

2025-05-13 Hamlet Net - LARC Repeaters

Announcements:

- Test Session Info
 - Next VE session is Saturday, May 24th in the Clover Building at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, and starts at 9 am. ~~It is an ARRL session, so there is a \$15 fee to test.~~ It is a PVET session, so there is no 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.
- If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to fill out the survey on the club web page at w0eno.org - click on the "LARC Survey" link on the right-hand side of the grey menu bar.

The Board has been discussing what can be done to raise attendance and participation at club meetings and events, and we need to get your input. Whether you go to meetings, watch them live via Zoom or recorded on Youtube, or don't attend at all, we'd really like to know if there's anything we can do to make the club better.

- The next general club meeting is Wednesday, 21st. The topic of the presentation is Biking with APRS. There will be show-and-tell along with the presentation.

3D printing. There are all sorts of things you can design and print that are radio related - from Morse code keys to antenna parts to radio holders.

The event starts with socializing at 6:30pm at the Clover Building at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. The actual meeting begins at 7pm. There will be snacks at the meeting, so please join us!

If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting will be on Zoom as well - see the event calendar on the club's web page for meeting info. The meeting will also be recorded and uploaded to YouTube.

The LARC Board is trying to encourage more in-person meeting attendance to help build camaraderie and excitement in the club. If you don't currently attend the meetings in person, I once again ask that you provide feedback to the Board - the quickest way is via the LARC Survey, but email and direct contact works as well. If there's something we can do to boost attendance, we'd like to know about it!

- Chuck has a challenge - challenge them to do a presentation so I don't have to. Chuck will do first Tuesday in June.

- If you are interested in find out more about the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (or ARES) in the local area, check out the Boulder County ARES web site at <https://bouldercountyares.org/>

They have a VHF net on Monday nights at 8:00pm, as well as a DMR net on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays at 8:30pm.

- Upcoming Club Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Summer Field Day is our next large Club event and is June 28-29 this year. As with other events, the more help we get, the easier it is on everyone. We will need help with things like setup, teardown, food, running the GOTA station, completing activities needed for bonus points, etc., so please help out in any way you can.

Planning meetings for Summer Field Day are held via Zoom on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm. If you can help out with any activities, or would like to get in on the planning, please plan to attend. Meeting information can be found on the club event calendar on the club web page.

Sign up sheets are available online. You can find out more information about the Field Day on the ARRL's web site at: <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

- 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 They are also looking for presenters.
- Breakfast Saturday at 7:30 - 8:00a at the Hidden Cafe.
- Mark - RMHAM is taking over the summer swapfest this year from the Denver Radio Club, Sunday August 24th. Sunday, August 24th at the Adams County Fairgrounds from 9am to 1pm. Admission is just \$6, so plan on dropping by! Tables are also available for \$13 in advance, and \$20 at the door.
- 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. 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 members 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**

Presenter: Doug Sharp, K2AD

Topic: LARC Repeaters

Email to elmer@w0eno.org

- 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. KØITP - Chuck - Firestone -
2. AEØDO - John - N of Longmont -
3. K2AD - Doug - Unincorporated Weld County between Mead and Longmont -
4. AFØW - Bryan - Longmont -
5. W7PGF - Philip - Frederick -
6. WAØJJC - Bob in Boulder via Echolink

End: 7:45 pm