

#### **DECEMBER MEETING**

7:30 pm, Wednesday, December 11 LI-COR, Lincoln, Nebraska

## **DECEMBER CLUB MEETING**



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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 and vote for the candidates you want to see on your LARC Board of Directors.

Please bring a snack to share and a canned food item for the Salvation Army kitchen.

— Aaron Rogge, NØADR

5910 S 58th St

# **EVENT CALENDAR**

#### **DECEMBER**

Flks Lodge #80

IVI	12/02	1.00 pili	LOG Fleb	Liks Louge #00	3810 3 30111 31
W	12/11	12:00 pm	QCWA Luncheon	The Eatery	2548 S 48th St
W	12/11	7:30 pm	LARC Meeting & Board Elections	LI-COR	4647 Superior St
Th	12/12	7:30 pm	SATERN Meeting	Salvation Army	2625 Potter St
Sa	12/14	11:00 am	HPQRP Homebrewers	Breadeaux Pizza	1425 Silver St, Ashland
Sa	12/14	5:00 pm	LARC Holiday Party	Elks Lodge #80	5910 S 58th St
Th	12/18	7:00 pm	LARC Board Meeting	Elks Lodge #80	5910 S 58th St
Su	12/22	7	Hanukkah Begins		
Tu	12/24	midnight	LOG Deadline	Email articles & ads to lo	g@k0kkv.org
W	12/25		Merry Christmas/Happy	Holidays	

#### **JANUARY 2020**

Th	01/02	6:30 pm	VE Exams	Virginia's Café	3820 Cornhusker Hwy
М	01/06	7:00 pm	LOG Folding	Elks Lodge #80	5910 S 58th St
W	01/08	12:00 pm	QCWA Luncheon	The Eatery	2548 S 48th St
W	01/08	7:30 pm	LARC Meeting	LI-COR	4647 Superior St
Th	01/09	7:30 pm	SATERN Meeting	Salvation Army	2625 Potter St
	TBA	7:00 pm	LARC Board Meeting	Elks Lodge #80	5910 S 58th St
Tu	01/28	midnight	LOG Deadline	Email articles & ads	to log@k0kkv.org

## Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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2019	Board of	DIRECTORS

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As I write this last president's column, I can't help feeling just a touch emotional. I've enjoyed being part of this club for many years, and being your president the last three years has been

fun. Yes, we've had some challenges, but we've overcome them and moved the club forward in a very positive direction.

I want to thank all of the committee chairpersons and their committees for their dedication and hard work. I want to thank all those folks who worked in the background making things happen. Without all of you, the work couldn't have been done. I take my hat off and thank each and every member who took part in the activities and public service of the club — you are who made it all possible. Without your participation, it just wouldn't be fun.

Many a night, I was on the phone with members, other directors, and folks who I called upon for assistance or advice. Thank you so much! You made my job easier to do, and I appreciate everything. I believe the club is doing very well and in a position within our community to continue being a great source of volunteers.

It's time for a new face in this leadership role, someone who has a passion for the club and its role in Amateur Radio and the community. I encourage you to come and vote for those you feel will carry on the forward movement of the club. Though I am running for the Board, I will be happy to be a director and do my part to help.

Saturday, December 14, is the date for our annual LARC Holiday Party. It is being held at the Elks Lodge #80. Please see the article in this LOG for details. Annual awards will be presented on this night, as well.

I thank you all for allowing me to be your president. I've enjoyed it and look forward to seeing and being a part of our club's future.

See you at the club meeting!

— Ed Holloway, KØRPT

# **BOARD MEETING DATES**

Club members are welcome to attend all Board meetings. Meetings are at the Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th Street at 7:00 pm.

- ◆ Thursday, December 18
  - Ed Holloway, KØRPT











# **LARC HOLIDAY PARTY**

WHEN: December 14, 2019

**TIME:** Doors open at 5:00 pm

Supper begins at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th Street

Lincoln, NE 68516

**COST:** Free to all 2019 & 2020 LARC

members. Turkey and ham

provided. Please bring a side dish to

share.

**RSVP:** No need to RSVP! Show up and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. Membership

rules apply.

More details available on page 10.

## **NOVEMBER VE EXAM**



We held our October session at Virginia's Café with one examinee, who took

and passed to receive his license.

#### **TECHNICIAN**

◆ Neal Bartels, KEØYJD, Lincoln

Congratulations!

Volunteer Examiners (VEs) who participated this month were NØBCL, KCØDHM, and KCØPJR.

Upcoming exam dates are December 5, January 2, and February 6 at Virginia's Café, 3820 Cornhusker Highway. We look forward to all who can attend and either assist or take an exam.

— Chris Evens, KCØPJR



#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**



LARC membership dues for 2020 are needed soon. Memberships are on the calendar year, January through December. Your annual

membership helps make many of the activities of this club possible and provides for this LOG.

If you haven't renewed yet, please see Greg Brown, KTØK, at the club meeting, renew online, or see the back page for how to mail your renewal.

And, if you're not already an LARC member, now is the perfect time to join. Anyone, licensed or not, who has an interest in Amateur Radio, is welcome.

Thank you for your support!

— Aaron Rogge, NØADR

#### SILENT KEY

### SHARON ELLERMEIER, KDØWYG/SK



Sharon Ellermeier passed away Friday, November 8, after complications from a fall. She loved ham radio and looked forward to a time when she could help with storm spotting and

getting a radio hooked up in her car.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 15, and a beautiful silent key oak plaque and history were given to the family.

In 1989, Sharon founded the Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), a domestic violence and sexual assault program, committed to the prevention and elimination of interpersonal and family violence in the lives of children, women, and men. Sharon's legacy lives on in this program that serves Arthur, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, and Perkins Counties, and continues to positively impact the lives of so many.

Sharon loved exploring the world. She traveled extensively throughout the United States, visited Canada and Mexico, ventured to Scotland, Ireland, and England several times, and in 2014 went to Germany for an exhibition of Ralph Fox's photographs that she helped organize. Another of Sharon's legacies — that exhibition — now has a permanent home in the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum in Lincoln.

In 2013, Sharon received her Amateur Radio Technician License. She was a member of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club and enjoyed attending the monthly meetings and helping with snacks. She was a regular check-in



on the 9:00 pm ARES 2 meter net.

Sharon's family and strong community of friends will miss her, but she will live on in their hearts as they carry forward the legacy of outreach to those in need that she leaves behind.

— Bev Bennett, KDØPTR

#### LOOKING FOR WRITERS

Do you have Amateur Radio-related news to share? If so, drop us a line at log@k0kkv.org.

— Jeri Lyn Rogge, NØJLR

## **SNACK SHACK NEWS**



For the December 11 meeting, please bring an item for the snack table to enjoy during the Board election ballot-count break time. Drinks and chocolate sheet cake will be provided

by the Snack Shack.

As in years past, we will be collecting canned food items for the Salvation Army kitchen. Please bring your donation to the meeting.

— Bev and Chuck Bennett, KDØPTR and KDØPTK, "LARC Snack Shack"

#### **ALEX LEWIS, W3ALX**

My name is Alex Lewis. I received my Technician license in July 2015 with the call sign KEØFER. I later had my call changed to W3ALX and upgraded to a General license in September 2017. I'm currently working towards my Extra Class license.

I was a radioman in the Navy and Navy Reserve from 1985 to 1993 and had the pleasure of working and learning at very interesting communication stations in Maine, Hawaii, and Western Australia.

I have lived and worked in Lincoln since 1988, enjoying a career in the information technology field. I am currently a senior IT security engineer at Union Bank and live in the North Hills neighborhood with my wife Joely. My other hobby is singing barbershop with the Pathfinder Chorus in Fremont.

So far, my primary involvement with LARC has been with ARES and learning about antennas — and how to make one that will work in a restrictive HOA. I especially enjoy working on the SKYWARN team. I desire to become more involved in other areas and expand my contributions to LARC. Thank you for considering me for the honor of serving on the Board.

### JAMES NELSON, WØJRN

I have been in ham and shortwave radio since I was a teen. I was an enlisted crypto and ground radio tech in the Air Force during Viet Nam.

After the war, I owned a TV repair and twoway radio shop; became an engineer for the Voice of America; was a contract CE for WRAL-TV, WEED AM-FM, WNCT AM-FM-TV, WIAM AM, and others; was an ATE/Avionics engineer for Continental Airlines; and worked as a technical advisor and engineering coordinator for a computer equipment manufacturer.

My Novice license lapsed during my enlistment. I have been WDØDQL since 1977, WØJRN since 2017. The original WØJRN/SK,

Don Shearer, was one of my Elmers in the late 1960s. Another of my Elmers, Ed Reed, KØEUU/SK, gave me a Heathkit TWOER.

In addition to radio- and electronics-related positions, I was a homeowner's association president, liaison to the Thornton, Colorado, city government, director of a national truck driving school, a real estate broker, and a trainer of contracts and real estate law.

My current position is with the Nebraska Forest Service in Mead, Nebraska, at the NFS Fire Equipment Shop. I am a past ARRL Official Observer, technical coordinator, and am currently an ARES District Emergency Coordinator for southeast Nebraska.

I look forward to offering my knowledge and help to the club.

#### GREGORY BROWN, KTØK

First licensed in 1961 as WN4KSJ (Novice, code-only), CW became, and remains, my favorite operating mode. DXing, contesting, and making friends in countries I will probably never visit top my list of favorite HF activities. VHF activities focus on ARES, SKYWARN, and public service.

I retired in 2014 from my 35-year career as a field and laboratory paleontologist for the University of Nebraska State Museum, which was supposed to give me lots more time to devote to Amateur Radio (and genealogy, travel and camping), but it seems we are busier now than ever before!

Over the next two years I'd like to focus on getting at least half of LARC's Technician-class Hams onto the HF bands so these new Hams can enjoy all that these bands have to offer, and establish an active program of mentoring new Hams. I was lucky to have my brother WB4KZL/SK and father WN4KSK/SK as my mentors and now my wife Martha KYØK as my inspiration and partner in ham radio, but many new Hams are on their own in our hobby. We owe them our support and encouragement.

Thanks for your consideration. 73 and Happy 2020!

# Maureen Sadler, KDØONM



My name is Maureen Sadler, KDØONM, and I have been a Ham since May 2011. I became interested in ham radio at an early age thanks to the influence of my dad, Randy, KØNC.

Since then, I've enjoyed being a member of the club and storm spotting during severe weather deployments. You can usually find me near Panama, watching storms slide across southern Lancaster County.

I love helping to plan our LARC Holiday Party, and have done so for the last three years. In October 2019, I was named the club's assistant public relations chair, and I help manage the club's Facebook page and group.

I feel that it's important that younger generations begin to step up, be active, help the club, and carry the hobby and the public service we do into the future.

I live near Bennet with my husband Kevin, KEØJHV, our two-month-old daughter Emilie, and numerous cats. I also currently serve as the chaplain for the Elks Lodge #80 in Lincoln.

Thank you for your support and vote!

#### BEV BENNETT, KDØPTR



My name is Bev Bennett, and I have been married to Chuck, KDØPTK, for 58 years. Chuck and I have worked side by side in our service to the club. We have three children and 12 grandchildren. My hobbies

include ham radio, camping, and treasure hunts. Over the years, I worked as Traffic Manager and Administrative Assistant for KGMT radio and KOLN/KGIN TV.

I received my Technician license in 2012 after Reynolds Davis, KØGND, and Jeff Bennett, WØWKP, spoke at a meeting we attended on emergency communications.

I upgraded to General and serve as net control for a weekly HF net. I meet the qualifications to serve on the Board (bylaws 3.01). I have been an LARC member for eight years and rarely miss a monthly meeting.

Contributions include net control for the Thursday ARES net; past Lincoln LOG

editor; SKYWARN certified storm spotter; Field Day family picnic coordinator; GOTA station coordinator; volunteerism at the Cornhusker State Games, Lincoln Marathon, Lincoln Lancaster County Fair, Market to Market Relay, and EYE RUN; club meeting Snack Shack operations; club activities committee; and Antenna Workshop organizer.

The magic of ham radio is that there are no age or income barriers. Older Hams and Elmers have so much to teach new Hams. It is so important that we not lose the opportunity to learn from the previous generation. I support ongoing continuing education classes for new Hams on HF, antennas installation and grounding, digital modes, propagation, satellite, WinLink, ARES traffic net, and ARRL classes.

In conclusion, members are the club. Without you, there is no club. I serve at your pleasure. I will provide you the opportunity to bring your ideas and suggestions to the Board. I would appreciate your vote.

### ED HOLLOWAY, KØRPT



Being on the Board the last four years has been fun, exciting, and sometimes challenging. I enjoy serving in this capacity and watching all the things we do as a club come together. In the last few years, we've been able to move forward in a very positive direction. The Board is one part of that; our members are the biggest part of it. We have a great team of people on the Board who have the club's interest at heart and want to make things happen. That has made my part very easy.

In the last three years, we have been able to make some serious progress in areas I felt were very important. Transparency between the Board and members was at the top of my list.

We've taken steps to improve membership benefits and wisely used membership and donated funds to enhance the member experience. We stepped up our education classes, thereby increasing the pass rate and further strengthening our future as a club.

This year, we made club meeting presentations more Amateur Radio-related, technical, and interesting to a wider audience. We've enjoyed fun and family-oriented activities, including soup suppers, fox hunts, and picnics.

There are things yet to be completed. The club station is one, and I've been working on locating a new facility. The club is growing, and I'm excited to be a part of it. I want to continue helping our club and would appreciate your vote.

#### KIM CARTWRIGHT, KEØTNR



My name is Kim
Cartwright. I have lived
in Lincoln most of my
life. I became a Ham in
November of 2018 and got
my General in March of
2019. I plan on going for
my Extra in the future.

Since becoming a Ham, I have participated in multiple volunteer events and Field Day. I have attended every meeting since shortly before getting my license and check into the nightly net. I have been around Amateur Radio since I was little. My dad was WAØHNW/SK. I enjoyed watching him build gadgets and operate his ham radios and teletype system.

I have an adult son, Kyle. I love spending time with him, his wife Koren, and their three dogs. I have a 10-month-old Great Pyrenees puppy named Stormy that keeps me busy. I enjoy reading, camping, learning, computers, ham radio, watching movies, and taking Stormy for walks.

IF YOU ARE A CLUB MEMBER, BE SURE TO COME OUT AND VOTE ON DECEMBER 11.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**



During the winter months, and especially when the weather is nasty, Tabitha Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to ensure

hot lunches are delivered to homebound Lincoln residents.

What's involved? Drivers transport containers of food to locations in Lincoln and deliver individual meals to recipients' homes. The time commitment is small, but the "feel-good" reward is huge.

If you're interested in joining an on-call list, send an email to k0rpt@arrl.net.

— Ed Holloway, KØRPT

# LARC HOLIDAY PARTY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14



The theme for this year's holiday party will be exactly like years past: Family! First, a big thank you to Randy King, KØNC, and Maureen Sadler, KDØONM. LARC has again been provided access to the Elks Lodge #80 for our venue. It is a very nice facility with all the amenities, including a lounge attached to the dining area.

Here are the particulars you will want to know. The date is Saturday, December 14, 2019. Doors open at 5:00 pm, and the dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. The annual awards will be given after the dinner is served. There will be a cash bar available for those who would like to enjoy an adult beverage with their meal.

LARC will supply turkey, ham, and stuffing. The club will also provide a sweet dessert this year. We ask that you please bring a side dish to share — yams, veggies, beans, salad — whatever you hanker for with your holiday feast. If you would prefer to leave the cooking alone but still want to help with the feast, please speak with Heather or Maureen, and we

will accommodate you.

The holiday party is a benefit for 2019 club members and those who have paid their 2020 dues. So, if you are paid up, plate up!

If you are not a member for 2019 and haven't paid your dues for 2020 — but would still like to join in the fun — Greg Brown, KTØK, and Heather Chesnut, KDØBXA, will be available to accept your dues payment at the door.

Entertainment for the evening will be the company of fellow Hams and their families under soft holiday music.

There is no need to RSVP. There will be plenty of food for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there.



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

— Heather Chesnut, KDØBXA, & Maureen Sadler, KDØONM

# NOVEMBER LOG ASSEMBLY CREW



Thank you to everyone who prepped the November LOG: WØBCL, KDØDIU, WDØEZI, NØJLR, KØJSL, KBØK, KØNC, KDØONM, KBØQH, KDØRTK, WØZWV, Jon Peterson, and Becky Pugsley.

Join us for our next LOG folding session at the Elks Lodge #80, 5910 S 58th Street.

— Jeri Lyn Rogge, NØJLR

## **CONVENTION: SAVE THE DATE**

Come to the Nebraska ARRL State Convention, where we bring ham radio into focus, on Saturday, March 14. More details to come!

— Mike Long, KØSHC

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

LARC is on Facebook and Twitter!
Search for "Lincoln Amateur Radio
Club" on either network, or navigate to
fb.me/LARCLincoln and twitter.com/KOKKV.
We also now have the Lincoln Amateur
Radio Club KØKKV group on Facebook at
bit.ly/LARCgroup, which is a great resource
to chat with other Hams, offer up any gear
you have, and much more.

If you have questions or content to submit for distribution, please email me at <a href="wj0tx@arrl.net">wj0tx@arrl.net</a>. Get social with us!

— Justin Williamson, WJØTX

#### RADIO SPORT

#### **DECEMBER**

- ◆ 6−8 160 Meter ◆ 14−15 10 Meter
- ◆ 22 Rookie Roundup CW

### **JANUARY, 2020**

- ◆ 1 Straight Key Night
- ◆ 4 Kid's Day
- ◆ 4–5 RTTY Roundup
- ◆ 18–20 January VHF Contest

#### FEBRUARY, 2020

- ◆ 11–15 School Club Roundup
- ◆ 16–17 International DX CW

#### MARCH, 2020

- ◆ 2–3 International DX Phone
  - ARRL Contest Calendar

## **SUPPORTING BUSINESS MEMBERS**

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## 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 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 <a href="kokkv.org">kokkv.org</a> and use PayPal.

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