

# PARC News

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## ARRL Contest Manager Will Operate From KEØRC Shack in Colon

Sean Kutzko, KX9X, ARRL Contest Manager from Newington, CT will be operating from Nebraska on Halloween weekend. He will be participating in the ARRL CW Sweepstakes. He is flying in Friday night and will leave Monday morning. He will be operating from the KEØRC shack and staying with Lance WNØL and Darlene NØLOP Hoffman for the weekend.

An e-mail came through the Heartland DX Association DX reflector from Sean asking to operate from a Midwest station.

Of course, Lance jumped on this with an e-mail to him. Within an hour, we received a phone call from Sean to make plans to come to Nebraska. After a couple more phone calls that day, the plans were made.

Sean gets in late Friday night and wants to take all club members out to breakfast on Saturday morning. Any member who wants to come have breakfast is invited. ***It will be at Village Inn at 8 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 1st.*** I tried Nifty Fifties but they have regulars at 8:15

Sean is originally from Illinois and now lives in Newington. He says he loves going on Grid Dxpeditons. He asked if there's a grid you want activated in the Midwest, let him know. Activating rare grids is a big part of his ham radio enjoyment.

When he's not on the air, he enjoys creating music and is currently working on his first solo CD.

Let's show him a great Midwestern welcome!



Sean Kutzko, KX9X

## PARC Represented

## Ak-Sar-Ben Flea-esta Well Attended

The Aksarben Flea-esta was well attended by PARC members. Dave WØNRW, Mel KØVLA, Dave NØLGU, Steve KFØMS, Rich KBØARZ, Carl WØGAJ, John KCØKKE, Arnie KAØNCR, Frank KØAJA, Bob WØICE, Linda KCØYRR and Dan W7UP, were seen there.

There were a number of purchased items seen leaving the area. A table for former member, Steve NØWY, now Silent Key, had a number items left from his estate. The table appeared to be doing a brisk business. Rich and Lance purchased some of the books from the table and Lance bought a 7" wet saw to cut flooring tile.



## PARC Minutes

August , 2008

**Check into the PARC Net  
Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
on the 146.67 repeater!**

There are no minutes because we did not have a September club meeting because of the picnic.

### You Might Be a Ham If...

#### You might be a ham operator if:

- When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
- When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.
- When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.
- When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
- Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
- You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
- Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.
- You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
- You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.
- Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.
- If you ever tried to figure out the operating frequency of your microwave oven.
- When you look around your bedroom of wall-to-wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?
- The local city council doesn't like you.
- You actually think towers look pretty.
- Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.
- Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.
- The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ DX" a few hundred times.
- When you pull into a donut shop and the cops there on their coffee break ask if they can see your radio setup.
- You refer to your children as your "harmonics."
- Your girlfriend or wife asks: "You're going to spend \$XXXX on what???"
- You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.
- When you see a house with a metal roof, and your only thought is what a great ground plane that would be.
- You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.
- Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.
- The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output"?
- You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.

**We had no  
Meeting**

**No Drawing  
for the Pot**



#### **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**  
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**VOTE**

**Amateur  
Of the  
Year  
At  
October  
Meeting**

#### **Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Report - October, 2008**

Savings .....	\$ 130.68
Checking .....	\$1,022.11
Petty Cash .....	\$ 10.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,163.29</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ None</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Newsletter .....	\$ 14.88
Picnic Food .....	\$ 35.67
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$ 50.55</b>

- This Month — Hero's / Gambinos
- CLUB MEETING: October 24, 2008
- Supper at 6:30      Meeting at 7:30



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You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.

A lightning storm takes out a new laptop, plasma TV, and DVD recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay.

Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you had radio equipment in the front seat.

Your wife was excited when you were talking about achieving that critical angle, but very disappointed when you finally did.

During a love making session with your wife, you stop to answer a call on the radio.

Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox" hunt.

Talking about male and female connectors makes you feel excited.

You dream of big, comfortable, knobs, but not on women.

You always park on the top floor of the deck, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.

When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack and scan the property for possible tower placement.

When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps showing local elevations.

The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.

You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.

When your doorbell rings, you immediately shut down the amplifier.

Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew" is mentioned.

Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative."

You have used a person's name to indicate acknowledgement.

You become impatient waiting for the latest AES catalog to arrive.

You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.

You always schedule the last full weekend in June for vacation.

You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid being close-lined.

You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy ice.

You and the FedEx/UPS men are on a first name basis.

You really start to miss people that you've never seen.

Your exercise machine is a Morse code keyer.

You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.

Your neighbors thought you were nuts when you ripped up your lawn to bury chicken wire.

Your next door neighbor thinks that your wife is a widow.

Your wife has delivered meals to your Ham shack.

If you sold all your Ham radio equipment, you could pay off your mortgage.

Removing snow from the roof of your car requires working around the antenna and wires.



PARC Christmas Party  
Sat. Dec. 13, 2008  
Andy's on 1st Street,  
Fremont

Time: 6 p.m.      Menu: We will have two choices - to be determined

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Mel Cunningham, Joe Roberts, Bob Kirchmann  
+ 2 Officers

**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

***Board Meeting Held***

# Annual PARC Picnic

*By Darlene NØLOP*

Twenty-two people attended the annual PARC picnic held at the home of Dave and Karol Theophilus on Sunday Sept. 28th. The attendance was down somewhat, but we had a good time and there was lots of good food as always. You could tell that apples are abundant this year, we had lots of apple dishes.

Unfortunately, I forgot my camera at home, so we have no photos for this year.

We want to thank Dave & Karol. They are always great hosts.

An Executive Board meeting was held before the picnic. At this time, I do not have a report from that meeting.

## \* Reminder \*

Our November meeting is the third week -  
November 21st because of Thanksgiving!

### LOCAL NETS

M-F	6:30 pm	3.9820	NE Storm Net
M-F	9 pm	146.76	E. NE ARES
Tues.	8 pm	146.88	Clarkson
Wed.	7 pm	146.67	Pioneer ARC
Wed.	8 pm	145.31	Ashland ARC
Wed.	9 pm	146.82	Pott Co. ARES
Thurs.	8 pm	146.94	Heartland DX As
Sun.	9 am	3.896	3900 Club
Sun.	7:30 pm	146.775	Columbus

### LOCAL REPEATER FREQUENCIES

KØASH	145.310	Ashland
WNØL	146.07/146.67	Fremont
KØKKV	146.760	Lincoln
KFØMS	147.705/147.105	Fremont
WNØL	223.06/224.66	Fremont
WØUVQ	444.175	Fremont
KFØMS	449.375/444.375	Fremont
WØQOU	449.575/444.575	Logan View