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***NORTHERN COLORADO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB***

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## Local Repeaters

Frequency	Tone	Call Sign	Operated By	Services
144.390 Simplex APRS Digipeaters / No Tone		WØUPS	NCARC	GEN. BACKUP
		WØQEY	CSU	?
		WØLRA	LRA	?
145.115-	100.0 HZ	WØUPS	NCARC	BATTERY / GEN. BACKUP AUTOPATCH
146.625-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	NONE
146.850-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	NONE
147.000+	100.0 Hz	KCØKWD	WARS	CONTINUOUSLY LINKED IRLP node 3839 ECHOLINK
147.195+	100.0 Hz	WØLRA	LRA	BATTERY BACKUP AUTOPATCH
147.270+	100.0 Hz	NØENO	LARC	AUTOPATCH
147.360+	100.0 Hz	WØQEY	CSU	NONE
224.520-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	GEN. BACKUP
224.840-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	GEN. BACKUP / LINKED 145.205
447.275-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	GEN. BACKUP AUTOPATCH
448.800-	88.5 Hz	WØENO	LARC	NONE
448.025-	100.0 Hz	WØUPS	NCARC	NONE
448.475-	100.0 Hz	KCØKWD	WARS	CONTINUOUSLY LINKED IRLP node 3839 ECHOLINK
449.575-	100.0 Hz	WØLRA	LRA	BATTERY BACKUP
449.725-	127.3 Hz	KØOJ	KØOJ	AUTOPATCH
449.850-	100.0 Hz	WØQEY	CSU	NONE
927.825-	100.0 Hz	ABØSF	ABØSF	NONE
927.875-	DPL 114	NØZUQ	NØZUQ	NONE
927.950-	100.0 Hz	K1TJ	K1TJ	GEN. BACKUP
1283.550-	100.0 Hz	K1TJ	K1TJ	NONE
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NCARC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15  
2014

AT  
GOLDEN CORRAL  
RESTAURANT  
1360 Sculptor Dr  
Loveland, CO

Breakfast 0800  
General Meeting 0900

## Message from the PRESIDENT

NCARC's annual hamfest replaced the January membership meeting, and it looks like everyone enjoyed swapping gear, talking to friends, checking out the vendors, and enjoying the nice break in the weather. I'd like to offer a big "thank you" to our volunteers, vendors, and attendees for making this the premier northern Colorado hamfest once again.

Our next meeting is this coming Saturday at the Golden Corral in Loveland. Please join us at 8 AM for breakfast, followed by a meeting and presentation by RadioDan.

## Message from the VICE PRESIDENT

No Message

# Remember Valentine Day

Feb 14, 2014

LET'S TRY FOR A BETTER YEAR  
THAN LAST YEAR

# NCARC Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2014 at 6:30pm

Dan's Home, Fort Collins

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 18: 25 by President Bob Schmid

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Present were:

Ed Lawrence, Bob Schmid, Tom Jungmeyer, Tim Cottam, Willie Williams, Dan Magro, David Johnston, John Wells and Darren Kalmbach. There were two guests - Linda Jungmeyer and Jerry Williams.

Secretary: minutes were read and accepted

Treasurer: usual report was handed out. Only notable expenses were for hamfest and autopatch. We added a few members and are exiting 2013 with 160 member. There were 40 renewals and one new member. This brings us up to 62 members paid for 2014 and 99 pending. After a discussion with Jeff Ford , Tim agreed to pay pay Dave Epps the remaining \$62 from the IBM grant. The treasurer's report was accepted

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Bob : Met with Tim, Darren & Joe to review training from the IRS about 501c3 organizations. His take - away is that the Feds are sensitive about and we need to take the numbers seriously. We need to track both 'depreciated' value and replacement cost for our inventory items.

Willie said we need to have perfect histories on donated items/money.

Tech Report: John - Nothing to report

PAO: Dave

- 2 pairs of tickets have been won off radio.
- The radion station wants them back in Feb at 7am for general radio interview
- Plan to expand next year to other radio stations, and geographies
- Doing wired dipoles for club – on – the - air stations. NOC is beaconing on aprs.
- The fall safety guy had a family problem, and was forced to pull out

QRP will fill that slot. He is questioning the intro to ham radio forum . Doesn't have a presenter that won't scare people off.

Newsletter: Willie – people are complaining about content and format.  
Ed suggested picking people to submit articles.

Interference: Mike was not in attendance so no report.

CCARC - no meeting so no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clarise (Jerry Reynold's wife) was contacted and no club property is in her ossession.
- Bylaws - nothing to report
- Hamfest – Dave reports things are going well. Lots of sales in last 2 weeks. Map looking good. 11 tables in reserve. Willie - concerned about blocking vendor access. Dan (as a vendor) is opposed to the round tables in the 'reserved' area. It has been rumored that at least one vendor bought a table to get in early. Dan recommends blocking the tables near the concessions &/or restrooms. Dave has agreed to open up the extra tables.
- Steve Jackson's cw class was awesome. Steve wants to hold another class on the 25th. Willie has a room in Greeley. There is a conflict due to an ares aec meeting on that same day. Dan had some suggestions on teaching cw and will send Steve an e-mail.
- Bob - no General Class report
- NCARC will be hosting CCARC meeting on April 19 or 26. Someone needs to be there. Tom &/or Dave will do that. Bob is thinking of using the REA building but we can't reserve it until 30 days before , and only get 6 reservations per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob called Norm Miller, and he will bring the boxes of records to hamfest. He was both treasurer and a past president. He should get a special badge. Willie moved to get him a 'Past - President' badge, Bob seconded and passed.
- Willie asked that we post a 'silent key' for Jerry.
- John has records as well. The box will be given to Darren at the nd of the meeting so he can scan them.
- Ed reported hearing kerchunking on both the 115 and 275 repeaters many evenings. Tom believes it's weak signals and de – sensing of the receiver. Tom will address it. Dan offered to bring up better test equip in the spring.

# General Meeting Minutes

## Hamfest did not have a meeting

### No minutes

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ARRL Rocky Mountain Division update -- February 2014  
Division website: [www.RockyMountainDivision.org](http://www.RockyMountainDivision.org)  
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(NOTE: Please feel free to forward this Division Update to your club newsletter or ham email listserve)

===== W1AW/x Operations on the Air this Month =====

As part of ARRL's year-long Centennial celebration, W1AW/x will be on the air from every state in the country, twice for one week each, throughout 2014. These operations have been extremely popular for hams looking to net a QSO with W1AW, trying to work each operation on as many band/modes as possible, or trying to earn Worked All States exclusively from contacts with W1AW/x in each state.

The following W1AW/x operations are scheduled to be QRV during this month (dates shown in UTC):

Feb 5 - 11: Georgia (W1AW/4) and Hawaii (W1AW/KH6)  
Feb 12 - 18: California (W1AW/6) and Wisconsin (W1AW/9)  
Feb 9 - 25: Michigan (W1AW/8) and Florida (W1AW/4)  
Feb 26 - March 4: Washington (W1AW/7) and Kansas (W1AW/0)  
Just announced special addition: Feb 26 - March 4: Guantanamo Bay (W1AW/KG4)

The complete schedule of W1AW/x operations is available at [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/W1AW 2014 sked.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/W1AW%202014%20sked.pdf)

Helpful tip: Do a search for "W1AW" at <http://www.dxsummit.fi/Search.aspx> to see where the current operations are on the bands. Enjoy working as many of these stations as you can throughout the year!



===== 2014 Rocky Mountain Division Convention update =====

Mark your calendars for July 11-13, 2014 - dates of this year's 2014 Rocky Mountain Division Convention, hosted by the Wyoming ARRL section, expected to be packed with many of the activities and events our Division's conventions have become known for.

CALL FOR FORUM PRESENTERS: The organizing committee is looking for presenters interested in providing forums on interesting and relevant technical and non-technical amateur radio topics. If you are planning to attend the convention and are interested in contributing towards a great lineup of forum presentations, please contact Luke KF7UZO (convention chairman) at [lpwood@outlook.com](mailto:lpwood@outlook.com)

Information is being posted on the 2014 Division Convention's website at <http://www.wyominghamcon.org> as planning progresses, and further details will be shared in future Division-wide emails.

===== Clubs: Make free money by signing up ARRL members =====

Did you know that your ARRL-affiliated club can make money by helping hams join or renew their ARRL membership? The ARRL Club Commission Program is one of many benefits extended to ARRL-affiliated clubs.

ARRL Affiliated Clubs receive a commission for every new ARRL membership or renewal they submit to ARRL Headquarters. Clubs can retain \$15 for each new membership or lapsed membership of two years or more (a new member being defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission). Clubs can also retain \$2 for each renewal (a renewing member can renew at any time, even before their current membership term expires).

For example, if ten hams join ARRL via your club, along with ten others who renew, your club would pocket \$170. This is a great way to generate cash for an upcoming club project/event, while also growing ARRL's membership.

Tapping into the financial benefit of the Club Commission Program is easy: If you are a member of an ARRL-affiliated club, work with your club's leadership to develop a recruitment/renewal drive that encourages fellow members to join or renew their ARRL membership at club meetings or events. Appropriate forms can be found on ARRL's website at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/ARRL%20Affiliated%20Club%20Membership%20Application.pdf>

For more information, please visit <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits> or send an e-mail to [clubs@arrl.org](mailto:clubs@arrl.org).

==== ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Net =====

The next Rocky Mountain Division net takes place via IRLP. Anyone with a VHF/UHF radio within range of an IRLP repeater can check in, hear the latest Division news, and provide feedback to Division and Section leadership who are on the net. Here are the details:

DATE: Wednesday, February 12  
TIME: 7:30 PM mountain time  
IRLP NODE: 9871 (link to this reflector from your local IRLP repeater)

Check out <http://www.irlp.net> (Node Info section) to find an IRLP-capable repeater in your area. Generally all you need to do to link into the reflector is enter "9871" with your DTMF keypad and wait for the voice prompt indicating that the link is open. To unlink, enter "73". However, to be safe, check with your local IRLP repeater's trustee to confirm beforehand. Their contact information is found when searching for IRLP repeaters in your area. If you've never used IRLP before please experiment with linking/unlinking before the net.

This will be an interactive net, as well as an opportunity to ask your Division and participating Section leadership questions, raise any concerns, or suggest ideas. We hope you'll join us.

==== Upcoming Hamfests, Tailgates & Conventions =====

Apr 5	Longmont ARC LARCFest (Longmont, CO)
Apr 19	Sheridan Swapfest (Sheridan, WY)
Apr 27	Mesilla Valley Radio Club Hamfest/Beanfeed (Las Cruces, NM)
May 2-3	Weber County ARES Rocky Mountain EmComm (Roy, UT)
Jul 11-13	2014 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Laramie, WY)
Jul 26	Pike Peak Radio Amateur Association Megafest (Monument, CO)
Aug 8-10	New Mexico ARRL State Convention (Albuquerque, NM)
Aug 17	Denver Radio Club Hamfest (Golden, CO)
Sep 13	Pueblo Hamfest (Pueblo, CO)
Oct 11	Bridgerland ARC Swaptoberfest (Logan, UT)

Links to websites belonging to the above events are found on the Rocky Mountain Division site: [www.RockyMountainDivision.org](http://www.RockyMountainDivision.org)

If you're organizing a Hamfest, convention, or tailgate we encourage you to apply for ARRL-sanctioning. Sanctioning provides many benefits (including your event being listed above), and details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

===== Upcoming On-Air Activities =====

In addition to chewing the rag with fellow hams, here are some additional on-air activities which await you on the airwaves.

Upcoming special event stations:

<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

Upcoming contests: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

Operating awards: <http://www.arrl.org/awards>

===== Final Note... =====

Please touch base with your Section Manager if he can be of assistance to you:

Jack Ciaccia WM0G (Colorado): <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/colorado>

Bill Kauffman W5YEJ (New Mexico):

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/new-mexico>

Mel Parkes NM7P (Utah): <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/utah>

Garth Crowe N7XKT (Wyoming): <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/wyoming>

Vice Director Dwayne Allen and I continue to welcome your concerns, questions and ideas regarding ARRL policies. We are grateful for your membership within ARRL, and look forward to working you on the air.

73,

Brian Milesosky N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division Director

Dwayne Allen WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division Vice-Director

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