



# PARC NEWS

*Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska*



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## PARC Meeting Is Thursday; Picnic In Lieu of September Meeting

Wow! Can't believe September is almost here. And that means we start planning for the PARC picnic and Board Meeting if needed. That's coming up on September 22nd.

But first we have our August meeting this Thursday. We want to see as many people as possible.

Because we will have a special type of meeting in October, (Martens Award, see page 4), I think we will defer Election of Officers and Amateur of the Year voting to the November meeting.

Speaking of that award, that will be at the NWS station in Valley and we will also tour the facility. We will decide at this next meeting where we want to eat for that evening.

Lance and I had a very nice trip to Washington State at the end of July, but sorry we missed the PARC meeting. **See you Thursday!**



**Not Darlene's  
Diner**

### SPECIAL

- PARC Meeting
- Hero's /Gambino's
- Thurs., Aug. 22nd
- 6:30 Supper
- 7:30 Meeting
- Military & Clarmar
- Fremont, NE

**PARC PICNIC**  
**Sunday, Sept. 22nd**  
**At the Theophilus Home**  
**507 E. 3rd, Fremont — 6 p.m.**

Bring a side dish or dessert.

The club furnishes the hot dogs and chicken, table utensils and drinks.

Bring yourself and come and enjoy.  
It's always a good time!





**PARC  
Minutes  
July, 2013**

**Pioneer Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes on July 25, 2013**

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for July was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-President Mel Cunningham, K0VLA. 11 people were present. Everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the PARC News. Treasurer Sharon Martens, KB0TVA was absent.

**MOTION to Pay Bills:** A motion to pay the bills was approved after a motion by Billy Dokulil, N0ORI and a second by Jack Powley, WA0SAQ.

**HOSPITALITY:** Larry Martens, K0SW had a hip replaced on Tuesday and was expected to return home on Friday.

**EDUCATION:** Nothing to report.

**FIELD DAY:** The larger Izaak Walton Park cabin that we had in 2012 has been reserved for 2014.

**FLEA MARKET:** Rich Mehaffey, KB0ARZ reported on the Flea Market. Due to the large crowd this year he looked at the North Bend Auditorium rental. It would be \$200 compared to \$50 at the church. It was decided to stay at the church for 2014 on July 12. Approximately 95 people attended this year with 44 tables leased out. It was decided that there would be no refunds for no-shows. Gross income was \$611.00 with expenses of \$253.46 and a net income of \$357.54. There will be additional income from Darlene's Diner. Bill Jackson, K9RZ, who was the VEC, reported that 5 people tested with one passing the Technician and General class tests and another passing the Technician test. Three people did not pass.

**PICNIC:** September 22, 2013 at the W0NRW QTH.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** December 7, 2013 at Rawhide Steakhouse in North Bend.

**NET CONTROL:** John Beranek, KC0KKE passed around the sign-up sheet for net controls and thanked those who signed up.

**ARES:** Dave Theophilus, W0NRW reported that there was a new wide-coverage repeater on 444.125+ located west of West Point.

**PUBLICITY:** Nothing to report.

**MINI-REPORT:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** W0NRW reported that a tour of the NWS office in Valley was a possibility in October.

**POT DRAWING:** No drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Theophilus, W0NRW



*Flea Market  
Nets  
Big Profits*

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
August, 2013**

Savings ..... \$ 130.68  
 Checking ..... \$1,356.66  
**TOTAL ..... \$1,487.34**

**INCOME:**  
 Darlene's Diner ..... \$166.00  
**TOTAL INCOME ..... \$166.00**

**EXPENSES: ..... None**

# Antennas & Stuff



Larry, K0SW

It seems like summer is over in August. Cool, cloudy and rain is great but we all know better, this summer will be back!

I have been sitting in the sunroom playing with the K-3 radio, trying to heal up a total hip replacement. The HF bands are in a lot better shape, propagation wise, than most of us realize.

My conclusion of the Elecraft radio line is that it is the new "Collins, in kit form" even! It is great to see American engineering back near the top of the ratings charts.

As for the hip, the doc said it took 3 guys to straighten me out on the operating table and he said he installed a 40mm ceramic hip joint. That must be why I felt like I had been in a bar fight when I woke up. Dave T said it takes about 3 weeks to start to feel human again. I believe he is correct!

We (the PARC) have the Gun Club building reserved for Field Day next year at the Izaak Walton park. We will need a chairperson, or two, to run things and take the blame if needed. Hi! Jarad and Wes did a great job last year, with the help of Kate. They made Field Day work under more difficult than usual conditions.

I still can't thank all of you enough for assisting me in getting set up when I could not even walk.

My worst oversight that I should apologize for was Lance, our IT guy, for going above and beyond to make the logging system work.

73 de K0SW



## Repeater Book App For Smart Phones

In the July issue of CQ magazine, P57 there is a reference to the free "RepeaterBook" app that is available for smart phones and tablets. It can be downloaded from the iTunes store or Google Play. I downloaded it to my tab and it works really slick. It lists all the repeaters within a certain radius of where you are, using the GPS receiver built in. You can select which bands to display, 6M, 2M, 10M etc and the radius, 10 miles, 25 miles, 50 miles or in kilometers.

73s de K0VLA Mel C.



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V. President—Mel Cunningham, KØVLA  
Secretary—Dave Theophilus, WØNRW  
Treasurer—Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

Board of Directors:

Frank Veverka, KØAJA  
Jim Sweeney KBØDYY  
Bob Kirchmann  
And 2 Officers

Committee Chairs:

Hospitality: Sharon Martens  
Field Day: Jarad & Wes Crisman  
Flea Market: Rich Mehaffey  
Picnic: Dave Theophilus &  
Sharon Martens  
Christmas Party: Jane Mehaffey &  
Sharon Martens  
Publicity: Dave Theophilus  
Education: Jane Mehaffey  
Net Control: John Beranek  
ARES: Dave Theophilus

**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.

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:**

Sharon Martens,  
KBØTVB  
2316 E. First St  
Fremont, NE 68025

## Nice To See New Hams Coming Along

My Grand son in law who you met at North Bend passed his test for Tec at Aksarben Radio Club and his call is KDØWHX Jake Janowski in Omaha and now will take his General coming up.

CUL Gene WØUJI

### Just FYIs

September Meeting Is Picnic

October Meeting Is Special

November Meeting  
Is Third Thursday

December Meeting  
Is Christmas Party

## ***Martens, K0SW And KB0TVB To Receive Holm Award***

### John Campanius Holm Award

Johan Campanius was the first person known to have taken systematic weather observations in the American Colonies. He is considered by some to be the first weatherman in America because he kept a daily record of the weather at New Sweden. The records included at least 1644 and 1645 and were published in Sweden in 1702. The prestigious *John Campanius Holm Award* is granted annually to honor cooperative observers for outstanding accomplishments in the field of meteorological observations. No more than twenty-five awards are given annually. The certificate is signed by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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*Larry and Sharon Martens will receive this award at the National Weather Service in Valley on October 24th. This will be part of our regular PARC meeting.*