



# 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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<b>FM Repeaters</b>	
2 Meters (WØHDD).....	147.195 MHz + (147.795 MHz input), 100 Hz Subtone (1* on, 0* off)
440 (WØHDD).....	449.575 MHz – (444.575 MHz input), 100 Hz Subtone (1* on, 0* off)
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### President's Corner

**From: Rob Strieby, WØHDD**

Ready for the May meeting? We are going to start the morning with the presentations from the BARC JR Dayton Speakers. Hargobind Khalsa, ABOYL and Nittin Shankar, KC0NDS will be headed to Dayton and we are their last practice run. Please come to listen and ask questions to help prep these fine young hams represent Colorado at Dayton.

Duff called last Sunday evening as he was headed for the airport and said he had just receive a message that the repeater shack door was open. Rick Kile and I made the trek in the dark and high winds expecting to find the worst from a shack damage standpoint. With on-air guidance from Steve, WBØUWE, we found the access road and made the trip to the shack. Well, good news. It looks like the tumblers of the big deadbolt lock had not fully engaged and the door was just open. It was nice not to find any damage or vandalism. Thanks go to LP Broadband for contacting Duff with the open door report.

It is time to make a trip back to the shack to install the APRS Digi and do some needed maintenance. Once things dry out a bit we will organize a weekend work party.

The Tech class is doing well, two sessions down and 8 to go. We currently have 13 people enrolled.

73 & see you at the meeting,  
Rob, WØHDD

<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><b>Next Meeting: Saturday, June 5th</b></p>
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**Minutes of 3 April, 2004 Meeting  
From Rick Kile, WB7THT**

The meeting was brought to order early at 0830 by President Rob Strieby, W0HDD with 14 people present. Secretary/Treasurer Rick Kile, WB7THT, reviewed the minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Rick noted we currently have 58 paid members and 22 family members.

Picnic Rock fire update: Rob Strieby gave a brief update on the Picnic Rock fire and the support provided by ARES volunteers to the 398 fire fighters and area residents. At meeting time, the fire had burned over 8,000 acres, including one home and one garage.

ARES: Rick Kile, WB7THT, gave a brief report on the ARES face to face meeting held in Greeley on 27 March. He also reported he was coordinating a visit to the Loveland EOC in April.

Interference: Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Ham Class: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, reported on plans for the upcoming ham class. The class will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 816 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland (one block east of Heritage Ford on East Eisenhower). Rob indicated the class, currently planned for Monday evenings, would move to Tuesday evening to accommodate several Boy Scouts interested in attending.

Vice President Bert Kolts, AB0VI, began collecting money for club shirts. Prices are approximately \$35 plus tax for long sleeve, and \$28 plus tax for short sleeve. Make checks payable to the LRA.

**New Business:**

The 50/50 drawing went to Bill Bruce, N0ZV. Total proceeds of \$13 went to the club.

Program: Virgil Leenerts, W0INK, gave a very interesting presentation on Frequency and Phase Modulation titled "The Right Angle on Modulation".

**Treasurer's Report for April, 2004  
From Rick Kile, WB7THT**

Details of monthly account activity, and current cash balances through 24 April, 2004 are shown in the following table:

<b>Cash Flow Report – April, 2004</b>	
Credits	
50/50 – February	
Dues – 2004	
LRA Shirts	
<b>Total Credits</b>	
Debits	
Xcel Energy – Electricity	
Qwest – Phone	
Stamps	
<b>Total Debits</b>	
<b>Net Monthly cashflow</b>	
<b>Account Balances as of 24 Apr, 2004:</b>	
<i>Repeater Fund Savings Acct</i>	
<i>General Fund Checking</i>	
<b>Obligated Funds:</b>	
<i>NØRQV-digi</i>	
<i>WØAVV-Repeater Repair(est)</i>	
Total obligations	
Available General Fund Cash as of 24 Apr 04	

**Membership Status**

Renewals to date for 2004 total 59 paid members, plus 23 family members.

**Membership Renewals**

If you have not already done so, renew your memberships for calendar year 2004.

You can send your \$25 renewal to the PO Box anytime or see Rick, WB7THT, at a meeting.

**CCARC Spring 2004 Meeting Report  
From Jody Klein, NØAJB**

Ron and I attended the spring meeting of the CCARC held April 24 in Aurora. There were several items on the agenda as well as election of a chair, secretary and frequency coordinator.

Doug Sharp, K2AD, Frequency Coordinator, reported on the database he has set up of all repeaters in Colorado. There will need to be decisions made regarding reassignment of repeater pairs not being used and about "paper" repeaters. Doug has done a fantastic job of pulling all this information together and getting it into a useable form in a database. The delegates unanimously voted to continue to support his efforts to identify and reassign repeater pairs which are not being used, in accordance with existing CCARC policy. Those efforts will be intensified in the near future due the lack of available repeater pairs.

There was discussion on whether to proceed with the antenna legislation. Since the resignation of Mark Baker, KGØPA, our most pressing need is for a "Champion" to marshal a grassroots effort. It was suggested that "talking points" regarding the public service, emergency communication of the Amateur Radio Service be developed. A database of existing statewide regulations by City and County is needed. We also need to line up more sponsors in the State house and senate. The consensus of the delegates was to continue the effort. The executive committee asked for the clubs to report back not later than the fall meeting as to what tasks they are willing to be responsible for and how they will assist. The existing legislation draft is available on the Internet at [www.cohampac.org](http://www.cohampac.org). Volunteers are badly needed for this effort. There is a lot of work to do in order to be prepared to successfully execute an effort to get this passed into Colorado law.

There was much discussion of Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL). Everyone is encouraged to make comments to the FCC which are due on May 3. The ARRL web site has helpful information which describes their position on BPL. Bud, K0GS, passed around a letter he had sent to his REA. From which he had received assurance they would not be pursuing BPL.

Election of officers followed. Tim Armagost, WBØTUB was elected chairman. Judy Hilton, KCØHVD, was elected

Secretary. Doug Sharp, K2AD was reelected Frequency Coordinator.

The fall meeting will be October 16 in Bailey.

### **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>.

### **June 12, 2004 - Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association**

<http://www.qsl.net/ppraa>

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**Sect:** Colorado

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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

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
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