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OC ARES General Meetings

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The Oldham County ARES general meetings are normally held at 1900 on the 4th Thursday of each month at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange KY 40031.

For those of you not familiar with this brick building, it is located on the south side of the street about three blocks east of the Oldham County Courthouse Square and use to be a part of the DeHaven Baptist Church.

The building has two entrances; you want to enter through the single door to the right with the sign indicating "La Grange Community Center". Once you go through the single door, you will see a staircase directly in front of you. Proceed to the second floor and walk along the hallway all the way to the classroom at the end and on the right.

All interested radio Amateurs are welcome. Talk-in is on the 147.390 repeater.



Communication Information

Oldham, Trimble, & Henry county ARES net:
Every Monday at 2000 local on the 147.390

EC Corner

Well, the Oldham County ARES group is off and running. There's been a lot of activity as Rick and I have been ramping up the organization. We now have regular meeting scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month along with a regular place to hold the meetings. We also have our new webpage at www.ockyares.org that will serve as a repository of information for our local group. I would also encourage you to visit the www.kyham.net site as it is a wealth of information specifically geared towards amateur radio in Kentucky.

Since the June meeting, Rick and I, along with Linda (KE6YKN), visited the BARS field day event on June 25 for some fellowship and operating. I understand that Rick made over 100 contacts! Then on Friday, July 8, Linda and I attended the ARTS regular club meeting in Louisville to get some ideas on how meetings are run by other groups. There was both a slideshow and some video shown of the ARTS field day activities. The program for their next meeting is going to be on software-based radios, so if that sounds like something you would be interested in, feel free to join them as visitors are always welcome.

Then on Saturday, July 9, I had the pleasure of joining Kenny Heavrin, KY4COP, for a drive up to the Indianapolis ham fest. They had several forums scheduled throughout the day, a vendor area under a large tent and adjacent building, and a tailgate flea market. There was quite an assortment of product, both old and new. While I didn't go with the expectation of purchasing anything, I did end up

OC ARES Meeting June 23, 2011

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The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held Thursday June 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY 40031.

OC ARES Emergency Coordinator, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), conducted the meeting. There were 9 attendees.

EC, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

AEC, Rick Ewen (W4TLE)

Members: Chuck Allen (KY4CA), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Bill Grant (WD8QIJ), Dale McMakin (KF4BHS), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ).

Visitors: Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI)

Leadership: Rickey Singleton (KC4S)

New Members: 5 (listed under members above)

New Licenses/Upgrades: Chuck Allen (formerly KA8KJE) has upgraded to Advanced - New call sign is KY4CA. Congratulations!

Since this was the first meeting, self-introductions took a good portion of the meeting as each attendee spoke some about how they got interested in amateur radio, what bands they like to work, and a little about the equipment they had.

OPERATING

No one had any operating stories or unusual contacts this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Field Day is coming up June 25, so mark your calendars.

PROGRAM

As this was the first meeting, a review of the organizational tasks was made. The completed tasks during June included:

- Identify no-cost meeting location
- Establish meeting schedule
- Create website
- Establish email list.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next OC ARES meeting will be held on July 28, 7:00 PM at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY 40031.

It was of special note that our District 6 ADEC, Rickey Singleton (KC4S), attend our first meeting. I would also like to thank our other ARES local leadership, DEC Jim Vaughan (K4TXJ) and ASEC Kenny Heavrin (KY4COP), for the being there as we had start-up questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

August OC ARES Notes

August is shaping up to be a very exciting one for our ARES group. I'm pleased to announce that Kenny Ratliff, KI4SFB, will be giving us a presentation on GIS mapping and how it can be beneficial to us during times of emergency. Kenny just gave me a brief overview on the possibilities and they appear to be numerous. Our August meeting will be on the 25th, so make plans to be there.

By the time the newsletter is released, this will hopefully be news you're already aware of. I'm very close to being able to confirm that our group will be

sponsoring a seminar style presentation on DSTAR that will give an overview of what this new technology is and how it applies to emergency communications.

I've been in touch with the W4DSI repeater group in Lexington that currently is the most established DSTAR network in the state of Kentucky. A representative of that group has graciously offered to do the presentation for us. We are opening this up to all the other clubs and ARES groups in our district, so we're expecting a large group. I'll be sending out more information on this as time gets closer, but expect it to be held on one of the last Saturdays in August. This is not only going to be very informative, it will also help re-establish an Oldham County amateur radio group as being active and relevant again.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to start being as active as you can on the 147.390 repeater. If you're out and about, turn the rig on and throw your call out there and let us know you're on the air. Don't wait until the Monday night net to do it. The .39 machine was at one time one of the more active machines in the area, and it can be again. Ham Radio is all about communicating and there's nothing like a good ol' ragchew to start or end the day. Let's do it!

See you at the meeting!

73, Rick (W4TLE)

Local Area ARES Nets

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Mon	7:30 pm	146.700 -	79.7	Brooks	KY4KY	Mesotrack Skywarn
Mon	8:00 pm	147.390 +	151.5	Crestwood	KY4OC	Oldham County ARES
Tue	7:30 pm	146.880 -	100.0	Louisville	W4PF	Jefferson County ARES
Wed	9:00 pm	147.000 +	173.8	Shelbyville	KE4LR	Shelby County ARES
Wed	9:00 pm	146.850 -	none		W9JBQ	Clark County IN ARES
Thur	8:30 pm	145.390 -	107.2		KY4LAW	Anderson County ARES
Thur	9:00 pm	444.050 +	91.5	Shelbyville	KB4PTJ	Williamsburg Wide Area



Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

ARES® Registration Form

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City, State, ZIP code:	
e-mail address(es):	
Home phone number:	
Work phone number:	
Cell phone number:	
License Class:	

Check bands and modes that you can operate:

MODE	HF	6 meters	2 meters	222 MHz	440 MHz	Others
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CW						
FM						
DATA						
PACKET						
Other modes (specify below)						
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Can your home station be operated without commercial power? Yes [] No []

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leaving with more than I came with. What made the trip even more valuable with the time spent during the drive talking with Kenny. He is certainly someone who has a wealth of knowledge and a knack for thinking "out of the box".

Our ARES group is growing as we had five people officially sign up for ARES at our last meeting. With Rick and I., that brings our official total to seven. We had quite an impressive turnout at the informational meeting back in May. I would encourage anyone who is interested in amateur radio and emergency communications to sign up. You may do so by completing the form found later in this newsletter and either mailing it, or better yet, by bringing it with you to our next meeting.

I know many of you have started taking some of the training classes that will help you become an effective member of ARES. I would recommend taking the three courses on the KYHAM.NET website first, followed by the IS-700 and then the IS-100. Make sure to send me a copy of any certificates you receive so I can keep track of who has completed which training modules.

Participation in nets is good practice for the real thing. I have been checking into the nets on page 3 as my schedule allows (yes I can even hit the

Anderson County net from my house). I would encourage everyone to participate in as many nets as possible, but especially our own net held on Monday nights on the 147.390 repeater.

While Rick and I exchange e-mails almost daily, we are also here to assist you with any questions you might have.

73, Roman (KE6YCW)



The 147.390 Repeater

Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

July 2011 - September 2011

The Monday night Net Control Operator schedule is listed below. Everyone is invited to check in to the net. We welcome additional Net Control Operators. Please contact me if you would like more information.

	July	4	KE6YCW	Roman		September	5	KB4IFE	Craig
		11	KE6YCW	Roman			12	KB4IFE	Craig
		18	KE6YCW	Roman			19	KB4IFE	Craig
		25	KE6YCW	Roman			26	KB4IFE	Craig
	August	1	KD4HGE	Bob					
		8	KD4HGE	Bob					
		15	KD4HGE	Bob					
		22	KD4HGE	Bob					
		29	KD4HGE	Bob					

Things to do: Net Preamble
 Announcements
 Check-ins
 Stats to EC

After the net, please email me the check-in list.
 Thanks. **Roman KE6YCW**

When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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ARES District 6

About Oldham County ARES



The Oldham County Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is an all volunteer group of licensed amateur radio operators who have registered their qualifications and equipment and undergone specialized training for emergency communications duty during natural or man-made disasters.

We also offer our communications services free of charge to community

events around the area such as walks, runs and bike rides, parades and other gatherings. We use these events as a training opportunity and a way to educate the public about amateur radio.

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible for membership in ARES. The only requirements are possession of an amateur radio license, some basic training, and a sincere desire to serve.