

From your President (October 2018)

We are starting the Longmont Amateur Radio Clubs new Fiscal year for 2018-2019. Thanks to everyone that attended the Annual Meeting in September. At the Annual Meeting, we elected the new leadership for the upcoming year. They are:

- President – Starr Aldrich (N0AES)
- Vice-President – Gary Hampton (AD0WU)
- Secretary – Pat Engstrom (W1PGE)
- Treasurer – Don Lewis (KE0EE)

The following individuals have been appointed to the Board:

- Past President – Jerry Schmidt (N0OUW)
- Technical Committee Chairperson – Ron Schwartz (K2RAS)
- Membership Committee Chairperson - Alex Wolford-Griggs (K0PON)
- Publicity Committee Chairperson - Charles Poch (K0ITP)
- Planning Committee Chairperson – Doug Altman (KE0SI)

I welcome everyone to the Board. I am confident that we will continue the progress we have made this past year in improving our repeater coverage; implementing new technology to manage the repeater; increase participation in club activities; providing more great presentations during our meetings and special events; and increasing our membership.

Kat and Bryan Gonderinger (W0UM/AF0W) have continued to do their fantastic job of providing education to new and existing HAMS. Through their efforts, there are many new amateur radio operators in Boulder County, while many others were afforded the opportunity to upgrade their licenses. Kat and Bryan's work will continue to bring us new LARC members.

I also want to thank everyone that participated last year in all the club activities. Our strong sense of community service brings positive local attention to the world of amateur radio while assisting others in carrying out their mission.

One of the major fundraising events each year is the LARCFest. Jerry Schmidt (N0OUW) has done an excellent job for the last several years in coordinating this event. This year Jerry is stepping back a little and Jeff Noonan (KD0HAQ) has graciously offered to pick up the coordination of the activities from Jerry. While Jerry will continue to assist, Jeff will be the designated coordinator of the event. To make it work well, Jeff will be asking for help from other people to lead in certain areas, so please help where you can to insure our continued success.

Please feel free to contact me or any other Board member if you have something you would like to see the club become involved in. Gary Hampton (AD0WU) will be setting up the Monthly presentations and I am sure we will have interesting topics during our meetings. Gary also deserves a word of thanks for stepping up to the Vice President's position as well. A huge thanks goes to Ron Schwartz (K2RAS) for his dedication while he was Vice President and filling in as our Technical Committee Chair. Ron chose to

dedicate his future time to the Technical Committee where he will be coordinating our repeater upgrade activities. Thank you, Ron, for your dedication and expertise.

This year should be fun and exciting for amateur radio here in Longmont! Please participate as much as you can. There are always volunteer opportunities to serve on one of the many committees. I encourage you to talk to the chairman of any committee that is of interest to you. Please be sure to come to the events we host, and always feel free to recommend activities that may be of interest to you as well.

73's...and let's make it another great year!

Sincerely,

Starr Aldrich (NOAES)