



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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President’s Corner

From Ted Cline NØRQV

Both repeaters are working. Everything is just ducky.

Thanks to Tom Levendusky NØMWY for running the January meeting.

I was sad to hear of the recent death of Wally Dewars WØTQW at age 85 on Jan-17.

Come join us at this Sat-February-2 meeting. We will continue the 2002 LRA dues collection.

73’s Ted

Wally was a long time (probably one of the originals) member of the LRA and LRA was specifically mentioned in the obituary as one of his memberships.

I knew Wally personally..... in fact, I believe he helped me erect my first tower in 1981. If he didn't help with the initial installation, he helped with some work when one of my earlier beams failed in a windstorm - my memory of the specifics is a little foggy. He was one of the good guys and was obviously proud of his 67(!!!) years as a licensed amateur, as the obituary mentioned.

Jody and I will be making a personal contribution to Handi-Hams in his memory, and we'll be sending a sympathy card to the family.

I'd like to suggest that at the next LRA meeting that we discuss the possibility of a small (maybe \$25? - or whatever the membership feels is appropriate) contribution to Handi-Hams from the LRA, in Wally's memory. And, we should probably pass around another card for the family.

In Memoriam Wally Dewars, WØTQW

The obituary for Wally Dewars, WØTQW, is in today's Loveland paper. He became a silent key at age 85 on 1/17. He was licensed 67 (!!) years.

The dilemma Jody and I have is that there is a possibility (hopefully small) that we won't be able to attend the meeting on 2/2. We will be in Nebraska earlier that week and expect to return home on Friday, but you never know about weather this time of the year - especially in the Central Platte Valley of Nebraska, which is where we will be.

Could someone else be prepared for a card pass-around and be ready to discuss the possibility of the donation I've suggested - just in case we don't get back?

I think Wally is the second LRA example (Bill Green, W0GUG is the other) - of current, or even recent, members of the LRA becoming silent keys, so we probably should be careful to insure that if we do something like this for Wally, then we should be prepared to do so for others in the future.

For what it is worth.

73,
Ron - W0OSK

Minutes of December 1st Meeting From Jody Klein, N0AJB

There were 28 members and guests present.

Elmer Sterkel, K0UYE, is in the hospital. A card was passed around. Virgil visited him yesterday and he's doing well and expects to be home early this week

Reports:

Treasurer: Current Balance is \$____. Dues are now due and so far about a third of the members have renewed.

Repeaters: The VHF machine now has a female voice. If PL is off, it will turn back on after 3 minutes of inactivity.

Newsletter: Walt reports that everything is still going well. Let him know if you would like it by e-mail. Because so many are now receiving it by e-mail, printing cost is much cheaper. Currently 57 copies are now being mailed. PDF is the current format for the e-mail newsletter.

ARES: no report.

Old Business:

Twenty-six people attended the Christmas Party. Ellie Van Winkle won the \$100 certificate from HRO and announced that it will be used for supplies for the BARC juniors. Barbara Glass and Virgil Leenerts won \$25 gift certificates to the Wayside Inn.

New Business:

Dennis, WB0BML, has property on Storm Mountain for a possible additional repeater site.

Classes: Possibly in February but no time or place set.

Walt raised the possibility of raising the breakfast price to \$6.50. Ted Cline was to talk with Fred about this. Walt will check with Ted. Later it was discovered that the price has been raised to \$6.50.

Alan, KB0VKF, inherited a Kenwood TS 830 and would like any information anyone has.

Upcoming Contest: The North American QSO party CW contest will be January 12-13 and the phone contest will be January 19-20. This a low-key contest that is a good one for a beginning contestester.

Field Day is the last full weekend in June. June 22-23.

Show and Tell: What did Santa bring you for Christmas?

Dave, W0MAY showed an old microphone he has recently begun using again; Dennis, WB0BML, has a new Kenwood THF 6 HT. It is a nice small unit and he says it costs about \$380; Jeff Mills, KC0LLI, showed a small quarter wave antenna for 2.4 GHz.; Brent Shaw, KB0URX, showed his new 12 channel GPS receiver; Jody Klein, N0AJB, had her new Christmas toy, a JVC VHS-C video camera, at the Christmas dinner. She showed the video she shot at the party.

50/50 total was \$23. Dennis, WB0BML, won \$11.50.

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, February 2nd

Treasurer's Report for December, 2001 From Ron Klein, W0OSK

The club bank account totals \$____ as of January 28, 2002.

During January, we had a total of 19 members pay dues for the year, which brings the number of paid members up to 53 which includes a total of 10 family members. We are more than halfway to the usual number of members.

The good news is that in the last 3 months we have received memberships from 4 new members, 1 family member, and 1 returnee from the early days of LRA. Art, KC0LXY is a new licensee and new member. Shaun, W6FUZ is a new member along with Lynne, KC0LQB the family member and newly licensed. Dick, KC0KPK and Jeff, KC0LLI are new members. Gary, N0IAF, is returning to LRA after being a member in the early days of the LRA and a number of years of inactivity in the hobby.

The only unique financial activity this month was the payment of the annual premium for the ARRL Equipment insurance which covers the repeater equipment we own.

Details of monthly account activity through January 28, 2002 are shown in the following table.

Beginning Balance as of 12/30/01	
Credits	
Dues	
50/50 (Jan. meeting)	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Newsletter	
Public Service	
Qwest	
ARRL Insurance	
Total Debits	
New Balance as of 1/28/02	

Remember to pay your 2002 membership dues From Ron Klein, WØSK

Approximately 50 % of the previous members have paid dues for 2002. I would like to get the balance in just as soon as possible. The March newsletter will contain a printout of the club membership database which will show who is not yet paid. It will also let you tell me what, if any, changes need to be made to update your record.

Then, **March 22nd**, the clock will go off and if you have not paid your dues, you will receive no more newsletters or the other NUMEROUS privileges of LRA membership. And, your record in the database will be changed from M(member) to D for DEPRIVED.

So, please either mail your dues to the PO Box as soon as possible, or see Jody or me at the next meeting so you don't end up feeling **DEPRIVED** after March 22nd.

Members in the National Press...

Authorship is a strange and wonderful thing. As many of you know, I had an article accepted and published in the February, 2002 QST called "The Return of the Slide Rule Dial". In the article, I lament the loss of the sense of "place in the spectrum" that occurred when radios went digital. It's a fond remembrance of the slide rule dials of yore along with a Visual Basic program that I offered free that mimics the old dials by reading the frequency from the radio's serial port and displaying it as a moving dial on the screen of your PC. I showed it at an LRA club meeting several months ago. I thought you might enjoy some stats on the response to the article.

As this is written, one week after the issue appeared, I have received almost 100 requests for the program. Most are from the U.S., but I also got requests from Norway, Brazil and Canada. 28 want to use it on Yaesu rigs (although only 17 have been for the FT-1000 and its variants), 18 want it for Icom rigs, 11 for Kenwood, 4 for TenTec, 3 for Elecraft and 1 for the Kachina 505DSP. 32 others didn't say why they wanted it.

Some others just wanted to experiment with VB, and others just wanted to talk. A slide rule newsgroup was thrilled to see a slide rule in print. Several have said they enjoyed reminiscing about their college slide rules and their old radios. A Reverend said it was the "answer to a prayer"! One guy suggested "improvements" to the code by eliminating the Timer routine, using OnComm instead. When I pointed out that you still need to output a command to the rig periodically, thus requiring the Timer routine, he said he had had a "Duh moment right after I hit send".

The best part is that everyone who's written has said it was a cool idea. It's a real nice feeling to know that you've touched people, and I've had many good e-mail exchanges as a result of it. It may not be an on-the-air activity, but it's ham radio nonetheless. If any of you have ever had a neat idea but aren't good at writing or don't know how to go about getting it published, I'd be happy to help. Just give me a call!

If you're an ARRL member, I'd appreciate a vote for my article at www.arrl.org/members-only/qstvot.html. If not registered there, you can first go to www.arrl.org/members. Thanks! And if you're NOT an ARRL member, why not?

Brian Wood, WØDZ

Members in Europe...

My wife, Jeannie, and myself traveled to Italy during April, 2001 to ride a tandem in Tuscany and revisit our honeymoon town of Thiene. I took along a yaesu ft-817 qrp rit and tried operating portable on both hf and vhf bands. I also tried talking to the local hams in Italian. "parlo poco italiano!" you can see more about the trip on the arrl web page www.arrl.org.

Stephen Stuntz, NØBF

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>.

17 Feb 2002, the Aurora repeater Association Hamfest in Brighton. Contact Wayne Heinen, NØPOH at 303-699-3411 or at n0poh@arrl.net

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