

LARG Radio News – de K4LRG



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MEETING LOCATION: The January 21, 2006, LARG meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. 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.

January Meeting Plans – VERY IMPORTANT CLUB MEETING – PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!!!

Two very important issues will be discussed at the January LARG meeting. First, we will vote on the revised Club Constitution that our Constitution Committee has worked so hard on over the past few months. We need to have a quorum of 2/3 of the active members present in order to adopt the new Constitution, so please come to the meeting; we do need to make these important changes to the current Constitution. The second important business that needs to be conducted at the January meeting is the election of officers for 2006. The nomination committee will distribute ballots with the slate of officers that they have put together.

Finally, Our Treasurer has reminded me that it is that time of year again; your modest membership fees for 2006 are due! We still only charge \$12.00 per year (that's only \$1.00 per month, or about \$0.03 per day...) for membership in the finest amateur radio club in western Loudoun County. The fee for additional family members is \$1.00 per year per person. Checks should be made out to Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG). To make things as easy as possible, the last page of this newsletter is a Membership Application form that you can simply fill out and bring to our January club meeting or just mail it to our Treasurer (address is on the form).

Contesting News – At the January meeting we will begin planning for LARG's participation in the 2006 Virginia QSO Party. It's hard to believe, but the VAQP will take place the weekend of March 18 and is only two months away! As preparation for the QSO Party, you can visit SPARC's website and view the rules at: http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2006_VQP_Rules.html According to the sponsors, the rules are unchanged from last year. We will have a more detailed discussion of the VAQP at the February club meeting. LARG has a long tradition of putting forth a strong effort in the VAQP and has been rewarded by winning First Place in the club category several times; **let's continue that tradition!**

The North American QSO Party, SSB, will take place on January 21 & 22. This contest lasts for 12 hours, and single ops can operate only 10 out of the 12 hours. The exchange is your name and state. See the full rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>.

Club News – We would like to report that Ray, **K4AJA**, has been admitted to the Arlington Hospice of Northern Virginia Hospital. You can send cards to him at 4715 N 15 St., Arlington, VA 22205. If you want to call, you can phone the nurses' station at 703) 525-7070; extension 2 will ring the nurses station and they can see if Ray is available.

LARG Club Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by President **Carol – KF4TJJ**, who then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance with 37 people in attendance.

Visitors and new members were welcomed:

Meg – N4OGE, Joseph – W3CZJ and Dave KE4OKY.

The October 2005 minutes were accepted as read by Secretary **David – K4ARP.**

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read by **Gary – NC4S.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Denny - KF4TJI reported that two people are currently working on their Technician License. A General License Class is planned for this spring. **Norm – AI2C** reported on a presentation and demonstration he made to Scout Troup 969. Some of the scouts were interested in working on their Radio Merit Badge.

Emergency Services / Public Services: Bill – W3EMH thanked all those who participated in the Loudoun Hospital Exercise. Due the rain, the exercise was cut back with the decision not to use the Decontamination Tents. **Bill – W3EMH** recently met with the hospital group and they still have a permanent radio installation in mind. They are going to figure out their needs and budget for the installation. **Tom – WB3AKD** reminded the group of the upcoming First Night Leesburg Event on December 31st. There are no planned deviations from last year's event with the local 440 MHz repeater setup. Around 20 amateur volunteers will be need for the various venues. Setup will be between 4:30-5:00pm with a show start time of 7:00pm. Contact **Tom – WB3AKD** to sign up, or for more information. Also on the horizon is the MS Walkathon near the end of April.

Field Day 2005: Boyd – N5CTI reiterated that the club score put us 4th in the A5 category.

Interference Committee: Paul – N4PD Nothing to report.

FAR: Bill – WF1L AutoCall will no longer be published and FAR will contact subscribers to see if they wish to received a refund on their subscriptions, or have it donated to the scholarship fund.

Web Site: Norm – AI2C reported that he is finishing up the Loudoun Hospital Code Orange Exercise for posting. He also reminded everyone of the Loudoun County Alert System and gave a short football report...

Contest Committee: John – W4AU reminded everyone of the upcoming ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone) and reviewed the times, rules, exchanges and some good operating advice. When submitting scores to the ARRL LARG is in the "Small Club" category and is listed as LoudounARG. Other upcoming contests include CQ Magazines CW DX contest the weekend after Thanksgiving, ARRL 160 meter contest December 2-4, ARRL's 10 meter contest December 10-11. See the ARRL and CQ Magazine web sites for details.

Balloon Committee: Tom – WB3AKD is working on the new processors for the payload.

Venture Crew: Bill – K8SYH & BA are looking for help from 6 to 8 members whom have experience with scouting, or youth groups. Please e-mail **Bill**, or **BA**. **Norm – AI2C** ask who the sponsoring institute would be and **BA** responded LARG. The charter for the venture crew needs to be formed and suggested a name of "LARG Venture Crew for Ham Radio." At least two adults need to be present at all activates. These adults would have to go through a background check. The Venture Crew would be open to children of ages 12 to 18 years old.

Nominating Committee: Carol – KF4TJJ appointed **Paul – N4PD, Bill – WF1L** and **John – W4AU** to prepare a list of officer candidates to be presented and voted on at the January 2006 meeting. **John – W4AU** reviewed how the nominating committee works and the historic roll in electing club officers.

Club Nets: Carol – KF4TJJ proposed to the members that no "Official" Net be held on either Christmas December 25th, or January 1st, as they both fall on a Sunday holidays.

Amendment Committee: Carol – KF4TJJ reported on the prior Wednesday meeting by the committee members Dick – W2YE, Randy – W4XJ, David – K4ARP and herself that included a discussion of work already done and new proposed changes to the constitution. Dick – W2YE reviewed with the members the main proposed changes to the constitution. Carol – KF4TJJ distributed a handout of the proposed rewritten constitution to the membership and asked that they review the documents and send any comments to any of the committee members. Norm – AI2C will also post the document to the web site and send a notice out on the reflector. The new constitutional changes will be voted on at the January 2006 regular monthly meeting, as per the current constitution.

OLD BUSINESS

Rust Library Display November 1-30: Larry - K3HE thanked all those who helped with the display. He is planning to take the display down on Nov. 30th. Please contact Larry if you would like to help.

Christmas Dinner Party: BA has arranged for the dinner to be held at Magnolia's at the Mill in Purcellville, on Friday December 16th at 7:00pm. The dinner will be buffet style and the menu is listed on www.k4lrg.org. The cost is \$45 per person. Please let BA know at least one week before the dinner if you plan to attend. The room holds up to 60 people and is on the first level – no stairs. There will be door prices from the Dayton Hamfest!

NEW BUSINESS

Gary – NC4S read a letter received from the Potomac Station Community Association in thanks for the clubs participation in their Potomac Safety Day event. The letter contained a donation for \$100. Gary made a motion that the donation be given to the F.A.R. scholarship fund. The motion passed. Gary will write a letter to the Potomac Station Community Association thanking them for the donation and explaining that the club is forwarding the donation to F.A.R.

Carol – KF4TJJ read a letter from F.A.R. outlining the organizations goal of providing 54 scholarships in 2006. Bill – WF1L explained to the members the highlights of the scholarship program and that the scholarship recipients must be licensed amateurs.

Carol – KF4TJJ read a letter received by the Purcellville Rescue Squad requesting donations.

Carol – KF4TJJ suggested that the club make a donation to the church for the use of the room for our meetings. Gary – NC4S made a motion that the club donate \$200 to the church. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.

David T. Mullins – K4ARP, Secretary LARG

Ongoing On-the-air Events (local times shown)

Every Sunday 8:00 p.m.	Club Radio Net, 145.310 MHz duplex
Every Tuesday 8:00 p.m.	Club CW Net, 3697 kHz
Every Thursday 8:00 p.m.	Club SSB Net, 3762.5 kHz
Every Weekday Morning & Evening	Club Commuter Net, 147.480 MHz
Third Saturday of every Month 8:30 a.m.	Club Meeting

You can bring this form to the January meeting or mail it to our Treasurer, **Gary Quinn, NC4S, 14282 Rehoboth Church Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180 .**

Note: Your call sign, first and last name, city, and state will be posted on the publicly available LARG web site. The other information will be available to club members only and will be posted on the password protected members only LARG web page.

Call Sign _____ (if you have one)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone # _____ (please include area code)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ (5 digits only)

email address _____

email address _____

Type of membership (please circle): Regular Family Student

Are you a member of the LARG reflector? ____

Are you a member of ARRL? ____

Are you a member of ARES/RACES? ____

License class (please circle): None Technician Tech Plus General Advanced Extra

What year did you first join LARG? _____

What year were you first licensed? _____

What was your first call? _____

Thanks for taking the time to fill out yet another form! If any of this information changes, please send me the new information so I can keep the LARG member list current.