

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## PARC Field Day and PARC Flea Market

We are fast approaching PARCs busy time of the year. If you have questions or concerns about Field Day coming up the last weekend of June, please contact Tony Renze, K0OMH, the chairperson.

If you are planning to have a table at the Flea Market, contact Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ.

Steve Narans, WB0VMF is looking for items for the Silent Auction, too. You can contact him

## In-Person or Online Radio Exams

Find a ham radio exam session in your area or take the exam online. In-person and online tests are given regularly. Register with an ARRL VEC team for your exam and receive your license in 24 to 48 hours. Search for [exam teams](#).



## Our Program This Month

Our speaker for this meeting will be Caleb Kuddes from Three Rivers Health. Caleb will give us an update on the Assessment Process of how the Pandemic was handled in our area.

# PARC

> Meeting

> Hero's Gambinos

> 1900 E. Military

> Fremont, NE

> Thursday

> May 26, 2022

> Fremont, NE

Meet to Eat  
At 6 p.m  
Meeting at  
7 p.m.

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**PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FOR  
APRIL 28, 2022**

**PARC  
Minutes**



The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for April 28, 2022, was held at Hero's/Gambino's in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Mike Campbell, KE0KAZ. Twenty-five people were present, who introduced themselves.

**PROGRAM:** Tom Smith, Dodge County Emergency Manager, gave "An Update on Dodge County Emergency Management."

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved as printed in the April *PARC News*.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS:** None.

**HOSPITALITY:** None. (*Anybody knowing of somebody needing a card should let KB0TVB know. Her email address is posted on the PARC website.*)

**EDUCATION:** None.

**FIELD DAY:** Chairman Tony Renze, K0OMH said that this year's event is scheduled for June 25-26, 2022, at Izaak Walton Park in Fremont.

**FLEA MARKET:** Chairman Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ reported that this year's event will be on July 16, 2022, at the North Bend Auditorium. D&L will not be able attend. Rich is looking into having one or more seminars. It was decided to stay with the policy of not having to be present to win the main prize. Steve Narans, WB0VNF said he is ready to start taking equipment for the Silent Auction.

**PICNIC:** 530 PM September 25, 2022. Sharon Martens, KB0TVB and Dave Theophilus, W0NRW Chairpersons.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** TBA. Linda Kirchmann, W0ZIP and Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN Chairpersons. It was decided to look for a new location for the 2022 party.

**NET MANAGER:** Mel Cunningham, K0VLA passed around sign-up sheets for Net Control. He has NCS through July.

**ARES:** WB0VNF said he had attended an East-Central ARES meeting.

**PUBLICITY:** W0NRW reported that the *Fremont Tribune* is printing the meeting notices.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** K0OMH said he is interested in setting up a Parks on the Air (POTA), possibly at Lake Wanahoo near Wahoo. Wesley Payne, KE0WHA has obtained his General class license. Lance Hoffman, WN0L has been appointed as an ARRL DXCC QSL Card Checker.

**DRAWING:** The winner of the \$10 was Matt Jones, AL0R.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 750 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Hero's/Gambino's.

<b>PARC Treasurer's Report May, 2022</b>	
Savings	\$ 348.78
Checking	2,370.71
Petty Cash	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,779.51</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Life Membership KE0YRJ	\$ 210.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Izaak Walton Rent	\$ 150.00
Drawing	10.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>

Respectfully submitted, Dave Theophilus, W0NRW

# History Of A Ham

Ross Mehaffey, KØARZ

My interest in ham radio started at a young age, around 8-10 years old. I remember being around dad when he was on his radio making contacts and remember going into his shack to turn on the radio and listen to the funny noises the atmosphere created. Other early memories of my exposure to ham radio was Steve Benke KFØMS, Don Launer KØRJE, and Dale Reandeau WWØR coming to the farm to help dad (KBØARZ) install antennas. And the packet node that was housed in the barn. Wanting to get on the air myself, I started studying for the Novice exam. At the age of 12, in February of 1997, I passed my exam for my Novice License in Fremont, Nebraska. The next month I took my Technician exam at the Hamfest in Norfolk, NE, passing and getting my Tech Plus ticket. Call sign assignments were still a waiting game, and it took a few weeks to get my call sign of KCØABQ. My operating from then on was limited to the 2 Meter Band. HF Bands still gave me a little bit of the "Mic Fright" and so I didn't operate much at Field Day, but still loved to help dad put up his station and watch the "big boys" work the contest. At the time, I had minimal interest in learning Morse code and thus I stayed at the Tech Plus license class. In the summer of 2004, on a very anticipated trip to the hamfest of all hamfests, Dayton, OH, I recall studying for the General Exam on the long drive out there with Lance WNØL, Carl WØGAJ, and Dad KBØARZ. The funny thing about it is, I remember studying all the way out there, the convention and flea market, purchasing my first handheld radio, but for the life of me I don't remember taking the general exam. I passed though, giving me one year to pass the 5 WPM code test to keep my General ticket and gain the HF Band access. In the winter of 2005, I passed my 5 WPM Code Test in Lincoln, NE while attending college. My ham radio operating dwindled from then and my involvement decreased as well. I guess a young man of 20 years old has other pursuits at that time. I was pretty much inactive until moving to Norfolk, NE in 2017. While attending a Knights of Columbus meeting for church, a fellow ham that knew my folks approached me, knowing who I was, and asked about my folks. He said I should get my ticket, at which I responded I have my General for almost 15 years. Fred Wiebelhaus, KØFJW, woke up the

Ham in me and a quick search showed my license was on the verge of expiration. Quickly, I renewed my license and applied for a vanity call, KØARZ, as Morse code was more interesting to me at this time in life. Three weeks later I was granted my request and I became KØARZ Son of KBØARZ (Star Trek: The Next Generation Reference). After about 15 years of having a general license, I finally purchased my first HF rig, a Kenwood TS-570D. With the help of my dad, KBØARZ, we built an End Fed Half Wave antenna covering up to 80 Meters. My HF operations were still minimal as the noise in Norfolk was terrible. My first HF contact was on 10 meters with a gentleman in Arizona at about 11 pm local time. The HF bug bit, and I was hooked. After a move to North Bend, I began to check into more HF nets and have enjoyed a little of the "Didn't you just check in?" Nope that was my dad. I now get more involved in Field Day and loved running 2D with dad during the pandemic. I enjoy building antennas, and setting up remote operations, being involved in the Ham Fest in which I was a part of in the early years. Now I enjoy having my daughters sit on my lap wanting to put the headset on, reminding me of my first interests in ham radio.



### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Mike Campbell, KEOKAZ  
**V. President,** Steve Narans, WBOVNF  
**Secretary,** Dave Theophilus, WØNRW  
**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman NOLOP  
Dan Steinhoff, W7UP  
Phil Bahl KA0UNB & 2 Officers  
**Club Trustee:** Lance Hoffman, WNOL

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB  
**Field Day:** Tony Renze, K00MH  
**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

## PARC Represented

### At LARC State Hamfest

PARC was well represented at the Nebraska State Convention in Lincoln on May 14. Those in attendance were:

Dan W7UP  
Dave WØZY  
Dave WØNRW  
Don KØOM  
Ed NEØEA  
Gary KBØKYM  
Jim KGØRD  
Lance WNØL  
Mel KØVLA  
Michael WØMF  
Mike KEØKAZ  
Ray N5SEZ  
Rich KBØARZ  
Ross KØARZ  
Tony KØOMH  
Wesley KEØWHA

## 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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## Hamfests

**06/11/2022** - Southwest Iowa Amateur Radio Association Ham Fest, Creston, IA, SWIARA Club

**.7/16/22**—PARC Flea Market in North Bend, NE

**10/15/22**—3900 Club Hamboree in Boone, IA

**11/19/22**—Northeast Nebraska Hamfest, Norfolk NE

For a complete list of Hamfests

[www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar)

## Silent Key

Lindbergh "Lin" Everett, age 94, passed away on May 4 in Fremont. He had held the amateur radio call of WOLLE, but had not been on the air in recent years. Lin was a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired elementary school principal in the Fremont Public Schools.

*Dave T., WØNRW,  
PARC Secretary*

## FCC TECHNICIAN CLASS

## QUESTION POOL

## REVISED JULY 1, 2022

The FCC question pool for Technician Class license examinations has been revised and is effective for exams conducted on or after July 1, 2022.

Study materials are available through the [ARRL store](#).