



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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Club repeaters

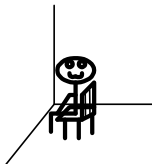
2 Meters (W0HDD).....147.195 MHz+ (147.795 input), 100Hz subtone, (1* on, 0* off)
 70 Centimeters (W0HDD).....449.575 MHz- (444.575 input), 100Hz subtone, (1* on, 0* off)

General repeater maintenance...TBA

Repeater macros..... Bert Kolts AB0VI, 970-667-1841, kolts1@msn.com

Interference Coordinator..... Virgil Leenerts W0INK, _____

President's corner



April, 2005

The April meeting on the 2nd is scheduled to be a short meeting due to the high number of attendees wanting to also attend the LARC Hamfest. Come and join us for breakfast and a quick business meeting. We will aim to get you out between 9:30 and 10:00AM.

Don't forget our Dayton speakers for May. Please help provide them with a big practice audience. We are their last stop before the Dayton Hamvention.

The severe weather training team is trying to solve the LRA meeting conflict in May. They are working on a possible location in Berthoud and looking to start after the LRA meeting. Location confirmation and instructor confirmation are pending. We should be able to provide an update at the April meeting.

The LRA silent auction will have ended by the time you read this column. Good luck, if you are bidding. Any items that do not make the reserve bid amount will be offered for sale at the NCARC Summer Fest. I am sure we will be looking for volunteers for table duty.

73,
Rob Strieby

Minutes of 5 March, 2005 Meeting From Rick Kile, WB7THT

The meeting was brought to order at 0850 by President Rob Strieby, W0HDD, with 13 people present.

Following introductions, Secretary/Treasurer Rick Kile, WB7THT, reviewed the Treasury Report and Meeting Minutes as published in the newsletter. Membership status was also reviewed. Bottom line is we are falling behind in renewals and need everyone who has not renewed to please come forward.

Rob Strieby, W0HDD, announced the 147.195 repeater was back on-line and seems to be operating just fine. He indicated the duplexer cans are in good shape, the receive pre-amp sensitivity was measured at .1 Micro volts, the PLL encoder/decoder was placed inside the shielded enclosure and shielded audio cables were installed. Audio quality of the phone patch is much improved.

Mike Kall, W0CMH, offered to do the same level of maintenance checks on the 449.575 MHz repeater. The club members present decided to hold off on maintenance until weather and site access is not an issue.

ARES: Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported that Bob Skillman, Division Chief at Loveland Fire and Rescue, has ordered the Amateur TV equipment for the 430 MHz and 1.2GHz bands and Precision Mapping V7.0 software. An EOC visit will be scheduled to install the equipment when it arrives (post meeting note: the equipment and software have arrived – an EOC work day has been scheduled for 16 April). Check the

ARES D-10 website for information on upcoming meetings and exercises.

Interference: Nothing To Report

Newsletter Status: John Siefers, W0GMJ, has taken over club newsletter duties. You can send John newsletter articles at: [_____](#).

Old Business:

Current status on resolution of the potential Part 15 interference was discussed. Ron Klein, W0OSK, expressed concerns that the club was “discombobulated”, with repeater maintenance being done by someone other than the POC listed on the newsletter masthead, and conversations between LP Broadband and club members going on without any formal communications back to Virgil Leenerts, W0INK, the club Interference Coordinator. Discussion on a number of related issues followed. In the end, Virgil would like to have an acknowledgement from LP Broadband that they have received his letter, and indicated that there is a need to characterize the interference on-site with the appropriate precision measurement equipment. Tom Levendusky, N0MWY, asked the members present for a description of what the interference sounds like so that we recognize it if we hear it. Following additional discussion Steve Babcoke, WB0UWE, added that if you can normally get in to the repeater with 5 watts and it now takes 35 watts, you get the idea that something is wrong. Virgil indicated he is trying to assemble the required precision measurement equipment needed to test and characterize the problem at the repeater site. Rob again offered to provide

transportation for Virgil and the equipment to the site and accepted the action to contact LP Broadband and ask them to respond to Virgil regarding the letter.

Steve Babcoke, WB0UWE, asked who was taking care of repeater macros, noting that Brent Shaw, KB0URX, is still listed on the newsletter masthead but has moved out of town. Bert Kolts, AB0VI, has the repeater macro files and documentation from Brent at this time.

Severe Weather Training: Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported the Severe Weather Training class is still up in the air at this time due to schedule conflicts for key instructors.

New Business:

Nothing To Report

Announcements:

The April meeting will be short due to the LARC Swapfest. The May meeting program will be the final dress rehearsal for the BARC Jr kids going to Dayton.

Steve Bogart, KG0IJ, won the 50/50 drawing and donated \$14 to the club. The proceeds from the February drawing totaled \$15 (no one can remember who won) have been deposited.

Treasurer's Report for April, 2005

From Rick Kile, WB7THT

Details of monthly account activity through 23 March, 2005 are shown below.

Cash Flow Report – March, 2005	
Credits	
50/50 (February)	
50/50 (March)	
2005 Dues	
Total Credits	
Debits	
Repeater Maintenance	
Xcel Energy – (Mar)	
Qwest - (Mar)	
Total Debits	
Net Monthly cashflow	
Account Balances as of 23 Mar 2005:	
<i>Repeater Fund Savings Acct</i>	
<i>General Fund Checking</i>	
Obligated Funds:	
<i>Nothing to report</i>	
Total obligations	
Available General Fund Cash as of 23 March 2005	

Membership Renewal Status From Rick Kile, WB7THT

During calendar year 2004 the club reached a peak of 66 paid members, 24 family members, and 2 special members (Jim Crowder and Fred Wenninger). As of 26 February 2005 we have received renewals totaling 39 paid members and 11 family members plus our 2 special members.

Please see Rick Kile, WB7THT at a club meeting or mail your renewal to the club PO Box to renew your club membership for 2005

Upcoming Swapfest information

The ARRLWeb offers an on-line hamfest calendar: Need to know the time and location of the next hamfest or convention? Visit the ARRL Hamfest and Convention page on the internet at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

**Longmont Amateur Radio Club
Hamfest**

April 2, 2005. 8AM to 1PM

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

Talk-In: 147.27 (100Hz tone)

Location:

Boulder County Fairgrounds
9595 Nelson RD
Longmont, CO
(corner of Hover and Nelson)

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NAME		CALL	
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
PHONE	LICENSE CLASS	UNDER 18 Y N	ARRL MEMBER Y N
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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LRA

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
