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Have A Fun And Safe 4th of July!

The Evolution Of Burghardt Amateur Center, Inc.

I graduated from Watertown High School in June of 1928. Later in that year I went to work for a retail radio dealer in Watertown at a salary of \$10. Per week which included working until 10 p.m. on Saturday night. In August of 1929, I joined the South Dakota National Guard when the 34th Signal Company was activated in Watertown and also later that year, I went to work for a wholesale automotive supplier as a radio repair man. Actually, I really had not had any formal training in that area, but I had picked up a few basics from the radio dealer I worked for and also my early interest in radio receiving sets. In the 34th Signal Company, I was assigned to the radio division and became a staff Sergeant and this gave me some additional training. Also about this time, I became interested in amateur radio although I didn't become licenses until January of 1931.

In 1933, I began working as an outside salesman selling automotive parts and in 1935 was chosen to establish a radio wholesale department for the automotive wholesaler. In September of 1937, I quit this job and established my own radio business, including amateur radio, using \$599. In postal savings to start the enterprise.

In 1939 I married my wife Clara, who became my book-keeper and chief counsel. The business grew but not dramatically and by early 1941 I had two additional employees.

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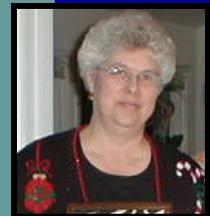
Field Day Saturday & Sunday Camp Fontanelle

Friday Night—Regular Club Meeting

Saturday Morning—Antenna Set-up

Saturday Night—6 p.m.—Potluck Meal. Bring a meat dish and another dish. Everything else is provided by the club. Bring your entire family, even if you can't bring a dish.

Jazz From Jane



My apologies for such skimpy columns the last couple of months, but I hope I only "talk" to you if I actually have something to say. First, before I forget, Rich and I WILL NOW be at the meeting Friday evening. I know you were all looking forward to Joe conducting the meeting, but, sorry, folks you will have to put up from me instead. Second, congratulations to Jarad Chrisman, a newly licensed ham from Fremont. His call sign is KDØEFC. Let's all make him welcome. Third, Rich and I have the banner, literature, and literature stands ready for delivery to you for Field Day 2008. We wish the club all our best during the event. Rich was trying to find a location close to our destination in Iowa, but I'm not sure if he found one. Fourth, I have been researching the three sites you suggested for our annual Christmas event. I will give you some information here for you to contemplate between now and the meeting. This way you may have some thought in mind for our discussion Friday evening. All the locations were surprised I was calling this early. It sounds like dates are not a problem yet at any of the three locations.

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PARC Minutes

5/23/08

Jane Mehaffey KBØZUN, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Introductions were held. 15 people were present.

Steve Benke, KFØMS, made a motion to pay bills. Linda Kirchmann, KCØYRR seconded.

Minutes were approved as printed in PARC News with a motion from Steve, seconded by Lance Hoffman WNØL. Mel Cunningham KØVLA made motion to accepted the Treasurer's report and Joe Roberts, WAØSTV, seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flea Market: We discussed insurance liability for the Flea Market because the church wants \$95 extra to cover that. Joe made a motion that we get best value one-day insurance for that day. Sharon Martens, KBØTVB, seconded. Lance is going to see about getting a rider on his homeowner's policy.

Field Day: Set up for Field Day will be nice. There will be verticals with Tri-pole stands. Lance asked how many stations so he can have the computers ready? Arnie Grubbs, KAØNCR and Mel are self contained. Frank Veverka, KØ-AJA, will have same set up as last year. Mel will bring the generator. Steve will e-mail Arnie to see if he has a computer. Lance will have the Swan 350. Larry Martens, KØSW, the Kenwood TS120 and TS 50 and the generator. Lance will bring 4 computers, Joe will bring the 440. Jane asked for motion to pay for fuel. Darlene Hoffman NØLOP made motion, Lance seconded. A sign up sheet for breakfast was passed around. Have to have 10 people at \$4.50 each. We have to use the second floor for Saturday's meal. A fridge is available. Dave Theophilus, WØNRW is collecting all the money for breakfast participation.

Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey KBØARZ, wants to know who wants to help set up for the flea market.

Hospitality: Dave T. thinks Dok Doksansky WAØRHY is home. Steve Rasmussen, NØWY is still in the hospital. They have gotten rid of a lot of his gear.

Education: Ak-Sar-Ben is holding classes. Pat and Mary Joseph are teaching. Jane is still looking into new books from ARRL.

Picnic: Nothing.

Christmas Party: Jane is going to check into Wilderness Lodge, Wooden Windmill, USA Steaks.

Public Relations: Nothing.

ARES: The antenna at the

Larry Martens
won \$5.93
because he was
present when his
name was drawn.



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

Hospital is fixed. There is an OMMARS drill on Aug. 2nd according to Dave T.

Correspondence: Steve read a letter from Midland College on their IMPACT program for adults completely their degrees. We agreed on no participation. Sharon said she received a card from Jim Kilby KGØRD with \$10. For Field Day expenses. Dave T had thank you notes from the North Bend students. He said they were well written.

Old Business: Do we want to help with the Saunders County Fair? It was tabled. Larry passed around the Rules and Regulations for Field Day.

Repeaters: Steve talked to Neal in Sioux City. He is getting into training young kids and will use Steve's repeater for this.

New Business: This weekend is CW-WPX contest for 48 hours.

Sharing: Mel went to Sioux City and talked to Chuck Morris, KØRBH Chuck and Jerry's son said they are taking over the Logan View repeater.

Dave T. is giving away a World Radio subscription. It went to Steve.

Larry Martens name was drawn for the pot of \$6.58. He was present and won \$5.93.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Lance presented the program—a tape of the Dxpedition near New Zealand.

Submitted by Darlene Hoffman NØLOP, Secretary

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Report - June, 2008

Savings	\$130.68
Checking.....	\$983.37
Petty Cash.....	\$20.65
Total.....	\$1,134.70
Income:	
Dues.....	\$10.00
Donation (Kilby)	\$10.00
10% Drawing Pot65
Total Income	\$20.65.
Expenses:	
Newsletter.....	\$14.50
Total Expenses	\$14.50

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.

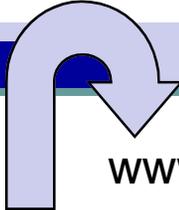
SEND TO:

Sharon Martens
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Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING: June 27, 2008
- Supper at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30


 www.k0jfn.com

PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S

11th Annual Flea Market Saturday, July 12, 2008

9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. St. Charles Parish Center 8th & Locust North Bend, NE

Prize Drawings Every Half Hour Door Prize Drawing at 12 p.m.
(\$100. Cash)

Admission \$2.00 Donation at the Door
Vendor Setup at 7:30 a.m.

Commercial Vendors

D & L Antenna Rich's Sport Center

Food Stand by Darlene's Diner (NØLOP)

Serving Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Serving Lunch Anytime

Talk In on the 146.67/07 WNØL Repeater

Each 8 Foot Space is \$5. In advance or \$7 at the door

Send or e-mail Your Registrations to:

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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

Evolution of Burghardts

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At this time I was called into the federal service with the 34th Signal Company and our division was shipped overseas one year later in February 1942. My wife continued to operate the business for a while, but our employees also left for the service and the business was shut down in mid 1942.

I spent nearly 5 years in the service of which 3 1/2 years were overseas in North Ireland, North Africa and Italy. I was separated from the service in November 1945 and re-established the business at Watertown that same month. Over the next several years we opened branches in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls in South Dakota, and also Sioux City, Iowa. Some amateur products were stocked at all locations, but Watertown was the main amateur store. We were also a statewide distributor for the complete line of Sylvania TV, radio and stereo equipment, test equipment and parts.

As the years went by the Rapid City and Sioux City stores were sold to my employees at those locations and are still in operation today, but not in the amateur business. The stores at Aberdeen and Sioux Falls were closed and all Burghardt activities were consolidated at the large new store which had been built at Watertown in 1955.

In March 1970, I retired for the first time and sold the big business to my elder son, Bruce, who continues to operate a large successful wholesale electronic and appliance business today. Bruce wasn't interested in amateur radio, so I moved the ham stock to my home planning to liquidate it. My ham friends and customers had different ideas however, and it didn't come to pass. So I started to operate in the basement of my home under the business name "Stan Burghardt WØIT". The only personnel beside myself were my wife Clara and Don Broten KØQYD who did service and reconditioning for me on a part time basis. *(More Next Month)*

Jazz From Jane

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The information for each of the locations follows, in ABC order so as not to show favoritism.

The Outpost at Wilderness Lodge:

I have the least information from this establishment. This is what I know thus far. We can have our own room. We will NOT have to share. It also sounds like we could order from the menu or have a predetermined menu we pick out ahead of time. My guess is the gratuity will automatically be figured in.

USA Steak Buffet:

We can have the party room which holds 67 dinner guests. We will have the room to ourselves unless there is another party. Then we would need to share. Also, if their main seating area is full, they would put the overflow at the other end as well. However, she didn't anticipate an overflow from the main dining area. Besides all the other meats available, there would also be fish if we chose a Friday date and BBQ if we chose the Saturday date. They will give all of us the senior discount price of \$11.00 per person. Because there will be more than 10 of us, hopefully, the gratuity will be automatically added at a cost of \$2.20. Drinks are extra, but you can have any kind or switch from one to another all for the same price. They close at 9 P.M.

Wooden Windmill:

I forgot to ask what time they close. We can have the room, and with our number, they will put us on "the shelf" which is handicapped accessible. Other people would be in the other part of the room if need be. It sounds like we can either order from the menu if we want, or I can work with their catering manager and we can have a predetermined menu. When ordering from the menu, prices range from about \$8 to \$20 per person. Again the gratuity will be added. They would prefer that it all be on one ticket for payment.

And fifth, have a safe and productive week. ☺