



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 Tom Levendusky NØMWY for our April meeting entertainment, showing his video visiting ARRL headquarters in Connecticut.

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

LRA is one of the sponsors of HamCon Colorado, the 2003 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention, in Estes Park May 30th through June 1st: <http://www.hamconcolorado.org> Please contact Virgil W0INK (667-5649) or Woody W3HII (613-0473) to volunteer to operate the Talk-in station during the event.

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

Finally, due to declining membership, I think we can not afford hosting a club Field Day event in late June. I encourage all members to voice their opinion at this May meeting. I expect a club vote.

Come join us and the BARC Junior speakers at this Sat-May-3 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, May 3rd

Minutes of April 5th Meeting Jody Klein, NØAJB

There were 16 members present.

Reports:

Minutes: It was noted that the minutes in the newsletter were from the March meeting and not the February meeting as shown in the newsletter.

Treasurer: We now have 68 paid members (we were expecting 80.) We have about \$___ available. Randy, WØAVV is still looking for some equipment to replace what he provided last year to repair the 195 repeater.

Repeater: everything is OK. Interference: none reported.
Newsletter: is OK.

ARES: EOC not yet started. Construction is to be done next year

Weather class is May 3. Time to be determined. Cost is \$10-15. It will be held at I-25 and Hwy 119.

Old business:

Hamcon: Jody, NØAJB reported that there may be shuttle service from the campground to the hotel. Rooms are still available at the Holiday Inn. Earlier problems with registration have been fixed.

Tour de Cure bike ride for Diabetes is June 7. Contact Ted, NØRQV, if you can help.

New business:

BARC jrs. Will be our guests next month.

Field Day shirts and pins are available. The shirts come with or without Get on the Air on the back. Field day and GOTA pins are available. Shirts are \$12.95 and Pins are \$5.00. See Rick WB7THT.

Field Day: Brian, WØDZ reported that if you worked GOTA last year, you can't do it this year. There is a new EOC class for field day this year but access to some centers may be limited. We will still plan to work 4A but will not have cw and phone stations on the same band at the same time.

CCARC will meet April 26 in Silverthorne. Ron, WØOSK and Jody, NØAJB will attend and will make a presentation on the legislation recently drafted.

Brian, WØDZ showed the front panel he recently designed for his DSQ. www.dsq.com

50/50 was \$14. Elmer Sterkel, KØUYE, donated it to LRA.

Tom, NØNWY, showed a video of his trip to W1AW and ground zero.

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

The club bank account totals \$___ as of April 28, 2003.
Available cash after existing obligations is \$___.

We now have a total of 70 paid members with 27 family members. This includes 1 new member, George -WØMKZ, and his XYL Anita - WB0OSM.

Details of monthly account activity through April 28, 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 full share of the April meeting 50/50 proceeds. This month the annual registration for the club trailer was paid.

Our budget assumed 80 paid members for this year, so our income is down. See the article on budget status for more details on where we are financially.

Beginning Balance as of 3/24/03	
Credits	
2003 Dues	
50/50 cash – March meeting	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Xcel Energy – Electricity	
Qwest - Phone	
Newsletter	
Larimer Co-Trailer registration	
Total Debits	
Bank Balance as of 4/28/03	
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 4/28/03	

Field Day Shirts & Pins

Show off your support for field day with official shirts and pins. Rick Kile has purchased shirts and pins that we will be selling at the May meeting. The shirts are \$12.95 each and the pins are \$5.00 each. This year we also have "Get On The Air" shirts and pins. They are the same price as the regular shirts and pins. (The difference is that the GOTA shirt has "Get On The Air" printed on the back of the shirt). So if you want to be in style this field day make sure you have the official field day clothing.

I have the following shirts and pins:

F/D Shirts	F/D Pins	GOTA Shirts	GOTA Pins
3 Med	16 pins	2 Med	5 pins
2 Large		2 Large	
3 XLarge		1 XL	
1 2XL			



See Tom Levendusky for shirts and pins.

Please make checks out to Rick Kile. (cash is fine)

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>.

Rocky Mountain Division HAMCON!

May 30 thru June 1 right here in Estes Park! Details at www.hamconcolorado.org

LRA Budget Status

From Ron Klein, WØOSK

A detailed report of our budget status for those interested is available for download at:

<http://www.qsl.net/w0osk/budgetstatus.pdf>

This year, we made hard choices. We raised the dues. We reduced budget for Christmas Party Prizes. We set a firm budget for Field Day Expenses. This was intended to allow us to begin restoring our reserve for future repeater capital and repair costs and reduce - not eliminate - the decline in our cash balance. That cash reserve is needed to cover any unexpected costs and has been in decline in recent years.

The good news is we are spending less than budgeted. This is primarily due to savings in the newsletter and not spending the \$___ budgeted for the Christmas party prizes. It looks like we will spend approximately \$___ less than budgeted.

That is the good news..... now for the rest.... We're frankly on the way to going broke.

Income is significantly below budget due to reduced membership of 70 vs 80 which was the budget basis. Income projection is approximately \$___ less than we budgeted for. Net cash flow projection is a deficit of about \$___. Our budget planned on a \$___ POSITIVE cash flow. So, we are actually out of balance by \$___, or nearly 18% of our projected actual income.

This deficit spending is a problem for several reasons.

First of all, our cash reserve was already low at the beginning of the budget year. The budget we adopted would have caused our cash balance to be \$___ at year end, down from the beginning balance of \$___.

Secondly, the budgeted positive cash flow allowed us to increase the Repeater emergency fund from the \$___ balance it was at to \$___ at the end of our budget year. While still inadequate, it allowed us to get started on re-establishing that fund.

Because of the projected deficit, our projected cash balance at year end will be still lower at \$___. This is a net decrease in cash balance of \$___ or -36% of our currently projected income.

At this rate, we will be broke (out of spendable general fund \$) in less than 2 years.

What options do we have?

One definite option immediately available during the remainder of our budget year, which ends on July 31, is to drastically curtail - or

completely eliminate - Field Day expenses which were budgeted at \$___.

As additional information to consider, the below table shows the % change in both income and the major categories of club expenses in recent years, extracted from LRA financial records:

Item	From/To	% change
Income(Dues+50/50)	2000 to 2002	-17%
Income(Dues+50/50)	2000 to 2003	-12%
Repeater Operation/Maintenance & Improvement	2000 to 2002	-41%
Newsletter	2000 to 2003	-75%
Field Day expense	2000 to 2002	+168%
Field Day expense w/2003 budgeted	2000 to 2003	+58%
Christmas Party Prizes	1999 to 2001	+22%
Christmas Party Prizes (eliminated)	2000 to 2002	-100%
Liability Insurance	2000 to 2002	+36%
Liability Insurance w/2003 bill	2000 to 2003	+81%

If we are going to stay solvent, we need to make some choices on where we spend our money. We need to make some decisions before this year's Field Day - not later than our June meeting.

A Colorado Version of PRB-1

From Ron Klein, WØOSK

There is an effort underway to pass Colorado legislation to apply the concept of FCC's PRB-1 to Colorado law. This effort was initiated one year ago by the formation of a Legislative Committee by the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (CCARC), to which the LRA belongs. Jody and I are involved in this effort. I serve as Vice-Chairman, with Mark Baker, KGØPA, serving as Chairman.

Our first goal is to apply PRB-1 to Colorado law with a specific definition of minimum acceptable height regulations which meet the "reasonable accommodation" requirement of the FCC preemption, PRB-1. This should address the problem of zoning restrictions. After that we will consider addressing the covenant restriction problem.

You can see the current version of our draft wording at our web site: <http://www.cohampac.org>

Because this is a form of lobbying, we are not posting our strategy or status on a public website at this time. We would like to maintain a low profile. Once this effort becomes known, we expect opposition from most of the bureaucrats in Colorado zoning offices. So, a low public profile is also part of our goal at this time.

We would like the word to get out within the amateur community, as we will be needing state-wide grassroots support to pass such legislation.

Contact me with any questions - especially if you are interested in volunteering time to help.

Looking for a new Tower?

The Weather Station at Colorado State University has a 58' four sided bolt together tower they will give to the individual or club that will dismantle and haul it off. Contact Roger Marshall at 491-1199 for more details.

Walt, KCØFGT

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Contact: Ted, NØRQV 593-9303

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
