

MEETING LOCATION: The November 15, 2003, LARG meeting will be at 8:30 in the Conference-Training Room at the Leesburg Police Station on Plaza Street. The facility is located on Plaza Street between East Market Street and Edwards Ferry Road. Talk-In is on 147.480 MHz. Parking is somewhat limited, so we urge you to carpool, if possible.

October LARG Meeting(s) – At our regular October meeting, the club voted unanimously to grant Jack Spink, **WØPLX**, honorary life membership in LARG. Jack was one of the founding members of LARG in 1993 and moved from Loudoun to North Carolina a few years ago. We miss his Scottish brogue on the air around here! Vice-President Dale, **K3CN**, told the club that Larry, **KC1YC**, has had to step down as President of LARG. Larry and Joyce are leaving Leesburg and moving back to New England. They will be in the area for the next couple of months while selling their present house and looking for a new home further north.

The club agreed to have Dale serve as President for the remainder of 2003. John, **W4AU**, Paul, **N4PD**, and Bill, **WF1L**, were appointed as the nominating committee for club officers in 2004.

At a special meeting of LARG held on October 30, the club agreed to appoint Tom, **WB3AKD**, as spokesman for the club in matters concerning a new restrictive amendment to the County ordinance concerning amateur radio tower heights. The club also passed a motion stating that the LARG did not endorse the conversion of towers erected for amateur use to commercial use.

Annual LARG Holiday Dinner - Evan, KQ4CI, has made arrangements to have our annual dinner on December 10 at the Tuscarora Mill restaurant again this year. See the attached special sheet for details and for making your reservations for this special club event.

Fall / Winter Contests – We have three more important contests coming up soon:

The SSB version of Sweepstakes is the weekend of November 15-17. Check last months Newsletter for details of contact John, W4AU, if you have any questions. The operating period is from 2100Z Saturday to 0300Z Monday; you can operate 24 hours of this 30 hour period. You can see the complete rules at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2003/novss.html

For club scoring, the individual scores from the CW and SSB Sweepstakes are combined.

The CQWW CW contest is the weekend of November 27-28. This contest lasts for 48 hours (!) and begins at 0000Z on the 27th (that's Friday night local time).

The final club-related contest of the year is the ARRL 10-meter contest, held from 0000Z 12/13 to 2400Z 12/14 and you can work any 36 hours of the 48-hour contest period. You can work SSB, CW, or mixed - both SSB and CW. If band conditions are favorable, this can be a very exciting contest with lots of DX. It also has a small club entry category, so get on the air and help LARG to do well! Everybody can work everybody in this contest, and the exchange is simple; all you have to send is a signal report and your state. See you on the air!

Calendar of Events:

Every Sunday 8:00 p.m. Every Third Saturday 8:30 a.m. Weekday Mornings and Evenings Club Radio Net, 145.310 MHz duplex Club Meeting – November 15, 2003 Commuter Net, 147.480 MHz Simplex

LOUDOUN AMATEUR RADIO GROUP HOLIDAY DINNER

At the Tuscarora Mill Restaurant

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

Cocktails at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM

Come for Fun, Friends, Celebrate LARG's 10th Birthday and a BIG surprise.

Please Select Your Meal Choice for the LARG Holiday Dinner 2003. The cost of this year's party is \$46.25 per person. The meal includes appetizer salad, entree, and dessert.

_____ Chicken Wellington with mushrooms, roasted pepper sauce and whipped potatoes

Grilled Filet Mignon cooked medium rare, wild mushrooms and vegetables

_____ Vegetarian selection (vegetables only)

The dessert choices is

_____ Double Rich Chocolate Torte

Please send your paid reservation by December 2nd to:

Evan Alford, KQ4Cl 42512 Alford Road Ashburn, Va 20148

Please make checks payable to Evan Alford