

2026

February

LINCOLN LOG

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club



# LARC Meeting

February 11, 2026 - 19:30

LARC Clubhouse 4420 NW 41st Street

Club meetings are free and open to all. No need to have a license or club membership. We welcome anyone who has an interest in amateur radio.

## Program

### Financial Protection For Your Amateur Radio Equipment

Fred Wiebelhaus, K0FJW holds a Nebraska property and casualty producer license and has been in insurance claims for 25 plus years. He will present on the best way to protect your financial interest in your amateur radio equipment and accessories.

## Event Calendar

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Club Repeater KØKKV 146.760 (-)

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# VE MONTHLY RECORD January VE Exam Session

Chris Evens, KCØPJR

I think this is the largest month on record (without digging into the history) of candidates in one month. Not just candidates that passed, but total candidates testing. Between the two sessions of our standard Thursday and the one-day class, we had a total of 34 candidates. Of those 34, we had 32 who achieved at least one new or upgraded license. This list is as follows:

## TECHNICIAN

- William Conway, KFØWEA, Lincoln
- Janet Deaton, KFØWCY, Lincoln
- Randall Deaton, (Pending), Lincoln
- Daniel Duitsman, KFØWEG, Lincoln
- Shantelle Dunster, KFØWDM, Syracuse
- Chad Fey, (Pending), Omaha
- Thomas Garris, KFØWDD, Raymond
- Wilma Gerena, KFØWDJ, Hickman
- Aubrey Gerlach, KFØWDI, Lincoln
- Michael Hall, (Pending), Lincoln
- Dale Hayes Jr, (Pending), Lincoln
- Blaine Horalek, KFØWDE, Lincoln
- Ryan Eitel, (Pending), Hepler, KS
- Jania Johnson, KFØWEN, Lincoln
- Zachary Johnson, KFØWDA, Lincoln
- Isaac Love, KFØWDZ, Greenwood
- Matthew Love, KFØWEB, Greenwood
- Briana Lucas, KFØWCZ, Lincoln
- Jennifer Lucas, KFØWEO, Lincoln
- Robert E Lucas, KFØWEM, Lincoln
- Robert J Lucas, KFØWDN, Lincoln
- Dennis Lyons, KFØWCS, Beatrice
- Curtis Martin, KFØWDF, Nebraska City
- Brigam Nelson, KFØWDC, Peru
- Samantha Orman, KFØVZV, York
- Benjamin Philips, (Pending), Lincoln

- Jeary Ramsay, (Pending), Lincoln
- Carson Reed, KFØWFA, Lincoln
- Susan Reinsch, (Pending), Lincoln
- Charmaine Rex, KFØWDX, Milford
- Brigid Ruberson, KFØWDY
- Victor Zlab, KFØWDB, Hebron

## GENERAL

- Zed Adams, KFØVZW

## Congratulations to our new licensees!

Just a reminder that those that miss the FCC window for payment will need to work with the ARRL to get their paperwork re-submitted. That can be done by emailing [vec@arrl.org](mailto:vec@arrl.org).

**Volunteer Examiners (VE's) who participated this month are:** WØBCL, NØCLS, KCØDAD, KCØHN, KJØHN, NØLNK, NØPD, KCØPJR, AEØRP.

Thank you to all for giving your time to promote and advance the great hobby of Amateur Radio.

## ARRL Contest Calendar

### ARRL

### February

- 9-13 School Club Round Up
- 15-16 DX Contest CW

### March

- 7-8 International DX-Phone

## Log Folding

### Jean Leavitt, KØJSL

Thank you to the January LOG Folding Crew: NØADR, NØJLR, KØJSL, KRØKAT, KØKPH, KC9OTF, KF9TV, Ayden Rogge, Liam Rogge, Jon Peterson, and Mitch Ryan.

## President's Message

Ed Holloway, KØRPT, LARC President



### Welcome to 2026!

We've started off the new year positioned for another great year in amateur radio. Game Nights for the first half of the year have been dated and added to the calendar of events. Please add

them to your list of to-do's and come have some fun. Public and Community service events are being put together and a new tradition is being worked on for club members in November. Shaun is doing well in contributing great presentations for club meetings and other events. Please take a trip to the clubhouse and see all the work a few people have been doing to brighten the hallways and classrooms. Keep an eye out for early registration to help with the Lancaster Super Fair. There is going to be some great operational changes that will make our help more fun. Hope to see you all around the clubhouse!

### ARES and LARC Prepare for Severe Weather Season on March 28, 2026

#### NEARES

Nebraska sits in the heart of Tornado Alley, where severe thunderstorms, hail, high winds, and tornadoes are a real threat every spring and summer. Accurate and timely reports from trained spotters can make the difference between life and death. They help the National Weather Service (NWS) issue precise

warnings. That's why storm spotter training is so valuable – and why the upcoming session in Lincoln is worth your time.

On March 28, 2026, the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is hosting a SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training session. This event is closely tied to the Nebraska Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). ARES relies on licensed ham radio operators to serve as the eyes on the ground during severe weather. These volunteers provide critical reports to emergency managers and the NWS Omaha office.

## Game Night

Kathleen Rogge, KRØKAT

Sadly, January's Game Night was canceled (illness, exams, classes): But...Happily will be resumed this month! Our last two Game Nights for the winter will be:

- February 21
- March 14

Game Nights are from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the LARC Clubhouse, 4420 NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Lincoln.

We are looking forward to having you join us, the laughter, fun and good food. Come share your favorite games and food (and we have found that food ranges from Crock Pot entrees to desserts and snack goods), and bring your friends and favorite other:)

# \*\*\* 2026 SKYWARN Training Changes \*\*\*

Ed Holloway, KØRPT

Due to some serious health concerns, Brian Smith has been forced to cancel SKYWARN Training this year. Please pray for Brian and his family. We have made changes this year and that included a one day opportunity for Lancaster County. The new date is March 28. The agenda is the same, as follows:

- 08:00-11:00 ARES Registration
- 11:30-13:00 SKYWARN Training by NWS
- 13:00-13:45 Credentialing Exam
- 13:45-14:15 Break
- 14:15-15:15 LARC Net Operations

This day will see two simultaneous classrooms activated as we will be open to the public. We ask for your patience and apologize as we will not be able to have a make up session. Again, please pray for Brian Smith and his family as they go through this very tough situation.



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## SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING

March 28th, 2026

Lancaster Co. Amateur Radio SKYWARN SPOTTER Volunteers

&

Open To The Public

**NeARES Training & Education Center**

4420 NW 41st - Lincoln, NE

### AGENDA

ARES Registration: 08:00 - 11:00

NWS Staff: Storm Training: 11:30 - 13:00

Lancaster EOC Credential Test For Lancaster Co. Amateur Radio Spotter Volunteers: 13:00 - 13:45

BREAK 13:45 - 14:15

Ed, KØRPT LARC NET Operations: 14:15 - 15:15

A service of: Nebraska ARES, Inc. [www.neares.org](http://www.neares.org)

## ARRL America250 WAS

Generally all modes and all bands, except 60 meters, including the WARC bands are allowed. Contacts must be peer to peer. See the ARRL for additional information. Below is a partial list of the Dates and States that will be hosts.

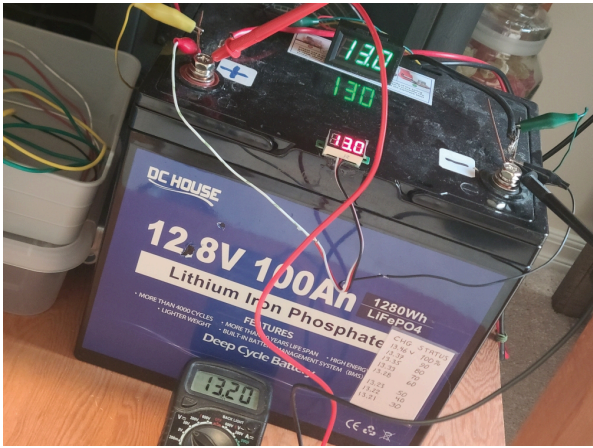
**NOTE:** Starting time for a State is 18:00 hours CST on the indicated day. CST is -6 hours difference from UTC.

Contact Matt at: [ka0boj@arrl.net](mailto:ka0boj@arrl.net) or Shaun at: [k0smm@arrl.net](mailto:k0smm@arrl.net)

02/03/2026	Alabama	W1AW/4	03/31/26	California	W1AW/6
02/03/2026	Indiana	W1AW/9	03/31/26	Mississippi	W1AW/5
02/03/2026	Vermont	W1AW/1	03/31/26	North Carolina	W1AW/4
02/03/2026	Kansas	W1AW/0	04/07/26	Washington	W1AW/7
02/11/2026	Massachusetts	W1AW/1	04/07/26	Missouri	W1AW/0
02/11/2026	Florida	W1AW/4	04/07/26	New Mexico	W1AW/5
02/18/2026	Texas	W1AW/5	04/14/26	Delaware	W1AW/3
02/17/2026	Michigan	W1AW/8	04/14/26	Idaho	W1AW/7
02/24/2026	Arizona	W1AW/7	04/21/26	Iowa	W1AW/0
02/24/2026	Georgia	W1AW/4	04/21/26	Wisconsin	W1AW/9
03/03/2026	No activations		04/28/26	New Hampshire	W1AW/1
03/10/2026	Virginia	W1AW/4	04/28/26	South Dakota	W1AW/0
03/10/2026	Guam	W1AW/KH2	04/28/26	Pennsylvania	W1AW/3
03/17/2026	Hawaii	W1AW/KH6	05/05/26	Maryland	W1AW/3
03/17/2026	Kentucky	W1AW/4	05/05/26	Nevada	W1AW/7
03/17/2026	Minnesota	W1AW/0	05/05/26	Ohio	W1AW/8
03/24/26	North Dakota	W1AW/0	05/12/26	HamVention	
03/24/26	Oklahoma	W1AW/5			

## LifePo Batt p/s Rich WA5ZQG

These are not the batteries you're looking for. It's the Lithium Ion rechargeables that blow up. LifePos are relatively safe. Lithium ions in your rechargeable flashlight, portable vacuum, and other devices may, on the rare occasion, short out and cause a fire. Teslas should be programmed to operate the garage door opener and detect a temperature rise in the battery pack.



If you're new to the hobby you've probably been advised to buy a regulated 12V power supply for \$150 or more, and if you're experienced, you probably need another. Here's an alternative: Buy a hundred Amp LifePo, used, off Ebay, for around \$120, and a Lead Acid 3A trickle charger at Walmart for \$25. LifePos can be charged over a thousand times, and operate virtually all the time in the 13 to 13.5 Volt range, and also work well when the power is off (I'm writing this the weekend of a big snowstorm),

At a conservative thousand charge cycles, once a week (50 x 20 yrs) will last longer than

you will. They specify 14.4 Volts Max, but it turns out they're 99% charged at 13.5 or so which makes a Lead Acid charger that cuts off at 13.8 or 13.9 like mine, a cheap way to charge and it doesn't ever get close the BMS cutoff built into these things (Batt Monitor System).

As you can see in the picture, I've added a DVMeter (bought on Ebay for \$10) and leave it there permanently connected just so I know. The Astrons cost 50 dollars more with meters. These digital volt meters cost 10 to 15 dollars and, like meters, are a comforting sight, just not very accurate. Mine are both 0.2V low.

You can leave the DMV connected all the time as they use about 12mA (green) or 18MA (red), and that means 2000 hours (3 months time) will use only about 24 to 36 Ah of the 100 available.

These are the best arguments for a LifePo:

- 1 Up to 20 Amp draw.
- 2 No fan needed, however don't leave it in sun at Field Day nor outside at Winter Field Day.
- 3 Lower cost than a 30 or 50 Amp Astron.
- 4 Works when AC power fails. Great for POTA.
- 5 It's different. You get to brag.

Note: First sentence adapted from Star Wars.

Rich, WA5ZQG



# General Class Starting Monday March 9, 2026

Want privileges for 83% of the Amateur Radio spectrum and, access to all Amateur Radio bands? Get your General license.

The class starts March 9<sup>th</sup> at Union Adventist University. Class meeting times will be on Mondays from 18:30 to 21:30, and will go for a least 9 weeks.

The class is free but we do recommend that you get the ARRL General Manual, available here: <https://www.amazon.com/ARRL-General-Class-License-Manual/dp/162595171X>

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## Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

License Class:     None     Novice     Tech     General     Advanced     Extra

### Memberships

LARC (\$15.00 Full, \$10.00 Associate\*)    Year: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LARC (\$10.00 First-time members-first year only)    Year: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln Repeater Club (\$10.00/year)    Year: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations

General Fund     Equipment/Clubhouse     Activities     Other    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose check payable to:

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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