



# News & Views

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## *Lenoir Amateur Radio Club*

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*Serving Amateur Radio in Caldwell County*

### President's Column



Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas from the Livingston home. I hope you truly have a very Merry Christmas. With the hustle and bustle of preparing for the day we celebrate I also hope you don't lose the true meaning of Christmas.

It is also time for our annual Christmas/December eating meeting to be held Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at Meedo's restaurant across from Hibriten High School on Arrowood St. We're playing "Dirty Santa" so bring a \$10.00 gift. I don't know what version we'll play but we'll work that out when we get there. If you're

reading this and you're not a club member you're invited to come too. You'll get to meet the gang; we're not a pretty site but don't let that stop you from coming. If you love radio, well then we have something in common.

Before we have another regular meeting we'll already be in 2013 and New Year's resolutions will be a thing of the past. Let me encourage you to make amateur radio and especially the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club a part of your resolution making. Some points that might be worth considering when making your resolutions are:

#### **The Winner**

Is always a part of the answer  
Always has a program  
Sees a green near every sand trap  
Says "Let me do it for you"  
Sees an answer for every problem  
Says "It may be difficult, but it's possible"

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#### **The Loser**

Is always a part of the problem  
Always has an excuse  
Sees two or three traps near every green  
Says "That's not my job"  
Sees a problem in every answer  
Says "It may be possible, but it's too difficult"

2013 will present many opportunities for us to be of service to our community and maybe even beyond. When an event happens that offers us the chance to use our skills and equipment is not the time to learn the ropes so-to-speak. What better way to practice our skills than to participate in club activities whether it be weekly nets (checking in as well as acting as net control), field day or other activities the

club may decide to host. You might want to start thinking about which committee you'd like to help out in next year. Ted will, more than likely, be looking for volunteers to fill seats on the different committees within the club. There should be more than enough positions for everyone.

Let me finish by saying thanks for all your work and efforts this past year and encourage you to "keep on keeping on" for the next year.

Catch all the signals you can; send out a few too when you get a chance.



73 Scott KC4SWL

## Editor's Column



*Michelle - KD4YTU*

Greetings. It is one more week until Christmas break and the "grading marathon" is underway. Then we are off until January 2. I plan to enjoy the break.

We had the VE exams at FCW on Nov 17. One of the FCW members, Ross got a brand new tech license, KK4MWE; and another, JD N4DWW upgraded to General. There was another Tech and another General earned at the session. FCW will have another VE session in March.

Following the VE session, we used the FCW station to participate in the November Sweepstakes. Tom headed up the effort and used the LARC callsign. He and Ro worked until around 10PM, then Tom came back on Sunday and worked a few more hours. I hope that the FCW station can be used for many more joint events with LARC.

We do have an open house at FCW this coming Saturday, Dec 15, with food, games, demos, tours and kids pictures with Santa. The new CNC wood router is now operational and the Multi Arcade Machine Emulator is also running with numerous classic arcade games.



*Tom and Ro working the November Sweepstakes*

I got in a new toy called an Eggbot. It is a small robot "lathe" that will draw on spherical and semi-spherical objects using sharpies. So far, I've been playing with ping-pong balls with it, but I have additional ideas for it.

At the last LARC meeting, the election results were Ted – President, Buck – VP, yours truly -Secretary, and Warren – treasurer. I guess that is the payback Warren and I get for missing the nominations meeting, but we should make a good crew and will be looking for help from members during 2013.

This Thursday is the LARC “eating meeting.” It is to be at Meedos (just off 18/64 near Hibriten HS) at 7PM. The group is going to have “Dirty Santa” gifts. If you would like to participate in the “Dirty Santa”, bring a wrapped gift in the \$10 price range. Whether or not you want to participate in the “Dirty Santa”, everyone interested in Amateur Radio, and their families are welcome at the dinner.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Michelle, KD4YTU

## For Sale

Nice looking and good working original Icom IC-706 transceiver (receive does not work on 2mtrs but transmit is fine). Complete with mic and power cord as well as original manual. \$450.00

Antenna mast receivers: screw auger screws into the ground holding various size antenna poles. \$25.00 each

Very nice Zenith Transoceanic T600 shortwave receiver. Cabinet and covering in very good shape. Complete with original manual, and operating guide. Needs filter caps replaced. \$125.00

Rigblaster Plus. I've had this a while but never hooked it up. Complete as purchased. \$75.00

If you're interested in any of this stuff give me a call or send me an email. I will make pictures of any or all of it. 73 Scott 828-758-4735 or [bscout@charter.net](mailto:bscout@charter.net)



**LARC Eating Meeting – Thursday December 14 @ 7PM  
at Meedo's in Lenoir**

**Bring a \$10 gift if you wish to participate in a Dirty Santa**



## 2012 LARC Officers



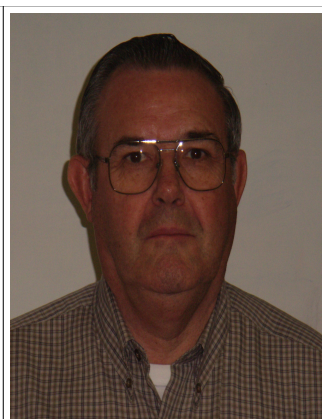
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## Events

**Ares Net – Each Sunday @ 8:30 on 147.33**

### Contests

Dec 21-Jan 8 – HF, 6m,2m Lighthouse OSO  
Party

Jan 6 – HF – ARRL Kids Day

For more information see

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

### Hamfests

Major hamfests are over for the season