

# PARC News

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

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Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It has been awhile since we've been together. The next meeting will be January, 26, 2007 @ Hero/Gambino's. As usual some of us get together @ 6:30 to have something to eat. If that doesn't fit your schedule, the meeting starts @ 7:30. Ya'll come, hear ? ?

I would like to ask each and every member to get involved in at least one club function this year. I know you can't make it to all of them, and some of the events aren't up your alley. Just pick one that you think you would like to get involved in and find out who is in charge of it. Then all you have to do is ask if you can be of any help. I think every effort will be made to find something for you do.

I already got an email about Dayton. I guess it isn't that far off again. Ask someone who has been and I think they will tell you to at least do it one time. I say do it twice.

Dues are due again. I am sure that KBØTVB would appreciate it if you could have the correct change when you pay her. It just makes her job easier.

We may be one step closer to getting the UHF machine going again. The one on Stanton Towers has been down for sometime. 444.375 is the frequency for it and hope to get it up and running again. This kind of equipment isn't cheap and if it doesn't get used much, we don't spend our life savings on it.

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## ARRL RTTY Roundup — From WØSD, Ed Gray

A Multi Band, Multi Op effort was held this month at Ed Gray's place near Salem, SD. The results were 1444 Q and 117 multipliers and 168,948. Based on results from the past 3 years, we should make the top 10 in Multi-op, High Power.

We had a rocky start because I did not work some people in advance and were receiving correctly, but transmitting upside down. The cause was a switch got moved. We ended up with 24 Q's the first hour and it should have been around 60 because of my mistake. We also had a Writelog problem on the second radio caused by not creating a new log, but bringing over the setup from the other computer via the networking.

Jim, KØHW had trouble getting his PK-232 going which was a plug problem, but solved quickly. We accidentally hot switched on 20 meters and had to replace an antenna switch during the contest.

After the first hour, we did very well and really got into the groove. We had a new set up with two complete high power stations. One was on 80 and 20 and the other on 40, 15 and 10 meters. We worked all the states and most of Canada.

*Lance, WNØL has been invited to take part in their CQ WW RTTY operation in October.*

### Special points of interest:

- CLUB MEETING:
- January 26, 2007
- Friday
- Supper at 6:30
- Meeting at 7:30
- ***DUES ARE DUE !!!***
- Think Programs!!!

# Christmas Party

Check into the PARC Net Every

Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the

146.67 re-



No December Drawing for the Pot because we had a Christmas party in place of a meeting!



*The drawing will be back in January*

**Pioneer Amateur Radio Club**

**Treasurer's Report-January 2007**

Savings	\$130.68
Checking	648.72
Petty Cash	46.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$825.40</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues	<u>\$46.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Newsletter	\$19.50
Repeater Donation	\$100.00
Ham Award	30.00
Christmas Party Prizes	50.00
Christmas Party Meal	<u>66.57</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$266.07</b>

**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.

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# Codeless Amateur Radio Testing Tentatively Set To Begin February 23

The ARRL has learned that the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235 <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf)>, is scheduled to appear in the Federal Register Wednesday, January 24. Assuming that occurs, the new Part 97 rules deleting any Morse code examination requirement for Amateur Radio license applicants would go into effect Friday, February 23, 2007. The League cautions that this date is \*tentative\*, pending official confirmation and publication. "This change eliminates an unnecessary regulatory burden that may discourage current Amateur Radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the Morse code R&O.

Publication of the R&O in the Federal Register starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to go on the books. Rules and regulations that appear in the Federal Register constitute their official version.

Deletion of the Morse requirement is a landmark in Amateur Radio history. Until 1991, when a code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse test. Once the new rules are in place, Amateur Radio license applicants no longer will have to demonstrate Morse code proficiency at any level to gain access to the HF bands.

On or after the effective date of the new rules, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for a higher license class will be able to redeem it for an upgrade. For example, a technician

licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 (General) could apply at a VEC exam session, pay the application fee -- which most VECs charge -- and receive an instant upgrade. A CSCE is good only for 365 days from the date of issuance. Candidates for General or Amateur Extra between now and the effective date of the new rules still must have Element 1 (5 WPM Morse code) credit to obtain new privileges, however.

The new rules also mean that all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will gain HF privileges identical to those of current Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees without having to apply for an upgrade. Novices and Technicians with Element 1 credit have CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters.

Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code test should \*not\* operate on any HF bands until the Morse requirement is officially deleted. The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify the Amateur Service rules in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that were effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>>.

## MIDWAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST

**FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

**BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS—Kearney, NE**

Breakfast and Lunch at the Kitchen

Morning Meetings: Burghardt will be at the Hamfest  
 ARES 8:30—9:30 Richard Klauz will be Embroidering  
 MARS 9:30—11:30 Testing at 12:00—Cost \$14.00  
 Contact Mike Osterberg at [K0VZ@arrl.net](mailto:K0VZ@arrl.net) or 308-234-6152  
 by January 31st if you want to test.

Table and admission	\$10.00
Admission Only	\$ 5.00

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*Amateurs of the Year*  
*— The Mehaffey's — Rich & Jane*  
Presented by 2005 Winners—Steve Benke and Mac McCabe



The Mehaffey's were recognized for their coordination and work on several Amateur Radio Projects this year. Most notably—the Field Day/Special Event station at North Bend's Old Settlers and 150th Year Celebration. A couple of the others at the Annual Flea Market and Annual Christmas Party. Congratulations and thank you for a lot of hard work!!!

