



America are usually the easiest to make contacts on.  
Enjoy.

## ARTICLE SUBMISSION:

I am always on the hunt for good articles for the newsletter. Anything that could be considered Ham Radio related. It could be about storm spotting, SDR, a new rig, repeaters, DMR or any other version of Digital that you want to write about. It's up to you. It does not have to be long, just give me the gist of what you want, and some details and I can help you write up your article. Or write it yourself and email it to me at: [newsletter@swiradio.org](mailto:newsletter@swiradio.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 10, 2021- First meetup at Lake Manawa.

JUNE 19, 2021-Nebraska State Hamvention in Lincoln Ne.

JUNE 26,27, 2021- Field Day event worldwide

JULY 10, 2021- Hamfest for Pioneer Amateur Radio Club in North Bend Ne.

## FCC HAS NOT INSTITUTED HAM LICENSE FEES

There has been a lot of discussion indicating that the FCC has started to institute fees for amateur radio licenses. That is not the case. Here is the information from the ARRL legal counsel, Dave Siddall, K3ZJ:

**The FCC fees Report and Order adopted last December was published in the Federal Register. I want to note to everyone that although generally the rules take effect on April 19<sup>th</sup>, collection of the amateur fees will NOT begin on that date.**

**The effective date for new amateur radio fees has not yet been established. The FCC explicitly states in the published Notice (at p. 15061, para 44,) that the fees "will not take effect until the requisite notice has been**

**provided to Congress, the FCC's information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notices in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of such rules."**

**I expect that the effective date will be some time this summer, but in any event we will have advance notice.**

**73, Dave K3ZJ**

## ANTENNA BUILDING PARTY

As mentioned in a recent NET, Arrow Antennas offers a "club project" to build one of their J-Pole antennas.

The kit comes with all of the parts to build 10 complete dual band J-Pole antennas for 2m/70cm, and, they are pre-tuned with SWR no greater than 1.2 to 1.

This would be a wonderful project for the club to do say on a Saturday morning at Lake Manawa. Cost is \$38.50 per antenna. So lets get enough people together and have some fun making some J-Pole antennas.

## FIELD DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, we now have a location for Field Day 2021.

This years Field Day will be held at KD0NME, George's QTH. He has 3 acres with an enclosed Gazebo for us to use along with huge tents and outdoor cooking facilities. He was very gracious in saying yes to us.

SWIARC owes him a huge thank you for this.

Well, til next month, 73s to all.

Rick, KA0RLR

editor, printed circuit

There are still quite a few items left from the estate of Mike Donovan. A lot of test equipment, most of it vintage, some coax, and some antennas including a 2 meter beam, a 6 meter inverted A, and a 10 meter. There are some dipoles, and various mobile antennas.

There is also a pair of Motorola handheld radios with chargers, a 10 meter Azden, and an older Kenwood 2 meter radio, along with a few various radios. There are some vintage police scanner radios, the crystal type, in very good condition, and some various items in tubs.

Plans at this time are to have a garage sale at their QTH on Memorial Day weekend.

Details to follow.