



DECEMBER MEETING
19:30, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
LI-COR, 4647 SUPERIOR STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

ELECTIONS



VOTE

It is time to elect club members to the LARC Board. It is critical for all members to come and vote.

Look inside this edition for write-ups submitted by each candidate. Come to the club meeting on Wednesday, December 13, and vote for the candidates you want to see on your LARC Board of Directors. Make your voice heard!

Please bring a snack to share and a canned food item for the People's City Mission.

—Aaron Rogge, NØADR

EVENT CALENDAR

December					
Th	12/07	18:30	VE Exams	TBD	Watch K0kkv.org for info
Sa	12/09	11:00	HPQRP Homebrewers	Bredeaux Pizza	1425 Silver St, Ashland
W	12/13	12:00	QCWA Luncheon	The Eatery	2548 S 48th
W	12/13	19:30	LARC Meeting	LI-COR	4647 Superior St
Sa	12/16	18:00	LARC Holiday Party	Elks Lodge #80	5910 S 58th St
W	12/20	19:00	LARC Board Meeting	Red Cross	220 Oakcreek Dr
Th	12/21	19:30	SATERN Meeting	Salvation Army	2625 Potter St
We	12/27	23:59	LOG Deadline	Email articles & ads to log@k0kkv.org	

January					
Tu	01/02	19:00	LOG Folding	Red Cross	220 Oakcreek Dr
Th	01/04	18:30	VE Exams	TBD	Watch K0kkv.org for info
W	01/10	12:00	QCWA Luncheon	The Eatery	2548 S 48th
W	01/10	19:30	LARC Meeting	LI-COR	4647 Superior St
Sa	01/13	11:00	HPQRP Homebrewers	Bredeaux Pizza	1425 Silver St, Ashland
W	01/17	19:00	LARC Board Meeting	Red Cross	220 Oakcreek Dr
Th	01/18	19:30	SATERN Meeting	Salvation Army	2625 Potter St
Tu	01/23	23:59	LOG Deadline	Email articles & ads to log@k0kkv.org	
Mo	01/29	19:00	LOG Folding	Red Cross	220 Oakcreek Dr

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 PO Box 5006
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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Ed Holloway	KØRPT	402/326-1139	k0rpt@arrl.net
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2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

COMMITTEE	LIAISON	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Activities		Bruce Wood, WAØRIM
Bylaws	KØRPT	Jeff Bennett, WØWKP
Christmas Party	KØRPT	Heather Chesnut, KDØBXA
Club Awards	KØRPT	Heather Chesnut, KDØBXA
Club Station		Bruce Steyer, KBØKA
Convention		
Education	WØBCL	Aaron Rogge, NØADR Brian Leavitt, WØBCL
Emergency Cord. ARRL	KØRPT	Ed Holloway, KØRPT
Estate Assistance	KTØK	Gordon Trout, WØKBS
Facebook		Dale Douglas, KDØWVD
Field Day		John Mardock, KRØP Mike Walsh, KBØQH Larry Frisch, KDØRTK
LOG Editors		Aaron Rogge, NØADR Jeri Lyn Rogge, NØJLR
Merchandise	W9LG	
Nets	WØBCL	Eric Bigham, KØJIA
Public Relations	KØRPT	Bob Mitchell, WBØRJJ
Public Service	KØSHC	Mike Long, KØSHC
QSL Cards	KTØK	Greg Brown, KTØK
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Transmitter Hunts		
Web Site	KØRPT	Aaron Rogge, NØADR
Equipment Inventory	W9LG	Larry Frisch, KDØRTK



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



I want to thank Joe, KØNEB, for his presentation last month. He filled a void and gave information that many were looking for.

The LARC Holiday Party will be at the Elks Lodge #80 this year, and we have Randy King, KØNC, to thank for the use of this venue. Doors open at 18:00, and supper lines will open at 19:00. We've asked for those who can to bring a dish to share. If you can't, yet still want to contribute monetarily, please see Greg Brown, KTØK, at the club meeting. We thank you for your support.

As this will be my last entry to the LOG as club president for 2017, I want to thank all of you for supporting LARC, our mission, and everything we do. It has been great to be a part of this awesome club, and I look forward to many more years because of you.

I want to thank each of our Board members for their willingness to take a role in moving the club in a positive direction and ensuring we'll be here for many more years! Thanks to all of our committee chairs and their efforts to make everything happen. Thank you to those who stepped up to the plate and accepted roles on the Board when others had to leave. This year was met with a few challenges, and I am thankful for the help, guidance, and understanding of our Board and members. Those challenges didn't sway the direction of the club—it strengthened it. That is in itself very

positive!

The December club meeting is election night. Seven folks will be running for the Board. We have not had this many people run for some time. Each of them are great and have experience they bring to the table to continue the club's forward movement. Please come and vote!

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for your hard work with ARES. I had a meeting with Jim Davidsaver last week that was very enlightening, and I look forward to a great year in 2018. On this Thanksgiving Day, I am thankful for all the support I received in 2017 from many of you. As I close, I remind you, this is your club. Be a part of it, come see us at monthly meetings, and take on a role if you can.

See you all at the club meeting.

—Ed Holloway, KØRPT



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HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR LARC?

Have you brewed up a great idea for education, social outings, fundraisers, club meetings, or more? Email your ideas to log@k0kkv.org.

LARC HOLIDAY PARTY

- WHEN:** December 16, 2017
- TIME:** Doors open at 18:00
Supper begins at 19:00
- WHERE:** Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th St
Lincoln, NE 68516
- COST:** Free to all 2017 & 2018 LARC
members (meat provided, please
bring a dish to share)



More details available on page 9.



SNACKS & CANNED FOOD

DECEMBER 13 LARC MEETING

Please plan to bring a snack to share at break time.

Bring a canned food item for donation to the People's City Mission.

Thank you!

—Bev Bennett, KDØPTR



PUBLIC SERVICE



market-market
relay

Thanks to the following Hams who came out and helped with the Market to Market Relay

Race: KCØBHJ, KDØDIU, KEØELM, KEØERA, KEØJBT, KBØKA, KØKPH, KDØPTF, KØSHC, and WØWKP.

Pink Gorilla Productions really appreciates our efforts and how well we work to ensure their event is fun and safe. Many participants also extended their thanks for our help.

I hope to see many of you again next year during public service season. You guys are the best!

—Mike Long, KØSHC
Public Service Chair

SILENT KEY

MERWYN VAVRINA, NØVMV



Merwyn L. Vavrina passed away November 6, 2017. Merwyn worked for Peterson Construction, was active in the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and camping and boating with his siblings. After retiring,

he volunteered to improve handicapped parking and access, HRS, and followed the activities of his children and grandchildren.

Survived by wife, Beth; daughter Chantel Vavrina of Lincoln; stepsons Chris (Jeri) Holt of Fremont, Dave (Kelli) Holt of Boise, Idaho, and Greg Holt of Lincoln; grandchildren Nicholas Vavrina, Keisean Ferdinand, Danica Holt, and Leo Holt; siblings Janie (Don) Jelinek, Mary Ann (Roger) Hirsch, Jeanette (Tom) Milos, Teresa Sasse, Dianna (Glenn) DeMarr, Cathy (Andy) Smith, Dan (Mary) Vavrina, Linda (Randy) Kroft, and Kim (Doug) Alvine; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Preceded by parents, Louis and Mary Vavrina, and an infant brother.

Memorials to Vavrina scholarship fund or Christ Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.

CLASSES

Classes will begin in January. The finishing touches are being made to the schedule. The plan is to hold a General class and follow it with the Amateur Extra class. Watch the January LOG for dates.

—Aaron Rogge, NØADR

NOVEMBER LOG ASSEMBLY CREW



Each month a great crew prepares the LOG for mailing to approximately 700 addresses.

Thank you to the seven faithful who helped with prepping the November 2017

LOG: NØADR, WØBCL, KCØDHM, KDØDIU, NØJLR, KØJSL, and KRØKAT.

Please come out to help with LOG prep. It is a great time to visit and spend time with your fellow Hams. With a crew of 15, we're able to get it done in about an hour.

The next LOG prep will be Tuesday, January 2.

—Aaron Rogge, NØADR

VE EXAM SESSIONS



The November VE session was held at Union College. The listing of those who tested will be included

in the January article.



NOTE: Due to the closure of North Side Café, future tests are on hold. A potential location was identified, but final confirmation has not been received. We are working to find an alternate location, so please check k0kkv.org for updates.

—Chris Evens, KCØPJR

LARC BOARD NOMINEES

Each of the nominees for the LARC Board has supplied a short biographical piece. The write-ups are presented in alphabetical order by call sign suffix. Elections will be held at the December LARC club meeting.

—Aaron Rogge, NØADR

CHRIS BRENNFOERDER, KCØAOO

I've had my license since 1997 and am a general class. I like HF a lot and find it fun for listening and making contacts.

I work for UNL in the custodial department. I have a wife and three kids. Some of my hobbies are geocaching and building stuff with Legos.

I was on the LARC Board for one year back in 2014. I have been on the Board for the Lincoln Repeater Club for about ten years.

I have been the president for the Lincoln Chapter of the American Council for the Blind (ACB) for two years. I am also vice president for the American Council for the Blind of Nebraska (ACBN) for four years.

I would enjoy being on the LARC Board to be more involved with the club. I would like to see the membership grow again, and I would like to see younger people get involved too.

Please vote for me. Thank you!

MICHAEL RUHRDANZ, NØFER

I have been a licensed Ham since 1976 and an active member of the LARC since moving to Lincoln in 1982.

I am currently active through focusing my energy in a variety of public service activities and behind the scenes supporting emergency communication equipment—including nine repeaters in town.

I am a past president of LARC, a Jerry Cox Award recipient, a former ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator, and currently hold the ARRL position of Technical Coordinator for Nebraska.

I am running for a position on the Board to help guide the club in expanding opportunities for new Hams to become more engaged in our community and to help shape where the club should focus its resources.

I look forward to the opportunity to further serve LARC.

GREGORY BROWN, KTØK



As a youngster, I first became interested in Ham radio while living in Kodiak, Alaska, in the 1950s and listening to

Russian Hams with my older brother on his 1946 Hallicrafters and 1936 National HRO receivers. The world seemed like a huge place then, but radio bridged the distances like nothing else could.

I was first licensed in 1961 in Virginia at the age of 12 as WN4KSJ along with my father Tom, WN4KSK, both of us at the urging of my brother Curt, then WN4IPC. Since Novice licenses back then had CW-only privileges

on HF, CW became and remains my favorite operating mode.

My favorite HF pursuits are DXing, contesting, and making friends with other Hams around the world. Other Ham radio interests include public service and SKYWARN activities, and non-Ham interests include genealogy and natural history.

I am a current Board member and past secretary, treasurer, and vice president of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club and an ARRL Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Retirement from my career with the University of Nebraska State Museum has not provided nearly as much leisure time as hoped, but hope is eternal!

RANDY KING, KØNC

I have been an active Radio Amateur for over 30 years. First licensed in 1989 as KBØECH, then NØLAQ, then finally upgrading to Amateur Extra in 1990. Later when the Vanity Call program started, I obtained the call KØNC, in homage to my hometown of Nebraska City.

I have been a part of LARC since I obtained my license, and am a Life Member of the ARRL. I have been involved mostly with Storm Spotting and some public service, including working Crop Walk with John Dale, NØFYE, for many years, and participating in the State Fair while it was in Lincoln.

I have owned and operated King's Home Inspections, LLC, for 19 years, providing independent Home Inspection services for Lincoln and southeast Nebraska. My daughter Maureen is KDØONM, and my son-in-law Kevin is KEØJHV.

I often check into the nightly 2 meter ARES nets on the KØKKV 146.16/76 repeater. On HF I enjoy RTTY roundup and November Sweepstakes, often joining other local Hams at Reynold's QTH and participating in a group event under our club's callsign.

I am an active member of the Lincoln Elks Lodge, and teach guitar and stringed instrument lessons, as well as being a Hunters Safety Instructor for Nebraska Game and Parks. I am also a certified pistol Instructor for the NRA, of which I am a life member.

I bring business management experience to the table, a background in radio of various types, and an ability to relate to people of all walks of life.

I would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for the LARC and assist in growing our club and providing benefits for members. I would like to hear what the members want and expect from their club and Directors, and find ways to implement their ideas.

PEG KIRBY, KDØONQ

First, not too many know me but I would like to change that. I do volunteer at events where I can use my handheld. Not on much as I live in a bad reception area, even for cell service. I can hear you but you can't hear me. Then again that could be an asset! I am not one to sell myself, stand on a stage and promote "me," but I do stand up for a cause and what I believe in. I can be behind the scenes or in front, just so the task is complete.

My Ham experience started as a communication tool for disaster events. That is an area I have worked for 15 years and have taken loads of courses, FEMA certifications, etc. That component is so important—look at what Hams did in Puerto Rico. I am on several disaster volunteer groups, locally, regionally and nationally, including the Region VII FEMA call out.

My goal is to bring fresh influences to you—the membership. I have years of strategic conferencing and organizational planning, doodle in graphics/computer savvy with programs, budget planning, not to mention I can bring in the mix a wide range of support functions. I have been an

administrative staff assistant with the State of Nebraska for over 35 years, 30 of which were with the Department of Education. My radio knowledge may not be the greatest, but my other skills can make the club successful.

One of these ideas is mentorship that works. I laugh at myself and I know some of you have with me. I passed a test, purchased a radio and then—what? I had no clue and at times still don't. A mentor would be assigned to a new Ham, encourage them to participate, sit with them, explain the radio and the terminology they learned—let's say hands on experience. This would be more than a one-time mentorship but an ongoing until the new Ham felt confident to stretch out on their own. Second, I would also like to see a skill set sheet. Who has what skills so I can ask them? Last month a co-worker studied online, took the test through us and asked me about radios. He didn't know what to do. This is when a mentor steps in.

Currently, I am designing simple children's block games, have one son and a granddaughter who both reside in Lincoln. Hope to retire soon (2-3 years) and enjoy.

ED HOLLOWAY, KØRPT

As another year has passed and my term on the Board comes to an end, I reflect on what has kept me motivated and wanting to be a part of this Board. For the most part, assisting with moving the club in a positive direction by building and maintaining an upbeat team of individuals who truly care about the club and its mission. Setting goals and doing what it takes to achieve them, adhering to a true budget and utilization of the resources we have within, working through issues with transparency in order to rebuild the trust of our members, listening to our member's ideas and doing what we can to assist in making them a reality. Lastly, I reflect on the recognition of those who have contributed greatly to this club and those who continue to give without questions or reservations.

Some would say, "Ed, we've had three resignations this year." I say, "Yes, we did, however, we had three very positive members step up to the plate, willing to assist where they could." I hope to believe that when they were called upon and accepted the responsibility, they see the club moving in a direction that appeals to them. Though the club's memberships are low this year, I believe that the rebuilding process has to start somewhere. I hope that those who have not taken part this last year or two, have seen what we are doing and will rejoin to help us to continue to be the club, which we have been and strive to continue to be.

Two years ago, you entrusted me to be a part of the Board. Though I have lost some sleep during the process, I truly believe in my role. We made some significant changes in bylaws and how the monthly Board meetings work. We have had some pretty awesome club meetings with some great presentations. We have had some great people join, help in short notice situations and have been able to put smiles on faces again. There is a lot more work to be done and I want to be a part of it. I am running for the Board again and ask for your support so that I can continue to assist in the processes. Thank you!

BILL PUGSLEY, WØZVW

Licensed in 1955, Bill is an Extra who has been a member of LARC for many years as well as many other clubs and organizations like Minneapolis ARC, MARS, and Heartland Hams ARC.

While with Heartland ARC, Bill served on the Board as secretary and president. He assisted with reviving the Articles of Incorporation as well. Bill was the Mills County ARES Coordinator for three years.

Bill is active with SKYWARN in both spotter and net control roles. Bill is currently an ARRL instructor and VE and is willing to help to teach the Technician classes.

BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS



Please bring UPC labels from Best Choice products purchased at Russ's or Super Saver to club meetings.

LARC HOLIDAY PARTY



The annual LARC holiday party date has been set. The venue has been chosen and the arrangements are in the making. The theme is very old school and fitting for this year, family! The cost can't be beat! Thanks to Randy King, KØNC, an official at the Elks Lodge #80, LARC has been given access to the lodge to hold our party, free of charge! It is a very nice facility with all the amenities. It also has a bar room attached to the room where our party will be. Here are the particulars you will want to know:

The holiday party budget will allow us to buy and prepare the meat for the meal, turkey and ham. We'll have it prepared by Hy-Vee and we'll serve it on the line using the warmers and kitchen utensils provided by the Elks Lodge. We ask you to please bring a side dish to share! Iced tea, lemonade, and punch would be great as well. **The date and time of the event will be December 16, 2017. Doors open at 18:00, and the supper lines open at 19:00.** Annual awards will be given during dinner. There will be a cash bar available for those who would like to enjoy an adult beverage with their meal.

The holiday party is a benefit to the 2017 members of the club and those who have paid their 2018 dues. So, your meal is on the house! The meal does not include the bar, cash bar only!

If you were not a member in 2017 but would like to join in the fun, Greg Brown, KTØK, will be on hand at the door to accept your dues for 2018. All "dues rules" pertaining to Full Membership and Associate Membership, governed by our bylaws, apply. If you are still a holdout and don't want to be a member of the club and want to join in the fun, we'll accept \$20.00 at the door for your meal and give you a Full Membership in the club!

There will not be a gift exchange and the entertainment will be soft holiday music played over the house audio system provided by the Elks Lodge.

I think of this time of year as one for family. I don't have much family but consider the Ham radio community a major part of my life and people I would love to spend my holidays with.



Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th St, Lincoln

Please plan to attend and enjoy some time with friends.

Ed Holloway, KØRPT
Heather Chesnut, KDØBXA

2018 LARC DUES

It is time to renew your 2018 membership. LARC memberships run on the calendar year, January through December.

You can renew at any club meeting, online at k0kkv.org/membership, or fill out the form on the back page and mail it in.

Your dues help keep this club running and provide for things like the monthly LOG. If you enjoy what this club does and this LOG, please renew or begin your membership.

—Aaron Rogge, NØADR

RADIO SPORT

DECEMBER

- ◆ 1-3 160 Meter
- ◆ 9-10 10 Meter
- ◆ 17 Rookie Roundup - CW

JANUARY

- ◆ 1 Straight Key Night
- ◆ 6 Kid's Day
- ◆ 6-7 RTTY Roundup
- ◆ 20-22 January VHF Contest

FEBRUARY

- ◆ 13-17 School Club Roundup
- ◆ 18-19 International DX – CW

MARCH

- ◆ 4-5 International DX – Phone

—ARRL Contest Calendar

USED EYEGLASSES NEEDED



The Lions Clubs International of Lincoln will have a used glasses collection box at our December club meeting.

Please bring any broken or used glasses to the next meeting.

—Dale & Kay Softley, KDØPTE / KDØTPP

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ABOUT THE LINCOLN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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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 to ensure the future of Amateur Radio. Annual dues are only \$20. For your convenience, please join by completing and mailing in the form below or visit k0kkv.org and use PayPal.

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Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Registration Form

Personal Information

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

License Class: Novice Tech General Advanced Extra

Membership Information

LARC (\$20 / Calendar Year: Jan - Dec) Year: _____

ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio (\$49 / year)

New Renewal

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