



# News & Views

of the

## Lenoir Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 3276, Lenoir, NC 28645 <http://lenoir-arc.org> February 2012

*Serving Amateur Radio in Caldwell County*



### President's Column

#### WINTER? Huh!

Although my power bill doesn't reflect it, this has been an easy winter. How are you doing on your New Year's resolution? So far, I'm batting about 50%.

Some things I still need to work on. I hope you are doing better.

We are still in need of a location where we can work on the trailer out of the weather. See the above paragraph (it doesn't have to be much.) No really, as you are driving around keep an eye open for a vacant building pretty close in that has a door large enough to pull the trailer in. If you see one, you can check on it yourself or give me a call and I'll track down the owner and find out if it is available or not. I have checked on a couple and have asked others to look for us but as of today nothing has materialized.

Some of the items we'll talk about at the upcoming meeting are the upcoming Blue Ridge Horseman's Associations endurance ride, field day and any other events you tell us about. As a reminder; 2012 dues are due. If you absolutely can't make it to the meeting, you can send your dues to the club mail box. The address is: LARC P.O. Box 3276, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

(A) Full Membership: \$ 15.00 per year

(B) Family Membership: \$ 25.00 per year for entire family subject to provisions of Article I of Constitution.

(C) Associate Membership: \$ 10.00 per year

(D) Family Associate Membership: \$ 15.00 per year

(E) Life Membership: A Life Membership is offered to any Full Member at the rate of ten (10) times the applicable yearly membership fee.

It's not too soon to be thinking about what you can do to help with the Catawba Valley hamfest. Michelle usually has contact information for persons willing to assign you to a task. Even if you can't help, you can make plans to attend and help support this event.

One last thing; at least two nets are called each week, three counting the Blue Ridge Weather Net. Check-ins is usually very slim. The preamble to the nets states that the reason for the nets, among other things, is to familiarize ourselves with proper net procedures, train for the unexpected and to further advance amateur radio. I want to encourage you to check into these nets. Friday night at 21:00 hrs local is the net time for the club net and it is called on the club repeater, the CARES net is called at 20:30 hrs local on the Hibriten repeater. I hope to "see" you there.

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,  
I'm still waiting for  
Winter. If it doesn't  
arrive, the bugs will  
eat us up this  
Summer.

Hamfest season has  
started. I doubt I'll be  
able to make  
Charlotte, but I'll  
likely spend a bit at the Catawba Valley  
Hamfest in April.

We are waiting for decent weather on a  
Saturday to install the antennas at the  
Hackerspace. We have a 7 band Butternut  
vertical and a 2m/70cm vertical. The big  
question now is how to keep unlicensed  
persons from using the shack.

We have started classes with Machining  
Basic Safety, and Survey of C++ the first two  
completed. Also, the South Caldwell High  
School robotics club is using our shop to  
fabricate parts for their robot competition.  
The machine shop is now fully operational  
with the woodworking and electronics shops  
still partially operational.

Classes are going well, but it is "paperwork  
crunch time" for the next few weeks.

Until next time.

73, Michelle, kd4ytu



**LARC Meeting**  
**Thursday Feb 9 , 7pm**  
**at the Gamewell Fire**  
**Dept**  
**Bring a Friend**

## Contests and Events

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 Pty

**Feb 26 – HF – NC QSO Party**

Mar 4 – HF – ARRL Int'l Phone DX Contest

Mar 10 – HF, 6m+ - Idaho QSO Party

Mar 11 – HF, 6m+ - Wisconsin QSO Party

Mar 17 – 10m – 10-10 Mobile QSO Party

Mar 17 – HF – Russian DX contest

Mar 17 – HF, 6m+ OK, VA, ND QSO Parties

Mar 14- HF CQ WPX SSB Contest

For more information see

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

## Hamfests

March 10-11 Charlotte Hamfest

**April 15 – Catawba Valley Hamfest –  
(Morganton)**



**2012 Dues due by**  
**March 2012**  
**\$15 Individual**  
**\$25 Family**



*President*  
*Scott Livingston, KC4SWL*

# Your 2012



*Vice President*  
*Jerry Gragg AD4JG*



*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  
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Brookshire, Dorothy, N4XAF  
Bruner, David, KI4KWT  
Bruner, Elaine, KI4QYA  
  
Crump, Clayton, KE4VJH  
Crump, Pat, KE4LWD  
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**Yearly Dues are payable  
January – March**

**Dues are pro-rated after  
March**

**Individual: \$15**

**Family: \$25**