

June 2007 - Amateur Radio From Loudoun County, Virginia

LARG Radio News – de K4LRG



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MEETING LOCATION: The June 16, 2007 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.

June Meeting Plans – The major topic for this meeting will be the LARG 2007 Field Day operations. Because of access problems at Banshee Reeks Park, this year's Field Day site will be Gary's, NC4S, QTH, Catoctin Hollow Farm, south of Lovettsville. We have had Field Day there in the past, and it is an excellent site with good propagation and lots of room for antennas. We owe a big "Thank You" to Gary and Patti for hosting the event again this year.

For those of you who are not familiar with TRLog, the computer logging program that we will be using at Field Day, we will have computers at the club meeting and will conduct training in how to use the program. Paul, N4PD, the Field Day Computer Chairman will also bring some floppy disks with the free Field Day version of the program installed.

Club News – As noted above, Field Day is coming soon and we need operators to sign up NOW!

So, if you haven't already signed up to operate, please take a look at:

http://www.k4lrg.org/Field_Day/2007/Operating_Schedule_2007.html

and pick your operating time and station.

Send email to Jeff, KE5APC, (ke5apc@arrl.net), with your choices of times and stations. We will be operating 5 HF stations plus a VHF station again, so plenty of opportunity to operate exists, especially in the wee hours of Sunday morning. It's probably a good idea to pick only 2 hours of contiguous operating time at any one station when you sign up. Don't wait until Field Day weekend to pick your spot; the good ones may be all taken by then!

Despite the rainy weather, we had a good turnout of LARG members at the Manassas Hamfest earlier this month. Check out the website for pictures.

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, 3545 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

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Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Putman, KE4S, at 8:40 am with 26 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New members, those who have been away for awhile, and visitors were recognized, including: John Ives, KI4TXP; Vic Carter, KB9WXV; Sean Sheedy, AI4ID; and Craig Brown, N4FSC, the original owner/builder of the 145.310 repeater.

The Secretary's minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurer's report was received and accepted. We currently have 89 active members and 6 honorary members on our rolls.

Committee Reports

Training – No report

Interference – No report

Emergency/Public Service and Balloon Committees – Tom, WB3AKD, offering thank you's to those who participated in the Vertex Drill on April 26 and the Dulles Drill on May 5.

The Dulles drill has over 70 Amateur Radio participants. We upgraded the services that were offered. Several areas of service will need to be evaluated as a result of the exercise, including the hospital infrastructures, APRS utilization, repeater coverage, and spectrum management. An all hands meeting will be scheduled at some time in the near future.

Contests – Next weekend is the WPX CW Contest

New Business

Carol, KF4TJI, shared an interesting story written by an XYL from the YLRL entitled, "Caring for Your Pet Ham."

Randy, W4XJ, announced that the Boy Scouts were holding a Camporee today at Lake Fairfax and would be transmitting weather reports on the 145.310 repeater. All amateurs are encouraged to make contact and receive one of their reports.

He also announced that the new ARRL PR Brochures featuring Emergency Communications are available.

A question was brought up on the status of DARG and the DARG repeater. It was suggested that Bill, W3EMH, who was not present, would have the answer.

Program

The May program was "Contesting 101" by John Unger, W4AU, and Paul Bluehosh, N4PD

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sly