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**ARRL Rocky Mountain Division update – January 2009**  
Division website: [www.RockyMountainDivision.org](http://www.RockyMountainDivision.org)

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Happy New Year!

**===== Rocky Mountain Division HF Net =====**

Our next monthly Rocky Mountain Division HF net will occur next week to disseminate information and give us a chance to meet you and your ideas in QSO. Here are the details:

DATE: Wednesday, January 14  
TIME: 6:30 PM MST (see note below)  
FREQ: 3939 kHz +/-

(Note on time: The New Mexico Roadrunner net occurs on this frequency and is usually finished by 6:30pm MST. In the event that it's still in progress at that time, we'll begin the Division net immediately afterwards.)

Skip Prinsen W7PN of Worland, Wyoming will be our net control this evening, as both Brian and Dwayne will be traveling to Newington, Connecticut for the first of 2009's two ARRL Board of Directors meetings. Please mark your calendar and join the HF net!

**===== New ARRL Operating Award: Triple Play WAS =====**

150 QSOs, working each state on three different modes – phone, CW and digital – is all you need to earn the brand-new Triple Play Worked All States (WAS) award! This award was created, first of all, as another incentive to get on the airwaves for a bunch of fun, but also to encourage the use of Logbook of the World (LOTW). No QSL cards are necessary to earn the award, but confirmations within LOTW are. Setting up your LOTW account is easy, and it's a convenient way to confirm QSOs for credit towards awards like WAS, DXCC, and soon-to-be VUCC. It's by no means a replacement for traditional QSLing; just another avenue using technology at our fingertips to confirm those memorable contacts on the air.

For more information about the Triple Play WAS award head over to <http://www.arrl.org/awards/>. For more information about Logbook of the World, visit <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>

**===== 2009: Year of the State QSO Party =====**

State QSO Parties are a great way to have fun, hone your operating skills, meet new friends and perhaps even pick off those hard to get counties. ARRL has declared 2009 as the year of the State QSO Party, and is offering a challenge to those who are up for contacting hams in all states via a QSO Party hosted by their home state/region, or another state/region. Complete details are available here: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/> Fire up the radio for the next QSO Party, whether you want to operate casually or for points, and see if you can earn the Year of the State QSO Party award.

**===== New Mexico QSO Party – February 7-8 =====**

Speaking of QSO parties, the New Mexico QSO Party has been revived after a short hiatus. Hams from around the Land of Enchantment will be on the air from many of its 33 counties. For complete details and rules please visit <http://www.swcp.com/~n5zgt/nmqsoparty>.

If you live in or near New Mexico, there are still counties needing to be activated for part or the entire event. Check the website for details. See you on the airwaves!

**===== Other QSO Parties within the Division =====**

Utah and Wyoming will be part of the 7th Call Area QSO Party (<http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s>) which takes place the weekend of May 3. The Colorado QSO Party will likely take place in September (keep an eye out at <http://www.ppraa.org/coqp/> for details).

A schedule of all QSO Parties in the nation is available at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/stateparties.html>

**===== 2009 Rocky Mountain Division Convention =====**

Mark your calendars now for this year's fantastic convention! The 2009 Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held May 29-31 in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado...gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. The fine folks of HamCon Colorado are hard at work planning a great event.

Among the guest speakers: Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH (retired Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau), Harold Kraemer WJ1B (ARRL Chief Operating Officer), Gordon Hardman W0RUN (2009 Desecheo Island DXpedition participant and chief engineer of Alpha Radio Products), Mike Gruber W1MG (ARRL EMC Engineer and contributor to "The Doctor Is IN" QST column), and Brian Milesosky N5ZGT (Director, ARRL Rocky Mountain Division).

There will be plenty of technical and non-technical forums, great meals, and one heck of a time meeting and greeting hams from all over the Division. A great event with a very fitting theme: "Amateur Radio: Resilient, Relevant, Ready"

Please mark your calendars and check the Division convention's website at <http://www.hamconcolorado.org> for more details, including registration information.

**===== Rocky Mountain Division Awards – Call for Nominations =====**

There are many hams within our great Division who deserve to be recognized for their achievements – and we'd like to honor them. The following annual awards are now being offered by the Division:

Rocky Mountain Division Ham of the Year Award  
Rocky Mountain Division Young Ham of the Year Award  
Rocky Mountain Division Technical Achievement Award

Complete details, rules and a nomination form can be found on the Division website ([www.RockyMountainDivision.org](http://www.RockyMountainDivision.org)). Awards will be announced and presented at the Rocky Mountain Division Convention immediately following the close of nominations.

**===== Upcoming hamfests, tailgates & conventions =====**

January 17 NCARC Winter Superfest (Fort Collins, CO)

January 31	Albuquerque Winter Tailgate Swapfest (Albuquerque, NM)
February 8	Aurora Repeater Association Swapfest (Brighton, CO)
April 4	Longmont Amateur Radio Club LARCfest (Longmont, CO)
April 25	Utah ARRL State Convention (South Ogden, UT)
May 22-24	Wyoming ARRL State Convention (Casper, WY)
May 29-31	2009 Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Estes Park, CO)
July 18	Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association Megafest (Monument, CO)
August 16	Denver Radio Club Hamfest (Golden, CO)

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, please consider having your event ARRL-sanctioned. Sanctioning details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/>

**===== 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/contests/spev.html>  
Upcoming contests: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>  
Operating awards: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/>

**===== Final note... =====**

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

Jeff Ryan K0RM (Colorado): <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=CO>  
Don Wood W5FHA (New Mexico): <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=NM>  
Mel Parkes NM7P (Utah): <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=UT>  
LeeAnne Sachau WY7DTW (Wyoming): <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WY>

Vice Director Dwayne Allen and I continue to welcome your concerns, questions or ideas regarding ARRL policies. See you on the airwaves!

73,  
Brian Milesosky N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division Director  
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