
Oldham County ARES®

Newsletter



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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

Every organization needs people to make it run. We are fortunate to have just such a person who falls into that category. I am speaking, of course, of Rick Ewen, W4TLE.

During our first four months of operation, Rick has been instrumental in getting several key speakers lined up on topics related to Amateur Radio with emphasis on Emergency Communications. The first was on the topic of D-STAR, the second was on mapping tools. He also coordinated the Boy Scout JOTA. See the special section later in this newsletter.

Before the D-STAR presentation, I had the pleasure of awarding Rick with his official appointment certificate of Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Oldham County ARES. Thank you for all your efforts!



**OC ARES Meeting
September 22 2011**

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The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held Thursday September 22, 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.

Members: Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Jim Marshall (K4LDU), Michael Marshall (KI4BVA), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN), Kenny Ratliff (KI4SFB).

Visitors: John Hurt (KI4USD), Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBP) from Shelby Co ARES.

Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI) our ADEC.

New Members: I would like to officially welcome David Quillen, NQ6A, as our newest ARES member. David has also completed the KY Ecomm and IS-1000b training courses. Keep up the good work!

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING

Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), participated in the Bad to the Bone Duathlon at Big Bone Lick State Park.

There was also the Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air that took place and is covered in a special section later in this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

None

PROGRAM

The program for September was actually an exercise designed to get our members and guests comfortable with programming their radios. Each was tasked with programming in a 440 simplex frequency with PL tone that was set to a cross-banded mobile in the parking lot programmed for our local repeater. Most were successful; some only had 2-meter radios but were able to learn more about their radios; and everyone had a good time.

DOOR PRIZE

Several door prized were given away.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next OC ARES meeting will be held on Oct 27, 7:00 PM at the LaGrange Community Center, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY 40031.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

Next Meeting

At our next regular meeting on Thursday October 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm, will be our special guest, Paul Kern (NK4P), the amateur radio liaison for the Red Cross in Louisville. He and his wife will be giving us an overview of the disaster training the Red Cross provides. Mark the date and let's see how we can work together to further our training and working relationship with our served agencies.

Repeater Antenna Replaced

It's now official: the damaged antenna for the 147.390 repeater was replaced on Saturday October 8, 2011. Thanks to the effort of Lytle Smith (K4LLS), a brand new custom antenna was ordered, recently delivered, and is now installed ready to serve the amateur radio community and Oldham County ARES.

Training Update

One of the important goals of Oldham County ARES is to make sure that members are trained with a basic knowledge of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). When a member completes the required training modules, they are soon acknowledged for their achievement.

At our September monthly meeting, it was my pleasure to award Kenny Ratliff, KI4SFB, with a certificate attesting to his time and effort in completing the required (and some additional non-required) training. Congratulations!

Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)



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

Operating Opportunities

Bad to the Bone Duathlon

Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), participated in the Bad to the Bone Duathon at Big Bone Lick State Park in Union KY on Saturday Sept 17, 2011 from 7:00 am to around 1:00 pm.

Joining about a dozen District 7 ARES members, the event went smoothly with only one injury being sustained by a runner who twisted her ankle.

Communications were handled on the Walton Repeater, 147.375 (pl 123.0) and Simplex 147.375.

Net Control was housed in the District 7 Communications Trailer. The trailer is a simple design that featured 2 UHF/VHF stations along one side, and a HF station along the front. While AC power was available for the event, a sizable generator was available if it was needed. Pre-wired antenna mounts existed which simply required the actual antennas being attached. A generous work surface and comfortable chairs rounded out the amenities.

The District 7 ARES group has supported the event for the last several years and Todd Schutter, KY4TS, did an excellent job organizing the communications. I was very impressed by the number of hams that came out to support the event.



Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

September 2011 - November 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.

September	5	KB4IFE	Craig	November	7	KE6YCW	Roman
	12	KB4IFE	Craig		14	W4TLE	Rick
	19	KB4IFE	Craig		21	KD4HGE	Bob
	26	KB4IFE	Craig		28	KB4IFE	Craig
October	3	KE6YCW	Roman				
	10	W4TLE	Rick				
	17	KD4HGE	Bob				
	24	KB4IFE	Craig				
	31	KB4IFE	Craig				

Things to do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Preamble Announcements Check-ins Stats to EC

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

Jamboree On The Air

The Boy Scouts of America Jamboree On The Air was held on Saturday October 15, 2011 from 2:30 pm to about 7:30 pm at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Pee Wee Valley, KY.

Rick Ewen, W4TLE, working with Mark Smith and Bill Garlitz of Boy Scout Troop 477, organized this event to give scouts the opportunity to have hands-on communications with other amateur radio stations in the US and other parts of the world.

This was truly a regional effort with the following amateur radio operators participating:

Rick Ewen (W4TLE), Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Jim Marshall (K4LDU), Michael Marshall (KI4BVA) from Oldham County ARES.

John Hurt (KI4USD), Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBP) from Shelby County ARES.

Kenny Heavrin (KY4COP) ASEC, Rick Singleton (KC4S) ADEC, Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI) ADEC



The beginnings of the main mast for the HF antenna begin to take shape with scouts at the ready.



Scouts man both the mast base and assist in the placement of stakes to secure the guy-wires for the main HF mast.



All hands are needed to steady the mast base (above). 2nd mast is erected for HF feed-line & dual-band antenna (left).



Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI) answers questions while a scout secures one end of the HF Di-Pole antenna.



Two HF and one UHF/VHF stations were setup to allow scouts to make contacts.



John Hurt (KI4USD) helps a scout make a 2-meter contact using a hand-held radio.



Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI) explains how radio waves will work during an upcoming satellite pass.



Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBP) helps a scout make a HF contact to a station in Georgia.



Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBP) helps a scout make a HF contact while others wait their turn in the background.

When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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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.