

2025-02-18 Hamlet Net - Ragchew

Announcements:

- Test Session Info
 - Next VE session is this Saturday, February 22nd in the Clover Building at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, and starts at 10 am. It is an ARRL session, so there is a \$15 fee to test. For more info, and to pre-register, see the Licensing/Testing page on the club web site, <https://w0eno.org/>, under the Education menu.
- Join us for our February general meeting tomorrow night. The presentation is being put on by a club member, Ed Mohrman, WA7EM, and is titled "192 countries confirmed with 100 watts and a wire on a HOA lot" and will have lots of useful information to get on the air even if you live under HOA restrictions.

The Clover Building at the Boulder County Fairgrounds will open at 6:30pm for socialization, with the meeting starting at 7. If you are unable to make it in person, you can attend via Zoom.

- Upcoming Club Volunteer Opportunities:
 - LARCFest (April 5, 2025):
https://w0eno.org/other-clubs-and-radio-organizations/?sheet_id=15 or contact Chuck at: k0itp@w0eno.org
 - Summer Field Day (June 28-29) -
 - HAMCON Colorado 2025 for Rocky Mountain Division is October 23-26, 2025 in Grand Junction. For more information and to register, see their web site at: hamconcolorado.com
- The next RMHAM University presentation is an antenna workshop covering antennas for HF and VHF. Topics include transmission lines, different HF antennas (dipole, OCF, Zepp, bazooka, multi-band, trapped, vertical, beams), building and tuning wire antennas, yagis, traps, etc. Oriented at practical considerations, stealth, size and height. It will be held on March 8th from 8:30 am to noon-ish.

They also have most of the presentations up from their NerdFest this past weekend including The M17 Project, considerations for a remotely controlled and operated station, Introduction to the Digilent Analog Discovery 2 and 3, lessons learned while operating multiple 100W HF stations in close proximity, mobile radio install in a new Jeep, and Allstar Link 3.

You can attend live in Greenwood Village at the Cherry Creek Schools ESC. It's also

being held on Zoom if you can't make it, and they usually record the sessions for later viewing as well.

To sign up, go to the RMHAM web site at: <https://www.rmham.org/> and click on the "Sign Up for RMHAM University" link under the "RMHAM UNIVERSITY" menu item.

- If you are an ARRL member, remember that you have digital access to four magazines - QST, On the Air, QEX, and National Contest Journal.
- We have a new net on the LARC repeaters. It's run by Timothy Moss, KFØLAR, on the 22nd of every month at 6pm - that's this Sunday. The 22nd was chosen to highlight the average of 22 vets who commit suicide each day. While the purpose of the net is to connect veterans, non-vets are welcome to participate as most all of us have friends or family who are or have served.
- The ARRL Colorado Section Net occurs on the second Monday of the month from 7 to 8pm. The net is run by Amanda Alden, K1DDN, our Colorado ARRL section manager, and is open to hams and non-hams alike. This net is a place where Colorado hams can ask questions of ARRL leadership and request help, guidance, club support, and technical support. This net meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm Mountain time. The net is on the Colorado Connection, Rocky Mountain Ham Radio DMR Talk Group 700, The Fun Machine, WE0FUN, and the NCARC Buckhorn Repeater 447.700 – with 100 Hz tone.
- We have some volunteer opportunities available where you can help out LARC:
 - Photographer / videographer - record team activities and upload to web site / YouTube
 - Newsletter Editor - put together the monthly Splatter newsletter
 - Event Coordinator
- Time's up for this year, but you can earn your 2026 membership or future renewal by acting as NCS for at least 5 nets next year. You can run either this Tuesday night net or the Thursday night net (or both). We have scripts available for both, so all you need is a good connection into the repeater, and somewhere to keep track of names and call signs as people check in. If you're going to be on the net anyway, why not save some dough at the same time!
- Chuck has set a goal for the Club of running at least one activity a month. This can be a hands-on construction activity, an operating activity like Field Day, a fox hunt, or a special event station. The goal is to get people together to have fun with amateur radio! We have multiple locations at our disposal, as well as lots of Club equipment, so if you

have an idea for something you think others hams would like to do, please let us know, and if you're willing to run it, even better!

- The Club is also looking for presentation topics for 2025. If you have any ideas, or better yet, would like to present, please let Chuck know and we'll get you on the schedule! We would like to get some presentations from club embers on stuff they've been doing, projects they're working on, or just things that interest them.
- All club activities are open to anyone - members and non-members. If you have questions, ask them on a net or **send email to elmer@w0eno.org**

Held a ragchew due to low turnout.

Notes:

- If you have ideas for net topics or general meeting topics / presenters, please let us know! Tell us on a net, or send email to k0itp@w0eno.org

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1. KCØCT - Joe Clarke - Broomfield -
2. AFØW - Bryan - Longmont -
3. WØDPC - Donald - 2mi NE of Longmont -

End: 7:40pm