

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## ARRL Introduces New LIVE Online Course for Ham Radio Licensing

ARRL has introduced a new, fully-interactive two day online course for ham radio licensing. The ARRL Technician Class LIVE Video Course includes everything needed to prepare for the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license exam. Enrollment is open now for the inaugural course which will take place December 20-21, 2025.

Join ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF for this interactive online class. "I'll guide you through operating your first ham radio to how to communicate through amateur radio satellites. We are going to get fully immersed in every question and answer with the info you need to pass the test" said Greene.

In addition to live instruction, course participants will receive the popular Technician Class prep book authored by ARRL Nation Instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA, which has helped thousands of new hams get licensed with fast results. One year of ARRL Membership is also included, ensuring these new hams will have quick access to all ARRL benefits, services, and programs.

## NOTICE

The upcoming meeting is a week earlier, Nov. 20th, because of Thanksgiving.

And the meeting is at the Schneider Building, 935 South Schneider, Fremont due to the program presentation.

You can bring food with you if you choose, but you will have to clean up after yourself!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



> PARC

> Meeting

> Schneider Bldg.

> 935 S. Schneider

> Fremont, NE

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> Thursday

> Nov. 20, 2025

> Fremont, NE

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> Bring your own food!

> Meeting at

> 7 p.m.

The program is by Joe Eisenberg on his travels to various radio conventions and ham-fests.

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## PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA

October 23, 2025

**Meeting  
Minutes****PARC Members At  
Norfolk Hamfest**

Lance, WN0L,  
Dan, W7UP, Rich,  
KB0ARZ, Wes,  
KD0PGV, Steve,  
WB0VNF, Ed,  
NE0EA, Arnie,  
KA0NCR, Ray,  
N5SEZ,

The October 23, 2025 Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting was held at Gambino's Pizza in Fremont. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Steve Narans, WB0VNF.

20 amateurs introduced themselves, and Zach Young, NØRUS, introduced his guest, Carly.

The minutes were approved as reported in the August P.A.R.C. News. Treasurer, Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, gave the monthly report and it was approved. There were no bills.

For hospitality, Sharon reported a sympathy card was sent to Tim Kresky, ABØS, for passing of his mother.

**In education:** Zach reported at the CERT training on Tuesday they went over the ORI-ON radio system and Tom Smith, Emergency Manager, had them do an exercise Zach thought we may be able to use with our upcoming youth education. They would community in two locations. Each would have a paper grid, and one would have symbols and indicate where the other should mark an item, such as there is a triangle at C1. Another activity was for one to have a drawing, and the other person would have to duplicate the shapes, sizes, and locations on the paper to match the directions given.

Steve and Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, reported on the positive feedback they each received when contacting the area schools. Steve contacted Arlington, Bergan, and Fremont Middle School, and all were interested. Jane contacted North Bend Central and Scribner-Snyder, and they were very receptive. It was suggested by Darlene Hoffman, NØLOP, to add the Cedar Bluff School to the list. Jane volunteered to contact them. Steve also mentioned contacting Trinity. Zach suggested creating a military style action-packed video like in the past that showed radio not strictly for communication but as science and it's an art. Literally starting with the heavens and radio signals bouncing of the moon, the ISS, and moving down into the atmosphere to use this technology to have direction finding, amateur TV, and radio is available when cell phone and computers are not in operation, etc. to simulate their interest and excite them to want to explore these topics. Next step ideas: a preset fox hunt or a communication with hams nearby. Then we need class options ready to study for license. Several options are available and were discussed. Maybe end with a survey, asking the student to list which type of learning they would like to pursue for feedback, if interested. Have a list of resources available, and perks to keep them when they get a license.

**Field Day:** Brian Cooper volunteered to again host the 2026 Field Day. Chair Tony Renze, KØOMH, stated there were no additional details. Tony and Wes, KD0PGV spoke briefly about winter field day.

**Flea Market:** Chair Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, reported we will now have to set up for the 2026 Flea Market. The city is no longer doing this due to the retirement of a part-time helper and surgery by a full-time staff member. It was discussed about asking for a discount if we have to set up.

**Christmas Party:** Jane said sign up for reservations for the Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 5 P.M. Christmas Party at the November meeting. Reservations can be made by email to Jane at [4randjme@futuretk.com](mailto:4randjme@futuretk.com) by November 28th.

**Net Control:** Gary Wiese, KBØKYM, net control chair was not present.

**ARES:** Steve need a radio for trailer. Are using one of Lyman's items sale items now. Steve asked for a motion that we pay Lyman \$50 for the radio. It was moved and seconded and the motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:** \$500 of memorial money is being sent to the Wayne State Foundation for the Scholarship set up by Dave and Karol Theophilus.

Will see the budget paper worked on for 2026 at the November meeting.

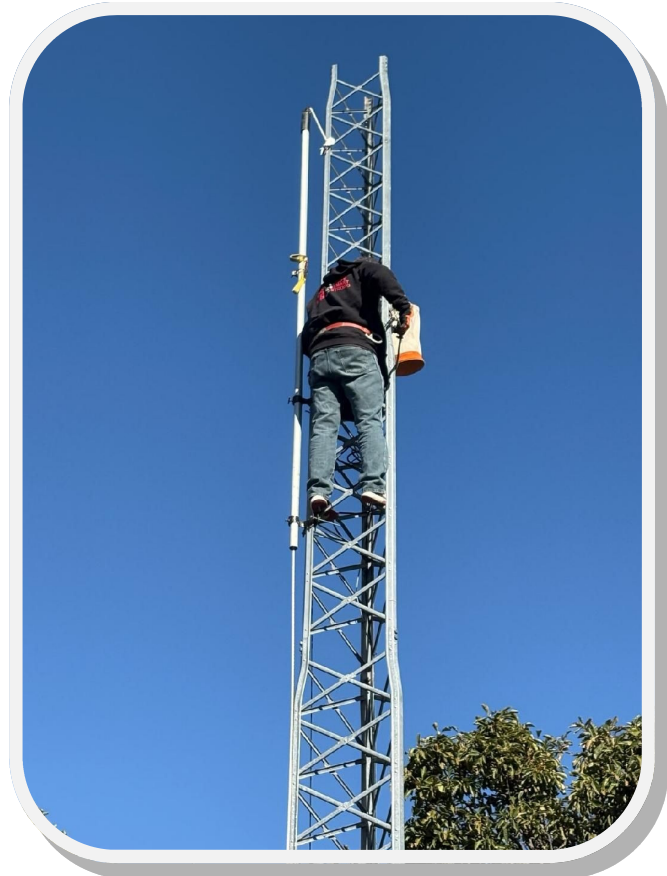
**New business,** officers for 2026 and Ham of the Year were voted on. The existing slate of officers for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were kept the same for 2026 and voted on. Tony volunteered to take the place of the outgoing board member.

**NOTE:** Because of Thanksgiving, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB, will give the program. The meeting will be held at the Schneider Building at 935 South Schneider Street. Bring your own food and beverage. Darlene Hoffman was the \$10 drawing winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

*Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN, Secretary*





The Disassembly of W0NRW, Dave T's tower in Fremont.

The take down crew was Tim, AB0S, on the tower, Lance, WN0L, Rich, KB0ARZ, Dan, W7UP and Todd, KK0DX.



Tim, Todd, Lance, Rich and Dan



### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Steve Narans, WBOVNF  
**V. President,** Matt Jones, ALOR  
**Secretary,** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN  
**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Darlene Hoffman NOLOP  
Wes Christmas, KDOPGV  
Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ & 2 Officers  
**Club Trustee:** Lance Hoffman, WNOL

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB  
**Field Day:** Tony Renze, KDOMH  
**Flea Market:** Rich Mehaffey, KBOARZ  
**Picnic:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB  
**Christmas Party:** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN  
Pat Bahl  
**Publicity :** Wes Chrisman, KDOPGV  
**ARES:** Steve Narans, WBOVNF  
**Education:** Jane Mehaffey, KBOZUN and  
Zach Young, NORUS  
**Net Manager:** Gary Wiese, KBOKYM

### **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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# **PARC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, Dec. 6th**

**5 p.m.**

**Farmer Browns In Waterloo**

**Order from a special menu**

**Please text Jane by Nov. 28th at 402-909-3472**

**Or email 4randjme@futuretk.com**

**If you plan on coming so she can get a count.**

