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PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

What Do You Think?

I was thinking we should resume the normal club meetings starting late April now that most people are getting vaccinated. I did call Gambino's and they are open for business. Fremont may or may not have a mask update at that time, but we can adjust accordingly.

If anyone has any concerns, I would think they can come to a meeting a month or two later.

Also, if anything changes we can adjust accordingly.

73's Tony K0OMH

PS: If you have other suggestions, please let Tony know or bring them up at the upcoming meeting. NOLOP



It's Spring!

That Means Severe Weather

Next week is Nebraska and Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week. Complete information is available at: https://www.weather.gov/media/oax/Preparedness/ CWASWAW2021.pdf

There is a Statewide Tornado Safety Drill Test Warning on Wednesday, March 24, at 11 AM CDT. This year the drill will NOT be accompanied by the traditional Test Tornado Watch & Tornado Warning. Instead, the Tornado Drill will be "activated" by the NOAA Weather Radio Weekly Test AND the NWS social media platforms.

Steve Narans, WB0VNF, Dodge County ARES EC, has said that Dodge County ARES will announce the warning and take a net roll call when the warning is issued. The net, on 146.67 MHz, will be run from the Emergency Operations Center in the Dodge County Courthouse.

See: https://www.weather.gov/media/oax/Preparedness/IANE-SWAW2021.pdf

Dave T. W0NRW

PARC

- > *Virtual* Meeting
- > Thursday
- > Mar. 25, 2021
- > Supper 6 p.m.
- > Meeting at 7 p.m.
- > Hero's./Gr.nbinos
- > 1900 F. Military
- > Framont, NE

<u>Until Further</u> <u>Notice</u>

Virtual Meeting
On 146.67
Repeater

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PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR February 25, 2021

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club On-Air Meeting for February 25, 2021, met on the 146.67 MHz KD0EFC Fremont repeater at 7 PM. Net control for the meeting was Steve Narans, WB0VNF. 17 people checked into the meeting, which was conducted by President Tony Renze, K00MH. Tony opened the meeting by giving the PARC website of www.k0sw.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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See the February *PARC News.*

HOSPITALITY: No report 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: No report.

FIELD DAY: Scheduled for June 26-27, 2021. Don Renze, K00M Chairman. PARC has the usual building at Izaak Walton Park reserved.

FLEA MARKET: Scheduled for July 10, 2021 in North Bend. Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ said he is hoping we will be able to hold this event.

PICNIC: TBA

See the February PARC News.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN said she is hoping we will be able to hold this event.

NET MANAGER: Mel Cunningham, K0VLA went over the new net check-in procedures. He said he would sign up Net Control Stations after the On-Air meeting.

ARES: WB0VNF said that ARES is working on a policy statement, will participate in an Emergency Management/Police/Fire Drill on March 23 and 25, and was on standby due to the ice jam flooding in the area.

PUBLICITY: Dave Theophilus, W0NRW said he continues to notify members of important information via email.

OLD BUSINESS: WB0VNF reported that PARC had paid the rent for the year for both repeaters located on the Fremont Housing Authority buildings. Rent is \$50 for each repeater.

NEW BUSINESS: K0OMH said we should be thinking about when we can resume in-person meetings, such as a Spring picnic. Send any ideas to him. Wesley Payne, KE0WHA said when the weather is favorable he will make an adjustment to the weather station located on top of the Courthouse, and work with Emergency Management to install a second weather station on the west side of town. He also said that Emergency Manager Tom Smith's birthday was on February 27.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 725 PM.

NEXT MEETING: The next On-Air Meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

FCC <u>Has Not</u> Instituted Ham License Fees

There has been a lot of discussion indicating that the FCC has started to institute fees for amateur radio licenses. That is not the case. Here is information from the ARRL legal counsel, Dave Siddall, K3ZJ:

The FCC fees Report and Order adopted last

December was published in this morning's Federal Register. I want to note to everyone that although generally the rules take effect on April 19, collection of the amateur fees will NOT begin on

that date.



The effective date for new amateur radio fees has not yet been established. The FCC explicitly states in the published Notice (at p. 15061, para. 44, https://tinyurl.com/y52ff2zy) that the fees "will not take effect until the requisite notice has been provided to Congress, the FCC's information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notice(s) in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of such rules." I expect that the effective date will be some time this summer, but in any event we will have advance notice.

73, Dave K3ZJ

David R. Siddall, Managing Partner, DS Law, PLLC

If I get later information, I will pass that on. Enjoy your weekend and 73, Art K0AIZ

FOR SALE

Ham Radio Gear

Bill Duffy, KAØVXK, listed items for sale, a couple months ago in the PARC News. He sold some items, but has quite a few still left.

Since he has sold their home and will be moving this week, he has asked me to take the remaining items to regional ham fests. Below is a list of the items I picked up last Saturday:

Icom IC-746Pro
Icom IC-PS125
LDG AT100 Memory Tuner
RSP-2 SDR receiver
Globe Chief
Hallicrafters Sky Buddy
Astron RS-20 power supply
MFJ2598 w/115v adaptor

Pricing is flea market range. He has prices in mind, and I have them, but also available for 'best offer'.

There is also a box of miscellaneous tubes, cables, wall warts, etc.

If you are in the market for any of these items, drop me an email with your interest and offer. Hopefully, the Lincoln and the North Bend ham fests will take place and the remainder will be 'in attendance', along with my vintage gear.

Lance WN0L



PARC Officers & Chairpeople

President, Tony Renze, KOOMH

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Hospitality: Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

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Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ Picnic: Dave Theophilus, WØNRW & Sharon Martens. KBØTVB

Christmas Party: Linda Kirchmann, WØZIP &

Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN

Publicity: Dave Theophilus, WØNRW

ARES: Steve Narans, WBOVNF
Education: Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN

Net Manager: Mel Cunningham, KØVLA

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 I, 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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Wesley's, KE0WHA, Father Passes

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club is saddened to learn of the passing of the father of one of our members. Thomas Payne, age 71, and father of Wesley Payne, passed away on Thursday, March 4. .

The home address for Wesley, KE0WHA and Nina, K0NSS is at: 1745 N Broad St, Fremont NE 68025

Dave T. W0NRW, PARC Secretary

Radio Club Treasurer's Report March, 2021

 Savings
 \$ 348.78

 Checking
 2,240.22

 Petty Cash
 80.00

 TOTAL
 \$2,669.00

 INCOME:
 NONE

Expenses:

Non Profit Inc Fee \$ 20.00 TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 20.00



Put This On Your Calendar

The Nebraska QSO Party is on April 10 and 11.

Complete information is

at: http://

www.nebraskaqsoparty.org/

Dave T. W0NRW

An Idea

Per the latest <u>ARRL letter</u>, how about the featured dipole for Field Day? Each leg is 320 meters or about 1,050 feet! See a video at:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=7ah95zW9-WM&t=5s

Dave T. W0NRW