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REPEATER LOCATIONS:

146.880.....Lockheed Martin Company

146.640..... Centennial Mountain

449.600.....Lockheed Martin Company

145.050.....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 payable to
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NOTICES

DRL MEETING

TUESDAY

AUGUST 19, 2003

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY, LITTLETON

7:30 PM

**(SEE IMPORTANT MEETING INFO
NEXT PAGE)**

**DEDICATED TO
JOHN C. MACK, JR.,
WDØDGN
SILENT KEY 07/10/03**



REMEMBERING ...

Years ago, District 22 A.R.E.S. members worked on a Simulated Emergency Test event. John provided some incredible interference being a "Want to help Ham from Texas". John was good - no EXCELLENT ... at jumping in and disrupting the net as that Texan with the call sign W5QRM. When he was asked to stay off the air by NCS, he'd manage to come right back with his Texas drawl and how he could offer his vast experience with emergencies. Finally, a frustrated NCS asked if John could fill us in on some of that experience. He responded promptly with idle information at best. More trivia than information.

NCS decided maybe he should get a little more information and asked this irritating Texan for his last name. Now, we've all been introduced to the words "Smith or Jones, common spelling." But John topped that off leaving us all speechless. He keyed the mike, and in his fine southern accent and drawl, said his last name was "Ganaskowitz, common spelling". No radios were keyed for several seconds following that. We were obviously all too busy laughing!

As a dear friend and Ham, this is one memory I will hold dear to my heart forever. John was a kind and gentle soul and will be missed by all.

73 & 88,

Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL

DRL BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

At the DRL meeting Tuesday, August 19th, we will elect three (3) board members to a two year term. Sometime after the meeting the board will meet and elect our club officers.

*Please attend this meeting.
Your vote is very important.*

Dave Melton, WØDRM

146.640 MHz REPEATER UPDATE

On Saturday, June 21st, George Stoll and I went to Centennial Mountain and removed the old Motorola repeater and installed the much newer G.E. Master II. Also, thanks to Bob NØTI, an updated controller with all of the new commands and a recorder was tested and installed.

Dave Melton, WØDRM

FREE TOWER, ANTENNA AND ROTATOR

Milt Davenport has a neighbor that wants a tower removed and will give the tower, antenna and rotator to anyone that will take it down. The tower is about 35 feet.

Please contact Milt Davenport, WØIW, about this equipment at: 303-777-9729.

DRL Membership

Please check the date on your mailing address. We have a number of members who are showing as P 2001 and quite a few that are P 2002.

Please update your membership by sending your dues in today to be current.

If you are one of the 2001 people, your name will be removed from the roster if you haven't renewed by the next meeting.

(Renewal and New Member forms on the mail cover)

YOUR INPUT NEEDED

As you may have noticed, this is the first publication for this year with the last being November 2002. This is your newsletter and your input is needed.

There are many times articles could be written about an interesting experience or an event that would be of interest to everyone. Please help keep the publication alive and well by sharing with your fellow hams. We'd love to hear from you!

Ye Editor

Colorado Hamcon 2003 Followup:

Go to: <http://www.eham.net/articles/5970>

Steve Williams (KØSRW) on July 14, 2003

Hamcon 2003, the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention held May 30 - June 1 in Estes Park, is now in the history books. By all accounts, the gathering has secured a high position in the Amateur Radio history of our division. Read on, I think you'll see why...

The Estes Park Holiday Inn was the venue for this convention, the first of its kind held here in Colorado in many years. The beautiful surroundings and wonderful weather set the stage for an unforgettable weekend for the 467 attendees. Lots of new friendships took root, faces and names were connected with call signs, and old friends had the chance to eyeball each other once again. We learned, we played and we networked, all for the betterment of the rich amateur radio heritage we're each privileged to be a part of.

It was hard to choose between the fantastic set of offered forums! Each grabbed our attention, and satisfied our thirst for knowledge, though it was impossible to attend them all. Such is the nature of any top-flight convention program! Enthusiastic and knowledgeable speakers, including ARRL HQ staff and field appointees, addressed a rich spectrum of engaging technical, educational and operational topics.

We learned about QTH selection, QRP, traffic handling, antennas, propagation, DXing, DXpeditions, contesting, microwave, HDTV, digital TV, fast-scan ham TV, the ISS and AO-40. We discussed important issues affecting our disabled hams, legislative issues, ARRL operations, ARES lessons learned, Colorado Search and Rescue, science and education, digital modes, APRS, digital radio, IRLP and even South Pole operations!

As perhaps one of the highlights of the convention, the Boulder Amateur Radio Club Juniors were in strong force as a vibrant group of 13, 14 and 15 year-olds lead a spirited session entitled "Kids: The Future of Amateur Radio." With young people like these involved, amateur radio has a bright future indeed!

VE sessions produced a number of fresh new licensees and upgrades. And several card checking activities resulted in new DXCC, WAS and VUCC awards. A hair-raising CW pileup contest, along with a joint-bending QLF contest (sending CW with one's left foot) and a midnight Wouff Hong ceremony contributed to the fun, as did the Sunday morning transmitter hunt. Many attendees had the chance to operate the legendary W1AW/0 station, and when propagation permitted, several had their first opportunity to be on the other end of a pileup!

More than 23 companies supported the convention through their exhibits and sales booths. Denver's HRO was there in force, and was of assistance with our purchase of the convention's grand prize. ACE-HF, Alpha Power, ICOM, PVC Antennas and US Tower were among the corporate

exhibitors that also donated very substantial door prizes. US Tower even brought their brand new, custom made 18-wheeler flat-bed demo truck, used at Dayton 2003 for the first time. With the large United States flags flying high atop their towers, it was truly an inspirational landmark for the convention.

Door prizes worth many thousands of dollars were donated by more than 35 companies, clubs and individuals. Needless to say, there were lots of happy winners, and we are grateful for the wonderful support of these donors.

We were honored to have Jim Haynie, Wayne Mills, Rosalie White and Dan Miller from ARRL HQ in attendance for the weekend. We were moved by their calls to action, and were inspired by their infectious personal commitment to amateur radio. Many had opportunity for uninterrupted one-on-one time with each of them. A world-class event like this can't possibly come off without insightful planning and crisp execution. The convention committee did an absolutely outstanding job in all areas, so don't forget to let them know of your appreciation and support, along with any comments or suggestions you have for future conventions.

Jerry VerDuft, ADØA	General Chairman/Facilities
Joanie VerDuft, KCØGMI	Treasurer/Banquet
Judy Hilton, KCØHVD	Secretary/Ladies Programs/Tours
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Bill Leahy, KØMP	Forums/Technical Sessions
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Toni Saum, NØGVC	Registration
Dick Schnieder, ABØCD	Program Book/Publicity
Rick Brown, KØSU	Exhibits/Prizes
John Crawford, KBØVZI	Exhibits/Prizes
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Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL	Wouff Hong & Registration
Ron Taylor, KØHRT	Wouff Hong
Wes Wilson, KØHBZ	Special Events Station/VEC
Ron Klein, WØOSK	Talk-in Station
Jody Klien, NØAJB	Supporting Member
Ted Cline, NØRQV	Talk-in Station
Daniel Meyer, NØPUF	Transmitter Hunt
Rob Roller, N7LV	Certificates
Greg Dunn, WØZA	DX/Contest Breakfast
Moe Pierce, WBØRTF	Supporting Member
Bill Pierce, KDØJU	Supporting Member
Jeff Ryan, KØRM	Supporting Member
Walt Stinson, WØCP	Ex-officio Member

In the coming weeks, we'll be publishing a picture CD from the convention. When the CD is ready,

www.hamconcolorado.org

will contain all the instructions for how you can get your own copy. Don't miss out! Check www.hamconcolorado.org frequently!

73,

Steve Williams, KØSRW
Colorado Springs, CO

Member Comments:

Colorado Hamcon 2003 Followup:

by NQ4I on July 14, 2003

One of the best organized and planned convention I have ever attended...hats off to all the guys and gals who were responsible...de Rick nq4i

Colorado Hamcon 2003 Followup:

by WØVP on July 14, 2003

What? No talk about ancient facilities, terrible weather, awful bathrooms, fat and smelly attendees riding their carts, geeks walking around with 5 HTs hanging off their belt, or non-ham related junk being sold for outrageous prices in the outdoor flea market?

This convention sounds pretty nice.

It looks like I'll be skipping Dayton next year and heading to Colorado instead!

73,
KC WØVP

Colorado Hamcon 2003 Followup:

Reply by KØSRW on July 15, 2003

I am sorry to have inadvertently omitted the name of our official convention photographer, without whom the mentioned picture CD would not be possible!

Thanks to Rick Kilmer, N7KOH, our Colorado Hamcon 2003 Convention Photographer.

73,

Steve Williams, KØSRW
Colorado Springs, CO

If you missed Hamcon Colorado, you truly did miss out on an incredible convention. We received positive feedback in all areas from the out-of-state folks as well as the locals. It involved a lot of work and organization, but the rewards were tremendous. Looking forward to the next go-round several years from now.

73 & 88

Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL