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REPEATER LOCATIONS:

146.88Ø Lockheed Martin Company

146.64Ø Centennial Mountain

449.6ØØ Lockheed Martin Company

145.Ø5Ø 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.

Membership dues and renewals

*~ Please make checks (\$15) payable to
Denver Radio League or DRL ~*

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REMINDERS:

DRL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 13, 2004

7:30 p.m.

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DUES ARE DUE!

**If your address is printed in red ...
and showing P 2002 ...**

this will be the last publication of the repeater rag you'll receive.

Approximately 1/3 of the DRL members are one and two years past due for membership renewals. A strong club is the result of a strong and supporting membership. Please remember that when you slide on dues renewals paying every two years, that's the same as paying half-price for an annual membership. Where would DRL be if everyone did that?

Because of those who support DRL, each of us has excellent radio coverage with equipment that is not only maintained by some of our members, but upgraded as needed or to make it even better.

Please send your membership dues to Al Cooley, NØAUS today! If you want to be one of the strong supports, maintain your membership annually and be proud of your membership!

Renewal coupons are on the mail cover page for your convenience.



RENEW YOUR LICENSE ...

in more than one not so easy step!

When your license gets close to its expiration date, you can expect a letter from the W5YI group with paper work in it that you fill out and send back to W5YI and they will renew your license for you...all for the tiny fee of \$6! That's fine, as they are providing a service to the amateur community...however, you can renew your own license online for nothing more than a bit of time. Here's how:

Go to www.fcc.gov (you need to type in the triple dub), navigate down the left side and click on FCC Registration Number (FRN) Commission Registration System (CORES). Don't forget that the government LOVES initials, so you will never see the spelled out words again, after clicking on the link!

Here you may register and receive your FRN (FCC registration Number). Once you have your FRN, you then go back to the FCC home page, at the very top of the page find and click on E-FILING, then navigate down that page to Universal Licensing System, click on the link (the words Universal Licensing System), follow down the page to Online Filing, click on that link where you will need your FRN and password. Once you have entered the FRN and password, you will pop into a page that lists your license(s) and allows you to take care of your business. Nothing to it!

It's even easier if you already have your FRN and password...just go to the top of the FCC home page and click on E-FILING and follow the same steps outlined above.

When WDØDGL renewed her license in March, the system told her that her FRN was not 'associated' with her license. On the left side of the License Manager page you will see a link titled Associate Licenses With Your FRN. After many vain attempts to get the system to 'associate' her information, a call was placed to an FCC tech and the 'association' was made manually. She was then able to renew her license online with no further problems.

Remember, the W5YI information and renewal forms are NOT a required way to renew! If you choose not to renew through them, you may just toss their forms into the trash and file on your own.

Tim, WBØTUB

Report from The COLORADO COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS (CCARC)

The CCARC meeting was held in Aurora's library at Alameda and Chambers with nearly 30 amateurs in attendance from clubs statewide.

These are interesting times for we amateurs, with FCC actions at the top of the interesting list! The FCC has decided to clean up the rules for part 97...to read the entire article, get on the internet and cruise on over to http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-79A1.pdf. That's an 80 page article or so of the notice of proposed rule making. These items were discussed at the meeting, some good some not so good. The proposal for allowing auxiliary stations to operate in the 2 meter band was on the not so good list and a letter will be drafted showing the CCARC is NOT in favor of the proposal.

Discussion concerning frequency coordination was lively, and our frequency coordinator, Doug Sharp, K2AD, has now gotten the repeater application information in digital form (many hours spent huddled over a hot sheet-scanner and peecee!). This allows much easier access to the records for those that need the info. He has received updated information on all the statewide repeaters and the decision was made that unused or 'paper' repeater frequencies will be taken back and re-issued. If you have a repeater that is 'on the air', an attempt will be made to access the repeater with a 50watt mobile. If access is not possible, the repeater will be deemed 'not on the air' and will be subject to recall. Of course, adequate means for appeal are in place, if needed.

Broadband over Power Line (BPL) was still a point for discussion. This will be an on going battle for some time. President Bush is now pushing for it, the FCC director Powell is advocating it...it is subject to interference from amateur frequencies and must not interfere, but tell me what happens when you push the mic key and kill 'Mega-Big-Box Company's' internet connection and they sue? Seems to me you will be defending yourself no matter what the rules say. A sticky wicket, indeed!

The Colorado iteration of PRB-1 is underway and needs your help! The CCARC is looking for a 'silver tongued' orator to champion the cause at the state house. If you would like to get in on this much needed project, please contact anyone on the board of the CCARC or the chair, Ron Klein, WØOSK. Even those non silver tongued folk's help is needed and welcomed!

Lots more was cussed and discussed...if you would like to see what a CCARC meeting is about, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 16th at 1 PM in Park County. Drop by the CCARC web site at www.ccarc.net to see what you have been missing!

Tim, WBØTUB