

- > MEETING
- > Thursday,
- > March 23rd
- > Supper 6 p.m.
- > Meeting 7 p.m.
- > Hero's
- > Gambino's
- > 1900 E . Military
- > Fremont, NE

# PARC News

Pioneer Amateur Radio Club of Fremont, Nebraska

## Jarad KDØEFC To Present Program

Jarad KDØEFC will be doing a presentation at the PARC March club meeting about "Decoding NOAA satellite images over the air". He says the presentation will be approximately 20 minutes.

Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ, Section Mgr, presents the "Skip Miller Lifetime Achievement Award" to Bill McCollum KEØXQ. He won the award at the ARRL Nebraska Hamfest in Lincoln.



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Minutes



**PIONEER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES -February 23, 2017**

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club Meeting for February 23, 2017, was called to order at 7 PM by President Dan Steinhoff, W7UP. 19 people were present. Everybody introduced themselves.

**MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January minutes and February treasurer's Report were approved as printed in the February *PARC News*.

**MOTION to PAY BILLS:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB reported she had paid the State Of Nebraska \$20 to renew the PARC incorporation papers

**HOSPITALITY:** KBØTVB sent a card to Wilbur Grubbs, K0SCN who had been ill, and a card to the family of Silent Key and former PARC member Bob Holbrook, NØMRV.

**EDUCATION:** Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN reported she had talked to a man and his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade son about how to obtain an amateur license.

**FIELD DAY:** June 24-25, 2017 at Izaak Walton Park in Fremont with Don Renze, KØOM as chairman and Wes Chrisman, KD0PGV assisting. Cory Hull, KEØIBU agreed to work on the computer network for logging again this year. Don thought some of the interference between stations could be reduced by giving more thoughts to the antennas. He will have more information prior to the event.

**FLEA MARKET:** St. Charles Parish in North Bend on July 8, 2017 with Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ as chairman. Rich handed out the new flyers. He was looking for suggestions for prizes as he hoped to pick up some at the Lincoln Hamfest.

**PICNIC:** 530 PM Sunday, September 24, 2017 with KBØTVB and Dave Theophilus, WØNRW as chairpersons.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Linda Kirchmann, WØZIP and Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN as chairpersons. A new site, possibly closer to the Omaha area, will be considered.

**NET MANAGER:** Mel Cunningham, KØVLA thanked everybody. He can use additional Net Controls as he is down to three.

**ARES:** WØNRW reported that Dodge County Spotter Training is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 7 PM at First Lutheran Church, 3200 East Military Ave. in Fremont. Training for other counties is listed on the National Weather Service Omaha/Valley website.

**PUBLICITY:** WØNRW reported that the Fremont Tribune continues to list the meeting notices.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** WØNRW and W7UP presented the 2016 PARC Amateur of the Year Award to Cory Hull, KEØIBU. W7UP congratulated Darlene Hoffman, NØLOP on the new look and layout of the *PARC News* and the fine job she continues to do. Dan also congratulated Larry Martens, KØSW on his retirement from Valmont. WØNRW handed out Nebraska 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary QSL cards.

**DRAWING:** The winner of \$10 was Don Renze, KØOM.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 728 PM.

**Pioneer Amateur  
Radio Club  
Treasurer's Report  
March, 2017**

Savings	\$ 130.68
Checking	2,257.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,467.83</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$ 66.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 66.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Drawing	10.00
Xmas (Linda )	19.22
Incorporation Fee	20.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 49.22</b>

**ALERT!**

Dodge County Spotter Training is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 3200 E. Military Ave in Fremont.

## ***An Interesting Bit Of Information!***

### **February 18-19, 2017**

Late Saturday afternoon, during the ARRL WW CW contest, I noticed the meter on my HyGain rotor control was bouncing around. Initially thought it was due to wind, then noticed it was not very windy.

When I tried to turn my yagi from Europe to Asia, the meter jumped around, so much, that I could not determine its direction. I had to look out the window to determine the direction. The meter showed 190-degrees, but the antenna direction was around 310-degrees.

It appeared the direction potentiometer failed, or the top of the rotor housing had come loose.

It was dusk, so not light enough to see what had happened. Decided to look into it in the morning.

I started back, in the contest, around 7:30 am and worked a few Europeans, then it was time to head to Weston for their 'pancake feed'. Great breakfast!

On returning home, it was time to look into the problem. I headed to the tower base to open the large, waterproof box, housing coax connections

and the rotor cable. When I got the box open, there was a monster 'mouse nest' covering roughly half the box. Naturally, a couple of our cats were with me to supervise!

While clearing out the nest, I noticed a 'mouse tail' sticking out of the mess. Using my Leatherman pliers I gently tried to pick up the, what I thought was a dead mouse.

Surprise! It wasn't dead. It jumped out of the box and with one of the cats in hot pursuit. Don't know if it caught the mouse.

It took quite a while to clear the mess. Dirty and smelly!

When I came back in the house, I immediately checked the operation and alignment of the rotor control box. It was back to normal. Evidently the nest was intermittently shorting the wires from the potentiometer.

Due to the events of last fall and winter, I had neglected to inspect the box. I usually wait until there are a couple freezes, since I have been surprised by wasps building their nests in them.

## ***Local Radio Club Making New Marks In The Area***

Boy Scout Troop Asst Scoutmaster, Dudley Allen, KDØNMD, believes girls need to be given the opportunity to get more involved in ham radio. TD0TA provided one, and members of the Mid-America Council's Radio Scouting Club (KNØBSA) hosted a TD0TA event for Girl Scouts in Bellevue, NE on Feb. 18.

"This was the first event of this kind hosted for the Girl Scout troops in the area," Allen said. "Seven girls stopped by the 'shack' to see what it was all about." He had help from other Scout leaders.

"Jim Taylor, AJ0R, put girls in contact with Girl Guides in London, England, using EchoLink," Allen said, and he Ray McNally, N5SEZ, and Terry Gampper, NØBXQ, helped the young girls contact

Georgia and Texas on HF. Derek Winterstien, WØDBW, got on 2 m so the girls chatted with locals. "Thinking Day On The Air" is what you might call a self-defining event.

Another PARC member, Ray McNally, working a worthwhile project.

### **Yeah! Congratulations**

Each year, SKN participants are asked to vote on who had the Best Fist and who gave them their Most Interesting QS). This year, the Title goes to **Richard Newsome, WØHXL**. As you know, Dick is a member of PARC, now living in Iowa.

### PARC Officers & Chairpeople

**President,** Dan Steinhoff, W7UP

**V. President,** Wes Chrisman, KDØPGV

**Secretary,** Dave Theophilus, WØNRW

**Treasurer,** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Frank Veverka, KØAJA

Jim Sweeney, KBØDYD

Bob Kirchmann, WØICE & 2 Officers

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Hospitality:** Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

**Field Day:** Don Renze, KØDM

**Flea Market:** Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ

**Picnic:** Dave Theophilus, WØNRW &  
Sharon Martens, KBØTVB

**Christmas Party:** Linda Kirchmann, WØZIP &  
Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN

**Publicity & ARES:** Dave Theophilus, WØNRW

**Education:** Jane Mehaffey, KBØZUN

**Net Manager:** Mel Cunningham, KØVLA

### Joining Our Organization

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Yearly:** \$10. per member

**Family Yearly:** \$10 first member, \$3  
each additional member

Paid between Jan. 1—March 1

After March 1, dues are prorated  
at \$1 per month for new members.  
Previous year member's dues remain  
\$10. whenever paid.

**Life Membership:** \$200.

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## Hamfests

04/29/2017—Heartland Hams Hamfest, Glenwood, IA.  
Heartland Hams Amateur Radio Club  
[www.heartlandhams.org](http://www.heartlandhams.org)

05/14/2016 | Iowa State Convention (3900 Club Hambo-  
ree 2016)

Boone, IA <http://3900club.com> (184 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

06/11/2016 | SWIARA Swap Meet  
Creston, IA <http://www.swiara.com> (138 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

06/18/2016 | The Greater Midwest Radio Show  
Hastings, NE <http://greatermidwestradio.org> (137 Miles  
from Fremont, NE)

07/09/2016 | Pioneer ARC's 19th Annual Flea Market  
North Bend, NE <http://www.k0jfn.com> (15.2 Miles from  
Fremont, NE—No Excuses. See You There!)

07/16/2016 | WOMG Swap Meet 2016  
Waterloo, IA [SwapMeet2016.pdf](http://www.w0mg.net/presentations/) (271 Miles from Fremont, NE)

07/16/2016 | WAARCI Hamfest  
Warrensburg, MO <http://www.waarci.org/hamfest.htm>  
(282 Miles from Fremont, NE)

07/17/2016 | Zero Beaters Hamfest

Washington, MO <http://zerobeaters.org> (437 Miles  
from Fremont, NE)

08/07/2016 | Cedar Valley ARC Hamfest  
Cedar Rapids, IA <http://www.W0GQ.org> (283 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

08/14/2016 | SCARC Hamfest

O'Fallon, MO <http://www.WBOHSI.org> (437 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

08/21/2016 | Kansas State Convention (Salina Hamfest)  
Salina, KS <http://www.w0cy.org> (230 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

08/27/2016 | JOPLIN HAMFEST

Joplin, MO <http://joplinhamfest.org> (370 Miles from  
Fremont, NE)

10/13/2016 | Microwave Update 2016 Conference  
St. Louis, MO <http://www.microwaveupdate.org> (469  
Miles from Fremont, NE)

10/15/2016 | SouthSide ARC Hamfest  
Belton, MO <http://www.southsidehamfest.com> (243  
Miles from Fremont, NE)

For Hamfests & Conventions Calendar, go to: [http://  
www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar)