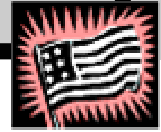


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Welcome Technicians to HF Weekend!

To celebrate their arrival and welcome Technician class licensees to HF, Friday, February 23, 2007 through Sunday February 25, 2007 has been designated as "Welcome Technicians to HF Weekend"! Of the 655,129 US Amateur Radio licensees, 323,443 (49%) are Technicians, so the number of potential HF operators will effectively double overnight!

Most Technicians will probably be eager to explore their new 10-meter phone privileges first. Since we are at the bottom of the cycle and sky wave contacts may be difficult on 10 meters, all hams are encouraged to monitor 28.365 throughout the weekend to contact and welcome as many Technician licensees as possible.

While Technicians can operate SSB anywhere between

2.300 and 28.500, setting a "meeting" frequency will increase the likelihood of successful contacts and a positive first impression of HF if the band isn't open. Of course, if the band is open, calling CQ anywhere in the sub band will likely yield positive results!

This is a great opportunity to encourage new hams and do a bit of Elmering.

Spread the word to the hams in your area, help the Technician licensees in your club to build 10-meter antennas, get on the air and have fun! See you on 28.365!

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Suggestions for DX Pile-ups

By Uncle DX

1. The DX station operators are in charge of any pile-up.
2. The DX station should make and adhere to their operating rules quietly and respectfully.
3. The DX station should use, when appropriate, call areas and areas of the world for better accuracy, rate and order.
4. The DX station should use split operation and spread stations out, keeping in mind others not in the pile-ups. A must.
5. The DX station should give their call sign at least every 10 minutes and maintain a pattern especially when ending a QSO.
6. The DX station should create a rhythm or timing which maintains a good rate and allows the pile-up to call at the right time.
7. The operators in the pile-up, if not sure of a QSO< should dupe and the DX operator continue not wasting time commenting.
8. The DX station should work those who will create the fastest rate, at least at first, then make an effort to work the weaker stations.
9. No one should lecture on the air.
10. Everyone should always require and give full calls.
11. Know and practice the gray line.
12. Know the equipment being operated such as the split button, audio levels, keying wave form, etc.

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Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING:
- February 23, 2007
- Friday
- Supper at 6:30
- Meeting at 7:30
- **DUES ARE DUE !!!**
- Think Programs!!!

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Minutes for January 2007

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club gathered for dinner at 630 PM on Friday, January 26, 2007, at Hero's/ Gambino's.

Meeting called to order at 730 PM by President Steve Benke, KF0MS. 19 people present, who introduced themselves.

Minutes for the November 2006 meeting were not available for approval.

Treasurer's report approved as printed in January 2007 PARC News. Jane Mehaffey, KB0ZUN made motion to pay bills. Motion, seconded by John Beranek, KC0KKE, approved.

...Correspondence... Nothing received.

...Committee Reports...

Field Day – Field Day is scheduled for June 23-24. Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ reported we could return to North Bend and set up in St. Charles Parish Center if we like.

Flea Market – Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ reported St. Charles Parish is studying the liability insurance issue, which could result in an increase in our rental fee for 2007. The event is scheduled for July 21.

Hospitality – Sharon Martens, KB0TVB said no activity.

Education – KF0MS reported the FCC will delete any Morse code examination requirements on February 23. Lance Hoffman, WN0L suggested we look into having a test session after February 23 for those wanting to upgrade. W0NRW will look into available dates for the Fremont Library meeting room.

Picnic – Dave Theophilus, W0NRW reported September 23 at 530 PM had been selected. A Board Meeting will commence at 5 PM on the same date. Both events will be at the Theophilus home.

Christmas Party – KB0ZUN suggested holding the party south of Ashland where a package deal is available. December 8 was suggested. Both the location and date will be studied some more.

Public Relations – Nothing to report.

ARES – W0NRW reported Spotter Training for Dodge County will be at 7 PM on April 18 at the Dodge County Extension Office in Fremont. It is Amateur Radio's turn to be the host.

**John Beranek's
KC0KKE, name was
drawn.
He won \$7.46 because he
was at the meeting.**

Check into the PARC Net Every

Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the

146.67 repeater!

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

...Old Business... Nothing to report.

...New Business...

Dues – KF0MS reported 2007 dues are due..

2007 Calendars – Darlene Hoffman, N0LOP reported she had one 2007 calendar left to sell for \$3. It sold.

Repeaters – KF0MS reported he and WN0L would be attending the Repeater Owners meeting. He may be able to obtain a new repeater for 444.375 MHz.

North Bend School Program – KB0ZUN reported the Amateur Radio demonstration by PARC at North Bend would occur sometime in the spring.

75th Anniversary of PARC – KB0ARZ reported PARC will be 75 years old in 2007. He suggested people begin thinking how to celebrate. A Special Event Station was brought up, no decisions were made. He and Jane passed around 75th Anniversary cookies.

All-Area Picnic – N0LOP brought up idea of an All-Area Picnic. She reported the AKSARBEN ARC would be willing to contribute some money. It could be in conjunction with PARC 75th Anniversary. She will look into the project some more.

Sharing – N0LOP reported she heard from Barb Berry, N0OSE, who now lives in Delaware. She has remarried and has her own TV show.

POT – KC0KKE's name was drawn and he was present. John received \$7.46.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 809 PM. Following adjournment, KF0MS read a humorous piece.
Recorded by Secretary Dave Theophilus, W0NRW.

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report February 2007

Savings	\$130.68
Checking	798.04
Total.....	\$928.72

INCOME:

Dues	\$132.00
Drawing Pot	82
Total.....	\$132.82

EXPENSE:

Newsletter	\$9.20
Incorporation Fee	20.00
Total.....	\$29.50

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.

SEND TO: Sharon Martens
2316 E. First St.
Fremont, NE 68025

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Steve Benke, KFØMS

Just a reminder if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. Except for the cold, it has been pretty quiet. I haven't heard anyone talking about anything else. I hear some chatter during contests, but other than that, I hear, "It's cold outside." This is the time of the year that having ham radio as a hobby pays off. I guess riding a snowmobile is fun, but my warm shack is better.

I asked a couple locals if they had any info on what we could call pride of the zero states. A couple that came to mind were Collins, Hy-Gain, & ones like Burghardt. I thought it would be interesting to come up with a good list of things like that, and then research each of them to put together some articles for the newsletter. We do



have hams that have never heard of many of these and would be good to remind some of the others of them as well. If you have any info that we could use, please email me with it. One other subject that came up was that there was no Zero call area before WWII. Thanks to KOSW for that info. That is what I am looking for. Anybody out there have any more?? We could get something going.

I hope to see many of you at the club meeting on the 23rd. I think I will just throw another log on the fire and stay inside. Stay warm, **KFØMS**.

PARC 2007 EVENTS

Spotter Training-----April 18
 PARC Sponsors Refreshments
 Field Day -----June 23 & 24
 Flea Market-----July 21
 Picnic -----September 23
 Board Meeting -----September 23
 Christmas Party-----December 7 or
 ----- December 8
 PARC 75th Anniversary To Be Determined

FOR SALE

Ameritron AL-572, 1300 Watt HF Amplifier;
 Hy-Gain Tail Twister Rotator;
 LDG AT-1000 Autotuner;
 LDG Talking Wattmeter;
 HM-10 Dual Element Heil Mic;
 8 Position Antenna Switch;
 4 Position Antenna Switch;
 Griffin Powermate—USB Multimedia
 Controller.

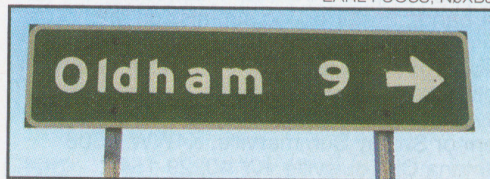
Call NØOB—Mac McDaniel
 402-666-9223

FOR SALE

Heathkit SB303 and SB401.
 \$100. for both.
 Call Doug NØLDI 721-8195

FROM— QST, February 2007.

EARL FUOSS, NØXBJ



Earl and Janet Fuoss (NØXBJ and NØWZV), of Wayne, Nebraska, came across a sign for this small town while on vacation in eastern South Dakota.

Newly Licensed Child Ham

Sarah Conlee became a Tech earlier this month. She is KCØZKD.

Her father, Chuck, KCØUXC, attended the last PARC meeting.

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Fremont, NE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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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

HAMBASH 2007

ARARAT Amateur Radio Shrine Club

Sanctioned by ARRL Ararat Shrine
5100 Ararat Drive Kansas City, MO
Saturday, April 21, 2007
Talk—In 145.13-

First Prize: \$300. Cash **Second Prize:** \$100. Cash
Third Prize: \$50. Cash

ADMISSION: \$4.00 At the Door Advance 3 for \$7.00

Set up 6 a.m.
Open at 8 a.m.
Hourly Door Prizes
Main Drawing—1 p.m.
Close at 2 p.m.

8' Trader's Tables
Limited Electricity
Trader Tables: \$17. each
(includes 3 admissions)
Reserve Tables in Advance

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DMRAA

**Des Moines Radio Amateur Association
Hamfest 2007 April 29, 2007**

**92.5 KJJY 7 Flags Event Center
2100 NW 100th St—Clive, IA 8 a.m.**

Admission \$5.00 All Tables \$10. Each
Grand Prize—Dual Band Radio and other Prizes

Featuring WBØW, Radio City, and D&L
Talk—in—146.34 -94 Tone 114.8

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Suggestions for DX Pile-ups (Continued from Page 1)

13. NEVER be a "KC Cop" . . . Never.
14. Operators giving spots on a DX Cluster should insure their accuracy!
15. Keep away from personal, political and religious comment any time on the air and/or the DX Cluster. Keep all comments in the true spirit of ham radio whereby ALL ARE EQUAL.
16. Don't rush when giving your call when the DX station is standing by, especially on CW. Time will be lost trying to obtain ALL of the call sign.
17. Don't call the DX station constantly. Get in the rhythm.
18. Let the last station complete his SQQ.
19. Use only the power it takes and figure out what that is!
20. Figure out the DX operator's operating practice for greater success.

These "suggestions" courtesy of SRZ DX and The DX Magazine.
[Http://www.dexpub.com](http://www.dexpub.com)