

Oldham County ARES®

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OC ARES General Meetings

Next Meeting : **Tuesday May 8, 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. Talk-in is on the 147.390 repeater.

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.

Please make time to work towards completion of the required training so we can better assist our served agencies.



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.

Deployment Document Update

The deployment documents for OC ARES members are now available in the Members section of the web site.

The Deployment Handbook for Oldham County, KY, is divided into 2 parts.

Part One contains text and figures covering a wide variety of topics. This Part is meant to serve as an introduction and background on the general topic of amateur radio emergency response. While it is hoped that all of this material will be useful, much of the material should be read, then filed away for future reference and review.

Part Two contains reminders and specific information needed for deployment in a format that encourages it being made a part of the Responders "Go Kit" and carried into the field. Text has been kept to a minimum and tables are used to convey important and timely data. Part Two will need to be updated frequently to ensure that information such as phone numbers and frequencies are accurate and up-to-date.

It is recommended that both documents be reviewed initially and that the Handbook Supplement be included in you Go Kit documents.

If you need the password for the Members area of the web site or the password for the Handbook supplement, please contact the Oldham County EC.

Roman Rusinek, KE6YCW

OC ARES Meeting April 10, 2012

OC ARES Publication

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The deadline for submissions to the OC ARES Newsletter is 1700 local on the fourth Friday of each month. Information can be forwarded by e-mail to ke6ycw@bellsouth.net , in plain text or most Microsoft Office file formats.

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The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday April 10, 2012 at the Red Cross building, 1215 North Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

OC ARES Emergency Coordinator, Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), conducted the meeting. There were 4 attendees.

Oldham Members: Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN)

Guests: None

New Members: None

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Cross Run for the Red, May 12, 2012, Fort Knox KY
Dayton Hamvention, May 18-20, 2012, Dayton, OH
Tour De Cure, May 19, 2012, Prospect KY
Multiple Sclerosis, June 2-3, Springfield KY

Operators are still needed for the above events! Please consider helping out if you can.

PROGRAM

Due to the low turnout, no formal program was presented. Discussion items included: Participation, Public Events, Operating opportunities, Equipment recommendations, Web Site, Deployment documents, Newsletter, Non-Profit status.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 8, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

Special Meeting on Non-Profit

A special meeting was held on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 at 8:00 pm at the Red Cross building in Buckner, on the topic of Non-Profit status.

While a notification went out to all Oldham County ARES members, the following people were in attendance: Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), Rick Ewen (W4TLE), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN), and Chuck Allen (KY4CA). Most of the other members did send an email indicating they would not be able to attend, but supported the non-profit effort.

The biggest question to be settled was the name to use for the non-profit. The main contender was the old "Oldham County Amateur Radio Club" (OCARC). Concerns were put to rest that the old club had any old baggage, bad feeling in the community, or unidentified / outstanding commitments. It was agreed that we could go forward with using the name.

Several documents were reviewed from other organizations relating to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. It was decided that some additional research was need to see how other similar organization structured their documents in preparation for non-profit status. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

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:

Dayton Hamvention, May 18-20, 2012

Tour De Cure (Diabetes) May 19, 2012

Oldham County Days in July 2012

Ironman Triathlon in August 2012

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air in October 2012

Other Operating Opportunities

American Red Cross: Run For The Red which will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 in the Fort Knox area. Contact Paul Kern, NK4P if you can assist. w4arc@aol.com.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Event, June 2-3, 2012, Springfield KY. Contact Keith Stevenson, AJ4KI if you can assist. aj4ki@arrl.net or 502-410-3713.

Event details are on the web at: http://bikekyw.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=18228&pg=entry

Local Area ARES Nets

Day	Time	Freq	PL	Location	Call	Affiliation
Mon	7:30 pm	146.700 -	79.7	Brooks	KY4KY	Mesotrack Skywarn
Mon	8:00 pm	147.390 +	151.4	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

FCC Seeks Public Comments on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications

In response to the Congressional directive to prepare a study to assess Amateur Radio's role in emergency and disaster communications and the impact of private land use regulations on the amateur community's ability to provide such communications, the FCC issued DA 12-523 soliciting comments from the public. The period for public comment runs until May 17, 2012.

"As part of the study contained in Public Law No. 112-96, the Commission has opened a 45 day period for comments to be filed on the issue," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "Because of the short deadline for the study to be completed and presented to Congress -- before the end of August -- the ARRL and the amateur community must quickly mobilize their response."

The FCC *Public Notice* focuses on two specific areas for comments. The first is the role that Amateur Radio has played and continues to play to support emergency and disaster relief organizations, such as FEMA and local/state emergency management agencies. The second is to determine

impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications. This would include the impact that private land-use regulations -- such as deed restrictions and homeowner association covenants -- have on the ability of licensed amateurs to fully participate in providing support communications to the served agencies.

"This study is not about zoning ordinances or regulations adopted by the local or state governments," Henderson explained. "Amateurs already have the limited protection of **PRB-1** to assist them with those situations. The areas of concern here are the limitations that are placed on a property when it is purchased, either as part of the deed of sale or by restrictions imposed by the neighborhood/homeowner's association. Those restrictions -- sometimes referred to as CC&Rs -- are not currently covered by the FCC's PRB-1 decision from 1985."

To allow the ARRL to quickly collect and collate relevant information from the amateur community to help support the filing it will make with the FCC on this issue, a website has been setup. The site -- www.arrl.org/ccr-study-information -- provides details about what kind of information is needed by the ARRL.

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Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

April 2012 - June 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.

May	7	KE6YCW	Roman	April	2	KE6YCW	Roman
	14	W4TLE	Rick		9	W4TLE	Rick
	21	KD4HGE	Bob		16	KD4HGE	Bob
	28	KB4IFE	Craig		23	KB4IFE	Craig
					30	KB4IFE	Craig
June	4	KE6YCW	Roman				
	11	W4TLE	Rick				
	18	KD4HGE	Bob				
	25	KB4IFE	Craig				

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

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

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**Norton Commons
Prospect, KY
May 19, 2012**

Questions can be directed to Bob Brown at the kd4hge@insightbb.com or 502-241-7123.

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Also on the site, you will find links to two online data collection forms. The first form allows you to provide information about specific emergency communications in which Amateur Radio has played a role since January 2000. The second form asks for specific information on the CC&Rs/deed restrictions that control your property. It also asks you to provide information on how those restrictions have impacted your ability to fully support emergency communications.

"Whether you are an ARRL member or not, your information and situation are important to helping us make the case for all amateurs," Henderson said. "Whether your support communications are with ARES®, RACES, SKYWARN, CERT or other emergency and disaster groups, your voice should be heard. If you cannot operate effectively from home during an emergency because CC&Rs prohibit adequate antennas on your property, that is important to document and quantify. This issue affects all of Amateur Radio, not just ARRL members."

Henderson said that due to the short timeframe that the FCC has allotted for public comment, time is of the essence. In order to allow the ARRL to develop its comments, the ARRL asks that all information sent by the amateur community be received at the ARRL no later than April 25, 2012: "We realize this is a very short turnaround asking for your response, but this is based on the time provided by the Commission for the comment window."

It is important that when you provide specifics of your CC&R, you also provide the ARRL with a copy of its actual wording. If you have the CC&R in a digital format (or you can scan the document into a file), it can either be uploaded through the website above or it can be sent via an e-mail to CCRinfo@arrl.org. If you do not have an electronic format, a hard copy may be sent via US mail to: CCR Study Information, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"We need factual, specific details," Henderson said. "The more accurate information we have -- including copies of the CC&R language -- the stronger case we can make. Having copies of the

exact CC&Rs is important. It allows us to demonstrate the wide variation of restrictions. Including the specific text is as important as any other piece of information you provide."

If you have questions about what is being requested, you may contact the ARRL Regulatory Information Office via [e-mail](#). "Again, time is of the essence in this matter," Henderson said. "This is the best opportunity that amateurs have had to address the impact of overly burdensome private land use restrictions. If Amateur Radio is to succeed in this effort, it is going to take all of us working together."

Storm Operator Jennifer Melfi, KC2TMA, Receives Special Service Citation

On August 27 and 28, 2011, for 28 hours during Tropical Storm Irene, 13 year old Jennifer Melfi, KC2TMA, assisted the Town of Babylon (New York) Emergency Operations Center by calling for volunteers on the radio several hours before the storm struck. She tirelessly provided emergency communications, relaying information about shelters and highways to Town of Babylon officials, Red Cross shelters and other nets throughout Long Island.



In January, Senator Owen H. Johnson (D-4), presented her with a much deserved Citation at the Ham Radio University event at Briarcliff College in Bethpage, New York. The citation states, in part, "Age does not play a factor in one's ability to volunteer their time to serve one's community. This citation recognizes your outstanding community service to the residents of the Town of Babylon, may you be an inspiration to others who follow in your footsteps." - Peter Portanova, WB2OQQ -from ARRL

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.