



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

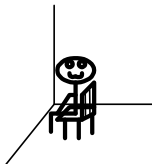
2 Meters (W0HDD).....147.195 MHz+ (147.795 input), 100Hz subtone, (1* on, 0* off)
 70 Centimeters (W0HDD).....449.575 MHz- (444.575 input), 100Hz subtone, (1* on, 0* off)

General repeater maintenance...TBA

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

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

President's corner



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May, 2005

The May meeting is on the 7th. We are going to host a limited agenda. This meeting is where we will give the BARC Jr. Dayton presenters a final chance to polish their presentations. We will take announcements and then move into introductions and the presentations. Any issues or questions can be raised during breakfast. Please help provide a large

and receptive audience for BARC Jr's efforts.

There is been way more traffic on the LP Broadband status than I want to cover here. As of this writing, LPB has responded to our offer to help and they have started modifications. Those of you on email distribution saw that Fred made his position very clear. I am looking forward to meeting the folks from Longs Peak Broadband and anxious to close this issue!

Dayton and Field Day are creeping up on us. It is going to be a busy couple of months. Anyone wishing to participate with a world-class Field Day team (2nd place, 4A last year) please send an email to me or talk to Brian Wood, W0DZ.

73,
Rob Strieby
W0HDD

**Minutes of 2 April, 2005 Meeting
From Rick Kile, WB7THT**

The meeting was brought to order by Vice President Bert Kolts, AB0VI, with 16 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.

Old Business:

Virgil Leenerts, W0INK, and Bob Scheib, WA0EYJ visited the repeater site with a Spectrum Analyzer. Virgil reported he had not made face to face contact with Wilson Spence from LP Broadband. Virgil reviewed the raw data he collected at the repeater site from measurements taken where the Cat 5 cable leaves the LP Broadband box. Much discussion followed regarding the potential impact to noise floor at the site. Virgil commented that the problem is solvable but will take work, and that we need to work with LB Broadband on the radiated emissions from their box.

After additional discussion regarding the interference issue and the need for better coordination with inputs from several members, Bert asked Virgil to contact Wilson Spence from LP Broadband. He added that if there was no contact within

the week to let Bert know and he would pursue. Virgil agreed. Bert said the raw data appears to show we have a problem, and the concern would be to get things resolved as amicably as possible, holding off on hard threats of FCC action as a last resort.

Following discussion by Dave Eckhardt, W0LEV, Ron Klein, W0OSK, and Jody Klein, N0AJB, regarding Dave's letter written last June and the expressed view that it was ignored and disparaged by the club leadership, and the lack of response from LP Broadband which would indicate they are not really trying to resolve the problem, Bert Kolts had the following comments: He (Bert) is tired of the internal bickering and finger pointing, it is destroying the club. Bert indicated there are quite a number of current members who have said they will not renew at the end of the year, and that if he was not a club officer he would have bailed out already. He gave the club a less than 50/50 chance of surviving though the end of the year. Bert closed by saying we now have data. If there is no contact this week with LP Broadband he would contact Wilson Spence at work. If nothing happens in the next week or two he would support additional action. Dave Eckhardt asked if there was any provision in the club By-Laws covering disposition of club property if the club disbands. After a quick review of the By-Laws, Rick Kile, WB7THT, said there were no such provisions.

A motion was made asking the membership if the attempt by Virgil to get a meeting with LP Broadband set up within the next week with follow-up by Bert if needed was acceptable. If not further action by letter to the FCC would

be pursued. The motion was seconded and passed by the members present.

ARES: Rick Kile, WB7THT, reported the EOC Amateur TV equipment for the 430 MHz and 1.2GHz bands and Precision Mapping V7.0 software, along with repairs to the 80/40 inverted vee antenna were scheduled for 16 April at the EOC. He also reported the Severe Weather training session scheduled for 7 May at the Wayside Inn had been cancelled. Check the ARES D-10 website for information on upcoming meetings and exercises.

Interference: Nothing To Report

New Business:
Nothing To Report

Announcements:

John Siefers, W0GMJ, asked for help to provide an ham radio demo at Edmundson Elementary School on a Wednesday at 1PM (specific date tbd).

The May meeting program will be the final dress rehearsal for the BARC Jr kids going to Dayton. Bert Kolts, AB0VI, encouraged people attending the May meeting to be on their best behavior.

The 50/50 drawing was cancelled and the meeting was adjourned at 0945 so folks could head to the swapfest in Longmont.

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

Treasurer's Report for May, 2005

From Rick Kile, WB7THT

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

Cash Flow Report – April, 2005	
Credits	
50/50 (no drawing in April)	\$0.00
Silent Auction (April)	
2005 Dues	
2006 Dues	
Total Credits	
Debits	
AT&T (1 st Qtr '05)	
Xcel Energy – (Apr)	
Qwest - (Mar)	
Total Debits	
Net Monthly cashflow	
Account Balances as of 23 Apr 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 April 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 40 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>

Wyoming State Convention

May 28, 2005. 8AM to 5PM

May 29, 2005. 8AM to 12PM

<http://www.qsl.net/wy7u>

Talk-In: 146.94

Location:

Parkway Plaza Convention center
123 E ST.

Casper, WY

I-25 exit 188A

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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

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TOTAL ENCLOSED DUES
