

PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

- > Virtual Meeting
- > Thursday
- > Nov. 19, 2020
- > Supper 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at 7 p.m.
- > Hero's/Gambinos
- > 1900 F. Military
- > Fremont, NE



PARC Officers For 2021

Virtual Election of PARC Officers was held at the October meeting. It was moved that we retain the President, Tony K0OMH, Secretary, Dave W0NRW and Treasurer, Sharon KB0TVB. Ed NE0EA, passed on the Vice Presidency.

We will vote on VP at the upcoming meeting. Mike Campbell has volunteered for this office.

We also voted not to award an "Amateur of the Year Award" this year.

Until Further Notice

Virtual Meeting
On 146.67
Repeater

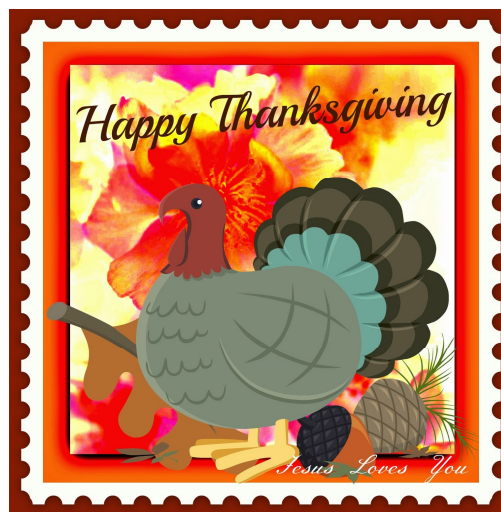
Jane Mehaffey, put out an email survey on how many PARC members would like to attend the Christmas party that she and Linda Kirchmann were beginning to plan.

She received a number of responses. Twenty-seven of 36 respondents said they would not be attending the party. Consequently, the party is cancelled for this year. I will miss seeing all of you.

As I look at this page, I'm trying to make this front page an upbeat page with the art work. But its kinda sad, especially not being able to have a Christmas party. I have always looked forward to this fun time with our PARC friends.

But we have to stay safe. And I hope you are all safe.

Darlene N0LOP



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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2020

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for October 22, 2020, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 18 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K0OMH. Tony opened the meeting by giving the PARC website of www.k0ifn.org for members to check for financial and other information. He thanked Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP for publishing the *PARC News*. He then read the *Radio Amateur's Code*, which was written by Paul Segal, W9EEA in 1928.

HOSPITALITY: There were no reports from Sharon Martens, KB0TVB. (*Anybody knowing of somebody needing a card should let KB0TVB know. Her email address is posted on the PARC website.*)

EDUCATION: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN had nothing to report.

FIELD DAY: Scheduled for June 26-27, 2021. Don Renze, K0OM had nothing more to add.

FLEA MARKET: Scheduled for July 10, 2021 in North Bend. Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ had nothing more to add.

PICNIC: Canceled for this year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: KB0ZUN reported on the survey she conducted to see how many people planned to attend the party on December 5 in Waterloo at the Fire Barn. Of the 36 people who responded, 27 said they would not be attending. Therefore, the party is canceled for this year. She will contact Jim Muegge, W0JBM to have him contact the Fire Barn and obtain a refund of his deposit. Jane had not spent any money on the party.

NET MANAGER: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA said he is having no problem filling up his Net Control Operator schedule, but he has openings in November and December, which people can reserve after the Net.

ARES: WB0VNF gave a report on how the grant money was spent, mostly on the Emergency Communications Trailer. He also bought a year subscription for Zoom, which can also be used for PARC business. An automated weather station was installed on top of the Dodge County Courthouse for Dodge County Emergency Management by Wesley Payne, KE0WHA; Nina Stark, K0NSS; and Gary Wiese, KB0KYM, with suggestions from Dave Theophilus, W0NRW, Geri Norris, N5RIG; and Mel Cunningham, K0VLA. The weather data can be viewed by installing the Davis WeatherLink App.

PUBLICITY: W0NRW said the Norfolk Hamfest scheduled for November has been canceled.

OLD BUSINESS: Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV said the temporary move of the 146.67 repeater will happen in early to mid November. Later Wes reported that (*On Friday 11/06/20, repeater work will begin on the 146.67- repeater in Fremont. The existing repeater antenna will be taken down and replaced with a temporary antenna while elevator construction is being completed at the repeater site. We expect to have reduced coverage with the temporary antenna which will probably be used until spring 2021 when the original antenna can be put back up. EchoLink will remain active on the 146.67- repeater during this time. The Winslow Nebraska linked repeaters (147.165+ & 444.375+) will be used as a backup to the 146.67 repeater in case we experience issues with the Fremont repeater during the elevator construction.*)

NEW BUSINESS: K0OMH suggested that the current officers be retained for 2021. Nobody objected. Ed Altmanshofer, NE0EA declined to continue as vice-president after serving for 3 years. Anyone wanting to volunteer as vice-president should contact K0OMH. (*Later Mike Campbell, KE0KAZ volunteered and will be the 2021 vice-president.*) Per a suggestion from Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP, the Amateur of the Year will not be selected for 2020.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 736 PM.

NEXT MEETING: The next On-Air Meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, which is one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving. There will not be a meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW



Photos Above: On November 6 volunteers from the pioneer amateur radio club went to the site of the 146.67 repeater and removed the large VHF antenna. This antenna was originally mounted to the east facing outside wall of the Stanton Tower elevator motor enclosure. A new temporary location was needed do to upcoming elevator construction. Jarad KD0EFC designed an antenna mount which was installed about 15 feet south of the original location. A Diamond x50 repeater antenna was used. During the installation it was discovered that the heliax cable connection at the antenna end was faulty and it was then fixed. Another issue found was high SWR readings due to the new antenna mount being too close to the wall and metal building ladder. After some relocating an acceptable SWR was reached. The project took longer than expected at about 4 hours. There have been positive results with the antenna setup and some radio operators are saying the repeater range has increased!



Left Photo: The taking down of Bill Jackson's Tower.

The tower crew had quite a bit of difficulty separating the tower sections. Karen Jackson provided a small hydraulic jack and 2/x4's to jack the sections apart, but it still required the use of a 4 Lbs hammer to work the sections free.

The northwest leg of the top 6 tower sections were all bent to some degree toward the northwest from 25 years of southwest winds exerting significant stress on the tower and beams in the northwest direction. The bend while lessening further down the tower probably added an hour to the dismantling time due binding caused by the bent sections.

Dan W7UP

PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Tony Renze, K00MH

V. President, Ed Almanshofer, NE0EA

Secretary, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bob Kirchmann, W0ICE

Darlene Hoffman N0LOP

Dan Steinhoff, W7UP & 2 Officers

Club Trustee: Lance Hoffman, WN0L

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

Field Day: Don Renze, K00M

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ

Picnic: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW &
Sharon Martens, KB0TVB

Christmas Party: Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP &
Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

Publicity: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

ARES: Steve Narans, W0OVNF

Education: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN

Net Manager: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA

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 remain \$10. whenever paid.

Life Membership: \$200.

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We're on the web:

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Free QST Magazines

Dave, W0ZY, has several boxes of QST magazines from the estate of K0TVD available for free. His email address is good in QRZ.com

Contact: Dan - W7UP

Radio Club Treasurer's Report November, 2020

Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,754.10
Petty Cash	80.00
TOTAL	\$3,182.88

INCOME:
TOTAL INCOME

Expenses:
TOTAL EXPENSES

No change from previous months.

Weather Station Installed On Courthouse

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Bill Jackson's Lightning
burned antenna section

