

2025-05-20 Hamlet Net - Ragchew

Announcements:

- Test Session Info
 - Next VE session is this Saturday, May 24th in the Clover Building at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, and starts at 9 am. 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 next general club meeting is tomorrow night, Wednesday, 21st. The topic of the presentation is Biking with APRS. There will be show-and-tell along with the presentation.

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!

- There won't be a club meeting in June - the idea is that people should instead plan to attend Summer Field Day on June 28th and 29th.
- We are looking for presenters or presentations for September, October and November. We'd love to have club members present something they're interested in or working on, and there's plenty of time to get your presentation ready!

We're also interested in hearing any ideas for presentations that we could find someone to do.

- Chuck said he's probably going to plan another outdoor meeting for August - the "Movie in the Park" event last year was great - even though we got a bit of rain. The plan is to provide food as well, so be on the lookout for more info!
- As he mentioned last week, Chuck has a challenge - and that is to have people other than myself do the Hamlet net presentations for the month of June. He's putting his money where his mouth is and taking the first week, so we still need three hams to step up and fill out the month.

It doesn't have to be anything fancy or super in-depth. Maybe you've been learning some new options in JS8Call or tweaking your antenna system to improve performance. If so, we'd love to hear about it! Please get in touch with Chuck to sign up for a slot!

- Chuck has acquired a new HF radio and is selling his Yaesu FT-897D for \$600. FT-897D deluxe version adding 60 meter coverage and including the formerly optional TCXO9 high stability option. The coverage is HF 160 to 10 meters (including 60 meters) plus 50/144/430 MHz VHF/UHF.

Being an all-mode radio, it will allow you to work CW and single sideband on 2 meters and 70 cm. Get in touch with Chuck if you're interested - the radio is listed on the LARC website's For Sale page.

- 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.

- The ARRL has published an 8-video series about the Next Generation of DXing. The all-day seminar was captured at the 76th International DX Convention, held in April.

It featured expert panelists with deep knowledge of the current state of the art in the DXpedition world.

The group of panelists covered everything from financing and planning of a DXpedition to getting permits, arranging logistics, planning out equipment, managing both remote and local operators, dealing with problems, and much more. The latest technology being used in DXpeditions was explained in detail, including the Radio in a Box (RIB), Starlink, software-defined radios, and the latest digital modes such as FT-8 SuperFox.

The content is available on the [ARRLHQ YouTube channel](#) as a [playlist](#)

- 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 - looks like we currently have 37 open timeslots encompassing various activities. If you would like to do something different at the event, just let Chuck know and we can probably get it added. 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 - 8:00am at the Hidden Cafe.
- The Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club is having an HF in the Park event on Saturday, May 31, starting at 1:00pm

The event is open to new and experienced hams alike. You can expect Instruction for new HF operators, demonstrations of different HF modes, hands-on experience with various HF equipment and a chance to connect with fellow radio enthusiasts

Bring your questions and your enthusiasm! This is an excellent opportunity to learn, share knowledge, and enjoy amateur radio in a relaxed park setting.

The event will take place at the Centennial Park Pavilion at 977 West 1st Street, Loveland, Colorado

They also need some people to demonstrate their portable HF equipment at the show. If you'd like to help, please send me a note at president@ncarc.co and I'll get you signed up.

For more information, see: <https://ncarc.co/hf-in-the-park-2/>

- 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**

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- 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. KØDBL - Donald - Mead -
2. N7CTM - Mark - Echolink -
3. WØDPC - Donald - N of Longmont -
4. AFØW - Bryan - Longmont

End: 7:30 pm