

2026

March

LINCOLN LOG

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club



LARC Meeting

March 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

Joe Eisenberg, KØNEB

This month's program will be a look at one of the biggest tech trade shows in the world, CES. The Consumer Electronics Show featured over 4100 exhibitors and 149000 attendees from all over the world and is held every year in Las Vegas. This is where new gadgets and ideas come to be shown. Many new things go on to be successful and many more never make it. I'll be showing the latest in robotics and technology. I will also show a peek at last year's Dayton Hamvention and look ahead at this year's event coming up in May.

Event Calendar

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- 02.. Mo 18:30LOG folding LARC Clubhouse.....4420 NW 41st St
- 05.. Th.. 18:30VE Exams College View Church.....4801 Prescott Ave
- 07.. Sa .. 09:00QCWA Breakfast..... HY-Vee.....1601 N 84st St
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- 14.. Sa .. 18:00Game Night LARC Clubhouse.....4420 NW 41st St
- 15.. Su.. 17:00Board Meeting..... LARC Clubhouse.....4420 NW 41st St
- 23 .Su . 23:59.....Log Deadline**
- 28 .Sa . 08:00.....Spotter Training..... LARC Clubhouse 4420 NW 41st St**
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Club Repeater **KØKKV 146.760 (-)**

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February VE Exam Session

Chris Evens, KCØPJR

After the exciting January sessions, February was kind of a let down but was still a good month with seven candidates testing but with only 6 that passed for a new or upgraded license at the one and only session at the College View Church, February 5th. This list is as follows:

TECHNICIAN

- Christopher Deaton, KFØGWG, Hickman
- Andrew Fullerton, KFØWHE, Lincoln
- Richard Sacca, KFØWHB, Lincoln
- Brian Wilcox, KFØWGX, Tilden

GENERAL

- Jacob Korth, KFØWGY, Lincoln
- Todd Mason, NØTFM, Lincoln

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

Volunteer Examiners (VE's) who participated this month are: ACØLD, KCØPJR, KJØHN, NØADR, NØCLS, NØLNK, NØPD, and WØBCL.

ARRL Contest Calendar

ARRL

March

- 7-8 International DX-Phone
- 19 Rookie Roundup-SSB

April

Morse Code Class

Greg Brown KTØK

Are you interested in learning Morse Code? A staple in commercial long-distance communications since the mid 1800's, it has maintained its importance today as a simple, reliable means of providing communication without dependence on complex infrastructure and technology. From land-line telegraph to spark gap to electronic keying utilizing radio waves, to this day it has remained a popular mode of communication in Amateur Radio.

Morse Code Classes will be offered by Greg, KTØK, beginning Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 PM (just prior to the LARC monthly meeting) at our club station KØKKV, 4420 NW 41st Street.

Learning Morse Code may seem like a daunting task, but if approached properly, it can be a fun and satisfying accomplishment that you will enjoy for the rest of your Ham life! For more information, call or text me at 402-937-3540 or email to ktøk@windstream.net.

Log Folding

Jean Leavitt, KØJSL

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

We Have Nets!

Paul Mundt, KF9TV

Just a reminder to all of you and especially to the newly licensed Hams, that LARC has some great nets. There is the ARES Net at 9 PM every night. Additionally, there is the Lunch Bunch Net on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in to both nets. Join us if you can.

President's Message

Ed Holloway, KØRPT, LARC President

Welcome to March! For those who joined us for the Game Night in February, thank you. What a fun night. As we get closer to public service events for the year please keep an eye on the log and social media sites for those committee chairs who may be needing additional help. Speaking of needing help, March 28th is Spotter Training and its all hands on deck for the Admin team. Please see the flyer in this log.



I could use some additional load in and out team members for this year's ARRL Convention. D&L Antenna will not be with us this year as Les' family has designated him the designated driver for a trip to Disney. We wish he and family a safe trip and look forward to seeing him next year. Joe, KØNEB will be our presenter this month and its always a great presentation. Come

have some fun at the Clubhouse. See you there!

Game Night

Kathleen Rogge, KRØKAT

We enjoyed another evening of fun, laughter, and good food at Game Night! We learned new games, met new folks, and visited — and with potato soup, tater tot casserole, pizza, fresh veggies, and sourdough bread, finishing off (or starting with) creamy cheesecake and hot drinks, our tummies were happy, too!

We have one final Game Night this winter at the LARC clubhouse on Saturday, March 14, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. After that, we'll pick up again in October.

I'm interested in hearing from you about the activities you enjoy and the dates and times that work best for you. Maybe Sunday afternoons are better during winter? Are you interested in participating in activities this summer? During Field Day, are there any activities you'd like to do?

I'm open to suggestions, ideas, and thoughts! Please share them with me. My contact details are on page 2 of this LOG. Thank you very much!



*** 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

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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

ARRL America250 WAS

NOTE: Starting time for a State is 19:00 hours CDT on the indicated day. CDT is -5 hours difference from UTC.

03/10/2026..... Virginia..... W1AW/4
03/10/2026..... Guam..... W1AW/KH2
03/17/2026..... Hawaii W1AW/KH6
03/17/2026..... Kentucky W1AW/4
03/17/2026..... Minnesota W1AW/0
03/24/26 North Dakota.... W1AW/0
03/24/26 Oklahoma W1AW/5
03/31/26 California W1AW/6
03/31/26 Mississippi W1AW/5
03/31/26 North Carolina.. W1AW/4

Portable Power

Paul Mundt, KF9TV

As Hams, we should all be interested in how we can operate our radio equipment and perhaps other home appliances in the event of a power failure. Many of us have toyed with generators, inverter generators, solar power and various types of batteries. All of these can work, but the best so far that I have found is the so-called (solar) Power Station. I say (solar) because for recharging, solar input is just one option. These are very versatile units.

A typical Portable Power Station houses a Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePo or LFP) battery, a solar charge controller, a power supply for charging the battery from the 120Vac line, and a pure sine wave inverter to give you 120Vac 60Hz output. Some Power Stations also have outputs for USB charging and 12Vdc outputs. Some have inputs to be charged from a car. The LiFePo battery technology is much safer and has longer life than the older Li-ion type. Typical 3000 charge cycles, 10+ year useful life, and Battery cell Management

Circuitry are common.

The inverter electronics are amazing. Voltage is right at 120V and the frequency is right at 60Hz. Some units let you change the output frequency or voltage if needed. Regulation is far better than even an inverter generator. Some Power Stations are made with the option to plug in an additional battery pack for longer run time. Metering usually includes Input & Output Wattage, % battery remaining, and remaining run time, etc. Smart Apps are available for some models.

With all this technology in one handy package, they can be a bit pricey. Cost depends on battery capacity. Typical ranges are from 300 to 3000 watt hours. Input and output connectors vary, so be sure it meets your needs.

Some better brands out there include Eco-Flow, Percon, Predator (Harbor Freight), Vtoman, and others. See what works for you. The 2K running watts unit I have will run all the Ham equipment fine, as well as the furnace motor and refrigerator if needed. Recharging time from solar panels depends on the solar wattage available. But if recharging from the grid, it's less than 2 hours. Having one of these on hand can give you some peace of mind during a power outage. Also useful for POTA and Field Day operations.



2025 LARC Financial Audit

Report of the Audit Committee—2025 LARC Financial Report

The Audit Committee met on 7 February 2026 to review the 2025 financial records and end-of-year financial statement of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, Inc. submitted by LARC Treasurer Alex Lewis.

Members of the Audit Committee and present during the audit were Gregory Brown, KTØK, Audit Committee Chair and KØKKV Trustee; Alex Lewis, W3ALX, LARC Treasurer; Paul Ahrens NØPD; Todd Mason NØTFM.

The Audit Committee Reviewed the LARC books and bank records and found them in order and in agreement and properly reconciled. All income was accounted for and all expenses were confirmed as legitimate. Board-authorized expenditures properly accounted for and documented by receipts. Financial status of the LARC as of 31 December 2025:

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
LARC Checking	22,918.43
Pinnacle CD	9,083.32
Main Ledger	100.00
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	32,101.75
Other Assets	
Postage Account (Pre-Paid)	321.18
Postage Due Account (Pre-Paid)	49.82
Stripe Merchant	14.26
Total Other Assets	385.26
TOTAL ASSETS	32,487.01
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Outstanding Checks	186.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	186.00
OVERALL TOTAL	32,301.01


Gregory Brown KTØK


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Sunday March 8, 2026

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 9th 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>

Contact Bryan Leavitt W0BCL at w0bcl1@gmail.com or Aaron Rogge N0ADR at n0adr@ajrogge.com if you are interested.

For Sale

Four section crank up tower. 12ft sections ≈ 14ft nested. It has been stored in the garage. Local pick up only. (21106 NW 70th). \$1000 firm.

Thanks
Stephen WU0F
402-783-3124



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:

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club Inc.
PO Box 5006, Lincoln, NE 68505-0006

Total Due: \$ _____