, are all the manuals needed. It is the responsibility of our ARES team to set up the conference room according to Tom's instructions with the procedure manuals, vests, etc. for the different departments, i.e. sheriff, police, hospital, shelters, food, etc. that are needed. We worked on improving our pre-amble for net control: wording, the listing the order of repeaters that will be used as needed, and a topic to practice the flow of communication. Brian thanked Rich, KBØARZ, for putting together a concise map pinpointing the local repeaters in the area. They were handed out. Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, spoke about the recent outage, and noted the need in case of dead air, of knowing the listing of repeaters in order. Order is: 146.670 repeater; 147.165 repeater; 146.670 simplex. Discussion was to have another drill to practice this in the future. Brian spoke of RACES training in Texas. Information was shared about options for advance warnings of nets. Jarad Chrisman, KDØEFC, purchased a device that automatically switches to a backup battery for 146.670 repeater.

ARES: Steve spoke about engaging hams during nets with a question for fun to encourage practice and presented a motion for a contest beginning next week that a ham will get their name put in a box each week they check in for a chance at a prize later. It was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Steve reminded the group the list of the concise information needed during a storm net: who, what, where, and when. It was noted that 17 members were in attendance.

MINUTES: Were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Martens' report (KBØTVB) was presented. In April, we pay Jarad for repeater upkeep. It was noted we report to the ARRL how Flea Market proceeds are to be spent, Our commitment is supporting repeaters, and we are not doing well. Sharon made a motion, seconded by Ed Altmanshofer, NEØEA, to increase the donation to \$100. Motion carried. After discussion of supporting the ARES repeaters, Rich made a motion to support the Winslow repeater in the same amount. Motion was seconded and approved. Next discussion was we no longer supported the wide range DMR system used over a large area provided by George Blessing, Jr., KCØHYI, and individuals were taking turns personally paying the \$50 donation. Jane made a \$100 motion KØSW again supports the rental on Gifford Tower. After discussion she amended the motion in amount of \$50. Brian seconded. Motion carried. George will be giving the program next month, and Sharon will present the check at that time.

HOSPITALITY Wes announced death of Lyman Nelson, WBØIEN. Sharon, KBØTVB, will send a card. She made group aware Brian Smith, NOAA station at Valley, did the weather spotter trainings, is in poor health due to stage 4 cancer.

EDUCATION Because of timing, presentations will no longer be given at schools this year. Will be revisited in the future.

FIELD DAY Tony Renze, requested a small allotment of time next month to share another recording system called WRL, World Radio Login, for field day to be considered, and time was granted.

FLEA MARKET: Rich, KBØARZ, asked for members to volunteer for jobs at the flea market. If anyone knows what they would like to do, they can sign up now. Then we will know what spaces still need to be covered. Finalized green flyers are ready to go for the Lincoln State Ham Fest. 22 club packets have been sent. Individual cards are ready for future mailing. Mike Campbell, KEØKAZ, and Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, confirmed the library is booked for the online VE testing taking place at the North Bend Public library at 10:30 this year.

NET MANAGER: Brian Cooper, KD5RXP, has taken over the net manager position. We thank Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, for his years of service in leading this endeavor. Please help Brian with net control support by signing up.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Jane, KBØZUN, talked to Pat. Saturday, December 5, 2026 at Farmer Brown's in Waterloo is unavailable at this point. There are openings the following weekend. The group preferred the Saturday evening with one opening left. Jane and Pat will try for Saturday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow hoping opening still available.

PICNIC and UNFINISHED BUSINESS did not need to be addressed.

PUBLICITY: Wes has meeting posted on Facebook and several connections with the UNO Club.

NEW BUSINESS: PLEASE NOTE! After discussion, it was decided to start the meeting at 6:30 p.m. next month at Gambinos! We will see if this timing works better for future meetings.

DRAWING: The winner of the \$10 for the March meeting was Matt, ALØR. For tonight's meeting it was Frank, KØAJA.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Rich offered a Brand New HW8 Heath Kit with manuals. He did not know if all there. If interested, it's yours for a donation to club. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Mehaffey, Secretary

To all Amateur Radio Clubs:



The ARRL has officially declared **2026 the Year of the Club**, and we're answering that call with a brand-new on-the-air event built *specifically* to energize your members and put your club front and center.

Introducing the Club QSO Party — the operating event designed FOR clubs, BY clubs.

Other than Field Day, there are very few true club-focused operating activities. **That changes now!**

Your club's station will operate using your call sign plus your club's age — for example: **K2AA/110** — instantly showcasing your club's history and identity every time you hit the air.

Why your club will love this event

- **Every mode counts** — Phone, CW, Digital
- **Every platform counts** — Repeaters, DMR, EchoLink, and more
- **Every band counts** — All amateur bands except WARC
- **Every member counts** — The more members who contact your club station, the bigger your club multiplier

This is truly an **all-inclusive** event. If it gets RF (or even VoIP) out into the world, it counts.

Event Dates - June 20th 00:00 UTC through June 21st 23:59 UTC

How to participate

- **Individual operators:** Get on the air and work as many clubs and operators as possible.
- **Clubs:** Put your club station on the air or allow members to operate using the club call with trustee permission. (Or both there are no geographical restraints)

Your mission:

Rally your members. Activate your club station. Show the amateur radio community who you are.

Full rules and details: www.clubqsoparty.org

Questions? Email info@clubqsoparty.org

73's

Ken K2WB



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Field Day: Tony Renze, KDOOH

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ

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Christmas Party: Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN
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Zach Young, NØRUS

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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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Hams Needed For Scouts In June And July

Greetings all,

The Camp Cedars summer camp program kickoff is fast approaching. June 6th is the station setup and test. The dates when Hams are needed to help with capstone radio operation are: June 12, 19, 26, July 10 and 17. Station takedown will be on July 17.

For each of these dates we need a minimum of one BSA Youth Safety trained HAM, but two are much better. We also need at least one Ham available all morning on each day to provide remote dialog.

Please reply by **May 28** if you can participate on site or via radio on each of these dates. An agenda of activity depends on the number of Hams we have. At most we will have 20 scouts each day.

Dudley, KD0NMD

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S 28TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

8th Annual Silent Auction

8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

North Bend City Auditorium

741 North Main Street, North Bend, NE

GRAND PRIZE

Yaesu FT-710-Field HF/50 MHz

Admission: \$5.00 donation at the door

**Food available at the "P.A.R.C. Your Wagon Café
FREE COFFEE & ICE TEA ALL MORNING LONG**

VE Testing 10:30 AM

North Bend Public Library

**TALK IN ON THE 146.67/07 KDØEFC and
443.900/+5 KØRPT REPEATERS**

Commercial Vendors:

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**KEØEJS ShackForge Custom
Made Gear**