



# Loveland Repeater Association Newsletter

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

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)**

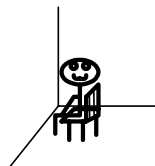
**440 (WØHDD).....449.575 MHz – (444.575 MHz input), 100 Hz Subtone (1\* on, 0\* off)**

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## President's Corner



**From: Rob Strieby, WØHDD**

Happy holidays to all! I will be on vacation during this month's meeting and since it is NOW after Thanksgiving, I wanted to get my holiday wishes out early. I'm sure you will be in good hands with Bert and Rick.

Remember the holiday dinner, December 10<sup>th</sup>. See Rick for details. Hope to see you there.

It is time to do some sole searching as a club. During the last meeting we asked for nominations for the board and no one came forward. This is nothing new. NCARC has the same problems, but at least they were able to get one new person infused into the process. Your current LRA board reluctantly agreed to serve another term, but I will add the caveat that we start talking about the 2006 board as early as January of 2005.

The repeaters have been seeing increased traffic due to the prolonged down time on the .115. NCARC moved the repeater site and things have not been the same since. ETA for repairs still looks like several weeks.

The TXO for the .195 is scheduled to ship the week of the 6<sup>th</sup>. We will start watching the weather and organizing a small work party to install and realign the machine. The controller audio is still pretty rough (voice synthesizer and phone patch). We will check that out at the same time.

I am sure that Virgil is also watching the weather conditions. He has scheduled a work party to go the repeater site after the December meeting to measure the noise floor and check for RF interference at the site with a precision spectrum analyzer.

73, don't forget the Ham for Christmas

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, January TBD**

**Minutes of 6 November, 2004 Meeting  
From Rick Kile, WB7THT**

The meeting was brought to order at 0900 by President Rob Strieby, W0HDD, with 29 people present.

Ron Putnam, KC0IUK, President of the Longmont ARC, and several other club officers joined us for breakfast. Ron spoke about meeting schedules and activities for the LARC and invited all LRA members to join them for breakfast or at their club meeting. More info can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/larc/>.

Following introductions Secretary/Treasurer Rick Kile, WB7THT, reviewed the Treasury Report and Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter.

Repeater Status: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, gave a quick summary of repeater maintenance efforts since the last meeting and an update on planned activities. A TXO is being rebuilt to correct the audio problems on the 147.195MHz repeater voice synthesizer and should be ready by the end of the month. There was additional discussion regarding the possibility of moving the LRA repeaters in the future. A motion was made by Ron Klein, W0OSK, and seconded by Ellie Van Winkle, N0QCX, to do a comprehensive study on potential repeater locations. The motion passed and Ron will chair the study.

Digi-Peater: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, reported the beacon is turning off after approximately 24 hours of operation.

Interference: Rob Strieby, W0HDD, asked all hams to log interference locations so we can begin the process of tracking them back to a source.

Newsletter Status: Nothing to report.

ARES: Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported on the emergency exercise held on 9 Oct at the Ft Collins/Loveland airport. Although the Loveland EOC was not activated, ARES supported at the EOC, Poudre Valley and McKee hospitals, and the airport was provided in support of the Loveland Fire Department. During the exercise we tested Amateur TV broadcast from the incident scene at the airport to the EOC in Loveland.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LRA Christmas Dinner will be held at the Wayside Inn on Friday, 10 December 2004. That is the Friday after the December club meeting. Contact Rick to make reservations.

Bert Kolts, AB0VI, reported he knows of a group of Boy Scouts interested in amateur radio licensing classes.

The 50/50 drawing went to Virgil Leenerts, W0INK. Total proceeds of \$25 were split with \$13 going to the club.

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

Details of monthly account activity through 28 November, 2004 are shown below.

<b>Cash Flow Report – November, 2004</b>	
Credits	
50/50 (November)	
LRA 2004 Dinner	
2005 Dues	
<b>Total Credits</b>	
Debits	
Rob Strieby – Battery Charger	
Xcel Energy – (Oct)	
Qwest – Phone (Nov)	
<b>Total Debits</b>	
<b>Net Monthly cashflow</b>	
<b>Account Balances as of 28 Nov 2004:</b>	
<i>Repeater Fund Savings Acct</i>	
<i>General Fund Checking</i>	
<b>Obligated Funds:</b>	
<i>Nothing to report</i>	
Total obligations	
Available General Fund Cash as of 28 November 04	

**Membership Renewals**

If you have not already done so, renew your memberships for calendar year 2005.

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LRA Christmas Dinner

It's that time of year again to begin thinking about the 6th Annual LRA Christmas Dinner.

**When: 10 December 2004** (the Friday evening after our December club meeting)

Cash bar at 6:30PM (that means you pay) with dinner at 7:00PM

**Where: Wayside Inn, Berthoud, CO**

**What:** The dinner this year will again be served buffet style and includes: Fresh Garden Salad with choice of Dressing, Baked Ham, Roasted Turkey with Sage Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rolls and Butter, Apple and Pumpkin Pie Coffee, Iced Tea and Hot Tea

**Cost:** \$19 per person including tax and gratuity, children age 3 through 10 are \$9.50, and under 3 years of age are free (same as last year)

Please contact Rick Kile, WB7THT, at [wb7tth@colomail.com](mailto:wb7tth@colomail.com) to make reservations. Please pay in advance and make checks payable to the LRA. Hope to see you there for an evening with great food, good friends and a bit of holiday cheer.

## 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>.

## WinterFest

**Northern Colorado ARC**

<http://home.earthlink.net/~ncarc/>

**Talk-In:** 145.115 (-100Hz CTCSS), 146.520 Simplex

## Location:

The McMillen Building  
700 South Railroad Avenue  
Loveland, CO

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NCARC

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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: Rick Kile, 970-962-9179

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
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