

Oldham County ARES®

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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.

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 future events and mark their calendars:

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.

Other Operating Opportunities

Shelbyville Christmas Parade, December 3, 2012, Shelbyville, KY. Contact Dennis Lutz, dlutz05@aol.com.



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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, in plain text or most Microsoft Office file formats.

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**OC ARES Meeting
 June 12, 2012**

The general meeting for Oldham County ARES was held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 12, 2012 at the Red Cross building, 1215 North Highway 393, Buckner, KY 40010.

OC ARES Emergency Coordinator, Rick Ewen (W4TLE), conducted the meeting. There were 8 attendees.

Oldham Members: Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW), Michael Uber (KG4ZPZ), Bob Brown (KD4HGE), Linda Rusinek (KE6YKN)
 Guests: Paul Kern (NK4P), Bobby Goins (KK4HUU), Sean Goins.

New Members: None

New Licenses/Upgrades: None

OPERATING
 None

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Field Day, June 23-24, 2012

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

Roman conducted a demonstration of packet using a newly equipped "go-kit".

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
 Tuesday July 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Roman Rusinek (KE6YCW)

Field Day 2012

This year's event was a bit special in that it was the first Field Day in which we participated as a group. The event this year fell on the weekend of June 23-24, 2012. Thanks to the generosity of Paul Kern, NK4P, and the Louisville Red Cross, we operated under the call sign W4ARC.



The W4ARC banner and RTTY station

We obtained permission from our friends at the Oldham County Red Cross to use their building and grounds that weekend. This was a very good thing, in that it provided us shelter in the event of bad weather (we didn't have any), additional power source options (we didn't need any as we ran all generator, all the time), and of course, the all-

important access to bathrooms (those did come in handy). It was a full day where we arrived around 10:00 am and left around 10:00 pm.

Due to a serious early morning accident on Hwy 146, the Oldham County Judge Executive, David Voegele, was involved in overseeing the incident and was not able to stop by on Saturday and see first-hand how we operate in simulated emergency conditions. The accident also delayed Paul and Nancy from arriving on-time.



Paul NK4P and Nancy K9NJ setting up their dipole mast

Paul, NK4P, Nancy K9NJ and their dog Chloe, came it style with a pretty large cattle trailer that was able to carry all their equipment. They brought several pieces of equipment and operated a RTTY station.

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 |



Michael KG4ZPZ configuring logging software and Jay KI4AHX setting up HF dipole antenna in background.

Jay Spears KI4AHX , the EC from Henry County, brought his HF equipment and antenna that provided most of the operating potential and logged contacts.

Rick Ewen W4TLE, the EC for Oldham County, took the first stab at making some contacts and made several. We all thought that we should have been making more contacts than we were. Later, we received some education from Jay on how to use his tuner and most importantly, patience.

We also appreciated the presence of the Red Cross ERV (Emergency Response Vehicle) and its two volunteers. It provided a cool place to relax away from the heat (it was actually a nice 85 degrees with humidity at only around 50 percent). They also provided bottled water on ice and some good stories about the places they had been and people they have helped.



Additional setup with Roman KE6YCW driving ground rod in place. The canopies provided shade for most of the day.

Roman Rusinek KE6YCW had a VHF/UHF station setup, along with a separate packet station. We made

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Oldham County ARES Net Control Schedule

July 2012 - September 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.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|--------|-------|------|----|--------|-------|
| August | 6 | KE6YCW | Roman | July | 2 | KE6YCW | Roman |
| | 13 | W4TLE | Rick | | 9 | W4TLE | Rick |
| | 20 | KD4HGE | Bob | | 16 | KD4HGE | Bob |
| | 27 | KB4IFE | Craig | | 23 | KB4IFE | Craig |
| | | | | | 30 | KE6YCW | Roman |
| September | 3 | KE6YCW | Roman | | | | |
| | 10 | W4TLE | Rick | | | | |
| | 17 | KD4HGE | Bob | | | | |
| | 24 | 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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Michael KG4ZPZ and Roman KE6YCW set up the mast and dual-band j-pole antenna used for the packet station.

one VHF contact (you are not allowed to count contact made via a repeater during Field Day) and several messages came into the W4ARC@winlink.org mailbox. We of course replied to all of them and wished them a successful Field Day.



Michael KG4ZPZ and Roman KE6YCW set up the mast and dual-band antenna used for the voice station.

One of the things we wanted to see is what paths were available to us using an antenna with some height. We actually were able to connect to packet using three paths:

- The KI4MTB-10 Lawrenceburg gateway via the KI4USD-3 digipeater in Shelbyville

- The W4ARC-10 gateway using the N4KWT-7 digipeater in Louisville
- The K4DMU-10 gateway directly in Middletown.

This proved that if internet access via a gateway in one location was unavailable during a disaster, then there were other paths we could use to get messages out.



Michael KG4ZPZ (left), Roman KE6YCW (center) and Rick W4TLE (right) operating and logging with the Red Cross ERV standing by to keep us cool and hydrated.

Michael Uber KG4ZPZ was a tremendous help during the setup and brake down of our equipment, as was Linda Rusinek KE6YKN, Jay Spears KI4AHX, and Rick Ewen W4TLE.



Michael KG4ZPZ assembling dual-band antenna used for the voice station.



Rick Ewen W4TLE preparing to make some HF contact with a shot of our new Oldham County ARES banner

The pictures in this issues were taken by Linda Rusinek KE6YKN.

We also appreciated the following people stopping by to show their support: Kenny Heavrin KY4COP, Craig Nelson KB4IFE, David Quillen NQ6A, Lynn Traylor KG4ABA, and John Dunker NU4X.



Michael KG4ZPZ and Roman KE6YCW work to get the 2 masts used for Field Day installed. Our location at the Red Cross building in Buckner provided good visibility and traffic from the major highways 393 and 146.

When all else fails ... Amateur Radio

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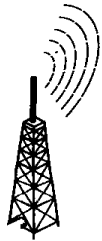
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ARES District 6

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.