



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 Rick Kile WB7THT, Tom Levendusky NØMWY, and Ron Klein WØOSK for our March meeting entertainment, showing a great new ARRL "Walter Cronkite" video.

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: <http://www.hamconcolorado.org>

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

Come join us at this Sat-Apr-5 meeting.

73, Ted Cline

<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. Visitors are welcome. Come join us!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Saturday, April 5th</p>

Minutes of February 1st Meeting Jody Klein, NØAJB

There were 29 present.

Reports:

Treasurer: Current balance is roughly \$____. 56 members have renewed. Please renew by March 21 or you will not get next month's newsletter with the revealing answer to the mystery question in it.

Repeaters: Everything is ducky. 440 still has no phone patch on it.

Interference: Tom, NØMWY, showed an anonymous (insert cowardly) letter he received from a "neighbor" regarding interference. Another ham living close by received the same letter.

Walt: had several email newsletters returned with messages that mail boxes were full. Clean out your mail boxes, folks. He will also distribute to everyone on the mailing list a message from Jerry VerDuft, Hamcon Chairman about the convention that was omitted from the newsletter.

ARES: Weather training will be held May 3. Location to be determined. Net meets Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on 25/85.

EOC: The Loveland EOC will not be available until September or October. A location for the EOC field day is to be determined. Fort Collins EOC has also moved.

Old Business:

Hamcon: May 30, 31 and June 1 in Estes Park. Virgil, WØINK and Woody W3HII are in charge of signing up volunteers for the talk-in station. See them to set up your time. The club also has a free table available at the convention. Sales of items for the benefit of the club will be allowed. We discussed having Don make an LRA banner for us.

The Hamfest in Brighton was well attended.

An email has gone out about the ICOM that the club has for sale.

Ted, NØRQV has 2 CCARC maps available. Cost is \$1.

New Business:

ADA Tour de Cure bike ride is the same day as the June meeting. A sign up sheet is going around.

Brian, WØDZ had an article on the restoration of the DX 100 accepted for publication. He also made his first PC board and said it turned out well.

The April CCARC meeting will be in Silverthorne. Ron, WØOSK and Jody, NØAJB will attend. The legislative committee is beginning to draft specifics of proposed antenna legislation.

50/50 was \$22. Lynne Allred won \$11.

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

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

The renewals which were received in March bring our membership to a total of 67 paid members with 21 family members, 4 of which are new members. The total includes one member who has assured me he will either pay at the next meeting or mail a check. Last year at this time we had 72 paid members, with several that renewed after the cutoff date. We have had to delete 20 non-renewing members and 15 family members from the database this month.

Details of monthly account activity through March 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 March meeting 50/50 proceeds. This month the annual corporate fee was paid to the Secretary of State.

Our budget assumed 80 paid members for this year. In the next few weeks, I will be looking at the budget situation and report on the effect of the reduced membership we currently have. Typically, there are always a few "stragglers" that renew after the March cutoff. That would be welcome.

Beginning Balance as of 2/24/03	
Credits	
2003 Dues	
50/50 cash – March meeting	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Xcel Energy – Electricity	
Qwest - Phone	
Newsletter	
State of Colorado - corp fee	
Total Debits	
Bank Balance as of 3/24/03	
Obligated funds	
<i>Repeater Fund</i>	
<i>NØRQV-digi + '01 Field Day</i>	
<i>WØAVV-Repeater Repair(est)</i>	
Total obligations	
Available Cash as of 3/24/03	

**The answer to The BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION!
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

**[THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR
THIS ARTICLE – RIGHT? ;-)]**

Last month, I promised that those who renewed in time to receive the April newsletter would find out the answer to The BIG LRA MYSTERY QUESTION with the April newsletter. So as promised, below is the answer the ENTIRE WORLD has surely been waiting for!

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

The answer is10 years.

It's too bad 20 of last years members have deprived themselves of the answer to this question! So, keep your membership paid next year and there may be another wonderful bit of LRA history to disclose.

**HAMCON 2003 - Rocky Mountain Division Convention -
May 30-June 1, 2003
From Ron Klein, WØOSK**

As you know, LRA is one of the sponsors of this grand event and is responsible for the Talk-in station. Contact Virgil, WØINK (vgle@ieee.org/667-5649) or Woody, W3HII(W3HII@arrl.net/613-0473) to volunteer to operate the station during the event.

The program is shaping up very well with a good selection of forums, banquets, etc. This is a real convention, along the lines of the Dayton Hamvention - not merely a swapmeet. You can see details at <http://www.hamconcolorado.org>.

And, you can register online via a secure connection if you like, or download the registration form and do it the old-fashioned way by US Mail.

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>.

Longmont ARC

The Longmont Club will be holding a Swapfest from 8AM to 1PM on Saturday the 5th (same day as our club meeting) at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$4. <http://www.qsl.net/larc> for more details.

FOR SALE

The Loveland Repeater Association is selling an ICOM IC-756 160-6M Transceiver with the HM-36 hand microphone, the SM-20 desk microphone, FL-222 1.8khz SSB filter, power cable, and original manual. The radio is in excellent condition both operational and physically. Features: 100w output all bands, *live spectrum scope*, 2 receiver preamps, built in auto tuner, and many more. We are asking \$1000.00.



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**Tee Shirts and Pins for 2003 Field Day
By Rick Kile, WB7THT**

The ARRL recently announced availability of pins and tee shirts for Field Day 2003. Theme for this year is "When All Else Fails..." to emphasize the 1933 origin of Field Day as an emergency preparedness exercise. This year the ARRL added special pins and tee shirts for Field Day participants in the Get On The Air (GOTA) activity.

To ensure early availability for members of the Loveland Repeater Association 2003 Field Day contingent, I have placed an advance order for pins and shirts. At this month's meeting I will be taking orders. If everything works out right, I may even have the pins and shirts available. To make things easier, this year I will absorb all shipping costs and pass on only the direct costs of the pins and shirts. Pins for Field Day and GOTA will be \$5; tee shirts for both activities are \$12.95. Shirts come in Medium, Large, XL, and 2XL.

Please see me at the club meeting if you are interested.

**73's
Rick, WB7THT**

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HOW DO YOU WANT NEWSLETTER? E-mail(preferred) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Mail <input type="checkbox"/>		E-MAIL ADDRESS	

DUES: Family Membership \$25.00 *NEW FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INCLUDED.*
 Under 18 \$ 5.00 *PRO-RATED AT \$2.10/MONTH*
 USE BACK OF FORM FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS

INCLUDES 2 **FREE** MACROS

Contact: Ted, NØRQV 593-9303

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **LRA**

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
