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# Oldham County ARES®

## Newsletter



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### OC ARES General Meetings

Next Meeting : **Tuesday Jan 10, 2012**

The Oldham County ARES general meetings are normally held at 1900 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oldham County Red Cross building, 1215 N Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

### NEW MEETING DATES AND NEW LOCATION

Due to several people not being able to attend a Thursday meeting and to keep away from the Thanksgiving and Christmas major holidays, we have changed our meeting date to the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the location to the Oldham County Red Cross building, 1215 N Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

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



### Communication Information

#### Oldham County ARES Net:

Every Monday at 8:00pm local on the 147.390 repeater.

This net also serves Henry and Trimble Counties.



### A Ham's Night Before Christmas By Gary Pearce KN4AQ

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And all through two meters,  
Not a signal was keying up  
Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up  
From the tower, quite high,  
To catch the weak signals  
That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses,  
Took their HT's to bed,  
And dreamed of the day  
They'd be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones,  
I plugged in the key,  
And we tuned 40 meters  
For that rare ZK3.

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### OC ARES Publication

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Repeater:  
147.390 MHz, "plus" offset, 151.4 Hz PL

## OC ARES Meeting No November Meeting was held

When the meter was pegged  
By a signal with power.  
It smoked a small diode, and,  
I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones,  
And with all she could muster  
Logged a spot of the signal  
On the DX Packet Cluster.

While I ran to the window  
and peered up at the sky,  
To see what could generate RF that high.

It was way in the distance,  
But the moon made it gleam--  
A flying sleigh, with an Eight element beam.  
And a little old driver who looked slightly mean.  
So I thought for a moment, That it might be Wayne  
Green.

But no, it was Santa  
The Santa of Hams,  
On a mission this Christmas  
To clean up the bands.

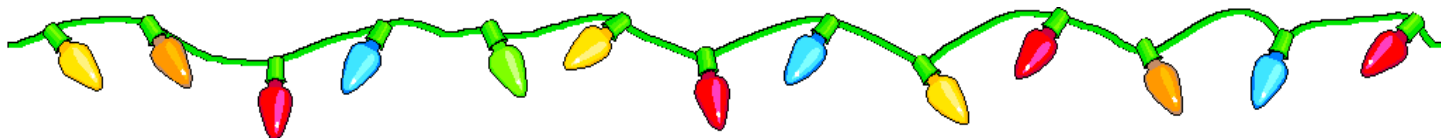
He circled the tower,  
Then he stopped in his track  
And he slid down the coax, Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid  
Behind stacks of CQ,  
This Santa of hamming  
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk  
Of paper and parts,  
And filled out all my late QSLs For a start.

He ran copper braid,  
Took a steel rod and pounded  
It into the earth, till  
The station was grounded.

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He tightened loose fittings,  
Resoldered connections,  
Cranked down modulation,  
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes  
In my linear amp...  
(Never worked right before-- Now it works like a  
champ!)

A new, low-pass filter  
Cleaned up the TV.  
He corrected the settings  
In my TNC.

He repaired the computer  
That would not compute,  
And he backed up the hard drive  
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep  
In the bag that he brought,  
And he pulled out a big box,  
"A new rig?" I thought!

"A new Kenwood? An Icom? A Yaesu, for me?!"  
(If he thought I'd been bad it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station!  
How could I deserve this?  
Could it be all those hours  
That I worked Public Service?  
He hooked it all up  
And in record time, quickly  
Worked 100 countries,  
All down on 160.

I should have been happy  
It was my call he sent,  
But the cards and the postage  
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments,  
And left a card by the key:

"To Gary, From Santa Claus.  
Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT  
Looked me straight in the eye,  
Punched a code on the pad,  
And was gone--no good bye.

I ran back to the station  
And the pile-up was big,  
But a card from St. Nick  
Would be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final came over the air.  
It was copied all over,  
It was heard everywhere.

The Ham's Santa exclaimed  
What a ham might expect:

"Merry Christmas to all, And to all, good DX."



### **New EC Appointment for Henry County**

I would like to welcome the newest leader is District 6, Jay Spears (KI4AHX). Jay joins several new EC positions in District 6 filled within the last several months.

I would like to thank our leadership team for their efforts: Kenny Heavrin (KY4COP), Jim Vaughan (K4TXJ), Rick Singleton (KC4S), Keith Stevenson (AJ4KI), Kenny Garrett (N4KLG), and Jim Brooks (KY4Z).



Diabetes Walk in May 2012  
 Oldham County Days in July 2012  
 Ironman Triathlon in August 2012  
 Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air in October 2012

*Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)*

### Training Update

### Events / Operating Opportunities

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.

#### 2012 Weather Workshop

February 24-25, 2012      Bowling Green, KY

Since it does not appear that we hold a regular meeting for November or December, it would be a great time for those who still need to complete the required training to use that time toward that goal.

Please join us for another great Weather Workshop in 2012! We have packed two days full of weather related training - everything from spotter training, technology and science to weather safety. Keynote speakers include Chris Novy (Fox Channel 25 KOKH - Oklahoma City, OK) and Mike Hudson (Chief Operations Officer, National Weather Service, Central Region HQ, Kansas City, MI). Additionally, our vendor focus this Workshop will be for weather equipment and technology.

*Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)*

Additional course information coming soon!

### Scheduled Events

The Oldham County ARES group plans to be more active in 2012 now that the most of the startup and organizational tasks are complete. Members should be aware of the following events and mark their calendars:

To register, visit:  
[www.kyem.ky.gov/weatherworkshop2012](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/weatherworkshop2012)  
 \$30.00 - deadline is January 18  
 \$35.00 - after January 18  
 \$40.00 - on-site

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### Local Area ARES Nets

Day	Time	Freq	PL	Location	Call	Affiliation
Mon	7:30 pm	146.700 -	79.7	Brooks	KY4KY	Mesotrack Skywarn
<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>147.390 +</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>Crestwood</b>	<b>KY4OC</b>	<b>Oldham County ARES</b>
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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Please send a copy of your registration confirmation and a check or money order payable to the KY State Treasurer to:

Tonya Coleman, KYEM  
 2012 Weather Workshop  
 Boone National Guard Center  
 100 Minuteman Parkway  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

*\*Please note: KYEM cannot accept any form of credit card payments.*

Holiday Inn University Plaza  
 Sloan Convention Center  
 1021 Wilkinson Trace  
 Bowling Green, KY 42103  
 Please call the Holiday Inn at (270) 745-0088 or 800-Holiday

All attendees need to reference the 2012 KYEM Weather Workshop when. Room rate is \$95.00 per night until January 31. After January 31, the room rate will revert back to Holiday Inn's standard rate for 2012.

Most of you should be familiar with the KYHAM web site available at [www.kyham.net](http://www.kyham.net). The site was started over 15 years ago as an forum hosted on a local dial-up bulletin board system for hams in Lexington, KY.

In the mid 90's, it became possible for home Internet users to put up a web page on their personal account. The KYHAM web site was born as a list of coordinators around the state with their contact information so that any ham in Kentucky could find them.

Since that time, Pat Spencer (KD4PWL) has grown the site into what it is today; a great site that is used by hams throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

There have been some recent additions to the staff at KYHAM. Amber Pearce (KG4IFO) has been handling the training for some time and does a great job. Rick Singleton (KC4S) has been brought on board to manage the BBS Forum section. So that the site does not rely on just one person, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW) has been brought on as a Co-Administrator and will be learning how to manage the entire site.

These additions will allow Pat to get some help and spread the workload over several people. Thanks Pat for a great site and all that you do!

**Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule**  
 January 2012 - March 2012

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.

February	6	KE6YCW	Roman	January	2	KE6YCW	Roman
	13	W4TLE	Rick		9	W4TLE	Rick
	20	KD4HGE	Bob		16	KD4HGE	Bob
	27	KB4IFE	Craig		23	KB4IFE	Craig
					30	KB4IFE	Craig
March	5	KE6YCW	Roman				
	12	W4TLE	Rick				
	19	KD4HGE	Bob				
	26	KB4IFE	Craig				

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.