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146.88Ø Warren Mountain

146.64Ø Centennial Mountain

449.6ØØ Lockheed Martin Company

145.Ø5Ø Digi - Lockheed Martin Company

Repeater Identifier: WAØKBT

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amateur radio operators. Repeater usage is
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

REMINDER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

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HAMCON COLORADO 2009!



Once again, The Denver Radio League is one of the proud sponsors of HamCon Colorado 2009!

The dates will be May 29, 30 and 31, 2009 and the location will be in Estes Park.

The HamCon Committee is comprised of individuals from the sponsoring clubs and are working diligently to put together the best ever ARRL Convention to be held! There will be many exciting speakers, forums, manufacturers representatives and as always, the world famous "Wouff Hong Ceremony" at midnight Saturday. There will also be many prize drawings throughout the event.

The Convention Committee has negotiated a great room price at the Holiday Inn for \$89/night! You can register *now* by calling the Holiday Inn at 1-800-803-7837 and request the "Special ARRL HamCon Rate". Planning on camping? Contact the Estes Park RV/Campground at 1-800-562-1887 (no special rates).

Visit <http://www.hamconcolorado.org/> for upcoming details and on-line registration.

....WHO?....
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FUN FLASHBACKS

By George Stoll, WAØKBT

Searching through my files the other day I came across some old photos of ham radio projects. They helped me recall some DRL history.....so flashback 30 years with me and enjoy.

WHO are we? The Denver Radio league is a ham radio club that owns and operates several amateur radio repeaters in Colorado

WHAT are we? There is a need for repeater equipment and service to facilitate not only the fun portion of our hobby, but to provide services for several other clubs that are heavily involved in emergency communications for many community, law enforcement, fire, and other public service groups. WE, the Denver Radio League, supply that.

WHY is the November 25, 2008 quarterly meeting so EXTRAORDINARILY important? We, the DRL, need your input on several issues.

We need four volunteers to fill the needed positions on the board of directors for the next term beginning now.

We need to have a firm, published, maintenance team to handle the needs of the equipment.

We need your candid, thoughtful, input for the future programs for the meetings. Ideas, sources, etc...

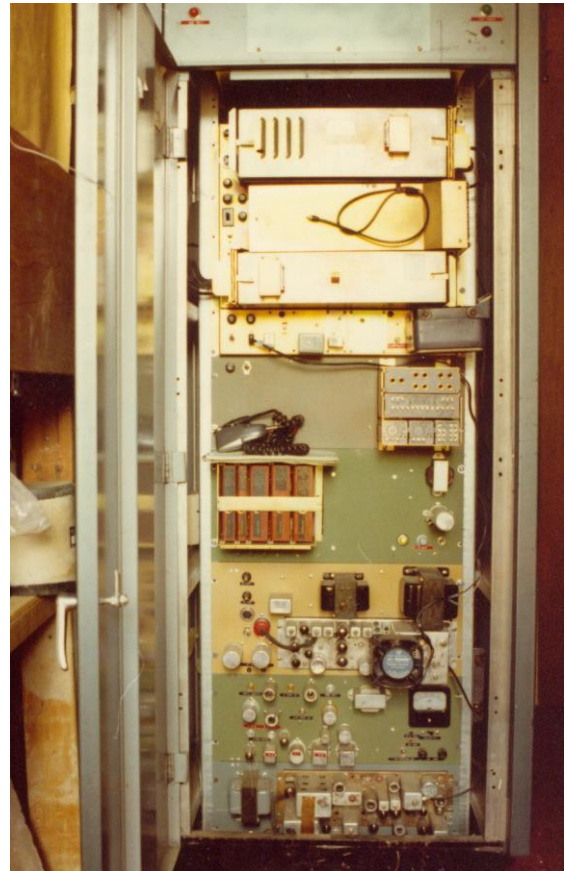
Do we upgrade the equipment?? Do we add social programs to the club to help in the cohesiveness of the membership? Are you, the member reading this, one of those who have different ideas for the club, but just haven't spoken our yet? Now is this not only your golden opportunity, but really your (and all of our) sort of obligation to help.

The Denver Radio League will continue on, providing needed services. BUT, we need to improve our intra, and inter club communications skills. It has been pointed out to me that many groups depend on us for our equipment, but not enough constructive ideas, or volunteers to help, have been incoming.

YOUR INPUT, ELBOW GREASE, PARTICIPATION, CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICIZM, AND OTHER INVOLVEMENT IS SINCERELY SOLICITED.

See ya at the meeting!

Al de NØAUS
Treasurer



This first photo is some of Larry Nash's (KØCGP) fine work. This is the UHF and VHF repeater that was on Lookout Mountain in 1978. The top unit is an early GE Master repeater on UHF frequencies that was used for a period of time as a phone patch. The call sign was WRØALX. In the middle of the rack is a touchtone decoder Larry assembled using a Western Electric 247B decoder and lighting relays. On the bottom is a GE Progress Line VHF repeater. Note the neat layout of everything and how Larry even painted the bare metal – he liked to spray paint all the panels with crackle paint. What a fantastic job he did building and maintaining our club equipment! For newer members, Larry dropped out of amateur radio in 2000 due to health problems and passed away August 27th, 2002. He was one of the founders of our club and built most of the equipment the first 20 years of our history.



A photo of Dan Cook WBØZVW (now AAØQC and no longer a member of the club) helping Larry with the UHF antenna at Lookout. This picture was taken in October or November of 1979.



Here is a picture of the roof amateur radio newsletter headers mounted 146.28/88 repeater antenna at Pillar of Fire Church and School (near 88th and N. Federal). This was taken in the fall of 1979. DRL had its back-up site at one of the Pillar of Fire facilities for almost 20 years. We used to call the brick tower portion of the structure “pigeon heaven” – it was a church building with lots and lots of pigeons and their by-product (see the white stuff on the roof?) On the left is George Stoll, WAØKBT and to the right is Dave Dickens, WBØHTV. At that time the repeater call sign was WRØACL.



Here is the first “flag” from the Repeater Rag, used on the top of the news letter’s first page from 1977 until September 1984. Here is some trivia – it was designed by Chuck Pyne, KØIQL and his wife Elaine, WBØMEU who were members at the time. It won an award in 1980 for one of the top amateur radio newsletter headers.

Thanks for the memories, George!!!

Ye Editor