

# PARC News

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## All Communicators Picnic

The Bellevue Amateur Radio Club is hosting the First Annual "All Communicators Picnic" on May 26th from 10 - 2 at Halleck Park in Papillion. The picnic is open to all Amateur Radio operators in the metro area and beyond if they want to travel to join us.

Registration and payment deadline is May 12th. Please register by May 12th so we can plan on the correct amount of food needed. Please mail registration and payments to

*Bellevue Amateur Radio Club,  
c/o Tom Huber,  
7518 Chandler Hills Drive  
Bellevue NE 68147*

Ticket cost for lunch: Adults \$6.50 each.  
Children \$4.00 each.

Note: Prices at the gate will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 3 - 12 if registration is not paid by May 12th prior to attending the event.



In addition to food and conversation, we have also planned some door prizes and some raffle tickets.

We hope everyone who is able comes out to join us for some good food, conversation and a chance to get to know other communicators in

the area, and people who you might be working along side of if any disasters or emergencies happened in any of the surrounding communities.

For more information, contact Barb KCØHLB at [picnic@bellevuearc.org](mailto:picnic@bellevuearc.org).

### Volunteer "Victims" Needed For Drill

Bill Pook, Region 5/6 Emergency Manager, mentioned the need for volunteer "victims" at a Mass Dispensing Drill on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The drill will be at Fremont High School. It will be conducted by Three Rivers Public health and Region 5/6.

There was an ad in the April 24th Tribune requesting "victims". The ad says that public health information and refreshments will be available. There will also be drawings for door prizes. The drawing is for a 27" TV.

If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Bill Pook at 727-2785.

### Check It Out

There is a nice article about SKYWARN storm spotters for the National Weather Service in the NOAA Magazine at: [www.magazine.noaa.gov/stories/mag226.htm](http://www.magazine.noaa.gov/stories/mag226.htm)

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### Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING:
- April 27, 2007
- Friday
- Supper at 6:30
- Meeting at 7:30
- Think Programs!!!

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club gathered for dinner at 630 PM on Friday, March 23, 2007, at Hero's/ Gambino's in Fremont, Nebraska.

Meeting called to order at 730 PM by President Steve Benke, KF0MS. 17 people present, who introduced themselves.

The minutes for the February 2007 meeting were approved as printed in the March 2007 PARC News.

Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the March PARC News. Mel Cunningham, KOVLA made motion to pay the bills. The motion, which was seconded by Dick Felt, KB0QWM, was approved.

...Correspondence... Nothing received.

...Committee Reports...

Field Day - Larry Martens, K0SW reported Field Day is scheduled for June 23-24 at St. Charles Parish in North Bend. Let Larry know what equipment you will be bringing. He reported Field Day T-shirts for \$12.95 and Field Day Pins for \$5 could be ordered at the April meeting. If the combined order is over \$75, the shipping will be only \$12. Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ said there is no charge for use of the Parish Hall. It was pointed out PARC intended to make a donation to St. Charles Parish, but we need some suggestions. Larry asked if Region 5/6 would be interested in participating in Field Day, perhaps with an exhibit. W0NRW will check with Bill Pook.

Flea Market - KB0ARZ said rent at St. Charles Parish on July 21 is the same at \$50. Flea Market Flyers are printed and will be mailed to area clubs.

Hospitality - Nothing to report.

Education - Nothing to report.

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

Christmas Party - The date and location have not been finalized yet.

Public Relations - Nothing to report.

ARES - Dave Theophilus, W0NRW reported on the Region 5/6 Emergency Planning Expo that was held at the Fremont City Auditorium on March 13. He passed out Certificates of Appreciation from Region 5/6 to the 5 members who helped with the Expo. He reported Dodge County Spotter Training to be held on April 18 at 7 pm at the Extension Office in Fremont. PARC is a co-sponsor of the training this

Check into the PARC Net Every

Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the

146.67 repeater!

year. Sharon Martens, KB0TVB passed around a sign-up sheet to bring 2 dozen cookies. She will take care of the liquid refreshments. Dave reported PARC received a grant of \$200 from Region 5/6 Emergency Management. Sharon will send a thank-you.

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

Nets - KF0MS reported there is a 10 meter net in the Omaha area at 7 PM on Sundays on 28.400 MHz. There are Douglas County ARES nets on Sunday night at 9PM on 146.94 MHz and 3.982 MHz. Check-ins taken on the appropriate Packet and APRS frequencies at 9 PM.

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

...New Business... Brainstorming - KF0MS led a session of brainstorming on how to improve PARC activities and/or PARC programs. Many excellent ideas were suggested.

Flea Market - KOVLA reported a Flea Market on March 31 at Anita, Iowa.

North Bend School Program - KB0ARZ reported the Amateur Radio demonstration by PARC at North Bend would occur sometime in the spring.

Repeaters - KF0MS ordered new crystals for his repeater.

Book Sale - W0NRW reported on Friends of the Library Book Sale at Fremont City Auditorium on April 12-15. He also reported that he had received his 50 year ARRL pin.

POT - Sandy Cunningham, KB0TVA was drawn. She was not present, money will be carried over to the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 802 PM.

Following adjournment, KF0MS read a humorous piece.

K0SW demonstrated the "bug" that was featured in his article in the March 2007 PARC News. KF0MS played a video of an anhydrous ammonia spill in Minot, North Dakota.

Recorded by Secretary Dave Theophilus, W0NRW.

Sandy Cunningham's name was drawn. She was not present. Oh No! Pot carries to next month.

<b>Pioneer Amateur Radio Club</b>	
<b>March 2007 Treasurer's Report</b>	
Savings.....	\$130.68
Checking.....	1,019.71
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1150.39</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues.....	\$36.00
Region 5/6 Donation.....	200.00
Total Income.....	\$236.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Newsletter.....	\$9.80
Weather Spotters Training	
Supplies.....	14.73
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$24.53</b>

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

I attended the wx spotters class last nite. The count I heard was 80. That is good. I counted about 15 hams. As usual PARC was well represented when it came to the drawing. KOSW won the grand prize. It is a kazillion candle power flash lite. That's a lot of candle power. As usual Brian Smith did his good presentation.

On Saturday the 14th Dave, WØNRW, and I sat down with Deb Jacobsen to do an article, for the Trib, on ham radio. She told me it would take about a half an hour. 1 hour and 45 minutes later, she quit writing. I think she got the idea we enjoy ham radio. I was surprised to see her and husband Steve, at the wx spotters class. They are now trained wx spotters. I'll bet see never gets mixed up with any hams again.

Bring money for t-shirts and pins. We need to get them ordered so they get here by field day.

I was informed that we will have goodies for the club meeting, so don't eat too much for supper. While we are munching on the goodies, we can enjoy the program we have planned. It is courtesy of KOSW.

See all of you at the club meeting, *Steve, KFØMS.*



## FCC Poised To Lower Vanity Call Sign Fee

The FCC has proposed reducing the regulatory fee to obtain or retain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting later this year. In a Notice of Proposed Rule making released April 18, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007," the Commission is proposing to cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. If ultimately adopted, that would mark the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program. The FCC proposed to collect nearly \$290.3 million in FY 2007 regulatory fees.

## ARRL Aiding Effort To Mitigate Repeater Interference To Military Radars

The ARRL has been working with the US Dept of Defense to develop a plan to mitigate alleged interference from 70 cm ham radio repeaters to military radar systems on both coasts. Citing an increasing number of interference complaints, the US Air Force has asked the FCC to order dozens of repeater systems to either mitigate interference to the "PAVE PAWS" radars in Massachusetts and California or shut down. Amateur Radio is secondary to government users from 420 to 450 MHz and must not interfere with primary users. The commission has not yet responded. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, stresses that the Defense Department acknowledges Amateur Radio's value in disasters and emergencies and is being extremely cooperative, and a wholesale shutdown of US 70 cm Amateur Radio activity is not in the offing.

The ARRL Lab is working up calculations on each repeater the Air Force has identified to determine chances of keeping the repeaters on the air. There are 15 in Massachusetts and over 100 in California.

### 2007 Nebraska QSO Party

Sponsored by the Heartland DX Association

1700 UTC April 28 to

1700 UTC April 29, 2007

Complete details and downloadable forms are at:

[Www.hdx.net/neqso/index.htm](http://www.hdx.net/neqso/index.htm)

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Christmas Party—Jane Mehaffey ARES Mgr.-Dave Theophilus  
Hospitality—Sharon Martens Technical—Carl Johnson  
Special Event—Rich Mehaffey

**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

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**Dayton Amateur Radio Association  
Presents**

**DAYTON HAMVENTION  
May 18, 19, 20, 2007**

The 2007 Edition of

**Hamboree**

Will be held

**June 29th & 30th**

Sponsored by the 3900 Club  
South Sioux City, NE

Questions: Tom Brosamle WBØYNX at wb0ynx@arrl.net

**AARC Radio Swap Meet  
May 5th, 2007**

**8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendor Setup begins at 7 a.m.  
Saunders County Fairgrounds Wahoo, NE**

Talk-In: 145.310 KØASH Repeater  
Admission: \$3.00

Breakfast served until Noon.  
Contact Dale Hoffart KØAMP, 402-944-3616  
k0amp@arrl.net  
Wwww.ashlandarc.net/swap\_meet.html

**Pioneer Amateur Radio Club**

**10th Annual Flea Market  
Saturday, July 21, 2007 9 am —12:30**

St. Charles Parish Center  
8th & Locust Sts, North Bend, NE  
Admission \$2. Vendor Set up at 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast & Lunch by Darlene's Diner  
8' Space: \$5. or \$7 at the door  
Rich Mehaffey KBØARZ, 402-652-3410 or Mehaffey@dtnspeed.net

[http://home.alltel.net/jlhoffman/  
index.htm](http://home.alltel.net/jlhoffman/index.htm)