



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

Last time I checked, both repeaters were working. Everything is just ducky.

Thanks to Brian Wood WØDZ for our February meeting entertainment.

I am always looking for meeting entertainment. *What can you tell us about?*

HamCon Colorado, the 2003 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention, will be in Estes Park May 30th through June 1st.

We are still collecting 2003 membership dues, \$25/year for most of us.

Come join us at this Sat-Mar-1 meeting.

73 Ted Cline

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.

Visitors are welcome. Come join us!

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 1st

Minutes of February 1st Meeting Jody Klein, NØAJB

By the start of this meeting it was known that the Space Shuttle Columbia had been lost upon reentry. We began

with a moment of silence for those who were lost and their families.

There were 20 members present.

Reports:

Treasurer: The report is in the newsletter. Currently 51 members have renewed.

Newsletter: Walt reported that Dave WØMAY passed along an article that was available by email newsletter but was not included in the paper version due to length.

Repeater: OK

ARES: No news

Interference: None

Old Business:

Ham University contacted Ted about a link from the website and he is going to put one up. Future link requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

ICOM 756: Tom, NØNWX used it during the QSO Party and said it worked well. We discussed the possibility of selling it with club members having first chance, then locally, and then on a wider basis if need be and putting the proceeds in the repeater fund. Virgil, WØINK, moved that we sell the radio with the stipulation that proceeds be set aside for the repeater fund.

Dave, WØMAY seconded. The motion carried. Tom and Ron will work on it together.

New Business:

The ADA Tour de Cure bike ride is June 7. The club meeting is the same day. After some discussion, it was decided not to change the date of the meeting. See Ted if you can help.

Brian, WØDZ would like a field day orientation and "rehearsal" Possibly June 14.

50/50 was \$14. Art, KCØLXY won \$7.

Next hamfest: Sunday, February 16 in Brighton.

Brian showed his PSK 31 reinstalled in a metal chassis. He also showed a Heathkit DX 100 that he purchased on Ebay and restored. *(If you missed this, you missed a lot! Brian is not only a craftsman, but a historian as well. Thanks Brian! Ed.)*

Treasurer's Report for February 2003 From Ron Klein, WØOSK

The club bank account totals \$___ as of February 24, 2003. Available cash after existing obligations is \$___.

We now have 52 paid members and 18 family members with 3 renewals and 1 new member this month. Welcome to John, WØDDX. Last year at this time we had 61 paid members, so we are down a little bit.

Details of monthly account activity through February 24, 2003 are shown in the following table. This also shows the obligations for previous expenses and the repeater fund, and the resulting "available cash" we actually have. The repeater fund has been credited with the club share of the February meeting 50/50 proceeds.

This month, the club PO Box was renewed for another year, in addition to the usual monthly expenses.

Beginning Balance as of 1/28/03	
Credits	
2003 Dues	
50/50 cash – Feb meeting	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Xcel Energy – Electricity	
Qwest - Phone	
Newsletter	
Bank Service Charge	
Postage (Stamps)	
PO Box Rental	
Total Debits	
Bank Balance as of 2/24/03	
Obligated funds	
Repeater Fund	
NØRQV-digi + '01 Field Day	
WØAVV-Repeater Repair(est)	
Total obligations	
Available Cash as of 2/24/03	

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

As everybody knows, 2003 dues (still a bargain at ONLY \$25) are now due. The membership roster attached to the newsletter shows who has and hasn't paid. If your Status shows **MD** (or **FD**) instead of **M** (or

F) 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 answer was to the following **BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION:**

How many years did Virgil, WØINK serve as LRA President (aka "Virgil the Benevolent Dictator")?

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 what the answer is!

Please look at the roster for information that might be incorrect and email me with any corrections or updates.

**Remember to pay your 2003 membership dues
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

Approximately 60 % of the previous members have paid dues for 2003. 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 21st**, 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 21st.

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>.

None Listed for March

**Wanted - HamCon Talk-in Station Volunteers
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

As everybody knows, the LRA is responsible for the Talk-In Station at HamCon 2003 in Estes Park, May 30 through June 1. This is our task as a sponsoring club for the convention.

We plan to use the Estes 146.685 and Colorado Connection 145.310 repeaters for talk-in. The machines will be linked, allowing basically both statewide and Estes valley area coverages through a single operator position.

Additionally, Wes, KØHBZ will have his solar powered machine set up on 146.835(-600) for local communications around the valley. The plan is to run this in non-pl mode, but if interference issues arise, it will have 114.8 PL access enabled.. This machine always transmits a 114.8 Hz output tone for tone squelch operation for those who want to do that.

We need to start compiling a list of operators so the planning and scheduling of duty times can begin. Woody, W3HII and Virgil, WØINK volunteered at the January meeting.

Please email me at: w0osk@arrl.net with your preference of operating time. The choices of general time periods are:

Friday, 5/30 - morning, afternoon, evening
Saturday, 5/31 - morning, afternoon, evening
Sunday, 6/1 - morning

It would be nice to have enough operators so everybody could spend no more than 1 to 2 hours on duty.

The convention plans look great. You can find more details at: <http://www.hamconcolorado.org>

**Upcoming Exam Session
From Mike Hickerson, WØMBH**

There will be an exam held in the Engineering Building, room B103 starting at or about 0900 on the CSU campus in Fort Collins on March 8th (second Saturday). The Engineering Building is next to the Lory Student Center. Questions? Email me at w0mbh@hotmail.com or call me at 988-0344.

73

Mike

*(Thanks Mike! By the way, Mike is now working at the Loveland **Radio Shack** store in the Orchard's shopping center. Stop in & say Hi! ...or, BUY Something! Ed.)*

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Contact: Ted, NØRQV 593-9303

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
