



# PARC NEWS

*Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska*



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## ***Severe Weather Awareness Week Is March 21–25***

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Nebraska and Iowa is scheduled for March 21-25.

If no severe weather is occurring or expected, the National Weather Service will conduct a Tornado Drill on Wednesday, March 23rd, between 10 and 11 a.m. WØNRW will activate an ARES Net on the KDØEFC repeater on 146.67 during the drill.

Spotter Training for Dodge County is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in Scribner. A complete list of spotter training sessions is available at: <http://www.weather.gov/oax/spotter>

Complete information on Severe Weather Awareness Week is available at: <http://www.weather.gov/oax/SWAW2016> and <http://goo.gl/pBZiHN> (4.7MB).



### **PARC Meeting**

**Thursday, March, 24th**

Supper 6 pm  
Meeting 7 pm

Hero's/  
Gambino's  
1900 E. Military,

#### **Treasurer's Report March, 2016**

Savings.....	\$130.68
Checking.....	1,616.16
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,746.84</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues.....	\$ 53.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$ 53.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Stamps, Cards.....	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES ..</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

## ***Joe Eisenberg To Present Program***

Joe Eisenberg will be presenting our program at the upcoming PARC meeting.

He will talk on Kit Building, who is in the business and who is out and also on the upcoming Hamfest in Lincoln.

At a later meeting, Joe will present "How to Setup a QRP Station in 30 Minutes".

### Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Minutes for February 25, 2016

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for February 2016 was called to order at 7 PM by President Dan Steinhoff, W7UP. 24 people were present. Everyone introduced themselves.

W7UP announced that due to overwhelming support, Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP has agreed to continue to publish the *PARC News*. He thanked Darlene and asked members to contribute news items, biographies, and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter.

**MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January minutes and February Treasurer's Report were approved as printed in the February *PARC News*.

**MOTION to Pay Bills:** Sharon Martens, KB0TVB did not have any bills.

**HOSPITALITY:** KB0TVB reported no activity.

**EDUCATION:** No report.

**FIELD DAY:** June 25-26, 2016 at the Izaak Walton Park in Fremont. Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV had nothing new to report.

**FLEA MARKET:** July 9, 2016 in North Bend NE. No report.

**PICNIC:** 530 PM Sunday, September 25, 2016. Dave Theophilus, W0NRW had nothing new to report.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP reported that Saturday, December 10 had been selected for the party.

**NET Manager:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA passed around sign-up sheets for Net Control duties and thanked everybody. Additional Net Control Operators are always welcome.

**ARES:** W0NRW reported that Spotter Training for Dodge County was scheduled for Tuesday, April 5. (It was later learned that it will be at 7 PM in Scribner).

**PUBLICITY:** W0NRW had nothing new to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was authorized to purchase \$30 of stamps/cards to be used by KB0TVB and/or N0LOP for PARC business.

W7UP announced that Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB will present a program in March on Kit-Building, and the Lincoln Hamfest. He will present another program later in the year on how to set up a QRP station.

W7UP and KD0PGV are also looking for additional programs. Please contact them with suggestions.

**DRAWING:** The winner of the \$10 Gambino's Gift Card was Tony Renz, KE0GWP.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**PROGRAM:** Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV presented a program on Yaesu's Fusion system and the new Wires-X ebraska linked repeater system.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

## Upcoming Hamfests

March 5— Southwest Iowa ARC (SWIARC) Hamfest, McClelland, IA

April 16—DMRAA Hamfest, Des Moines, IA

April 23—Nebraska State Convention, Lincoln, NE

April 30—Heartland Hams (0800-1200) Glenwood, IA American Legion Hall

May 14—Iowa State Convention, (3900 Club Hamboree 2016), Boone, IA

June 11—SWIARA Swap Meet, Creston, IA

June 18—The Greater Midwest Radio Show, Hastings, NE

### Check Out Popular Science Magazine

Popular Science Magazine has partnered with Google to offer their entire 140-year archive for free browsing. It includes some amateur radio related articles.

## 2016 PARC Calendar

In 2016, the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (PARC) will continue to meet at Gambino's/Hero's on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, 6 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting, Gambino's/Hero Deli, 1900 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE

The Dates Are:

March 24	April 28
May 26	June 23
July 28	August 25

September—No Meeting—Picnic Sept. 25  
October 27

November 17—1 week early due to Thanksgiving  
December—No Meeting—Christmas Party TBD  
The PARC website is at: [www.k0jfn.com](http://www.k0jfn.com)

# A Ham Biography!

*Larry Martens K0SW*

At 10 years old I was an electrical geek always messing around with electricity. Being very interested in radio I had much fun playing with "Broadcasters" (Low power transmitters on the AM radio band). I did not have many listeners though and I was not satisfied with the range that I was getting out in the rural area where we lived. After increasing my power and antenna size, I got more attention than I had intended ! The sheriff came out to visit my Dad and that ended my days of bootleg radio. They confiscated my junk and the term "Clandestine radio" was added to my vocabulary. !

After hearing about "HAM" radio I joined the radio code class that Tom Shires-WØFXH {SK} was running at the Navy Reserve radio center at Midland college. We learned the code the "Navy Way" starting at 15 words per minute ! It was late 1963 when I finally passed the code test and the Novice theory test and received the call sign WNØHAL.

My first transmitter was a home brew rig built on a bread board with no shielding using an 807 tube final driven by a 6AG7 crystal oscillator and a large old junk TV chassis power supply with a 5U4G rectifier running 500 volts. WOW ! The

thing made 45 watts output, or so I thought, and clobbered all the TV channels in town. ! We were in a channel 3 fringe TV area at the time so I was not allowed to transmit at all during prime TV time. I had a lot of effort and parts in that rig but I saved up my lawn mowing money all summer and hitched a ride to Council Bluffs, Iowa to get to that famous radio Mecca "W R L" {World Radio Laboratories}. There I was able to buy a well shielded Johnson transmitter that worked quite well, used the same tubes and had a metal cabinet so I would not electrocute myself.

I finally got a working station on the air with the help of Tom-KØJFN {SK} and had fun working CW with an 80 /40 trap doublet antenna and a J-37 telegraph key. My mother was an artist and painted the picture of my first station. The receiver is a Hallicrafters S-107 with Heathkit Q-multiplier and the later transmitter was a Johnson Adventurer.

Got to thinking back about the license classes and realized that 6 of the original 8 guys in Tom Shires 1963 Novice class are now {SK} or "Silent keys". Kind of scary!

73 de KØSW

Larry's mom painted this picture of his first setup.

Wow!





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Board of Directors:

Bob Kirchmann WØICE  
Frank Veverka, KØAJA  
Jim Sweeney KBØDYY  
And 2 Officers

Committee Chairs:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens  
Field Day: Steve Benke  
                  Wes Chrisman  
Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey  
Picnic: Dave Theophilus &  
          Sharon Martens  
Christmas Party: Linda Kirchmann  
                  & Jane Mehaffey  
Publicity: Dave Theophilus  
Education: Jane Mehaffey  
Net Manager: Mel Cunningham  
ARES: Dave Theophilus

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Yearly PARC Dues are \$10 for the first member of a family and \$3 each additional member if paid between Jan. 1 and March 1.

Dues are prorated at \$1 per month after March 1st for new members. Previous year member's dues remain \$10 whenever they are paid.

Life membership is \$200.

**SEND TO:**

Sharon Martens,  
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Fremont, NE 68025

## *Joe Means As A Station Manager*

Me when I was station manager at KOCU 550 AM (carrier current) at Creighton University.

Joe NØXAT



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To All  
Who  
Contributed  
To This  
Newsletter