



## Lee De Forest Amateur Radio Club



### 2026 LDARC Winter Field Day Planning Meeting Minutes Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by President Rick Gardner (KN6RBP)

**Present (Roll Call):**

Rick Gardner, President (KN6RBP)  
Don Pullens, Vice President (N6DMP)  
Karen Stewart, Treasurer (KN6MJS)  
Mary Ortiz, Secretary (KO6GYP)  
Larry Watson, Director (KN6PUR)  
Bob Brown, Director (KE6JGM)

Bob reported that the 2026 LDARC Winter Field Day event has been registered on the official website.

**Event Details:**

**Location:** Simpson Park, 28505 Rawlings Rd., Hemet, CA 92544

**Times:** 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)

Rick stated that the club still has the dup sheets from the Summer Field Day event. He asked Don for his opinion on the use of a band pass filter and the dup sheets. Don stated there did not seem to be dups during Summer Field Day, so the process seemed to work and he is not opposed to using them. There were no objections from those present.

Don suggested that it might be good to assess all participant stations with an antenna analyzer. Doing so would allow the club to get credit for a workshop and would insure everyone gets a chance to work.

Larry noted that emphasis should be on emergency communications, off grid power and temporary set ups.

**Food, Snacks and Drinks:**

Rick will bring ice chests/coolers, at least 2 packs of water bottles and Gatorades.

Karen was asked to coordinate the ordering of sandwiches from Stater Bros. Sandwich choices are ham, turkey or roast beef on croissants. The order usually includes a side plate of cheeses and condiments. She will pay at the time the order is placed.

Mary will pick up the sandwiches and bring them to the event.

Karen will bring napkins, 3-4 bags of ice (if large bags, only 3) and coffee maker.

Rick will bring Styrofoam cups for coffee.

Larry will provide a power unit; Rick will bring a generator to power coffee maker.

Rick will take a count during the next NET of those who will be present to identify number of sandwiches needed, as well as number of stations participating.

It was agreed that there will be a \$6.00 charge for lunch (sandwich, chips and drink).

Don stated that he will cover the cost of the sandwiches, chips and supplies, so that the money collected (\$6.00 per plate) will go to the club as profit. He and Marcos came up with this idea during Summer Field Day.

### **Station Set-Ups:**

It was suggested that it would be good to get an idea of who will be participating in the field day event and who will be bringing what. Rick will ask during Tuesday NET.

Need to establish number of stations running and bands.

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).

### **“Ham Event” and Lee DeForest Signs:**

Rick has two signs that say “Lee DeForest...” Steve most likely has the signs from the Christmas parade. The signs will be set up on the morning of the event, starting at the chain at Simpson Park and on the way up.

### **Event T-Shirts:**

There will be NO T-Shirts for this event (due to time constraints & burn out).

Rick noted that we do need a really clean general club shirt. Rick would like Larry to work on that, as he may already have a draft (shared with Ron and Karen).

### **Special Note:**

Earl (WA6SPY) Troutman’s funeral is tomorrow (Tues., 01/06/2026) at 1:00 p.m. at Miller-Jones Mortuary, 1501 W. Florida Ave., Hemet, CA 92543. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery, 2555 S. Santa Fe Ave., San Jacinto, CA 92583.

Bob needs someone to take over on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, as he has in-person meetings in San Bernardino, which conflict. Rick will discuss this with Larry.

**Adjourned:** 7:55 p.m.