

# PARC News

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## 2009 Field Day Is June 27 & 28 at Camp Fontanelle

Annual Field Day happenings will be at Camp Fontanelle again this year. What a beautiful layout for an event like this. I had fun just walking the grounds last year.

Set up is Saturday morning the 27th and operation begins at 1 p.m. and goes through 1 p.m. on Sunday the 28th.

Just come and check it out even if you don't operate or if can't stay for very long.

We also will have the annual Potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening. Bring a dish of any kind. The club will furnish the utensils and the drinks. And the Sunday morning breakfast is scheduled for 9 a.m. But we have to have at least 10 people in order for them to serve breakfast. So you come out on Sunday morning.

### Section Manager Makes Nebraska Appointments

A little background is in order. It is my philosophy that those who have people reporting to them should be in a "cabinet" level position. Therefore, you will see functional titles assigned to Assistant Section Managers. There are some new calls on the list and a cleanup of the leadership database. Although there will be more appointments and changes in the future, I felt it important to get the word out on what has been done thus far.

Jon Morris, KAØJGG, has been appointed Assistant Section Manager and Section Emergency Coordinator.

Michael Ruhrdanz, NØFER, has been appointed Assistant Section Manager and our Technical Coordinator.

Bill McCollum, KEØXQ, continues as Assistant Section Manager and Official Observer Coordinator.

Assistant Section manager Mike Nickolaus, NFØN, gets an additional duty as Section Traffic manager.

Another person who has garnered an additional duty is Assistant Section Manager Jeff Beiermann, WBØM. Jeff is our new Public Information Coordinator.

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### Antennas & Stuff



June 27 and 28 is the ARRL Field Day test. All PARC members are invited to come out to Camp Fontanelle and participate in the activities. We have a potluck supper for Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and a breakfast get together Sunday morning at 9 a.m. if enough people would like to support the club to have the camp serve it.

Field Day is a communications test that involves being able to set up a radio station and make it heard by other operators all over the US and Canada. The power source should be a generator or other emergency power supply that is independent of the main power lines.

We have several antennas offered this year. A Carolina Windom and a G5RV dipole, also Mel's big 80 meter doublet and Dave's really neat set of VHF and UHF portable beams.

So if you wonder what these types of antennas look like—come out to the camp Saturday morning and help put them up. The on air operation starts at 10:00 GMT or 1:00 p.m. daylight silly time. There are a lot of stations on the air for this test, so it is a good chance to get some contests experience and trade call sign, class of operation and section with as many other stations as possible. Sometimes we even work a few DX stations outside the US and Canada.

We will probably call a couple of Nebraska nets on 75 meters from the Field Day site. This may be a good exposure to HF traffic networks that have been operating for 70 years or more handling messages and weather information throughout the nation.

The caps and T-shirts are in and I will bring them to the meeting Friday the 22nd of May.

73 es gud DX de KØSW

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

Meeting called to order by Dave WØNRW at 7:30 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves. 24 people present. Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ ARRL Nebraska Section Manager presented his program first.

Dave thanked Art for coming.

Minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's report approved as printed.

Hospitality: Nothing.

**Field Day June 27-28 Camp Fontanelle.** Larry KØSW said its starting to come together. Let Larry know what you want to bring. We decided we wanted to have a Saturday night picnic. Jane made motion to have a potluck at 6 p.m. Everyone bring a dish. Club to buy pop and water again. Jane KBØZUN made motion the club furnish the drinks. Steve KFØMS seconded. Sharon KBØTVB is buying the drinks and setting it up. Larry wants to know who's bringing antennas. Mel is bringing the generator and same antenna. Dave T is bringing his 3 Omnis. Dave said we can decide next month if we want a breakfast. We have 4 computers to set up for logging. Still taking orders for caps, pins and shirts. Going to send in order shortly. Let Larry know what you want.

**Flea Market July 18 North Bend.** Tables are going fast. 3 tables sold tonight. Rich KBØARZ is challenging everyone to bring in a non licensed person. Rich will pay both entry fees. Sharon made motion the club pay the fees. We will put together a non-licensed door prize and a free lunch or free breakfast. Rich has a stack of flyers. Keep talking it up on the nets and by spreading the word.

**Picnic: Sept 27** – 5 p.m. board meeting; 5:30 picnic. Same as last year.

**Christmas Party December 5<sup>th</sup>,** - Wooden Windmill **Net Control**—John wants to thank everyone who has been net controls.,

**ARES:** OMMRS Antenna installed at Three Rivers. It's a Comet Tri-Band. Amateur radio will be at the Salute to Safety Expo at the Westroads mall as we have for

years in the past, but this time...we will be outside with all the "cool stuff" like helicopters and fire trucks. This move will allow us to showcase amateur radios abilities by operating HF. We will be on VHF with APRS and Voice. But we need your help to staff the booth, help with setup (maybe hauling some equipment) and tear down. If you'd like to help let us know when you can help out! Please do this even if you have verbally committed! Thanks...

Trying to get a Stewardship program where every month someone went up and put everything up and updated the manuals. Fremont will have two installations. One at hospital and one at Three Rivers. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 209 10- 3 p.m. Westroads mall Saturday.

**Old Business:** Cleo KØJFO was at Merrick Manor so her daughter brought the 2 jackets to Sharon. Sharon will bring them to the next meeting.

**New Business:** Bob Holbrook, NØMRV has Cushcraft R5 for sale. Also will need to have coax reinstalled as old coax was shorted. Jarad KDØEFC and Steve Benke put it back up. Jarad is going to put up new coax.

Joe WAØSTV and Lance WNØL went to Macs NØOB and put up a 160 Carolina Windom this week. Lance put KØJFN logs on the web page. If anyone would like to have their logs on the webpage, he can do that.

Larry has print outs for licensing for Field Day. And has diagrams for antenna ropes. Everyone used to have to go to WAØHBS house and learn how to tie knots.

QCWA meeting Thursday rumored that Ashland club is going to have a Flea Market on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wahoo Fairgrounds. Dave ran across the U-Tube video of Lincoln club.

Don't forget the Nebraska QSO party.

**Pot:** Jarad drew W7UP Dan Steinhoff again. Not present. \$5.02 carries over to next month.

Adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

*Submitted by Secretary Darlene Hoffman NØLOP*

**Dan Steinhoff  
W7UP call was  
pulled. He was  
not present.  
\$5.02 carries  
over to next  
month.**



**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**



**Join In  
The 2009  
Field Day  
Events**

**Come to:**

- Make Contacts
- Observe
- Enjoy Potluck
- Enjoy Breakfast

**Pioneer Amateur Radio Club  
Report - May, 2009**

Savings..... \$ 130.68  
Checking ..... \$ 829.69  
**Total ..... \$960.37**

**Income:**

Dues ..... \$ 20.00  
**Total ..... \$ 20.00**

**Expenses:**

Guest Dinner ..... \$ 5.58  
Newsletter ..... \$ 24.00  
**Total Expenses..... \$ 29.58**

- This Month — Hero's / Gambinos
- CLUB MEETING: May 22, 2009
- Supper at 6:30 Meeting at 7:30



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## Nebraska Section Appointments

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Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ, continues as our State Government Liaison. Since he will be working with Local Government Liaisons, Bob is also a newly appointed Assistant Section manager.

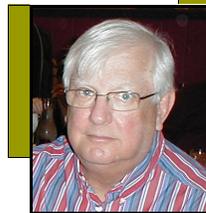
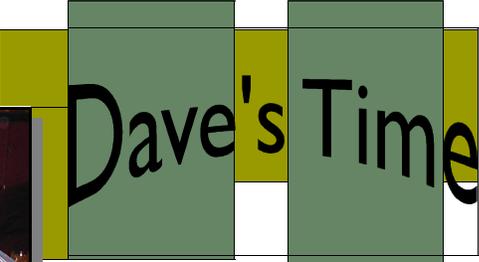
Larry Lehmann, KCØDA, remains our Affiliated Club Coordinator.

As I said earlier, more appointments and changes will be made in the near future. Some of the changes will be to consolidate the number of Assistant Section Managers in a way that keeps "old hands" involved and increases the representation of hams "Out West". So stay tuned.

Additionally, I would be derelict if I did not thank Todd Weakland, WØTAW, for staying in position as SEC during this transition. His support is appreciated.

As usual, your comments and thoughts are solicited. I look forward to working with the new team and with you to make Ham Radio in Nebraska even better.

*73, Art*

Dave's Time

There are lots of reasons to look forward to the month of May. One is that Karol and I plant our vegetable garden. We each have half of the plot and swap halves every year. I plant tomatoes and peppers and Karol plants beans and cucumbers.

Radio-wise, May is traditionally the start of the sporadic-E season on 6 meters. And sure enough, after months of hearing nothing but hiss on 6 meters for several months, I started hearing some signals on the first weekend in May. As I write this on May 16th, there is a sporadic-E opening in the southeast U.S.

There are many technical discussions of sporadic-E available. One is available at: <http://www.amfmdx.net/propagation/Es.html>

I prefer a graphical representation of Spots over a text listing, so I usually open up: <http://www.vhfdx.net/spots/map.php?Frec=MUF>

This opens up on Europe, so click on north America and then select your band of interest along the top of the map. The contacts are color-coded by type. Click on the map to bring up detailed information about the Spots. The map automatically refreshes every 3 minutes.

May also brings an additional threat of severe weather. One of the largest tornado research field programs ever is underway. For more information, go to: <http://www.vortex2.org/home/>, <http://www.eol.ucar.edu/projects/vortex2/> or <http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/vortex2/>

Note that eastern Nebraska is one of the areas included in the program, so if an armada of storm research vehicles shows up we could reasonably expect severe weather in the area.

See you at the PARC meeting on May 22.

*Dave T WØNRW*

Promote Ham Radio!

*You Could Win  
Free Admission to  
Our Flea Market  
Along With A Free Meal*

*Bring A Non-Ham  
To The PARC Flea Market*

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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—Darlene Hoffman	ARES Mgr.—Dave Theophilus
Hospitality—Sharon Martens	Technical—Carl Johnson

# For Sale

Homebrew 2 KW HF amplifier, built by an electrical engineer, covers 160 thru 10 meters. Beautifully built.

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*Falls City NE Hamfest 2009  
June 6 & 7,*

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May 29-31, 2009

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Top notch speakers, technical sessions, operating forums, Huge W1AW/0 station you can operate, VE session, transmitter hunt, Wouff Hong ceremony, QLF contest and more!

**Pioneer Amateur Radio Club  
12th Annual Flea Market  
Saturday, July 18, 2009 9—12:30**

St. Charles Parish Center  
8th & Locust St—North Bend, NE

Prize Drawings Every Half Hour  
Door Prize Drawing at 12:00 p.m.

Admission \$ 2.00 Tables \$5

Food By Darlene's Diner

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