
Oldham County ARES®

Newsletter



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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 repeater.

EC Corner

Oldham County ARES is just 2 1/2 months young. During that time, I've been pleased and excited to see the cooperation between the local ARES groups.

During the initial informational meeting held in May for Oldham County, representatives from the surrounding counties attended the meeting. Just 2 months later, Trimble County had their informational meeting, which I attended to show my support. Rick and I also attended the July meeting of the Shelby County ARES group, and as you'll see in the minutes section of this newsletter, several people from the Shelby ARES group attended our last meeting.

While each local ARES group has primary responsibility for its served agencies, chances are that additional resources will be required from surrounding counties during actual emergencies. Getting to know the people and working in a cooperative environment will ensure that we function as a cohesive unit.

Starting a group is never an easy undertaking. It's the people however, that will determine whether a group succeeds or fails. While we are all volunteers, I have been impressed with the level of interest and support I received from the ARES leadership team. Whether it be in person meetings or numerous e-mail exchanges, the amateur radio operators in ARES District 6 seem to have the same goal: to prepare for potential emergencies and to have some fun doing it. Let's keep it up!

73, Roman (KE6YCW)

OC ARES Meeting July 28, 2011

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147.390 MHz, "plus" offset, 151.4 Hz PL

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held Thursday July 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY 40031.

OC ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Rick Ewen (W4TLE), conducted the meeting. There were 9 attendees.

AEC, Rick Ewen (W4TLE)

Members: Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ).

Visitors: Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBP), John Hurt (KI4USD), Harlan Joseph (K4HJ) from Shelby Co.

New Members: 3 - Jim Marshall (K4LDU), Michael Marshall (KI4BVA), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN)

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday August 14, the Central Kentucky Hamfest will be held in Lawrenceburg, KY

On Saturday August 20, there will be a presentation on DSTAR and how it relates to Emergency Communications. It starts at 10:00 am at the Oldham County Main Library in La Grange.

On Thursday August 25, our ARES meeting program will be on how GIS and Geospatial information relates to Emergency Communications.

PROGRAM

We had several members from the Shelby County ARES group come and share some information about their organization. Topics included their "Go-Kits"; the type of radios they use and have standardized on (Kenwood 710 that has built-in TNC, APRS, & GPS for portable and Yaesu 8800 for mobiles); how they focus more on actual practice than simply talking during meetings; deploying to potential shelter locations. The Shelby Co group provided great information that will help the Oldham Co group grow.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next OC ARES meeting will be held on August 25, 7:00 PM at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY 40031.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

You're A Ham

35 ways to spot a Radio Amateur

From the web site of the West Tennessee Amateur Radio Society

<http://www.qsl.net/wtarc/youreaham.htm>

You might be (and probably are) an Amateur Radio operator, if:

1. You have bought black electrical tape in ten packs.
2. You have stripped wire with your teeth.
3. You have told your child, "One day, all this will be yours," and he or she did not respond at all.
4. You would rather help another Ham friend to hook up new equipment, or to put up a new tower, than to mow your own lawn.
5. You have grabbed the wrong end of a hot soldering iron.
6. You have gotten an RF burn from your own

- antenna.
7. You have given out RST reports while you were on the telephone.
8. When the microphones or visual aids at a meeting did not work, you rushed up to the front to fix them.
9. You have told the XYL, when she noticed a new rig in the shack, "Why, that has been there for years."
10. You have set your watch to UTC only.
11. You have had to patch your roof after an antenna project fell onto it.
12. You have put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car or on the riding mower, just so you could watch it on APRS.
13. You have tapped out "CQ" or "HI" on the car horn in Morse Code to another Ham.
14. Your teenager has refused to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
15. You know the Latitude, Longitude, and Elevation of your home QTH.
16. You have gone into the local Radio Shack store, and the store clerk has asked you where something is and how it works.
17. You have answered the telephone with your call sign, and then finished the conversation with "73" and your call sign.
18. You have looked for antennas, radios, and Morse Code in movies and television shows.
19. When you look at anything made of wire or metal tubing, you wonder if it could be used as an antenna.
20. Your call sign is listed on one or more of your hats, T-shirts, or other garments.

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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

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21. You regularly carry one or more tools in your pockets at any given time.
22. When any kinds of batteries go on sale, you get really excited.
23. When you look at a barbecue grill, it creates ideas about ground plane antennas.
24. You have designated all your friends as Hams or Non-Hams.
25. You have referred to your Ham friends by their call sign suffixes instead of their real names.
26. You have intentionally confused Non-Hams by telling them that the only things you talk about on the air are pork products.
27. You have intentionally scared Non-Hams with the word "RADIATION"!
28. You have looked at telephone poles and power line towers as potential antenna supports.
29. You have thought you were still hearing CW, SSB, or SSTV tones, even when your Ham radio was off.
30. Your Go-Bag has more clothes in it than your dresser does.
31. You have a SKYWARN sticker on your back window.
32. Your significant other sits in the back seat, and your radios ride in the front.
33. Your neighbors wonder if you are a "Narc" (narcotics officer), a Spy, or a Federal Agent.
34. The cops pull you over because they want to see

the inside of your car.

35. Your cell-phone's ring tone is your Ham radio call sign, sent in Morse Code

Submitted by Rick Ewen (W4TLE)

Upcoming Events

Central Kentucky Hamfest

Sunday, August 14, 2011 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 American Legion Post #34 Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
 725 West Broadway (U.S. 62)
 Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342
 Talk-in on 146.760 or 145.390
 Web Page: <http://www.BluegrassARS.org/>

DTAR Presentation by Doug House KF4REN

Saturday, August 20, 2011 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Oldham County Library
 308 Yager Ave
 La Grange, KY 40031
 (Pre-Mtg Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 AM)

GIS & Geospatial for Emergency Communications

Thursday, August 25, 2011 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 La Grange Community Center
 307 West Jefferson St
 La Grange, KY 40031

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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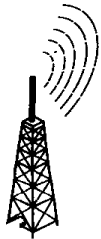
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ARES District 6

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.