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REPEATER LOCATIONS:

146.88Ø Warren Mountain
146.64Ø Centennial Mountain
449.6ØØ Warren Mountain
145.Ø5Ø Digi..... Warren Mountain

Repeater Identifier: WAØKBT

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amateur radio operators. Repeater usage is
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

REMINDER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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- FEATURED HAM SHACK – SID WRIGHT, NØILI
 - DRL PICNIC
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FEATURED HAMSHACK SID WRIGHT, NØILI



The main rig for the HF bands is a TenTec Omni VI plus. CW paddles are by Bencher. The other rig shown is an ICOM 706 MkIIIIG. Since this photo, the ICOM has been moved to the car and replaced with a Yaesu FT-8500 dual-bander for 2m and 70cm FM. All power is supplied by a Samlex 12 volt DC switching power supply. The KW amp in the far right of the picture is a Hunter "Bandit" long since out of production, and not presently operational.

Antennas are a Force-12 C3SS tribander at 55 feet turned by a Yaesu G800S rotator. An inverted Vee at 45 feet is used for other than 10/15/20. It's fed with ladder line thru the MFJ tuner shown in the photo. Logging is done on a Compaq Presario using the N3FJP logging program. Operation on HF is split fairly evenly between SSB and CW.



Here is a picture of my shack a couple of years ago after I had re-arranged everything. It has never looked this good since.

73, Sid

DRL PICNIC

If you didn't attend the picnic, you missed out on a great time! We had about 20-25 hams and spouses, excellent hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixin's, ice cold soda and ice cold watermelon. The day was gorgeous and a good time was had by all, meeting the spouses and generally getting reacquainted!. Perhaps you'll attend the next one when it's scheduled. Thanks to George (KCØYHA) and Peg Brady for putting the picnic together!

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DRL MEETING PROGRAM

The August 18th meeting program will feature Paul Deeth, WA2YZT, presenting. He will explain how the various local TV channels joined forces to build the new tower and transmitter facilities, how the cutover took place and what's happening now.

Paul offered to take the DRL meeting to Lookout Mountain for a tour of the new facilities...as there isn't enough time to put that together, I asked if we could do both and he agreed! He will be at the meeting on the 18th and we will decide on a tour date then...

This promises to be a great presentation!

73!
Tim, WBØTUB

SILENT KEYS

In Memory of Albert Weldon Cooley, NØAUS
And Robert "Bob" H. Schellhorn, NØTI

AL COOLEY, NØAUS, died at his home on June 6, 2009. A memorial service was held and there were a great number of people in attendance. He had a lot of friends and he will be missed by all.

BOB SCHELLHORN, NØTI

Bob, 75, of Westminster, passed away July 24, 2009. Amateur Call Letters, NØTI. He is survived by his brother, Dick & Marilyn Schellhorn and sister, Jeannie (Lloyd) Miller; numerous nieces and nephews. Bob retired 20 years ago as a Design Engineer with IBM. A Memorial Service will be held in his hometown of St. Joseph, MO. Share condolences at HoranCares.com

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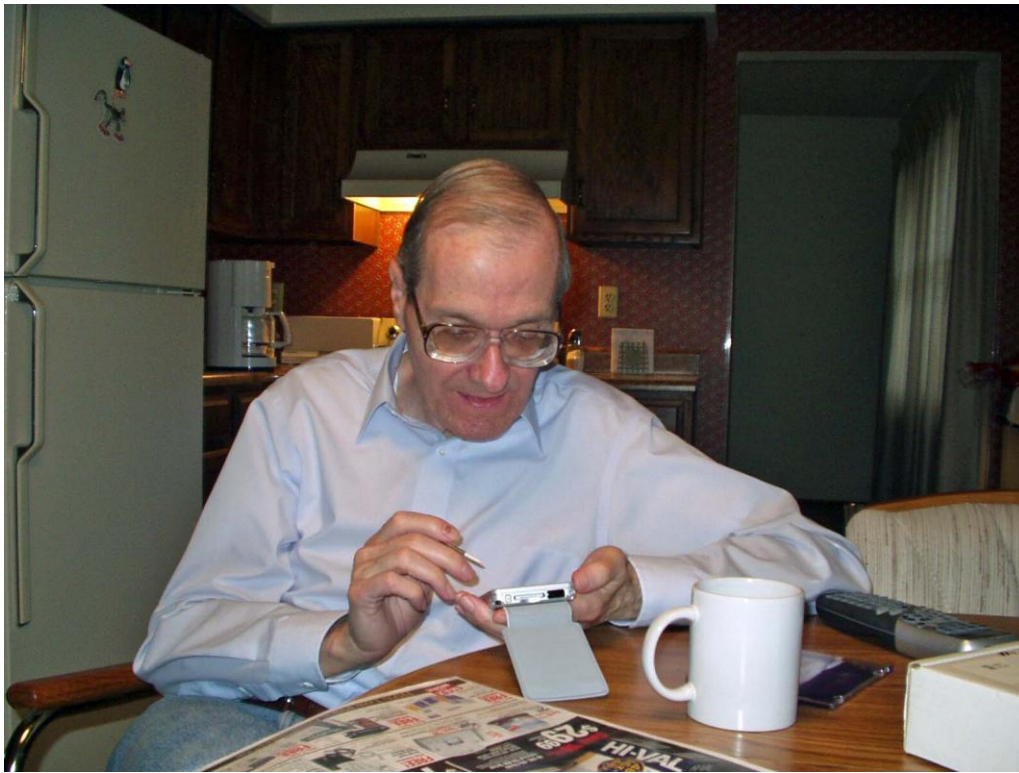


We received the following notice:

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Bob NØTI, a great friend and super amateur radio operator. Bob dedicated much of his time supporting several Denver area amateur radio clubs and organizations with his world-class technical skills. In all of the years that we worked on electronics projects together, I unfortunately took very few pictures, but two are presented here. Bob will be greatly missed. Please share your thoughts and condolences at the website given below.

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73,
Glenn Casino / WNØEHE



This has been quite a year for the Denver Radio League! We lost two of our stalwart members, Al, NØAUS, and Bob, NØTI...you can read more about it elsewhere in this issue, but I thought I'd try and lighten the load for us a bit.

We've known Al since the early 70s, starting as a - *gasp* - CBer, up through his work on the many Field Days (first one at Johnson Controls parking lot, last one at Daniels Park) and who can forget the C-Rockfest? And how about his tower getting hit by a car and coming down many years ago, and then a short time ago it came down AGAIN, this time brought about by a bit of rust (check YOUR tower!) and then his new vertical - that wasn't quite vertical.

I met Bob shortly after he arrived in town...fresh from California as W6ORE. He began with the DRL and then became involved with amateur TV and helped put the ATV repeater up on Lookout mountain in the early 90s, helped build a payload for the first EOSS flight and then found the time to scratch-build the repeater controllers for all the Denver Radio League repeaters. He and Glenn Cascino, WNØEHE, worked on many projects for the Rocky Mountain Radio League, not to mention his BOB-E, the GPS tracker he built. How many of us had

our rigs repaired by him? His prodigious memory, his dry sense of humor that would crack us up in an instant and the long involved conversations as he drove home from IBM in Boulder.

Whew!

Several DRLers will have gone up to Centennial Cone to survey for a move of the repeater to the 'commercial' side of the building by the time you read this. It will be nice to be able to get at the back of the equipment without squeezing by the air duct! A trip to Warren Mountain needs to take place prior to the snow flying to do a check and 'touch'. We have a line on some new controllers for the repeaters that will need to be integrated when the time comes. If ANY of this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, let anyone on page one of this Rag know...we'll get you fixed up!

73 and see you at the meeting...it's gonna be a fun one!

Tim, WBØTUB