



# News & Views

of the

## Lenoir Amateur Radio Club

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*Serving Amateur Radio in Caldwell County*



### President's Column

**H**appy New Year! 2012, who would have thunk it? I mean, who would have thunk it would get here so quick. I'm still not quite ready for a new year but that's my problem. The 2012 train is moving and

I'm sure you are just chomping at the bits to get going or keep on going. Good luck to you. With a new year we have all sorts of opportunities before us. My hope is that I along with you will take advantage of those opportunities and make advances in whatever you do. I see on many email tag lines a saying supposedly from President Abe Lincoln. I can't say for sure that he said it but what is attributed to him is, "Whatever you are, be a good one." If you made New Year's resolutions, do your best to keep them. After many years of trying, I learned to keep the resolutions to a minimum.

Something I think I can keep. You may be gutsier and I wish you well. I hope some of the resolutions have to do with amateur radio and LARC. Some good ones would be to upgrade your license, make every effort to attend every club meeting this year, get on the air as much as possible and be available to lend a helping hand to other hams that need a little help.

With your help, we can make this the best year for LARC. For us to be a success, we all have to be willing to get involved. Hopefully we will have several events to work this year and they all won't be in the best weather or the best of times. We have several projects that we need to work hard on this year. One being the communications trailer; as far as I know now, we still don't have a good place to work on the

trailer. Look around and see if you spot a good place, out of the weather, we can use for this project. We also need to move on a fund raiser project(s). I am thankful we have several club members that serve on more than one committee. Consider volunteering for a committee this year and give some of these that are stretched too thin a break. Michelle could use some help with the newsletter. If we expect a good newsletter, we all (myself included) need to contribute something to it. Got anything collecting dust around the shack? Send Michelle a list of what you have to sell or even give away and let her put it in the letter. Got an idea for a club activity? Have her put it in the letter, something may come up and you can't make it to the next meeting and by the time the following meeting comes around you've forgotten what that great idea was. Tom, KA4HKK

Now is not too early to be thinking about ham fests, field day, club outings, and picnics, fox hunts, etc. We do have tentative plans to help the Blue Ridge Horseman's Associations endurance ride later in the spring. Details haven't arrived from them yet but stay tuned and I'll get them out to you as soon as I get them. This is a good event to hone our communications skills and have a good time to boot.

In the mean time, enjoy your hobby and catch all the signals you can. . . .send a few out too!

73 Scott

## From the Editor



Greetings,  
Where is Winter?  
Apparently Alaska is getting it, but nowhere else. As pleasant as the mild weather is, it could mean excessive heat and more bugs this Summer.

The new semester is up and running. There were many more at registration than predicted. The communications class (based on the Ham Tech license) has 22 in it so we should get at least a few new hams out of it.

The hackerspace open house went well and we are now up to 11 members. The three main shops (machining, woodworking, and electronics) are partially operational, a library has been started and we have started construction on the model shop and classroom. We now have 4 hams and two more who are interested so a ham station is being installed. The trick is putting up antennas without fastening anything to the roof, but we have plans. We just had contact with another potential member who plans to add RC airplanes to the mix. He could be another potential future ham.

One of our next projects – 501(c)(3) – sound familiar.

Interestingly, there was a group at the open house from Asheville who are planning to start a similar hackerspace there.

I enjoyed the “eating meeting” in December. It is great to just get together with those with similar interests.

Until next time.

73, Michelle, kd4ytu

## Contests and Events

Jan 21-22 – HF – North American QSO Party

Jan 28-29 – HF, 6m+ - Winter Field Day

Feb 4 – HF, VHF – VT, MN QSO Parties

Feb 4 – 10m – 10/10 QSO Party

Feb 4 – HF, VHF – BC, DE QSO Parties

Feb 11 – HF, VHF – LA, NH QSO Parties

Feb 12 – HF – North American Sprint

Feb 25 – HF, VHF – MS QSO Party

Feb 25 – HF – N American Digital QSO Party

Feb 26 – HF – NC QSO Party

For more information see

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/#corral>

## Hamfests

March 10-11 Charlotte Hamfest

April 15 – Catawba Valley Hamfest –  
(Morganton)



**LARC Meeting**  
**Thursday Jan 12 , 7pm**  
**at the Gamewell Fire Dept**  
**Bring a Friend**



*President*  
*Scott Livingston, KC4SWL*

# Your 2012



*Vice President*  
*Clayton Crump KE4VJH*



*Secretary*  
*Susan Bradshaw, N4OJN*

# LARC OFFICERS



*Treasurer*  
*James Bradshaw, N4NIN*

## LARC 2011 Membership Roster [2012 Dues payable by March](#)

Bowman, Jesse <nocall>  
Bradshaw, James, N4NIN  
Bradshaw, Susan, N4OJN  
Bradshaw, Mark KJ4WY  
Brookshire, Jack Sr, AA4FT  
Brookshire, Dorothy, N4XAF  
Bruner, David, KI4KWT  
Bruner, Elaine, KI4QYA  
  
Crump, Clayton, KE4VJH  
Crump, Pat, KE4LWD  
Gragg, Jerry, AD4JG

Gruber, Warren, WU3Y  
  
Land, Tom, KA4HKK  
Livingston, Scott, KC4SWL  
  
Maddox, Roberta, K4HRM  
  
Rogers, Ruby, KA4CLI  
  
Stoots, Tony, <nocall>  
Suddreth, Michelle, KD4YTU

**Yearly Dues are payable  
January – March**

**Dues are pro-rated after  
March**

**Individual: \$15**

**Family: \$25**