



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 Brian Wood W0DZ for volunteering to be our Field Day Poobah again this year, June-21/23-2002.

I'll be looking for volunteers for the Sat-June-8 American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure bicycle ride around Loveland.

Sorry for the confusion. The meeting breakfasts (with coffee) have indeed been raised from \$6 to \$7. \$1 if you want only coffee.

The Severe Weather/Public Service season is coming: <http://home.earthlink.net/~aresco10/index.htm>

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

73's Ted

<p>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 \$7 breakfast buffet begins at 8 AM. Coffee, \$1 The meeting starts promptly at 9 AM.</p> <p>Visitors are welcome. Come join us!</p> <p>Next Meeting: Saturday, March 2nd</p>
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Minutes of February 2nd Meeting From Jody Klein, NØAJB

We had 27 members and guests present.

Groundhog day: it was reported that Phil saw his shadow :>(

Clyde Glass has now been licensed for 50 years!! On January 29, 1952 he received his first call W9RFI. Dave Cheney, WØMAY says it will be 50 years in May for him. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Elmer Sterkel, KØUYE is home from the hospital and doing better.

Duff, WØXYZ, will be at the Olympics with his disaster response team.

Reports:

Treasurer: \$___ is the current bank balance. Dues are now due.

Newsletter: 54 copies are now being received by e-mail. The cost of copying continues to go down. Walt estimates that Kinko's will pay him beginning about September. Walt also mentioned that he would like a copy of Visual C++.

Repeater: The VHF machine now has a female voice on it. Status of the 440 phone patch is uncertain. Overall the repeater is working well. A birthday card for Fred Wenniger was passed around. Fred is the owner of the land where the repeater is located and we like to thank him whenever we can.

Interference: The interference by Albertson's in Loveland was mentioned again. Rick WB7THT has reported it.

Ron, KCØIUK of the Longmont Club reported problems with the ARRL e-mail in Wyoming and Michigan.

ARES: will meet tomorrow from 1:30 to 3:30 in Windsor.

Old Business:

A reminder-if you are joining ARRL for the first time or rejoining after an absence of 2 years—the club will receive a bonus if you join through us. Someone asked about a senior discount.

New Business:

Brian Wood, WØDZ has an article in the February QST regarding the virtual basic program he wrote. ARRL members can go on-line and vote for Brian's article.

Field Day: June 22-23. Brian has already volunteered to be chairman. This year IARU Region 2 countries will be

participating. Again this year, those helping to set up will receive a free breakfast.

Wally DeWars, WØTQW is the second member of the club to become a silent key. A card was passed around for his family. It was moved and seconded that we make a \$50 donation to Handi-Hams. It was noted on the card that we had done that.

We received an e-mail from Aaron Shileikis, a junior at CU who just received his Technician's license. He wanted information about the club and radio activity in general in this area. His e-mail address is: Aaron.Shileikis@Colorado.EDU.

50/50 was \$22. Brian, WØDZ drew his own number and donated the winnings to the club.

Guest from the Longmont club were introduced. Jim Walker, president has surplus radio gear for anyone interested. He reported that BARCFEST will be April 6th at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

Ron, KCØIUK, runs an embroidery business and can embroider names and calls on shirts, caps, etc. Bob, K9CGD was also present.

Breakfast is now \$7.00 although there is some confusion and Ted will clarify with Fred of the Wayside Inn as to the future price.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2002 From Ron Klein, WØOSK

The club bank account totals \$___ as of February 25, 2002.

More renewals were received in February and we now have a total of 60 paid members (95 last year) with 14 family members (40 last year).

The only unique financial activity this month was the payment of the annual rent for the PO Box and the donation of \$50 to Handi-Hams as a memorial to WØTQW, now a silent key.

Please look at the roster which is attached and let me know if there are any updates to your information in the club records. Also check to see if your dues are paid up for 2002.

Details of monthly account activity through February 25, 2002 are shown in the following table.

Beginning Balance as of 1/28/02	
Credits	
Dues	
50/50 (Jan. meeting)	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Newsletter	
Public Service	
Qwest	
PO Box & Stamps	
Donation (WØTQW Memorial)	
Total Debits	
New Balance as of 2/25/02	

**Pay your Dues by March 15 and get the answer to The BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION!
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

As everybody knows, 2002 dues (still a bargain at \$20) are now due. The membership roster attached to the newsletter shows who has and hasn't paid. If your Status shows MD instead of M that means you haven't paid yet. If you do so by March 15 you will find out the answer to The BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION with the April newsletter. If you don't pay by March 15 then you'll not get the newsletter and you'll forever wonder what the answers were to the following BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION:

1. Who were the first 17 paid members of the LRA when it was formed in 1979?

2. Who were the first official officers of the LRA?

Thanks to the impeccable record keeping of John, KDØGD, the answer to these important questions reside in the LRA records which are safely tucked away in a secure location.

Pay your dues by March 15 and you'll be able to get the answer to this important set of questions. Otherwise, you'll forever wonder who these history-making hams were!

USING THE LRA AUTOPATCH FOR EMERGENCYS

**By Tom Levendusky Jr.
NØMWY**

We have set up certain macros for emergency use. They are:

- 911* - Dials 911 to the Loveland PD emergency calls
- 912* - Dials the Loveland PD
- 913* - Dials the Colorado State Police
- 914* - Dials the Larimer County Sheriff

Here is the process for using these numbers:

- 1) Announce that you are going to use the autopatch.
- 2) Dial the macro (i.e., 911*, 912*, etc.)
- 3) When the dispatcher answers state that you are an Amateur Radio Operator calling via Amateur Radio.
- 4) State your location and the emergency (auto accident, injuries, etc.).
- 5) Give the dispatcher any other information they need.
- 6) When finished with the call dial # on your radio to hang up the call.

On important thing to remember is that 911* will go to the Loveland PD dispatcher. If you are in Longmont and see an accident and dial 911*, the Loveland PD will get the call not the Longmont PD. So you will need to tell the dispatcher your location and that you are calling via Amateur Radio. They will either take the call or transfer you to the appropriate agency.

Duff has made sure that when we dial 911* to the Loveland PD, what will show up on their screen is that the call is an Amateur Radio Operator calling from a radio. But make sure that you do state this when you call to avoid any confusion.

*Wanted - Battery pack for Yaesu FT-50R HT.
Ron Klein - WØOSK ronklein@ix.netcom.com*

Ruth Wilcox, wife of silent key Ed Wilcox WB9JXV has the following items for sale:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MFGR	MANUAL
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1. Transceiver	TS-140-S	Kenwood	Yes
2. Power Supply	PS-33	Kenwood	Yes
3. Microphone	MC-50	Kenwood	Sheet
4. RF Power Meter	HM-102	HeathKit	Yes
5. Phone Patch	HD-15	HeathKit	Yes
6. Antenna Tuner	100 Watts	Home Made	SOLD
7. Cantenna	Dummy Load	HeathKit	Yes
8. Antenna Rotor	Ham II	C-D-E	Yes
9. Rotor	Control Box	C-D-E	Sheet
10. Volt Meter	IM-28 Vacuumtube	HeathKit	Yes
11. Multitester	2000 Ohms	R Shack	Pamphlet
12. Field Meter	Field Strength/SWR		SOLD
13. Tube Tester	Model 625	EICO	
14. Battery Charger for NiCads		R Shack	Pamphlet
15. Ham Beam	TA-33, Jr.	Mosley	Pamphlet
16. Switch-Coax	Model 1375-5way	Protax	Pamphlet
17. Speaker, Radio			No
18. Filter, Low Pass			No

Ruth's home number is 667-6591

Food for Thought

From Ron Klein, WØOSK

The below post, called "Real hams don't ---" recently was posted to the CQ-Contest reflector on the Internet by K2AV. It resulted from a long set of (rather narrow-minded) posts regarding whether use of packet for spotting was "right" for contesting. I think it offers food for thought – and I believe points out one of the things that is truly special about the LRA.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the LRA has always been the fact that as a club we seem to respect the varying interests and views of our members. We don't get into the mode that too many other clubs do that result in members being expected to do certain things "or else". We are a refreshing contrast to the area club that, for example, a few years ago held a special meeting of the officers and voted to remove a member who was not "conforming to the club officer's wishes". That situation had absolutely nothing to do with the legalities of the ejected member's operations or compliance to good operating practice and had all to do with the concept that "Real hams don't ---". At the time the LRA was formed, there were other groups in the area that had what amounted to "vigilante committees" knocking on repeater users doors. "Repeater Cops" don't seem to frequent our machines – or join our club – all of which is goodness, in my humble opinion.

The LRA was formed with the idea that such behavior was not appropriate and we should respect the fact that this is a diversified hobby with many diverse interests

and personalities. In my opinion, we have succeeded very well at that and I believe that is the primary reason we have been a successful club for 23 years now.

See the below post, treat it as humor – but be sure to read the remarks by K2AV at the end – and give thought to the basic point.

Ron - WØOSK

From: "Guy Olinger, K2AV"
 Subject: [CQ-Contest] Real hams don't ---.
 Date sent: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 21:45:46 -0500

A small sampling of my collection of "Real hams don't" heard over the years:

Real hams don't use bugs. All those extra dits never under control ... Dah dit dit dit dit dit instead of a real B. Real hams use a straight key.

Real hams don't use SSB, it sounds like pig squeals and you have to keep tuning it in. Real hams use AM.

Real hams don't use transistors. Ham parts should weigh something and heft nicely in your hand.

Real hams don't use automatic keyers, especially iambic. Real hams use mechanical sending devices, like bugs. Bugs take skill to do dits and dahs right.

Real hams don't use equipment they didn't design and build themselves. They don't build kits either. Real hams are supposed to be experimenting, pushing the envelope, leaders in design.

Real hams don't use equipment made in other countries. If Johnson, Collins and National aren't good enough for you, you have a problem.

Real hams don't use equipment made with LSI and surface mount, because then you can't repair it yourself. Real hams repair their own equipment.

Real hams don't use keyboards, they use keys and paddles and automatic keyers. Keys and paddles take skill.

Real hams don't use logging computers. Keeping a paper log and dupe sheet is a skill that separates the men from the boys.

Real hams don't use packet in a DX contest. Real hams find their own multipliers.

History has not been kind to the pronouncers of "Real hams don't ---." You'd think we would learn. Silly thread on packet.

If you DON'T want to use it, fine. If you DO want to use it, fine. Just don't use it and put yourself in a rules class that doesn't.

And lay off trying to put down everyone that doesn't like it the same way you do, lay off trying to change the rules to FORCE everyone else to do it the way you do. You just make people mad. And history shows you SURELY are NOT going to win.

There is plenty of room for ALL of us. Real hams make room for other hams.

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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>.

Apr-6-2002, 8am-2pm:
LARC-Fest Longmont Amateur Radio Club
Admission is \$2 Testing at 10am
Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO.
More Info: Pat Lambert WO1PL, w0ipl@earthlink.net
www.qsl.net/larc/garage.html

From the ARRL Web Page:

ARLB016 Lone missing application holding up vanity system

And then there was one. The FCC indicates that a lone missing paper
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vanity call sign application filed last October is holding up the resumption of routine vanity processing. Yesterday, the FCC processed 33 vanity applications received last October 23 and 24. Today it plans to run another 41 applications received October 25 and 26. Processing remains stalled beyond that receipt date, however. FCC efforts, assisted by the ARRL, to contact the elusive applicant to have the individual resubmit a vanity application have proven difficult.

The FCC appears determined to hold off further processing until the remaining applicant is given an opportunity to resubmit an application and, thus, retain a place in the processing queue. No amateur vanity call signs have been granted since February 1, when applications received at the FCC October 22, 23 and 24 were processed. The FCC later rescinded vanity grants for October 23 and 24, however, after it realized that it needed further information for an October 23 application. Prior to late January, no vanity call signs had been issued since October 30.

The ARRL has estimated that some 2050 vanity applications now are in the FCC's processing pipeline--the majority of them filed electronically. The FCC's policy is to give equal processing weight to paper and electronic applications. Some two weeks' worth of October paper vanity applications apparently were mislaid after mail was sent off last fall for anthrax decontamination.

FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau personnel at the FCC's Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, office used information gleaned from payment receipts to contact the known paper filers via e-mail or telephone to have them resubmit copies of their vanity applications. That effort--again with ARRL help--led to this week's vanity processing.



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

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Contact: Ted Cline, N0RQV, 593-9303

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
