



Loveland Repeater Association Newsletter

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The official organ of the Loveland Repeater Association, a non-profit organization supporting all aspects of Amateur Radio in the Loveland, Colorado area.

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FM Repeaters

2 Meters (NØRQV).....147.195 MHz + (147.795 MHz input), 100 Hz Subtone (1* on, 0* off)

440 (NØRQV).....449.575 MHz – (444.575 MHz input), 100 Hz Subtone (1* on, 0* off)

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Club meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Wayside Inn in Berthoud , CO (505 Mountain Ave (US 287), 970-532-2013). An optional \$6.00 breakfast buffet begins at 8 AM. The meeting starts promptly at 9 AM.

Visitors are welcome. Come join us!

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 5th

President’s Corner

From Tom Levendusky, NØMWY

As Ted would say both repeaters are just ducky. I’m doing the President’s Corner this month because Ted will not be at our January meeting.

At the January meeting we will be doing what we have done in the past and that is have a show and tell. If you received any ham related items during this holiday season please bring them to the meeting and show them off. This has worked great before so lets keep the tradition going.

You may have noticed on the VHF repeater the polite announcement is now the female voice. I thought we were do

for a change. Also if you turn the PL on the repeater off it will automatically turn the PL back on after 3 minutes of inactivity.

We had a very joyful LRA Christmas Dinner on Dec. 7th. Rick will fill us in about the event and what we will be doing next year later in this newsletter.

We are in the process of renewing memberships. So if you haven’t done so please get you application to Ron or Jody. Dues will remain \$20.00 a year. The application is at the end of this newsletter.

That’s all for now. I hope to see everyone at the January meeting with new ham gear.

73, Tom

Minutes of December 1st Meeting

From Jody Klein, NØAJB

There were 24 members and guests present. Lynne is now **KCØLQB**.

Reports:

Treasurer: Dues are now due and we're breaking even.

Repeater: Ducky. Duff may adjust the squelch and set up a code for the PL to turn on 10 minutes after the last activity. We discussed putting on a reminder about how to turn the PL off but concluded that it is probably not necessary or a good idea. The shack is newly painted and the star is now on at night.

Duff intends to make a cable for the auto patch to be used on 440 forward patch only. The two controllers will share the same phone line.

Newsletter: More going by e-mail all the time. Let Walt know if you are having problems of any kind. Postage is now about \$25 for those who are having it mailed.

Old Business:

Brian reported on field day results. The club was in the top 5-6 %.

The Christmas Party is this Friday. So far 20 people have paid and a final count is needed. The cash bar begins at 6:30 and the dinner is at 7:00

There were still questions on ARRL membership through the club. The club is reimbursed only if you are joining for the very first time or rejoining after a 2 year lapse. Regular yearly renewals don't count.

It was reported that the bands were good during ARRL Sweepstakes.

New Business:

There are no hamfests currently scheduled.

CCARC is still working on updating files

Ted will not be here in January. The subject of the meeting will be show & tell. Bring any new Christmas toys that you want to show off.

Wes, KCØEEA reported on JOTA.

50/50 total was \$20. Dave WØMAY was the winner.

**Treasurer's Report for December, 2001
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

In December, membership renewals for 2002 began to come in. Our bank balance was \$ ___ on December 31, 2001. The major expense for the month was for the Christmas Party prizes. Everything is financially ducky.

Details of monthly account activity through December 31, 2001 are shown in the following table.

Beginning Balance as of 11/25/01	
Credits	
Dues (2002)	
50/50 (Oct. meeting)	
Donation – General Fund	
Christmas Dinner Receipts	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Newsletter (3 months)	
Public Service	
Qwest	
Bank Charges	
State – Corporate fee	
Christmas dinner - meals	
Christmas Party – prizes	
Total Debits	
New Balance as of 12/31/01	\$

Year end 2001 Summary and 2002 Budget:

The total cash flow for 2001 is shown in the below table, along with a tentative budget for 2002. Nothing is budgeted for income or expense for the Christmas dinner, in order to show what the actual budget is for the other aspects of operating the club. The existing \$20 dues structure should be adequate for the next year. In reviewing newsletter expenses for previous years, the use of email for distribution has allowed us to avoid a dues increase. In 1998, we spent \$ ___ for newsletter printing and mailing compared to the \$ ___ in 2001 for an impressive 41% reduction in those expenses. GOOD JOB, Walt!

	2001	2002
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Christmas Party - Tickets		
Donations - Genl Fund		
Donations - Equipment Fund		
Dues		
50-50 Drawing		
Total Receipts		
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Accounting Corrections		
Bank Charges		
CCARC Dues		
Christmas Party - Meals		
Christmas Party - Prizes		
Electricity		
Field Day:		
Field Day - Breakfast		
Field Day - Dinner		
Field Day - Equipment		

TOTAL Field Day		
Insurance - ARRL		
Insurance - Gen. Liability		
Newsletter		
PO Box		
Postage		
Repeater Equipment		
State-Fees		
Telephone-Autopatch		
Trailer License		
Total Expenses		
Net for year		

Membership Drive Status For December 2001 From Ron Klein, W0OSK

For the 2001 calendar year we had 91 paid members, 40 family members, and 2 special members for a total of 133 members. I have received 33 paid renewals to date. Club dues are due annually at the end of each year. At the end of March I will reset the club membership database and delete anyone who has not

New ARRL Memberships through the LRA

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, if you decide to join the ARRL and have either never belonged, or have not belonged to the ARRL for the last 2 years, the LRA can get a \$15 rebate if you join through the club.

I now have the needed forms and have clarified how this is to work, and will be able to help you with that at future club meetings. So, if you'd like to do this, contact me at the club meeting, or by phone or email.

As I said last month, I'd encourage everyone to consider joining the ARRL. In my opinion, it is the only group who can effectively represent our interests against all those who would take away our frequencies so that they can use them instead! Like it or not, if we don't lobby effectively, it is just a matter of time before the privileges we now enjoy will probably no longer be available to us.

Loveland Repeater Association Christmas Dinner From Rick Kile, WB7THT

The 3rd Annual LRA Christmas Dinner was held at the Wayside Inn on December 7, 2001. Twenty six members and guests made it this year's dinner. The Wayside Inn is a popular place for holiday parties. Due to a large number of bookings, our host asked us if we would accept seating in an area partitioned off from the main dining room instead of a private party room in back. The food was excellent as always, and a good time was had by all.

Ellie Van Winkle, N0QCX, won the Grand Prize, a \$100 gift certificate from HRO in Denver. Ellie indicated the proceeds would be used to help the BARC Juniors pick up a few things they need. The first of two Wayside Inn gift certificates worth \$25 each went to Barbara Glass, WA0GVQ, and Virgil Leenerts, W0INK won the second gift certificate.

Upcoming Swapfest Information

ARRLWeb offers on-line hamfest calendar: Need to know when and where the next hamfest or convention is? Visit the new ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>.

If you are going to be in Albuquerque later this month, drop in to the *Winter Tailgate Swapfest* on the 26th. Contact Tom Ellis, K5TEE at 505-291-8122

Would you like to get your newsletter via email?

48 of you have already signed up! Thanks. If you sent me an email, but still got a hard copy, please email again. Find out what's happening with LRA a day or two sooner – sometimes even BEFORE the monthly meeting! Just send Walt an email at walter@ezlink.com and I'll add your email address to the monthly list. It's fast, it's simple and it will save your club much \$\$\$ (First class postage is up to \$.34 now!) I'm using Adobe Acrobat 5.0 now to produce a “.pdf” file that seems to work pretty well on everything from a UNIX box to a Palm Pilot. You can download the latest Adobe Reader for your platform for FREE at :

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>

Walt, KC0FGT

New HAM, New Member By Walt Harsch, KC0FGT

Several months ago, a new neighbor moved in next door to me, Art Schildgen. We got to chatting one summer afternoon out in the garage and Art mentioned that he was a radio code copier in the Air Force years ago. Being retired Navy myself, I just waded in with my, “...real men DON'T join the Air Force...” baloney. But, we soon got past that and I asked Art if he was a HAM. Well, no he was not, but had long been interested so I invited him to a meeting.

I'm happy to report that Art is now **KC0LXY**, a shiny new Tech Plus. Of course, my TV reception has turned to do-do, and the lights in the neighborhood go dim every time he fires up his new rig, but I'm sure he'll figure it all out soon!

Welcome to the hobby and the club Art!

Walt

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**LOVELAND REPEATER ASSOCIATION
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME		CALL	
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
PHONE	LICENSE CLASS	UNDER 18 Y N	ARRL MEMBER Y N
PACKET ADDRESS		E-MAIL ADDRESS	

DUES: Family Membership \$20.00 *NEW FAMILY MEMBERS ARE*
 Under 18 \$ 5.00 *PRO-RATED AT \$1.75/MONTH*
*****USE BACK OF FORM FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS*****

INCLUDES 2 **FREE** MACROS

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LRA

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
