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REPEATER LOCATIONS:

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

Repeater Identifier: WAØKBT

**DRL website: www.denverradioleague.org
or www.eoss.org/drl**

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

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

REMINDER

AUGUST 17, 2011

7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

6014 South Datura Street

Littleton, Colorado 80120-3636

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Membership Rosters

This publication contains membership rosters sorted by call signs and by last, first names. Please keep them in a safe place as they contain a fair amount of personal information on our members.

Thank you,

Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL
Editor

From the Prez

Hi guys, it's that time of the year for the good old fashioned DRL picnic. It's scheduled for August 13 on Saturday between 11AM and 5 PM at Sterne Park located several blocks directly west of the Bemis Library.

George, KCØYHA and spouse will be handling the party. DRL will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Please bring a side dish of salad, desert, or whatever pleases you. You may want to bring a "lawn game" or we might have a "fox hunt". It should be a pleasant social affair. Come one, come all, don't miss this opportunity to socialize with fellow "hams". Please RSVP to George if you are coming so that we have enough food to satisfy all. Gbrady2@earthlink.net or jpansini@juno.com.

The next DRL meeting will be August 17 on Wednesday 7 PM at Bemis Library. Hope we have a good turn out. We'll have the new ARRL Section Manager and past Section Manager, Jack Ciaccia, WMØG present to answer any questions or concerns you might have about ARRL policies or activities. It should be a very interesting meeting. Please be there.

We will be discussing nominations of DRL officers for the new fiscal year. We'll also accept nominations from the "floor".

Thanks to all and hope we have a good picnic and meeting. Please put these dates on your calendar. Wear your name tag if have one for both activities.

TNX!

73

Jack Pansini, WAØBDF, President

A BOARD MEMBER'S THOUGHTS

Just a comment on the up coming meeting – as some may have noticed, the meeting is on Wednesday instead of Tuesday...your president, Jack, WAØBDF, asked if we could get the Section Manager-elect for the meeting and found that the SM has his Tuesday's committed until well after the first of the year, but his Wednesday's were free – so Jack contacted the library, changed the date and our SM-elect will join us and present the program at the meeting! How's that for proactive action?

A TIME FOR DECISIONS

I had a conversation recently with George Stoll, WAØKBT, our repeater trustee...the talk turned to repeaters, controllers and finally the Denver Radio League. Where does the DRL want to go for the next number of years? Do we want to keep moseying along with mediocre meeting attendance, keep the repeaters up and running with a smaller and smaller cadre of qualified folks to do the repairing and maintenance, along with a tougher and tougher time finding officers and folks that take an active interest in helping the club grow OR do we do something far more distasteful, such as shutting down some of the least used repeaters, selling off the equipment and slim down our commitments – we could move everything over to ARES (we'd need to talk to them first, of course!) so they would retain the necessary emergency communications that the repeaters provide.

At the moment we have some good folks at the helm, Jack Pansini, WAØBDF, has done a great job as a 'sudden president', taking over when the elected president had to resign for health and family reasons – George Brady, KCØYHA, has put together some very good picnics (including the one this year on August 13th, 11 am 'til 5 pm at Stern Park north) and we are getting some action on our new controllers courtesy of Mike Manes, W5VSI and Ben Baker, KBØUBZ, and perhaps our election will provide some officers interested in taking things to a higher level.

At the moment we are having a noise problem at Centennial Cone causing 146.64 to open squelch and transmit the grunge for all to hear. I have been resisting a trip to the site until we have the new controller ready (I have been told by Ben that it is programmed and just needs to be tested) but perhaps some one with a beam can sniff around and see if they can hear something on the input and then perhaps we can get the fox hunting group to help find it.

146.88 and 449.600 both continue to percolate along – amazingly reliable!

Well, here we are – where are we going? These are the things George and I talked about and thought it should be voiced to the membership...I'm ever optimistic! How are *you* going to help?

73!

Tim, WBØTUB

Member Update

Please note: Paul Whitaker, WAØYGQ, has paid his dues for 2011. The rosters you received still show 2010.

Thank you,
Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL, Editor