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REPEATER LOCATIONS:
146.88Ø ................. Lockheed Martin Company
146.64Ø ..................... Centennial Mountain
449.60Ø ............ Lockheed Martin Company
145.05Ø ........ Digi - Lockheed Martin Company

Repeater Identifier:  WAØKBT

The Denver Radio League is open to all licensed amateur radio operators.  Repeater usage is limited to properly licensed hams.

NOTICES

DRL MEETING & ELECTION
TUESDAY
AUGUST 20, 2002
BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY, LITTLETON
7:30 PM

Our guest speaker, Tim Armagost, WBØTUB, will provide a questions and answers session on: “Everything you wanted to know about Amateur Television ~ ATV...”.

*~* ELECTION OF OFFICERS *~*

FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBER

DRL will begin holding two (2) meetings per year - one mid-February and one mid-August on a trial basis. In addition, there will only be two editions of the Repeater Rag.

Bob Ragain, WB4ETT, will be leaving our area in the near future.  He has contributed a great deal to club members, individuals, and to emergency services without hesitation.  We wish you and the family much success with the future move and only the very best of new adventures!  Thank you and know you will be missed!

ye Editor and DRL Members

Special note:  The 449.60Ø repeater will be back on the mountain by meeting time!

Member Dues – For those who have not renewed, please note:

All members paid thru 2000 (check your label) will be REMOVED from the roster after the August 2002 meeting.  This will be the last reminder and newsletter to you.  If you have not renewed for 2001 and 2002, please do so today.  Thank you!
THE DRL HAS BEEN CANCELLED!
By Tim Armagost, WBØTUB

That was my first thought upon hearing that the meetings have been reduced to 2 per year, by an action of the board. Upon reflection, I decided that an irate article was of no use and that I would express my thoughts in a more calm manner, so here goes…

The reason for the reduction in the number of meetings as given by the board is because of lack of participation…an average of less than 10 at the last few meetings.

Well, then, why do we not change the meetings to increase interest rather than reducing the number of meetings in the hope that more will come because its less of an imposition? The result of fewer meetings will be an even further decline of attendance because the only reason for a meeting will be for business…voting for new officers, addressing maintenance issues and deciding who is going to keep the list of tone commands. With the meeting all business, who will want to come?

In football, when blocking an opponent, a head slap will move the biggest lineman out of the way (that’s why a head slap is illegal…), thereby giving me my favorite saying during all my years as SM, SEC, EC, and so on. Here is the credo I tried to follow: *As the head goes, so goes the body!* To me, this means that the leadership (the head) gives direction to the membership (the body) and as the leader goes, so goes the membership.

Please, I don’t mean this as a slap at our leaders! We have some great folks! It’s that others are not stepping forward to help with the positions that will create interest and pump up the attendance at the meetings. We have needed some one to act as program director, some one to find interesting programs and schedule them! We need folks to write articles for the newsletter, organize picnics, instigate homebrew contests, get on the air with the ‘Bronco’s net’ (Remember the Bronco’s net? Joe Fair, WAØPXF, would get on the air at game time on Sunday and every one would join in with comments as the game went on), and any of a hundred other things we could be doing to heighten interest in amateur radio and more particularly the Denver Radio League.

The challenge: get to the meeting on the 20th, then volunteer to help in some fashion! I’m gonna be the program “questions and answers on everything you ever wanted to know about Amateur Television” (won’t take long to get out everything I know about ATV!) and then maybe you can help find a program for the next meeting! Hope to see you there…so we don’t read in the next newsletter “The DRL Has Been Cancelled”!

Tim, WBØTUB