

PARC News



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Our Ham Radio Numbers

Here are the numbers of individual FCC licenses covering the months of April, May and June.

Total active individual licenses as of
May 14, 2000:

Novice	49,329
Tech/+	334,254
General	112,677
Advanced	99,782
Extra	78,750
Total all classes	674,792

Total active individual licenses as of
June 30, 2006:

Novice	24,877
Tech/+	320,242
General	132,758
Advanced	71,753
Extra	108,184
Total all classes	657,814

Total all classes 5/14/00	674,792
Total all classes 4/21/03	687,860
Total all classes 9/6/04	674,788
Total all classes 6/30/06	657,814

Total loss of 16,978 since 5/14/2000
Total loss of 16,974 since 9/6/2004
Total loss of 30,066 since 4/2003

We lost:
842 Novices
1,088 General
1,157 Advanced
3,087 Total

We Gained:
1,258 Tech/+
424 Extra
1,682 Total

This is an overall 1,405 decline since the march reporting period and averages 467 per month for the quarter.

For the months March, April and May the new licenses issued break down as follows.

6,999	Tech/+
627	General
217	Extra

Total new licenses issued during the period 7,849.



Numbers of US population and the number of hams at the start of each decade from 1930.

Year	Population	#Hams	Growth
1930	123,202,624	19,000	
1940	132,164,569	56,000	194%
1950	151,325,798	87,000	55%
1960	179,323,175	230,000	164%
1970	203,211,926	263,918	15%
1980	226,545,805	393,353	49%
1990	248,709,873	502,677	28%
2000	281,421,906	682,240	36%
2006		657,814	-3.6%

The 2006 number was as of June 30, 2006. The base totals are from implementation of the then new licensing changes in May 2000. September 6, 2004 is the date I started measuring the changes. The peak number was in April, 2003.

73 George, K3UD

Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING: Friday night, July 28, 2006.
- Supper at 6:30
- Meeting at 7:30
- Put It On Your Calendar PARC Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 17th
- Think Programs!!!

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Minutes for July 2006

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club gathered for dinner at 630 PM on Friday, July 28, 2006, at Hero's/Gambino's in Fremont, Nebraska.

The meeting was called to order at 730 PM by President Steve Benke, KF0MS. There were 17 people present, who introduced themselves. Bob and Linda Kirchmann were welcomed as potential HAMS and members.

The minutes for the May 2006 meeting were approved as printed in the June PARC News.

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the July PARC News. Jim Kilby, KG0RD moved that all bills be paid. The motion, seconded by Mel Cunningham, K0VLA, was approved.

...Correspondence... Nothing received.

...Committee Reports...

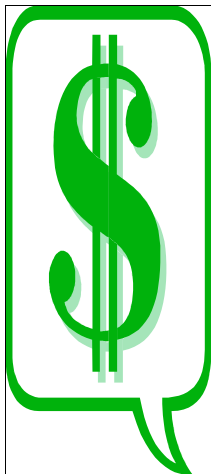
Field Day and Special Event Station- Larry Martens, K0SW gave a report and thanked everybody for helping and participating. We have been invited to hold our Field Day operations next year at North Bend at the Senior Center in North Bend, which is about ½ block from the park. K0VLA reported that he had obtained a new head gasket for his generator and will soon have it back in top shape.

Flea Market –Sharon Martens, KB0TVB reported that the Mehaffays were unable to attend the meeting due to a family illness. She reported a preliminary profit of approximately \$231 for the Flea Market and Darlene's Diner, but a final report would be given at the next meeting.

Hospitality – Lance Hoffman, WN0L reported that Steve Rasmussen, N0WY was back on his feet after a recent illness and was scheduled to return to work on August 11. KB0TVB will send him a card.

Education – KF0MS said he had a growing list of names of people interested in a class but more are needed. Let him know of people who are interested.

Picnic – Dave Theophilus, W0NRW said the event will be September 17 at 530 PM. A



Yeah!!
Carl Johnson
W0GAJ won \$3.58
because he was at
the meeting!

Check into the PARC Net Every

Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the

146.67 repeater!

PARC board meeting will be held at 5 PM.

Christmas Party – Date has not been set yet.

ARES – W0NRW gave an update on the OMMRS equipment located at FAMC and a regional Emergency Coordinator meeting that he hosted in Fremont on July 25. The annual OMMRS training is scheduled for October 14 at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. An OMMRS drill is scheduled for sometime on October 27-28.

ARES Net Manager – John Beranek, KC0KKE passed around sign-up sheets for Net Controls.

...Old Business...

2006 Nebraska QSO

Party – K0SW displayed a certificate for the Fremont Area Radio Transmitting Society, KE0RC, who placed 2nd in the Nebraska entries for the 2006 Nebraska QSO Party. N0WY placed 1st.

...New Business...

Donation – KF0MS said that due to the absence of the Mehaffays, a donation to St.

Charles Parish in North Bend will be discussed at a future meeting.

Repeaters – WN0L gave a report on the assistance provided by Neil Johnson, WB0EMU and Frank Vondra, WB0QQK for the improvements made at the 67 and 105 repeaters. He also discussed possible future improvements at the repeaters.

POT - In the drawing for the POT, Carl Johnson, W0GAJ was drawn. He was present and received \$3.58.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 757 PM.

Following adjournment, KF0MS read three humorous articles.

Recorded by Secretary Dave Theophilus, W0NRW.

Membership Dues: Dues are \$10 for first member of a family and \$3 each additional member per calendar year if paid between Jan. 1 and March 1. Dues are prorated at \$1 per month after March 1 for new members. Previous year member's dues remain \$10 whenever they are paid. Life membership is \$200.

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Ham Radio Out of Pocket Expenses Are Reimbursable

FYI all clubs and ARES Groups doing volunteer work for Non-Profit Agencies. This is good news to the many Amateur Radio Operators who donate many hours of their time and "out of pocket expenses" to support these agencies.

"Amateurs can be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses, so the MS society paying for overnight hotel rooms should be permissible. They should also be able to reimburse the amateurs for the gas for the autos while driving the route on patrol as well as providing meals. None of these would be direct compensation for providing communications—they would be to cover the out of pocket expenses of the volunteer. It would probably be better if the MS Society paid the motel directly instead of giving cash or checks to the amateurs (also might be cheaper if they could work out a block of rooms with a single hotel)..."



73, Chuck KØBOG

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I don't know how many of you have rain gauges and check them

regularly, but there are several of us in Fremont that pass that info around. If you would like to be included in this, get in touch with me and we can get you on the email list. It is surprising how widely scattered the rain amounts are, just in town. Just a kinda fun thing to do.



I am in the process of touching base with some of those that said they want to take part in our classes. I'm still having trouble not saying novice classes. We had a novice class for a long time and it will probably take a long time for people to forget about them. At any rate, I need to contact our VE team and have W0NRW check to see if our class/test location will be available when we want it. Things are starting to happen.

I think I used up most of my news last month, what with all that we did. I guess I will quit here and say I hope to see everyone at the meeting Friday evening. **KF0MS Steve**

LOCAL REPEATER FREQUENCIES		
K0ASH	144.710/145.310	Ashland
WNOL	146.070/146.670	Fremont
K0KKV	146.160/146.760	Lincoln
KF0MS	147.705/147.105	Fremont
WNOL	223.060/224.660	Fremont
W0UVQ	444.175/449.175	Fremont
KF0MS	449.375/444.375	Fremont
W0QOU	449.575/444.575	Logan View

Hospitality

From John Beranek KCØKKE—A series of unfortunate events has taken away my voice! On August 4th, The Omaha VA took out my thyroid. I lost my voice as a result.

My next surgery is August 22nd. They are going to try and give me a Mad Max Voice.

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Committee Chairs

Field Day—Larry Martens Publicity—Kiel Eltiste
Flea Market—Rich Mehaffey Education—Steve Benke
Picnic—Dave Theophilus Net Manager—John Beranek
Christmas Party—Jane Mehaffey ARES Mgr.—Dave Theophilus
Hospitality—Sharon Martens Technical—Carl Johnson
Special Event—Rich Mehaffey

MISSOURI VALLEY FLEA MARKET

**Sunday, September 17, 2006
8 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Eagles Club Hall—118 S. 5th St
Missouri Valley, IA**

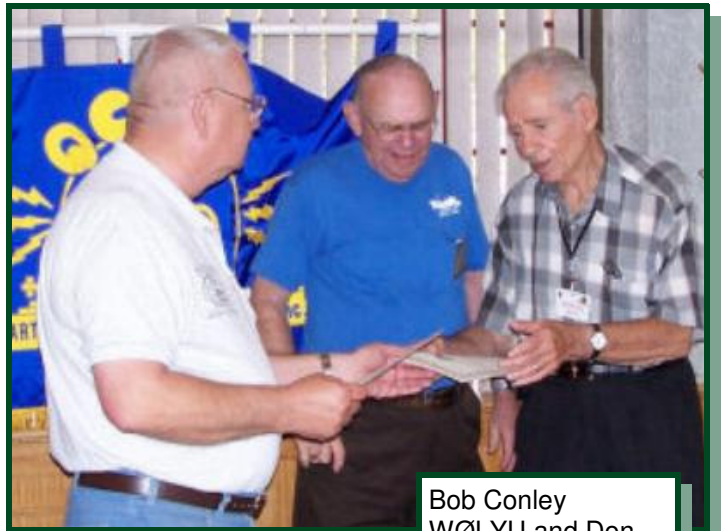
Admission: \$2. (Family Members under 16 Free)

Tables: \$2 Tail-Gate Spaces \$2
Food available

Drawings every 1/2 hour

Grundig Pocket Radios
ARRL Books
Lots of Flea-Bucks

Grand Prize: Dual Band Handheld



Bob Conley
W0LYU and Don
Perazzo, W0YQY
recently presented
Carl W0GAJ, a 50
and 55 year award
for being a ham
radio operator at
the annual QCWA
meeting in Omaha.

Photo by WA0SAQ, Jack

AK-SAR-BEN HAMFEST '06

**Sunday, October 8, 2006
9 a.m. 2 p.m.**

**Millard American Legion Hall
4618 S. 139th St., Omaha, NE**

Admission: \$3.

ARRL VE Exams
Kitbuilding Forum
ARRL Forum
APRS Forum

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Super Door Prizes
Yaesu 1802M 2m Mobile
Vertex VX-150 w/m HT
144/440 Base Antenna
12v Switching PS
And More

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