

# Oldham County ARES®

## Newsletter



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### OC ARES General Meetings

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

The Oldham County ARES general meetings are normally held at 7:00 pm 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 8:00 pm local on the 147.390 repeater.

This net also serves Henry and Trimble Counties.

### Oldham County ARES Changes

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Oldham County ARES group, I am pleased with the progress we have made so far. In that time, we have 13 official ARES members, with several in the wings just waiting for the chance to join. We have a regular meeting location and have established great working relationships with officials in Oldham County and with the American Red Cross, both being key served agencies.

The ARES leadership team all the way up the chain has been supportive in the formation of the Oldham County ARES group. Kenny Heavrin, KY4COP, the ASEC for Region 3, provided critical suggestions and creative ideas in forming the group. Rick Singleton, KC4S, one of the Assistant DEC's for District 6, provided much of the equipment we use during the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air last October. Keith Stevenson, AJ4KI, another Assistant DEC for District 6, provided an example of satellite communications, and a presentation related to the Boy Scout merit badge, along with a Q&A session at the same Jamboree on the Air. All three have attended numerous monthly meetings when their schedules allowed. I am proud of the demonstrated teamwork within District 6.

As with all things, change is inevitable. And so, I would like to announce the following changes within the organization. At the local level, Rick Ewen, W4TLE, will take over as EC of Oldham County ARES.

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**OC ARES Publication**

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The deadline for submissions to the OC ARES Newsletter is 7:00 pm on the third Friday of each month. Information can be forwarded by e-mail to [ke6ycw@bellsouth.net](mailto:ke6ycw@bellsouth.net), in plain text or most Microsoft Office file formats.

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**OC ARES Meeting  
 May 8, 2012**

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday May 8, 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 9 attendees.

Oldham Members: Rick Ewen (W4TLE), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN)

Guests: Nancy Kern (K9NJK), Paul Kern (NK4P), Bobby Goins (KK4HUU), Brian Martin (KE4MMC)

New Members: None

New Licenses/Upgrades: Brian Martin (KE4MMC) received his General around the first of the year!

**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

Organizational changes were announced

**PROGRAM**

The main topic of the meeting was Field Day. Paul provided some great information and a checklist. More information can be found at our website.

Roman and Bob conducted a demonstration on the use of the Paging feature found on their Yaesu FT-51R HTs.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday June 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)*

## Field Day 2012

This year's edition is a bit special in that it will be the first Field Day we will participate in as a group. The event this year falls on the weekend of June 23-24, 2012. Thanks to the generosity of Paul Kern, NK4P, and the Louisville Red Cross, will be operating under the call sign W4ARC. We have obtained permission from our friends at the Oldham County Red Cross to use their building and grounds that weekend. This is a very good thing, in that it will provide us shelter in the event of bad weather, additional power source options, and of course, the all-important access to bathrooms. We will be operating for several hours on that Saturday and hopefully there will be enough interest to continue on Sunday.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that Oldham County Judge Executive David Voegelé has accepted an invitation to stop by on Saturday and see first-hand how we operate in simulated emergency conditions. Invitations have also been extended to the local fire chiefs and their personnel as well. This has the potential to be very beneficial in public relations for our group and I hope that every member of OC ARES who is available will choose to participate.

Paul, NK4P, will be bringing several pieces of equipment and will be operating a RTTY station. We need someone in our group to step up and help out by providing the equipment for at least one HF

station and a GOTA station, which probably should also be HF to whet the appetite of any new comers who are interested in the hobby and want to get their feet wet doing a little transmitting.

You will hear more about this in the days ahead and we hope to finalize plans at the next meeting in June. Let myself or Roman know if you have any questions and let us know what you will be able to provide.

*Rick Ewen (W4TLE)*

## 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:

Field Day on June 23, 2012

Oldham County Day on July 21, 2012

Ironman Triathlon on August 26, 2012

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air on October 20, 2012

More information is available on the Events tab of our web site.

### 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 +	151.4	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

## Other Operating Opportunities

Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Event, June 2-3, 2012, Springfield KY. Contact Keith Stevenson, AJ4KI if you can assist. [aj4ki@arrl.net](mailto: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](http://bikekyw.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=18228&pg=entry)

Shelbyville Christmas Parade, December 3, 2012, Shelbyville, KY. Contact Dennis Lutz, [dlutz05@aol.com](mailto:dlutz05@aol.com).

## Red Cross EOC Station, W4ARC

The Louisville Area Chapter EOC station, W4ARC, now is fully operational. W4ARC is the primary amateur radio communications link for the Louisville Area Chapter for Jefferson Co (KY) and the surrounding counties in Southern Indiana and Kentucky . The station equipment is located in the Emergency Operations Center of the Chapter at 510 East Chestnut. Given the RF "hole" in the downtown area the capabilities at this location are limited, by design, to VHF/UHF FM and packet.

A Yaesu FT-7900R/Diamond X510HDM is for 144 MHz/440 MHz FM and an Alinco DR-130/KPC 3+/Diamond X510HDM is for packet and a backup for 144 MHz FM. Both antennas are located on the roof of the building.

The digital station is operational as an RMS Server Gateway (W4ARC-10) and also as a KA-Node (W4ARC-7) on 145.050 MHz. The Winlink E-mail is [W4ARC@winlink.org](mailto:W4ARC@winlink.org).

Further testing is to take place on peer-to-peer connections in the area that could be used if the Internet is unavailable or a secure communications link needs to be established. If you have digital capabilities please try to connect to this station and report your results to Paul Kern at [W4ARC@aol.com](mailto:W4ARC@aol.com).

*Paul Kern (NK4P)*

## Tour de Cure Bike Ride

The Tour de Cure bike ride that was held on Saturday May 19, 2012. The ride went smoothly with no reported injuries and only a couple of mechanical problems. Net control was located at the start/finish at Norton Commons in Prospect, KY.

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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
June				30	KB4IFE	Craig	
	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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Amateur radio operators who helped support the event included:

Bob Brown (KD4HGE) and Joe Leitsch (K4DMU) at Net Control; James Brown (KJ4YIG) at Rest Stop 1; Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW) and Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN) at Rest Stop 2; Alan Tooley (KF4EFI) and Buddy Kidwell (KB4EBQ) at Rest Stop 3; Charles Walz (KI4NOC) at Rest Stop 4, Dennis Lutz (KJ4HUU) riding with the Lead Car; John Hurt (KI4USD) riding in Courtesy Car 1; and Chris Demarsh (KI4RDG) riding in Courtesy Car 2.



*(Volunteers assisting riders at Rest Stop 2)*

The event organizer, April Enix, had this to say: “I just wanted to say THANK YOU for volunteering for the Tour de Cure last weekend. I really appreciate your time and efforts in making the event a success. I received many positive comments about the Tour and know that this could not have happened without your support. Thank you for the great communication during the event and for keeping our riders safe!”



Bob Brown (KD4HGE) who coordinated the communications effort for the Tour de Cure had this to say: “I want to thank each of you for helping in the ham radio communications with the Tour de Cure. It was an enjoyable experience for me (and an educational one) that I hope you all share. I have made some comments for improvements that I will share with the Tour de Cure organizers for next year, based on your comments and my experience. I also have some improvements to the communication effort that I will try to employ next year. Although Joe was not on the air, he was a big help at HQ for me. The other individuals with prior experience with this ride were a big plus also. Thanks to Dennis for his support before and during the ride. His being in the lead car with Jared, truly made them the “lead” for the ride. And, thanks to the rest stop folks who stuck it out till the last riders passed their locations.

My sincerest appreciation,  
*Bob Brown, KD4HGE.*”

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### **Changes** *(Continued from Page 1)*

I will continue to be involved in the Oldham County organization and have taken an AEC position. Rick and I work well together, each of us having our own strengths. The switch of positions shouldn't impact the day-to-day operation of the Oldham County ARES group.

At a District 6 level, Jim Vaughan, K4TXJ, has accepted an Assistant DEC position with focus on HF, something he loves doing and for which he is extremely knowledgeable. To replace Jim, I have accepted the position of DEC for District 6. I look forward to working with the EC's in all 9 counties (we still have an opening in Spencer County). As always, you can find an updated organizational structure under the leadership tab at the [OCKYARES.org](http://OCKYARES.org) website, along with the District 6 page on [KYHAM.net](http://KYHAM.net) website.

We have several events under our belt and have several other planned during the rest of this year. I encourage you to get involved and volunteer to support these great training opportunities.

*Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)*

## When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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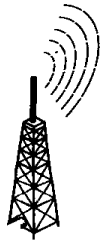
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### ARES District 6

## 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.