



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 (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

Off we go into Fall! Just a couple if quick topics from the President's Corner:

The APRS Digipeater is installed at the repeater site. We still have a bit of shelving work to complete and it looks as if we are having a minor problem with the TNC. It seems that somewhere between one to five days the TNC becomes self-aware and decides on its own to disable the beacon function. All of the other settings stay intact except for the beacon. A quick trip to the repeater shack and re-enabling the beacon function gets things back on track. I will look into replacing the lithium battery for the TNC memory. Of course this was not an issue during testing down on the flat land.

Mike Hall, W0CMH and Steve Babcoke, WB0UWE are going to go up to the repeater site with me after the meeting to take a look at our repeater alignment. Mike will be joining us for the LRA meeting this Saturday and is bringing his service monitor. Did you ever wonder if your FM rig has sufficient deviation and actually transmits on frequency? Here is your

chance to find out. Mike will demonstrate the service monitor and needs volunteers to test their rigs. Bring your favorite rig to the meeting and see if it really meets specifications.

There is a very good chance that one of the LRA repeaters will be put to use in the simulated emergency on October 9th. Rick, WB7THT and several volunteers will be manning the Loveland EOC and trying out ATV reception and APRS during the exercise.

There is a second exercise on the 23rd of October during which the Loveland EOC will not be in use. Richard Walters, K0RAW is looking for additional volunteers to help out with the exercise. If you are interested in helping, please check in to the Wednesday's ARES net on the .115 and listen for the request.

Hope to see you at the Meeting,

73

Rob, WØHDD

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, November 6th

**Minutes of 4 September, 2004 Meeting
From Rick Kile, WB7THT**

The meeting was brought to order at 0900 by President Rob Strieby, W0HDD, with 20 people present.

Secretary/Treasurer Rick Kile, WB7THT reviewed the Treasury Report and Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter. One correction was noted in the minutes. Tom Levendusky's call should have been reported as N0MWY.

Repeater Status: Nothing to report.

Digi-Peater: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, reported he has acquired batteries and a smart charger. He will run the digi-peater at his house in that configuration to confirm it works and then install it at the repeater site.

There was more discussion on interference at the repeater site affecting the 147.195 MHz repeater. Steve Babcoke, WB0UWE, indicated he had not yet been contacted by LP Broadband to coordinate a visit to the repeater site. Rob Strieby, W0HDD, said he would talk with Wilson Spence from LP Broadband.

Interference: Interference with both 147.195 MHz and the 145.115 MHz repeaters was reported from Main Street in Longmont heading north to Loveland. Rob Strieby said we need to organize a weekend Fox Hunt to identify the interference sources

Newsletter Status: Nothing to report.

ARES: Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported there will be an emergency exercise, centered at the Ft Collins/Loveland airport on 9 Oct. Although the Loveland EOC will not be activated, ARES support at the EOC, Poudre Valley and McKee hospitals, and the airport have been requested by Bob Skillman from the Loveland Fire Department.

Old Business:

General Fund Commitments: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, reached agreement with Randy Long, W0AVV, to accept 4 years worth of membership dues in lieu of payment for repairs he made to our equipment. Ted Cline, N0RQV, did not respond to Rob's note. An executive decision was made at the meeting to convert Ted's long standing commitments from the club general fund to 12 years worth of dues in lieu of direct payment. Accordingly, the \$__ in obligations that have been

held separate from the General Fund have been restored to the fund.

New Business:

Rob Strieby, W0HDD, indicated he has 4 people interested in a General Class license course. Rob stated he needs about 12-15 people to make the course work.

There was discussion on possible meeting program topics, including ham related projects, interference and cost issues, the future of amateur radio, and remote HF station operation.

The 50/50 drawing went to Bill, N0GFQ. Total proceeds of \$__ were donated to the club. Rob Strieby authorized use of \$__ to pay for breakfast for our guest speaker, Jerry, WB6IVF and his guest. The remaining \$__ was deposited in the club checking account.

The program was a very interesting demonstration of blind HF backpacking. Gerry Leary, WB6IVF, brought in his backpack portable HF station and assembled it while discussing his experiences on the air.

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

Details of monthly account activity through 22 September, 2004 are shown below. We currently have 65 paid members plus 25 family members. Please take time to fill out the membership form on your newsletter and renew your dues for 2005.

| Cash Flow Report – September, 2004 | |
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| Credits | |
| 50/50 (August) | |
| 2004 Dues | |
| 2005 Dues | |
| Total Credits | |
| Debits | |
| Xcel Energy - Electricity | |
| Qwest – Phone | |
| Total Debits | |
| Net Monthly cashflow | |
| Account Balances as of 22 Sep 2004: | |
| <i>Repeater Fund Savings Acct</i> | |
| <i>General Fund Checking</i> | |
| Obligated Funds: | |
| <i>nothing to report</i> | |
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| Total obligations | |
| Available General Fund Cash as of 22 September 04 | |

Upcoming Swapfest Information

ARRL Web offers on-line hamfest calendar: Need to know when and where the next hamfest or convention is? Visit the ARRL Hamfest and Convention Database at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>.

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| PHONE | LICENSE CLASS | UNDER 18 Y N | ARRL MEMBER Y N |
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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: Rick Kile, 970-962-9179

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LRA

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| TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES |
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