

PARC News

Don't Be Surprised!

PARC Meeting 1 Week Earlier

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We will be meeting a week earlier than normal this month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. I had a call from Gambino's to give me a heads up that during the next meeting, Gambino's will be conducting their annual customer appreciation days and will be extremely busy. So there will likely be some delays in filling our orders. So, come early if you can.

With the recent upturn in solar activity, outstanding propagation has returned to the higher HF bands. Along with the increased solar activity comes a greater chance for auroras. Such was the case on October 24th when the aurora was visible into the southern states. I missed it but not storm-chase photographer Mike Hollingshead in Blair, Nebraska. He has a write-up and a great series of pictures about the event at: <http://www.extremeinstability.com/2011-10-24.htm>

In my meeting reminder message last month I stated that it had been my privilege to serve as your PARC president for the last 2 years. At the meeting it was determined that it had actually been 3 years. How time flies by when you are having fun!

But it is now time to turn the gavel over to your new PARC president, Darlene Hoffman, NØLOP for the next year (or years?) Darlene has indicated that she would like me to continue to write a column from time to time. Since I actually enjoy preparing the column, if I have anything to say I will continue to do just that.

This edition of the PARC News will have information about the annual Christmas Party. We all had a great time last year, so I hope that many of you will be there this year.

So, let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you at the PARC meeting on Friday.

Dave T. WØNRW

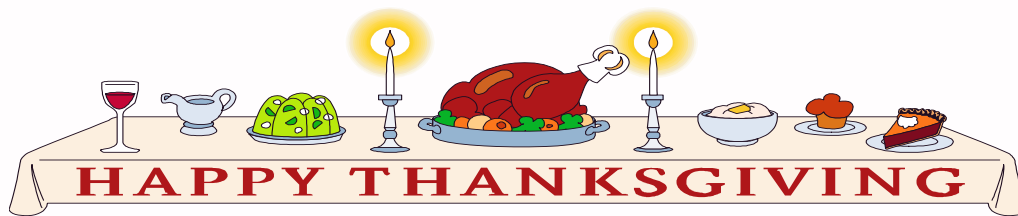
Dave's Time



Nov. PARC

WEEK EARLIER

- Friday, Nov. 18th
- Meeting at 7:30
- Meal at 6:30
- Hero's/Gambino's
- 1900 E. Military
- Fremont, NE



The PARC meeting was called to order by President Dave Theophilus, WØNRW at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone introduced themselves. There were 18 people present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in PARC News.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as printed in PARC News.

Steve Benke KFØMS made a motion to pay the bills and it was seconded by John Beranek, KBØKKE.

HOSPITALITY: Nothing.

EDUCATION: Nothing.

FIELD DAY: June 2012—Larry said nothing yet.

FLEA MARKET: It was decided by vote to have the 2012 Flea Market on July 14th.

PICNIC: We had our 2011 picnic last month and it was a hit as usual. Nothing on the 2012 picnic.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: We decided on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 6 p.m. at the Rawhide Restaurant in North Bend. The food options are Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Breast for \$12.65 which includes tax and tip or Shrimp for about \$15. And includes tax and tip. Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN needs to have a count by Nov. 18th for the restaurant.

NET CONTROL: John thanked everyone for helping that helps with the net. He also said the Ashland meeting is Sunday following the PARC meeting at the Barn Door.

ARES: Dave T. said Nationwide EAS Test is on November 9 at 1900 UTC (1 p.m. CST).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: We voted for Amateur of the Year. The award will be presented at the Christmas Party. We also voted for 2012 Officers for PARC. They are President, Darlene Hoffman NØLOP, Vice President, Mel Cunningham, KØVLA, Secretary, Linda Kirchmann, WØZIP and Sharon Martens, Treasurer. Jim Sweeney, KBØDYY is the new member to the Director's Board and Sandy Cunningham KBØTVA drops off the board.

POT: Janet Fuoss, NØWZV name was drawn. She was not present. The pot is at \$8.53 and continues to build.

Lance gave a report on the Sioux City Hamvention. He said there was a good crowd and they had a good time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Secretary, Darlene Hoffman NØLOP

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Yearly PARC Dues are \$10 for the first member of a family and \$3 each additional member if paid between Jan. 1 and March 1, 2011.

Dues are prorated at \$1 per month after March 1st for new members. Previous year member's dues remain \$10 whenever they are paid.

Life membership is \$200.

SEND TO:

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Check into
the PARC Net
every
Wednesday at
7 p.m. on the
146.67
repeater

**Treasurer's Report
Nov. 2011**

Savings \$130.68
Checking 1,229.94
TOTAL..... \$ 1,360.62

Income:

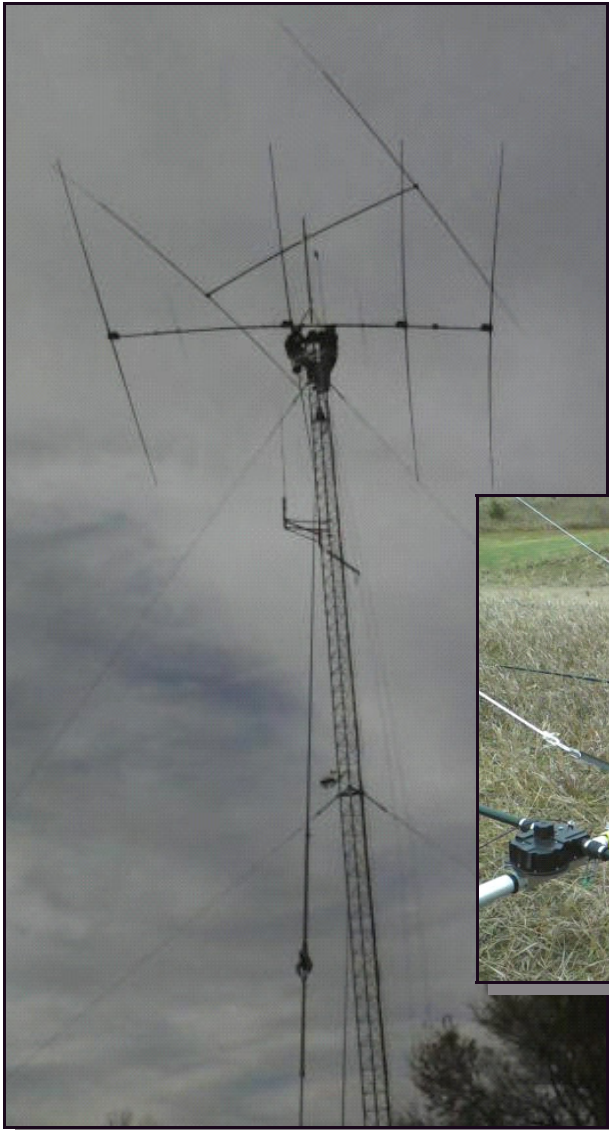
Total Income..... \$0.00

Expenses:

Newsletter..... \$ 9.00
Total Expense \$ 9.00

By Lance WNØL

Antennas & Stuff



On two different Saturday mornings, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12, a crew assembled at the K9RZ (Bill Jackson) Radio Ranch at 76th & Dutch Hall Rd in Omaha, to elevate a 2-element, 40-meter yagi and a brand new, 4-element SteppIR yagi.

The first Saturday was to lift the, recently repaired, Cushcraft 40-2 CD beam. One of the LCA's (Load Coil Assembly) had been damaged by lightning. Bill, K9RZ, completely rewound the coil, doing a very professional job. With Bill and Len, KY5I, doing the climbing, and Mark, W5MSR, Karen, NØKWH and Lance, WNØL, serving as ground crew. We started about 10:00 am, and using a "tram" system, the beam was elevated easily. Before noon, we were all seated at their dining table, enjoying sloppy joes.

On Nov. 12, the crew assembled, about 9:00 am, due to a weather forecast of gusty winds, in the afternoon. This time



the ground crew was doubled. Additional crew members were: Jeff, NEØDX, Terry, WØUVC, Dan, W7UP, and Steve Reynolds.

Bill had spent the previous week putting the elements into their mountings, and testing them with the controller, and running the control cable from the house to the tower.

Before each session, Bill had the tram line connected from the top of his tower, to the hitch of his pickup truck, with the antenna, in place, ready to be "trammed" to the

top. What a great way to put up an antenna!

In the two photos, you can see the element drive and Len and Bill on his tower. Saturday evening, I received this email from Bill: "It Works"!

73 de WNØL

It Works

By Bill Jackson K9RZ

It works!

After lunch, I climbed back up the tower to finish out the cabling, but the wind really came up (20-25 MPH gusts on the weather station) which made life a little tough. I was able to finish dressing out the coax and control cable around the antenna and the top of the tower, but did not get the control cable tied in completely going down the tower. I also need to put some stay wires through the turnbuckles on the truss cables.

The moment of truth came about 4:30 PM. I hooked up the control unit and the remote board in the basement and held my breath. I set the control unit for 20

meters and came upstairs into the shack and tuned the HF rig to 20 meters and pressed Tune. Voila! 1.1 SWR at 14.150 MHz. I went back downstairs and set the control unit for 10 meters and again, 1.1 SWR at 28.400. The antenna appears to be working, but I have not had time to check out every band. I got sidetracked on 10m, working RW0MM and XU7ACY on 10m CW, then went off to a hot shower and supper.

Tomorrow, I plan to mount the remote interface on the basement entrance panel and run the CAT5 cable into the shack so I can do more testing..

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Sharon Martens
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Sharon Martens
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Net Control: John Beranek
ARES: Dave Theophilus



PARC Christmas Party
Saturday,

December 3, 2011

Rawhide Steakhouse
North Bend, NE - 6 p.m.

MENU:

Chicken Fried Steak	\$12.65
Chicken Breast	\$12.65
Shrimp	\$15.50

(Prices include Tax & Tip)

Please let Jane Mehaffey
know by Nov. 18th,