

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club

July Meeting

7:30 PM, Wednesday, July 11, 2012

LI-COR, 4647 Superior Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Everyone's Favorite Topic

Brian Smith, KBØQXF, is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Omaha / Valley Office of the National Weather Service. He has often been a featured speaker at the spring Weather Symposiums organized by Dr. Ken Dewey, WDØBIV, and has provided us with our fact-filled and often humorous annual training in Severe Weather Spotting.

Brian will bring us another one of his interesting programs that will include some of the new things they are doing at the National Weather Service Office in Valley. I have a hunch he will also fill us in on the weather conditions that prompted the marathon storm watch in April.

—73 de Bruce Wood, WAØRIM

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Coming Events

Also see <http://k0kkv.org>

Thu Jul 5, 7:00 pm—**VE Exams** at Northside Café, 2701 N 48th **NEW**

Wed Jul 11, Noon—**QCWA Luncheon** at The Knolls, 2201 Old Cheney

Wed Jul 11, 7:30 pm—**LARC June Meeting** at LI-COR (see above)

Thu Jul 19, 7:00 pm—**LARC June Board Meeting** at Hardin Hall, 33 & Holdrege

Jul 20-22, 28, 29—**Cornhusker State Games** (see Page 8)

Wed Jun 27, 11:59 pm—**Aug LOG Input Deadline** to wb0rjj@gmail.com

Jul 28-29—**Victoria Springs Hamfest & Steak Fry**, Anselmo, NE

Tue Jul 31, 7:00 pm—**Aug LOG Mail Prep** at Northside Café, 2701 N 48th **NEW**

Thu Aug 2, 7:00 pm—**VE Exams** at Northside Café, 2701 N 48th **NEW**

Aug 2-11—**Lancaster County SuperFair** (see Page 8)

Sun Dec 9, 6:30 pm—**LARC Holiday Party** at Misty's, 63rd & Havelock

August—**Heatstroke 100** (details later)

September—**MS Bike Ride** and **Mud Run** (details later)

October—**Market to Market Relay Race** and **Crop Walk** (details later)

LARC Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, usually at LI-COR. See address above.

See Pages 8-9 for all info on Public Service events..

To become a member of LARC, please see Page 15.

The Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, Inc. 2012 Board of Directors

Club Repeater	KØKKV 146.760 (-)
Packet APRS	KØKKV 144.390
Packet Digipeater	KØKKV 145.010
DX Packet Cluster	KØGND 147.510/223.700
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Club Newsletter	KDØBXA	KØGND
Club QSL Cards	NØXLT	KCØWWR / KTØK
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Public Service	KDØHYM	KØSHC / WØBCL
Repeater	NØXLT	KØRPT
Technology	KBØQH	W1LXE / KDØBSA
Transmitter Hunts	NØXLT	NØZXR
Web Site	NØXLT	KDØDVR / KEØTAS

COFFEE TIME

- Daily lunch plans at 11:30 on 146.850(-).
- Saturday breakfast at 8:00 at Northside Café, 2701 N 48th **NEW**

About the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club

The Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (LARC) is a nonprofit organization devoted to the promotion of Amateur Radio. The Club sponsors activities and programs to promote growth in Amateur Radio, as well as furthering the experience of those already licensed, and to create international good will.

The *Lincoln LOG* is mailed monthly to all paid members of LARC and to all Lancaster County, Nebraska, Hams. If your label says, "COMPLIMENTARY," please consider joining the Club and supporting its activities.

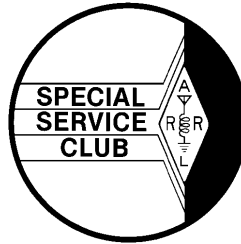
Even if you are not currently active, your contribution will help ensure the future of Amateur Radio. Dues are only \$15. For your convenience, please join by completing and mailing in the form on the inside back cover of this or any issue of the *LOG*.

The *LOG* solicits your input. If you have an idea for an article, wish to contribute an article or photo, or want to place an ad in the *LOG*, contact the editor, Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ, preferably by e-mail, WBØRJJ@gmail.com (or by phone, 402/430-6290). The deadline for each issue is 2359 local time on the last Wednesday of the previous month.

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From the President

Field Day 2012

We went to Mahoney Park on Friday night and were able to get the towers and antennas set up without any problems. Everyone went to bed Friday and got a good night's sleep. Saturday dawned clear and bright. We were able to finish our Field Day setup and start on time. That's how we *wish* the setup for Field Day had gone.

Actually, if you came to Field Day, you know that Friday night we couldn't set up the tower and antennas because there were thunderstorms forecast for that night and on Saturday. Mike and I drove our Volkswagen Vanagon camper to the park and stayed overnight to keep an eye on the equipment. Tyler, KDØBSA, stayed too. We went to bed about midnight and were awakened at 2:00 AM by a very loud thunderstorm and a phone call from our daughter, Bekah, about the storm on radar. We had to pull down the camper popup because of high winds and share a small bed. The storm was extremely loud and kept waking us up.

On Saturday, the setup was slowed down by more heavy rain and lightning.

We couldn't set up the tower or the antennas until the thunderstorm passed. Some of us were out in the heavy rain trying to set up the frame for the shelter used for the GOTA and walkup stations. Yes, I know we should have waited until the rain stopped, but it was sort of fun to be out in the rain. Once the rain stopped, the towers and antennas got set up, and soon the radios were connected.

At the GOTA station, I know that we had at least five children try to make contacts on Saturday. There were also several new Hams who came and operated the radio. I got to meet a gentleman who came with his son to operate the GOTA station—a man who has been a Ham for more than 40 years. His son is a new Ham and was able to make some contacts. It was fun to talk with someone who has been a Ham for so long.

We had a good time at the Club picnic. The weather was cooler than it had been during the day and was enjoyed by several dogs who came with their people. Sunday night was warm, and the only noise was from the generators. Sunday morning, we enjoyed a great breakfast and then finished our participation in Field Day.

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The tear-down went smoothly, and I think most people were able to leave by around 2:00 PM.

Thank You to everyone who came and helped set up, operate radios, bring food, tear down and pitch in to help wherever needed. I wish we had made more contacts on the GOTA station, but I don't think I was the only one who had problems getting contacts. If you didn't come to Field Day, you missed a good opportunity to operate a radio and talk to other hams who came out. Come join us next year!

—Mike, KBØDNP, and
Lydia, KCØWWR, Wasserstein
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Board Meetings

All members of LARC are welcome at LARC Board meetings, currently held at Hardin Hall, 33rd & Holdrege, at 7:00 PM sharp (do not be late).

The July Board meeting will be held on Thursday, the 19th, a week and a day after the Club meeting. Watch "Coming Events" on LOG Page 1 each month for any deviations from this pattern.

Are you a member of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club yet? Learn how on Page 15.

Change of Venue

VE Exams and Mail Prep for the *Lincoln LOG* have moved from T & R's Garden to Northside Café, 2701 N 48th, at St. Paul. Park in the rear (west) and enter the back door.

Salt Dogs Game**5:00 PM, Saturday, August 18***"Let's all go to the ball game!"*

If you are interested in attending this game, please send me an e-mail at meg4573@yahoo.com telling how many will attend with you. I will need a head count by Sunday, July 15.

—Marlene McLaughlin, KDØHYM

LARC Merchandise

Available from Lydia Wasserstein, KCØWWR, at each monthly meeting of LARC at LI-COR: ARES® Vest \$17; Pen \$3; Travel Mug \$7; Lanyard \$2; VHF/UHF Operators Guide \$1; T-shirts: S-XL \$12, 2XL \$13, 3XL \$14, 4XL \$15

Special Order Items: Nylon Jackets with front or back logos; Hooded Zippered Sweatshirts with front or back logos; Denim Long-sleeve Shirts with front logos. Any of these can have call sign and/or name added for an additional charge. All items subject to price increases.

LARC is an authorized ARRL Dealer. We can get a discount on ARRL merchandise. See <http://www.arrl.org/shop/> and then contact me at Club meetings to place your order.

—Lydia Wasserstein, KCØWWR
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Your Nightly Nugget

Each and every evening of the year the airwaves in Husker Country come alive with the voices of fellow Hams who share a bond of friendship and participation as another Eastern Nebraska ARES Two-Meter Net opens up with “CQ CQ CQ (Calling all Amateurs).” It happens only once a day, at 9:00 PM (2100) local time, or 0200 Zulu (during Daylight Time; 0300 during Standard Time) on 146.760 (-) MHz, where anyone who has earned a FCC Amateur Radio license can sign in and join the conversation if they wish. Checking in is sort of like registering at a group gathering as you “come into the room” of the meeting and are recognized. The more the merrier is the rule of the day.

You may ask at this point, just what is the purpose of a Net? Let’s define that a bit. We’re all here, in this imaginary room; we’re all together, now what? Well, we begin the meeting, which is run by our “Net Control Station” (NCS) or designated moderator, and we begin exchanging pertinent news of the day and information on various related and unrelated subjects we feel that the group would want to know. Most Hams checking in just want to listen for the latest information provided by the net, so they advise the NCS when they check in that they are just “In and Out.” But other Hams who have information to pass along to the group are “In for Comments” at the end of the roll call. After every one is “In

the room” and the door is shut temporarily, the information portion of the net begins with announcements, updates to events coming up in the future or something as simple as “This is how my day went today.”

Nets are there for all of us to gather and be informed and sometimes be enlightened with commentary that all can enjoy. Of course we do follow certain protocols and keep things somewhat formal, but over all it’s a fun, relaxing time to just let your hair down and enjoy the company of other Hams in Lincoln and the surrounding area.

Seven very devoted Net Control operators take on the task each evening for us --wonderful people who believe in the wellbeing of LARC, its present status and its future growth. Every month we tabulate the number of check-ins to the nets, and we are finding that more and more of us are joining the nightly nets! From January 1st to June 1st this year, we had 3,640 check-ins to the nightly nets. That’s compared to 2,721 this same time period of 2011. Congratulations Everyone!

Many interesting topics are discussed each evening. How about on Sunday Night, with Bryan Leavitt, WØBCL, who gives us the latest solar forecasts and DX predictions. That’s a subject many of us wonder about but just can’t grasp without help. Well Bryan breaks it down for us and makes it easy to understand.

Then there’s Chris Wright,

KDØMXI, who holds down Monday Night nets and keeps the information flowing. On Tuesday Night the team of Mike and Lydia Wasserstein, KBØDNP/KCØWWR, work the airwaves and give you the perspective from the Club President and his wife. Wednesday night Marlene McLaughlin, KDØHYM, does the honors and runs a fine net giving us a look from her station. Thursday Night Mike Terkildsen, KCØDHM, runs the show and gives us the current happenings for LARC. Friday Night Reynolds Davis, KØGND, puts out the "Weather, News and Sports," which has been a Friday Night feature for the past 40 years on the Net. WOW! Last, but not even close to least, is Tony Pope, KØIFC, with the Saturday Night Live show!

When you run into any of our great Net Control operators, introduce yourself to them and tell them Thank You for the *great* job they do for LARC. They enjoy knowing the face behind the call! Without them this club would not be close to what it is today. THANK YOU!

--Larry Nelson, KNØRKY,
Larrynelson802@gmail.com,
 LARC Net Manager

The Eastern Nebraska ARES® Two-Meter Net meets every evening of the year at nine o'clock on LARC's KØKKV repeater, 146.760 (-).

LARC Project Kits Update

The prices for the LARC project kits have been determined and are as follows:

1. Hendrix Deluxe Tenna Dipper Kit: **\$70.00**
2. End-Fed 6-40 Meter Multiband HF Antenna Matchbox: **\$25.00**
3. VHF/UHF Dual-Band Antenna: **\$20.00**

If you signed up for one or more of the projects, you can pay for them at the July 11 or August 8 Club meeting or by sending a check for the total to the LARC P.O. Box address listed on the back of this *LOG*. The kits/parts will not be ordered until all the projects are paid for. The August Club meeting will be the cutoff for payment, so don't forget to get your payment in by that date.

—Tyler White, WDØBSA, Bill Lyons,
 WILXE, and Mike Walsh, KBØQH

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WANTED: UPC labels from *Best Choice* Products you purchase at Russ's or SuperSaver Markets. If you shop at either of these local chains, why not help the Club make some extra money by saving the UPC labels from these products. Bring just the bar code portion of your labels to a Club meeting and deposit them in the brown grocery bag or give them to Heather Poysa, KDØBXA. LARC really appreciates your participation.

Midwest Division ARRL 2012 Hamfests, Conven- tions & Events

07/14/2012 | Warrensburg Hamfest 2012

Location: Warrensburg, MO
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Warrensburg Area ARC
Website: <http://www.waarci.org>

07/15/2012 | Washington Zero Beaters 50th Annual Hamfest

Location: Washington, MO
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Zero Beaters ARC
Website: <http://www.zerobeaters.org>

07/26-28/2012 | Central States VHF So- ciety Conference

Location: Cedar Rapids, IA
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Central States VHF Society
Website: <http://www.csvhfs.org/>

08/05/2012 | CVARC Summerfest

Location: Cedar Rapids, IA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cedar Valley ARC
Website: <http://cvarc.rf.org>

08/12/2012 | St. Charles ARC 2012 Hamfest

Location: O'Fallon, MO
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: St. Charles ARC
Website: <http://wb0hsi.org>

08/19/2012 | Kansas State Convention

Location: Salina, KS
Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Central Kansas ARC
Website: <http://www.centalksarc.com/>

08/24/2012 | 23rd Annual JOPLIN HAM- FEST

Location: Joplin, MO
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Joplin ARC
Website: <http://www.joplin-arc.org>

09/01/2012 | Santa Fe Trail ARC's 1st Annual Hamfest

Location: Gardner, KS
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Santa Fe Trail ARC

09/08/2012 | Ak-Sar-Ben ARC Flea-Esta

Location: Springfield, NE
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Ak-Sar-Ben ARC
Website: <http://www.aksarbenarc.org/main/>

09/15/2012 | The Pony Express Ham- fest

Location: Cameron, MO
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Missouri Valley & NWMO ARES
ARCs
Website: <http://ponyexpresshamfest.webs.com>

10/07/2012 | Southeast Iowa Hamfest

Location: West Liberty, IA
Type: ARRL Hamfest

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List continues on Page 10. Also be
sure to see the Victoria Springs Ham-
fest information on Pages 10 & 13.

Flood Check—June 14

After an extremely loud thunderstorm and torrential rain that dropped over 3 inches on parts of the city, Lincoln / Lancaster Emergency Management asked at 8:15 PM if we could check Salt Creek from Roca to north Lincoln, Oak Creek in North Lincoln, and Beal Slough from 56th to 14th Streets.

Task completed in less than 30 minutes thanks to: WØEZ, KØGND, KØ-IFC, KØKSP, KDØMXI and KDØPGV.

—Reynolds Davis, KØGND
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Trail Trek—June 24

Even though the date conflicted with Field Day, members of the Club gave a strong showing for the annual Trail Trek family bike event. Most reported for duty around 7:00 AM and were done by noon—just in time to help with the dismantling of Field Day!

Thanks to: KDØDBO, NØDIZ, NØGNY, KDØHYO, KDØINW, KBØKA, KØKPH, ACØLN, KDØMHP, KDØPTF, KDØPTI, KDØRTK, and KBØRZP, and to KØSHC, who organized our participation.

—Reynolds Davis, KØGND
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**When All Else Fails—
Amateur Radio.
THANK YOU
For Being There!**

Public Service

The folks from **Trail Trek** want to extend a Big Thank You to the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club and to all who gave their time helping with this year's event. According to the coordinators, this year's event numbers were up 500 more than last year. So they really appreciated our help. Without our efforts, they stated, the event would not work. So kudos to all who helped. For more about this event and a list of those involved, see Page 7.

June went through like a storm. Now July! CQ, CQ, CQ, it's time for the 28th Annual **Cornhusker State Games**. Have you signed up for your favorite event? I know Barb, KD7ITK, and her committee have been very busy organizing. So please sign up and let's have some fun with our radios and support this wonderful event. Twenty-eight years! And we have helped with all of them!

August is the month for the **Lancaster County SuperFair**! Do you like driving golf carts? Well, here is your chance to give rides to patrons of the fair. See the article in the column to the right, and check with Reynolds Davis, KØGND, at the July 11 Club meeting to sign up and help with this event.

We will have more info for the August *LOG* concerning other events for us, so please stand by.

—Mike Long, KØSHC, and
Bryan Leavitt, WØBCL
2012 Public Service Chairs
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Bike Club Events—May 19, 20

The Lincoln Criterium Bike Race was held near the Capitol on Saturday morning, May 19. These fine folks watched over the racers: NØDIZ, KØGND, KØ-KPH, ACØLD, ACØLN, KDØNHV, KDØNJA, KDØPTI, KBØRZP, and KØ-SHC.

And on Sunday, the Gran Prix Bike Race was held at Pioneer Park, with help from ACØLD, ACØLN, NØGNY, KDØHYO, KDØNHU, KDØNHV, KDØONN, KDØONO, KDØPTI, KDØRTK, KDØRTO, and KØWTV.

Many thanks to each of these folks for their valuable assistance!

—Richard Mulder, ACØLN
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Lancaster County Fair— August 2–11

Another SuperFair is coming, opening Thursday, August 2, and running through Saturday, August 11, at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock.

We'll be providing our normal foot patrol in the midway and exhibits as well as a golf-cart service helping move people to and from various Fair locations.

We are promised that there will be more gas-powered golf carts this year to beat the battery-charge issues we encountered last year. Best of all, we'll be in charge of the golf carts; so, if you are on the schedule, there will be one waiting for you!

Last year (2011), we transported

13,849 people from here to there in 4,981 trips! In addition, we found 5 lost children and 3 lost parents. We reported 3 medical issues, 6 car problems, helped find 4 lost cars and just had fun!

In all, 45 LARC members logged 965 public service hours last year !!

We'll start at 9:00 AM and run to Midnight each day in 3-hour shifts (9:00 AM to Noon, Noon to 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and 9:00 to Midnight).

We will receive free entry to the fair, a nice tee-shirt and a beverage coupon. So sign up now, at the July 11 Club meeting or by e-mail to KØGND at Reyn-oldsD1@aol.com. Let KØGND know which days and which shifts you would like!

Set your radios for 146.550 MHz simplex, and come on out!

—Reynolds Davis, KØGND
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Public Service Checklist: HT OK? Batteries OK? Antenna OK? / Mobile OK? Antenna OK? Gas OK? / Map? GPS? Instructions (this page)? Note pad & pencil? Binoculars? Water? Snack? Rain gear? Hat?

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Midwest Hamfests, Etc. Starts on Page 7

Sponsor: Muscatine ARC & Washington Area ARC

Website: <http://kc0aqs.org/hamfest.html>

10/13/2012 | Iowa State Convention (Hamboree 2012)

Location: Sergeant Bluff, IA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: The 3900 Club & Siouxland Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://3900club.com>

10/27/2012 | Halloween Hamfest

Location: Kirkwood, MO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: St. Louis ARC

Website: <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org>

11/04/2012 | Iowa Section Convention (41st Annual DRAC Hamfest & Computer Show)

Location: Davenport, IA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Davenport Radio Amateur Club

Website: <http://www.arcsupport.com/drac/hamfest.html>

11/10/2012 | Raytown Club 2012 Hamfest

Location: Kansas City, MO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Raytown ARC

Website: http://k0gq.com/Raytown_2012_Hamfest.pdf

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Adapted from the June 2012 *ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter* by WBØRJJ

51st Annual Central Nebraska Amateur Radio Club Hamfest and Steak Fry

July 28-29, 2012

Victoria Springs SRA

(\$5/day, \$26/season)

Located 7 miles east of Anselmo

Saturday, July 28th

1000 FCC exams at the shelter in the southwest corner of Victoria Springs Park. KØIH and Lincoln ARC in charge. Extra VEs may be needed. Walk-ins accepted. Please bring fee and paperwork.

1200 Lunch on your own.

1400 Gather for an old-time ice cream social! Bring your freezer and fixins. Cookies and bars are also needed. Come and enjoy, just follow the crowd. BYO bowl & spoon!

1530 Afternoon transmitter hunt. Bill Seier, WBØSIP, heads the Fox Hunts.

1830 Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers at the shelter house. Choice of side, chips and drink, fee to cover costs. CNARC in charge with help from Lincoln ARC.

1900 Big Ed's Popcorn Emporium. Free popcorn in memory of Ed Doehling, WØHQE. Sponsored by Blue Valley ARC. Bring a chair, always some entertainment!

2200 Transmitter hunt. Lots of fun for nite owls. Tune to 146.52 simplex for details.

Sunday, July 29th

0730 Coffee and rolls east of the shower house. Custer County ARC.

0900 Registration begins in the picnic area. Bring a covered dish and utensils. Fee covers noon steak fry, day's activ-

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Save the Date!**LARC Holiday Party
Sunday, December 9, 2012
Misty's, 63rd & Havelock**

5:30-6:30 PM—Social Hour

6:30 PM—Dinner Served

Sit-down dining (with a menu)
and a cash bar7:00 PM—Entertainment by
the HAM BAND *plus*
more surprises in store!**Door Prizes galore!**

Members and their families: \$18 each

Nonmembers: \$24 each

Moving? License Expiring?

If you move, *please* give LARC your new address. Send Change of Address info to Club President Mike Wasserstein kb0dnp@yahoo.com. The Club has to pay extra for each *LOG* returned by the U.S. Postal Service.

Licensed Amateur Radio Operators also need to tell the FCC about any change of address. This URL will tell you how to do it electronically or using a paper form: http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=cft&id=amateur&page=cft_change_address.

Speaking of the FCC, right now is a good time to haul out your wallet and check the expiration date on your Ham Radio license (FCC Form 660). If yours expires within 90 days, learn how to renew it by using the address above, but change the last three words to: `cft_renew_amateur`.

—Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ

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Lincoln LOG Mail Prep

A dozen folks made quick work of the June *LOG* with the special help of T & R's Garden Restaurant, which opened just for us! Thank you.

Also, thanks to KCØDHM, KDØDIU, KAØFQF, KØGND, KØIH, KBØKA, KØKPH, KØKTZ, NØNU, KDØPTE, KØVNI, Kay Softley and Candice Craig. Candice is an employee with T & R's. She opened the restaurant for us and helped fold!

Another group gathered on Monday evening, July 2, to prepare for mailing the copy you are holding in your hand, copies for all other LARC members everywhere and copies for all the Hams in Lancaster County. See the August *LOG* to find out who they were.

Please help us get the August issue together—fold, tape and label—for more than 730 recipients. We'll meet at 7:00 PM on **Monday evening, July 30, no longer at T & R's Garden Restaurant, but at the Northside Café, 48th & St. Paul. Park in the rear and come in the back door.** Come and enjoy good conversation, good humor, a positive shared experience, a free *LOG* (while supplies last) and living proof that “*many hands make light work.*” These gatherings are always listed on *LOG* Page 1 under “Coming Events.”

—Reynolds Davis, KØGND, and
Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ

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Field Day 2012

This year we had 5 operating stations with over 1500 combined contacts. In all we had approximately 23 individuals operating these stations throughout the 24-hour event.

This year I would estimate that we had slightly over 100 Club members and visitors combined attend LARC Field Day 2012.

We also want to thank the following businesses for their donations to Field Day.

- Otte Oil & Propane
- Biggerstaff Plumbing & Heating
- Brinkman Painting
- Eagle Services
- Arctic Glacier Ice

Thanks to everyone who participated in Field Day 2012. Look for more info and official results in the upcoming August *Lincoln LOG*.

—73, Jeff Bennett WØWKP
2012 Field Day Chair

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New Extra Class Question Pool

Studying for Extra? Be sure to use study and exam prep material dated July 1, 2012—June 30, 2016, such as the *ARRL Extra Class License Manual 10th Edition* (500 pages + CD ROM, \$30 + S&H from ARRL or LARC [see LOG Page 4]).

For Sale / Wanted

For Sale from Don Duckett, WCØP, estate:

HyGain 3-element 2-meter **beam**, \$25

HyGain 10-element 2-meter **beam**, \$25

HyGain 14-element **beam** (needs repair), \$25

HyGain 2-meter 14-element dual-polarity **beam**, \$75

HyGain 144/440 vertical **antenna**, \$50

HyGain 55-ft crank-up **tower**, \$500

HyGain 10-160 vertical **antenna**, \$400

TET-Emtron 4-element triband (TE-43) **yagi** (needs repair), \$100

Unknown 2-section, light-weight, 40-ft crank-up **tower**, \$25

Call **Reynolds Davis, KØGND**, for details, 402/488-3706.

For Sale from Darrell Neemann, NØZRS, Estate:

Butternut HF-6V, 6-band HF vertical **antenna**, \$150

Heathkit HW 101 HF **Transceiver & Manual**, \$275

Realistic, HTX 202 **HT** with Spkr mic, spare batteries & charger, \$60

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For Sale from Jerry Tucker, KAØJGE, Estate:

HyGain Explorer 14 10-15-20 **beam**, \$350

HyGain 77DX **HF vertical** (some parts missing), \$25

HyGain 14AVT **HF vertical** (some parts missing), \$25

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Pioneer ARC Annual Flea Market

This will be held 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon on Saturday, **July 14**, 2012, at the St. Charles Parish Center, 8th & Locust, **North Bend**, NE. Admission: \$2 donation at the door. VE Testing will be administered at 9:30 AM, prize drawings will be held every half hour, and the door prize drawing will be at 12:00 Noon. Food by Darlene's Diner (NØLOP). Tables \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Talk-in on WNØL, 146.670 (-). Contact Rich Mehaffey, KBØARZ, 230 W 11th St, North Bend, NE 68649-4011; 402/652-3410; 4randjme@futuretk.com; www.k0jfn.com.

Ak-Sar-Ben ARC FLEA-ESTA Annual Flea Market

This will be held 8:00 AM—1:00 PM on Saturday, **September 8**, 2012, at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, **Springfield**, NE. Admission: \$4. Door prizes. Free coffee. Tables \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Contact Pat Joseph, 1821 Robertson Dr., Omaha, NE 68114; 402/492-9156; flea@aksarbenarc.org; www.aksarbenarc.org.

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The Quickies

Nice to hear Marty Griffin, WAØGEH, and other balloon experts passing through Lincoln June 6 on their way to a conference in the Omaha area. ... So, you're running a business and have stuff to ship to Omaha. Would you send it to Des Moines and then have it shipped back to Omaha? I'd expect not, unless you're the Post Office—that's how they do it. If you live in Omaha, your

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Victoria Springs Hamfest Starts on P 10

ities and prize drawings. Prices to be determined by the beef market.

0930 MARS meeting. Also Church Services (see phone book for churches).

1000 Swap meet on the west side.

Please BYO tables! Free setup.

1100-1130 Everyone bring covered dishes to serving tables. CNARC provides sirloin steaks or sirloin burgers, and drinks. BYO table service. Extra tables and chairs are recommended.

1145-1200 Form four lines. Get your appetites ready! Steaks and sirloin burgers served by CNARC and volunteers.

Afternoon program: CNARC Membership Meeting, Prizes (must be present to win).

Repeater: Broken Bow 147.060 (+)

Adapted by WBØRJJ from CNARC ad; contact WØKVM, EdIMil@aol.com. For more than half a century, Nebraska Hams have had a great time at Victoria Springs. Why not join them this year?

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The Quickies

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LOG went from here to DSM then back to OMA! For Lincolniters, your LOG goes to Omaha and then back to Lincoln! Guess what? The Post Office is going broke! ... Tyler White, KDØBSA, is proving that he has no fear of heights by climbing towers and earning money by painting from the basket of a cherry-picker. ... Congratulation to Barb Runions, KD7ITK, who won a new Wouxum HT from a Lincoln Repeater Club drawing. ... After Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB's, June Club meeting presentation, it is clear why he is also known as "Disco Joe" and the "Kimono Kid." ... Wow! Raffle winners at the June Club meeting included Mary Draper, KDØONS, who won the \$\$, while Connie Zehr, NØGMA, took home a nice searchlight and John Hauner, KØIH, won a new multimeter. ... Mike Wasserstein, KBØDNP, has found other Skywarn® courses from MetEd to be beneficial. He just completed "Definition of the Mesoscale." ... Dave Gerber, KØWDW, as a biker tested himself during Trail Trek but suffered from dehydration. ... My suggestion for a "no in-and-out" net was adopted by Net Manager Larry Nelson, KNØRKY, and successfully tested at 10:00 PM on Friday, June 22. Looks like this conversation net will be a regular on Fridays. ... Art, KØAIZ, and Chris, N6CLZ, are back after a two-week cruise down the Danube and Rhone Rivers. ... Nice to see many folks at the Field Day functions, and hats off to the FD

Committee who made it a very successful event. Particularly nice to see former Club VP (1999) Jerry McFarland, KE5RX, who came to the Sunday breakfast disguised as a Mazda Miata—driving fisherman hiding behind a Santa-sized white beard. ... Warning to fish in Northern Minnesota: Watch out! Keith Freeouf, K9WAG, is coming, and he takes no prisoners. ... See you at the Club meeting.

—De KØGND

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Twenty Years Ago in the LOG

The July 1992 Club meeting featured Roger Cox, WBØDGF, who spoke on the topic "Build or Buy?" ... The new blue vinyl Club banners (still being used—ed.) were shown at the Club meeting. ... A new net for young hams was being hosted Saturdays at 8:00PM by Andy Flowers, KBØJSU (now KØSM) on the 147.240 (+) NØFER repeater. ... Public Service included three Skywarn® nets, the MS bike ride and helping direct the parade in celebration of Hallam's Centennial. ... There was ingenuity for the monthly transmitter hunt as Scott McCullough, now NBØW, was hidden in a large cardboard refrigerator box in front of a new house north of 20th and Superior. Denny Zabel, WBØYER, and XYL Linda, solved the mystery in 36 minutes. ... Helpful "how-to" article by Dan Cowell, KBØIEK, on changing a standard incandescent to an LED light.

—Reynolds Davis, KØGND

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For Sale/Wanted

See ads on Page 12.

Ads are free to local Radio Amateurs. E-mail your ad by the last Wednesday of the month to wb0rjj@gmail.com, with "Lincoln LOG Ad" on the Subject line.

Become a Member of LARC >

Membership in the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club requires only an interest in Amateur Radio and payment of the annual membership dues, currently \$15 per calendar year.

To join, clip and complete this > form and bring it with your check to any Club meeting (see Page 1), or mail it to the address given. Or access the Club's Web site, <http://k0kkv.org>, and use PayPal there. *We want you* to be a member!

The Last Word

What would life be without a few challenges? Last month had more than a few.

Without going into any of the details: We have spent portions of several weeks in a distant city helping out family members after a fall resulted in a badly broken ankle.

Scheduled vehicle maintenance showed the need for two new tires and some other unexpected expenses.

The laptop on which the *LOG* has come to life every month for nearly five years became completely unreliable. So we have a new one, with several of the non-QWERTY buttons in different places. And new software, with many of the old ways of doing

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Registration Form

Personal Information (please print legibly)

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things replaced by new ones—some better, some not much of an improvement, if any.

It has been interesting to be a "forced student" in recent days. Just as I learned PowerPoint so I could challenge you at the May meeting to "Sharpen Your Mind and Broaden Your Horizons," I'm still learning, now past the "threescore years and ten." This old dog can learn new tricks—and so can you. No excuses now!

Happy Fourth, everyone!

—Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ

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