

# The LARG Radio News - DE K4LRG



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**MEETING LOCATION:** The October 18, 2003, LARG meeting will be at 8:30 in the Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran church at 605 West Market Street. The church is located at the intersection of Market Street and Catoctin Circle on the west side of town. It is just east of the bypass. From the Bypass, take the Leesburg exit at the west end of town and the church is on the right just past the stoplight. Please enter through the door on the east side of the building where you will see both steps and a ramp by the door.

**October Club Meeting Plans** – Bill, **WF1L**, will bring us up-to-date on the LARG General Class training including the in-class CW training being done by Bob, **K8NY**, and Dick, **W2YE**. It's not too late to join up, upgrade, and learn the code!

**Fall / Winter Contests** – We have three fun and important contests coming up soon: The CQWW SSB contest is the weekend of October 25-26. This contest lasts for 48 hours (!) and begins at 0000Z on the 25<sup>th</sup> (that's Friday night local time). This contest is the biggest DX contest of the year, and amateurs from all over the world will be on. The exchange is easy, just your signal report and zone, which for us is 5. So just give the other station "59 5" and you're on the way! The tempo is fast and furious and the open bands will be crowded with strong signals. If you are diligent, you should be able to work DXCC in just one weekend! Check out: <http://cqww.com/> for rules.

The ARRL CW Sweepstakes is the weekend of November 1 – 3. 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>

In this contest you can work only US states and Canadian provinces, and working WAS during the weekend is certainly doable! The exchange for this contest is more complicated than most. You give a sequential serial number, your precedence, call sign, check, and ARRL section. Precedence is one letter indicating you operating class, e.g., A for low power; check is the last two digits of the year you were first licensed. So for me (operating high power) the exchange would be "001 B W4AU 56 VA".

The SSB version of Sweepstakes is the weekend of November 15-17. Same rules, etc., just talking rather than sending CW – bet you know which one I prefer...

The important thing about these two contests is that the ARRL has a club entry category for "small clubs", for which we qualify. So be sure to tell me if you operate in either one and put "Loudoun ARG" on your entry form.

**Club News** – Charlie, **K4LJH**, is currently (10/10 – 10/17) on the air /1 from Northeast Harbor, Maine. We have worked him on both 40 SSB and CW. Look for him checking into the RV net on 7230 about 0800 EDST or around 7010 at 2000 evenings. He has a good signal down to Loudoun County. Also, Norm, **A12C**, is now on the air from his family farm in Berks County, Pennsylvania; he was heard making up for lost time off the air in the PA QSO Party this past weekend!

## 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 – October 18, 2003

Commuter Net, 147.480 MHz Simplex