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

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**===== Rocky Mountain Division Awards – April 1 is Deadline =====**

There are many hams within our great Division who deserve to be recognized for their achievements – and we'd like to honor them. However, can you believe that only TWO (2) total nominations out of a Division of 6,250 members have been submitted as of this writing? Time is running out to place your nominations (the deadline is about 3 weeks from now: April 1).

The following annual awards are 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.

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

About TWO months remain until the 2009 Rocky Mountain Division Convention (May 29-31). Have you made plans to join up to many hundreds of hams in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado...gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park? Registration is happening as we speak, and special hotel rates have been negotiated for convention attendees.

Among the guest speakers: Laura Smith (FCC Special Counsel who took over now-retired Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH, 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"

The hotel, where the Convention is being held, is almost at full-capacity, so reserve your room soon!

Please mark your calendars and visit the Division convention's website at <http://www.hamconcolorado.org> for more details, including registration information. Join us for a great time at an awesome venue!

**===== 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, March 11  
TIME: 7:30 PM MDT (see note below)

FREQ: 3939 kHz +/-

(Note on time: The New Mexico Roadrunner net occurs on this frequency and is usually finished by 7:30pm MDT. In the event that it's still in progress at that time, we'll begin the Division net immediately afterwards.)

Propagation hasn't been great the last few nets, but we'll press on regardless!

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

April 4	Longmont Amateur Radio Club LARCFest (Longmont, CO)
April 25	Utah ARRL State Convention (South Ogden, UT)
April 26	Mesilla Valley ARC Beanfeed (Las Cruces, NM)
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 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>  
Garth Crowe N7XKT (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  
Dwayne Allen WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division Vice-Director  
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