

# LARG Radio News – de K4LRG



Loudoun Amateur Radio Group, P.O. Box 1004, Purcellville, VA 20134

Contacts:	President	Dale Harrison (K3CN)	(703) 777-6685
	Vice-Pres.	Carol Boehler (KF4TJJ)	(703) 777-9427
	Secretary	John Unger (W4AU)	(540) 338-4620
	Treasurer	Gary Quinn (NC4S)	(540) 882-3017
	Editor	John Unger (W4AU)	(540) 338-4620
	Training	Bill McCourt (WF1L)	(703) 467-9272

**NO DECEMBER LARG CLUB MEETING!!! – In lieu of our December club meeting, we will hold our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 8 (see details below).**

**November Club Meeting Minutes 11/20/04** – The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by President Dale, **K3CN**, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance with 32 people attending.

A first-time visitor and ham living in Lovettsville, Walt Bain, **W4LTU**, introduced himself. Walt is currently inactive but recently wrote an article on antenna design in the November issue of *CQ Magazine*.

The October 2004 LARG minutes were read by the Secretary, John, **W4AU**, and were approved.

Our Treasurer, Gary, **NC4S**, reported that the club had a beginning balance of \$2,134.72 on October 1. The club had no expenses reported and had income of \$500.00 in the form of a totally unexpected donation from the Reston Bike Club and \$0.38 interest, giving balance of \$2,535.10 on October 31; the Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Our featured speaker for the meeting, Brian Bayus, **N1KC**, gave the club an interesting and informative talk about the ARRL Official Observer (OO) program. OO's have to be recommended by Section Manager, approved by the ARRL and pass an FCC test. Brian passed out brochures explaining what OO's do and don't do. If you are interested in joining the Amateur Auxiliary OO program, contact Brian, [brian.bayus@comcast.net](mailto:brian.bayus@comcast.net)

Tom, **NA4MA**, reported that the 14 pocket APRS transmitters he has ordered for club members have not arrived yet. Tom also said that the base for his tower has been poured and that he hoped that with the help of club members he would finish pouring the guy anchors today.

Tom, **WB3AKD**, reported that there has been some interest in forming a "Northern Virginia" section and that those interested in pursuing this issue should check with Tom for details on an upcoming meeting to discuss the process for creating a new section. Tom also reported that Denny, **KF4TJI**, and Carol, **KF4TJJ**, successfully organized communications support on very short notice for a Friends of Loudoun Mental Health walk/ride on the C&O Canal Towpath.

John, **W4AU**, gave a description and some tips for operating in the SSB Sweepstakes contest, which start this afternoon.

Bill, **WF1L** reported that two people completed the Technician license class that was given this fall. Bill has given them a schedule of license exams that will be given in the region so that they can become licensed hams.

Bill also announced that he is stepping down from being the LARG Training Coordinator, so anyone who would like to take on this rewarding role should contact one of the club officers. Bill reminded club members that they should consider subscribing the *AutoCall*, a monthly Amateur Radio magazine published for hams in the DC/Baltimore metro region. LARG is a member club of the Foundation for Amateur Radio, which publishes *AutoCall*, and LARG receives \$1.00 for every subscription made by a member of the club.

Dale, **K3CN**, said that he would entertain a motion to confer Honorary Membership on past LARG founding member, Bob Bee, **W4POF**, who recently died in a farm accident and for Life Membership be given Bob's wife Shirley, **KF4VBZ**. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

Dale, **K3CN**, reported that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual LARG Christmas Dinner has been organized and will take place on December 8, 2004 at the Beautiful South restaurant. (**Note:** see details below).

A nominating committee for the 2005 club officers was appointed and consists of Paul, **N4PD**, Dave, **KG4KZZ**, and Mark, **W3ZI**. If you are interested in serving as an officer in the club or wish to recommend someone, contact one of these committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**Club News** – We were pleasantly surprised to see Bill, **K8SYH**, and BA at the meeting. They are moving back to Purcellville from central Virginia; it's great to have them back in the area and active in the club. Paul, **N4PD**, still has some of the special lighted LARG Field Day ballpoint pens for sale; all profits go to the club.

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

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

**LOUDOUN AMATEUR RADIO GROUP HOLIDAY DINNER** – If you haven't done so already, please print and fill out the form below and join us for the big LARG celebration of the year (hint: remember last year's door prizes? They'll be even better this year!)

**Where:** At the Beautiful South Restaurant, Hamilton

**Location:** East end of Hamilton at the corner of Rt. 704, north, and Business Rt. 7 (Old Colonial Highway)

**When:** Wednesday, December 8, 2004, Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.

**Dress:** Business casual (no ties required)

Please Select Your Meal Choice for the LARG Holiday Dinner 2004. The cost of this year's party is \$35.00 per person, including salad, entree, dessert, coffee or tea, and all taxes and gratuities.

**Entrees:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Scallopini

\_\_\_\_\_ NY Strip steak

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian selection (vegetables and rice)

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon

The dessert is apple pie.

Please send your paid reservation (make checks payable to Loudoun Amateur Radio Group) by November 24th to either:

Dale Harrison  
103 Prospect Dr. SW  
Leesburg, VA 20175

or

Carol Boehler  
101 Masons Ln, SE,  
Leesburg, VA 20175