

## From the NCARC President

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Good morning or good afternoon in the relationship to when you're reading this newsletter. We have a big summer planned, and I'd like to tell you about it.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> we have our amateur radio licensing general class. A few slots are still open, so if you'd like to join us, it is all free. We even throw in lunch. On May 27, we have our Rosin Corps event; we will be building a fully functional 20/40 meter dipole antenna, which you may take home. We have had so much interest in this event that we are opening a morning class from 9:00 am to noon. If you're interested, go on the website and use Sign-up Genius to register.

Last year we had what we called HF in the park, which was very well received. We plan to do it again, on Saturday, June 10, at one of the pavilions at Lake Loveland. We will provide everyone with further information on the website. If you've never been to one of these events, there is a brief presentation on HF procedures and policies, and then we have many HF stations set up where you will see/hear many demonstrations on different modes of HF. I hope it's not raining like last year.

Up next ARRL Field Day June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be the same as last year. There will be more information with addresses and times as we get closer to the date.

I want to thank everyone for supporting the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club. We are one of the biggest in the state because of people like you who help us thrive.

## Public Affairs Office

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Numbers as of April 14, 2023

### YouTube

Views (last 28 days): 3,403  
Watch time (hours, last 28 days): 509.5  
Subscribers: 2,538  
New Subscribers (last 28 days): 39

### Facebook

Members: 545  
New Members: 2

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# Club Meeting

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Note new time! Starting 30 minutes earlier.

**8:00 am** Golden Corral opens- breakfast and socialize, **9:00 am** club meeting

**LIVE and IN PERSON** at  
The Golden Corral  
1360 Sculptor Dr, Loveland CO 80537

*PLUS*

Zoom streaming - All members will receive a link to the online broadcast  
If you don't receive a link by Friday before the meeting, please email [treasurer@ncarc.net](mailto:treasurer@ncarc.net)  
You choose what you feel comfortable doing: attend in person or online.

**Topic:**

**Volunteers on the Air - VOTA**

**Amanda Alden, K1DDN**  
**Colorado's ARRL Section Manager**

**Next meeting:**

**May 20, 2023**

# Tech Report

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April 2023

## Horsetooth

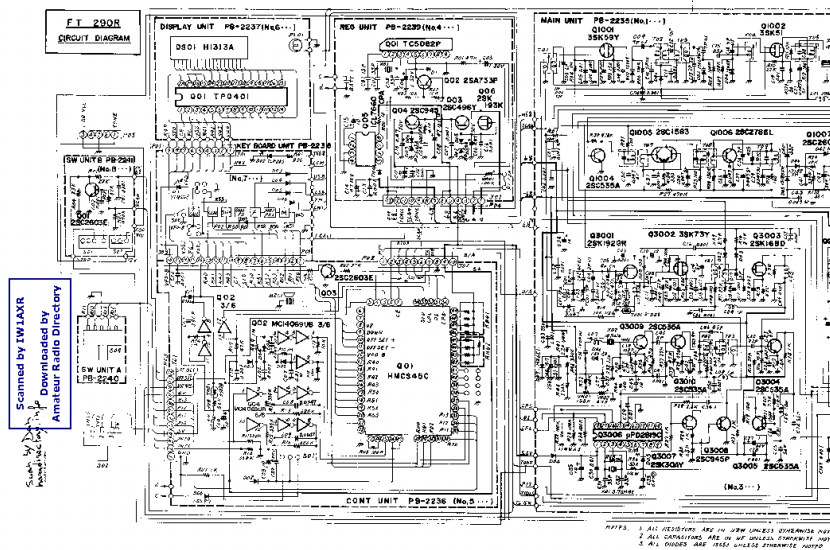
We are going to start linking the 146.850 Greeley repeater to the 447.275 for our weekly nets to improve access for those located in the southern end of Greeley. This link will be on during nets only for now and we will evaluate as we move forward.

## Buckhorn

You may have heard the 447.700 or 146.625 sending lots of CW saying "OFLN" and "OK" and going on and off the air. We have an issue with the GPS receiver there losing its lock and it's required for those repeaters. I am investigating a replacement for that site and should have something there soon to fix this issue!

## CSU-VARA

Although not an official NCARC site, in collaboration with NCARC the CSUARC has placed (with many thanks to WOBNC for the hardware donation) a VARA FM Winlink node at CSU. It's been operational for a few weeks. It's currently using Bob's callsign, WOBNC, but will switch soon to WOQEY-10 (the CSU club callsign). The computer will be replaced shortly as well with a fanless one that should survive the summers up there better. When that happens, the node will also become capable of 1200 baud Winlink (IE, it will answer to 1200 or VARA FM on the same frequency). Watch for another announcement when that switch is made, but for now, feel free to use the VARA node with the WOBNC callsign!



This is what I think it looks like inside James' brain....KOARD

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## Treasurer's Report

Darren Kalmbach KCØZIE

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### March 2023

Account	Checking	Raffle	Savings	PayPal	Total
Beginning Balance	\$5,697	\$2,783	\$1,110	\$6,827	\$16,416
Deposits	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$338	\$413
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Withdrawals	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$13	\$167
Ending Balance	\$5,618	\$2,783	\$1,110	\$7,152	\$16,662
Outstanding Items	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Balance	\$5,618	\$2,783	\$1,110	\$7,152	\$16,662
Net Change	(\$79)	\$0	\$0	\$325	\$246

**Expenses:** Storage

**Revenue:** Memberships

#### Membership Activity:

March 2023: 207 (14 new)

March 2022: 190

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## General Licensing Class and Testing session

Offered by the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club

Like a few years ago, we will be at the Poudre Valley REA, 7649 REA Parkway, Fort Collins, CO, just east of I-25 on CO-392. The event will be on two consecutive Saturdays: April 22 and April 29, from 8 am to 4 pm on both days. The test session will be in the afternoon of April 29. And it's all free, even lunch...

To sign up, [click here](#).

## Rosin Corps is back!

Our next event will be Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, with two shifts: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Fort Collins. There are slots for 12 students in each shift. The project is a portable, dual band 20/40 m dipole HF antenna from Pacific Antennas. This antenna project is simple to build, very functional, and lightweight. We'll help you build and tune it. You'll leave with a fully functional antenna for your use. We'll provide the kit and all tools necessary (but you're welcome to bring yours if you prefer). The cost of the class will be \$25. [Click here](#) to reserve your slot and pay the fee.

## Get the Goods!

The [NCARC Store](#) is open for business! We have stickers, t-shirts, patches, water bottles and keychains. We still have monogrammed clothing too.

<http://www.ncarc.net/?q=node/424>

## It's Never Too Late to Renew!

Renew your NCARC membership.

It's quick and easy.

[Click here!](#)

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## Upcoming Ham Radio Events

**General Class:** Apr 22 and 29, Poudre Valley REA, Fort Collins, CO.

**Quad Rock Race Event:** May 6, 2023, Lory State Park, Fort Collins, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Darren KCØZIE

**Colorado Marathon and ½ Marathon:** May 7, Fort Collins. [More info here](#). Contact Marty KØMLG

**Rosin Corps:** Build a Pacific Antennae, 20/40 dipole, [Sign up here](#).

**C.A.S.T. For Kids:** Jun 3, Horsetooth Reservoir, Fort Collins. [More info here](#). Contact Marty KØMLG

**Ride to End ALZ:** Jun 11, 2023, Fort Collins, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Darren KCØZIE

**Courage Classic:** Jul 15-16, 2023, Copper Mountain, CO. [More info here](#). Contact [Christian Norris](#) WØCDN

**Never Summer Race Event:** Jul 28-30, 2023, Gould, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Wayne ADØKE

**Equinox Marathon, ½ Marathon, 5 Mile:** Sep 17, Poudre Canyon, Fort Collins, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Marty KØMLG

**Red Feather Jamboree:** Sep 22-24, 2023. Red Feather, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Brian NØBCB

**Blue Sky Marathon:** Oct 21, 2023, Fort Collins, CO. [More info here](#). Contact Darren KCØZIE

### From the Editor

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There are so many things for us hams to do in the summer – support one of the many events, participate in NCARC programs (HF!), get out and do POTA or SOTA or Field Day! What will you do? Please let me know – we would love to publish a write up of your adventure.

Please send your articles, ideas for articles and announcements for inclusion in the newsletter.