



Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club



January 2026 LDARC Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. In-Person & by Zoom
Memorial Funeral Service, 1111 S. State St., Hemet, CA 92543

America the Beautiful (Ray Charles): 6:29 p.m.

Call to Order/Welcome: 6:33 p.m. by President Rick Gardner (KN6RBP)

Present (Signed In):

Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP)	Diana Jackson (KM6FGI)
Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP)	John Glueck (N6JYW)
Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP)	Gregg Tyler (K06JKX)
Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR)	V. Brookes (KO6JVD)
Bob Brown, Director (KE6JGM)	Tom Friend (KG6IKE)
Bart Herring, Director (KM6JWS)	Ean Wohltman (Guest)
Duane Deaton, Director (KN6AUV)	Gary Marsalone (KK6VZZ)
Jackie Harris, Director (KC7CBN)	Wayne Hulings (KK6QHR)
Rod McHenry (N6CG)	Arthur Endress (WD5GIE)
Terry Smith (KO6ALP)	Bruce Jones (WA6STA)
Walt Champion (W6WHC)	Damon Jones (KI6HPV)
Walter Gibson (AC6AR)	Andy Hailey (AF6YY)

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Larry Watson (KN6PUR) provided the report for November 19, 2025 (final report for 2025 and as secretary – he will remain as a Director) and review of year end activities.

Motion to accept Minutes for November 19, 2025: Walt Champion (W6WHC).
Passed unanimously. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Watson (KN6PUR) reported on behalf of Karen Stewart (KN6MJS)-not present/preparing for audit.

- Club account total as of 11/01/25: \$2,932.67
- Club account total as of 12/01/25: \$3,153.26
- New Repeater Fund total: \$1,161.00

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Bart Herring (KM6JWS).
Passed unanimously. None opposed.

Rod McHenry (N6CG) VE Acknowledgement: With sincere appreciation, Rick Gardner presented Rod McHenry (N6CG) with a plaque acknowledging his 30 years of service as a Volunteer Examiner for the club.

Silent Key acknowledgements will be moved to the next club meeting, due to member absences.

New Monthly Event Announcement: Bob Brown (KE6JGM) reported that a new event, **“Coffee, Donuts and Ham”**, will occur on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting February 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at Bob’s house (3891 Rexford Dr., Hemet, CA) and will feature socializing, workshops, kits (band pass filters, qrp manual tuners...etc.) and watching movies. There will be a mini swap meet at the first meeting. All are encouraged to bring items to trade or sell. The movie “Frequency” will be viewed.

“Century Club” Presentation: Don (N6DMP) and Bart (KM6JWS) presented “Century Club” hats to two members who qualified for the Century Club (made 100 or more voice and/or FT8 contacts) at the last club POTA event. Congratulations to:

- Terry (KO6ALP)
- Rick (KN6RBP) – with over 200 contacts

Announcement: Bart (KM6JWS) announced that those interested may obtain an Artemis II “Boarding Pass” , which will allow them to send their name into space on an SD card that will fly inside Orion when the Artemis II Mission launches in 2026. More information can be found at: www3.nasa.gov.

Presentation for proposed Annual LDARC Commemorative Special Event:

Terry (KO6ALP) and Don (N6DMP) provided a Powerpoint presentation detailing the proposed annual event. The purpose of the event is:

- To get our club name out there
- Highlight who Lee de Forest was and what he is known for
- Promote club recruiting

There will be a bullet point list for club members to use during CQ’s, including details such as:

- Lee de Forest had over 300 patents
- He invented the Audion

The club would:

- Obtain a special 1x1 call sign for the event (K6L?),
- Promote events in QST, ARRL and QRZ.
- Operation would include at least 3 operators (seeking the Triode award).
- The club would need to create a logo (Larry?), a special certificate (Duane or Rick?), a flyer for the public with a list of operators, schedule of operations, QSL cards, T-Shirts, hats...etc.
- May invite any living relatives of Lee de Forest to events held at locations such as parks.
- Need to identify club logging program (presenters asked Rick to review “Wave Log” (used by many groups around the country)



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The presenters propose setting a date for March or April (with Board approval). Event length can vary (Board to discuss/decide).

Don (N6DMP) thinks it is a good idea and likes a 3 day length and encouraging members to get involved. It can be run like a field day. Those without full HF privileges can operate under supervision/assistance.

Gary (KK6VZZ) noted that Lee de Forest died on June 30, 1961. The date could tie into Summer Field Day.

Rick (KN6RBP) thinks QSL cards would be great. They could have a QR code to access club info.

History of Club Name – Rod (N6CG): Rod explained that the LDARC was established in the early 1980's. There was a group of gentlemen which included: W6OD, Vic Alvie, Casey Jones, Willy Sares, Don Johnson...etc. Willy had worked with Lee de Forest. The group chose the name because Lee de Forest's 4th wife lived in Hemet, and she agreed to the use of his name. It was put into a written agreement. The historical documents were lost when former club president Ron Baker died (family disposed of materials). At the time the club was established, Casey decided all members would be Extra Class so they could administer all levels of tests as VEs.

BREAK - Reminder: do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary. Please enjoy refreshments outside the front door.

DX Commander Antenna on display table, made by N7OD and given to Rick (KN6RBP)
Break: 6:55 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

7:50 p.m. Call to Order – Rick (KN6RBP)

Winter Field Day Club Event: Sat., 01/24/2026 at Simpson Park, 28505 Rawlings Rd., Hemet, CA 92544 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (park hours are 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. – park gates close by 5:00 p.m.). Note: Fires are not allowed (no cooking out). A show of hands was requested for those who plan to attend and those who will bring radios/equipment. Rick will also ask during the Tuesday NET. The actual event is 30 hours. Those interested may register independently and operate from home on Sunday.

Rick stated that the club will use dup sheets and band pass filters, like at the Summer Field Day event. Participant stations will be assessed with an antenna analyzer. There will be water, coffee, sandwiches and chips for lunch for \$6.00. No event T-shirts this time.

Per the rules (not exhaustive), members cannot use 12 or 17 meters; no FT8 (although bands not allowed can be set up for demonstration purposes). Members can do CW and JS8 call (12 bands).

Atta-Boy Acknowledgements: Rick (KN6RBP) stated he recognizes he has had some “deficiencies” with the Atta-Boys and is working on a better structure and tracking system. The following are recognized:

- Karen (KN6MJS) for organizing the 2025 Christmas dinner
- Larry (KN6PUR) for checking people in at the Christmas dinner and providing music
- Andy (AF6YY) for his generous donations to the club (lap top cases)
- Bob (KE6JGM) for his contributions to the Christmas dinner (pens), which received good feedback.
- 2 Atta-Boys for Terry (KO6ALP) for his presentation tonight and the QSO party.

Announcements / Q & A:

- **50/50** – None tonight.
- Welcome to new club member, Greg (KO6JKX), who will be back next month.
- ERC will be dark on club meeting NETS.
- Don (N6DMP) gave “Atta-Boys” to:
 - Charlie Lopez (WK3Y) for the video he provided on setting up radios
 - Bart (KM6JWS) for the information he sent about special events
- Gary (KK6VZZ) - Reminder that tomorrow evening at 1900 hours the ARES NET will be on our repeater. Next week on 220.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 p.m.