

LARG Radio News – de K4LRG



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Training	Currently Vacant!!!	

MEETING LOCATION: The April 21, 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.

April Meeting Plans – The featured event for the April meeting will be a “show and tell”. If you have a favorite project or piece of gear you would like to tell others about, contact Dave, **KE4S**. So far we have Gary, **AI4IN**, talking about his Software Defined Radio (SDR); Bill, **WF1L**, showing his loop antenna project; and Henry, **K2BFY**, will show us some more Altoid tin project he has completed. Tom, **WB3AKD**, and Gary **NC4S**, will be discussing the final arrangements for the Dulles Airport emergency drill scheduled for May 5. We will also have a short discussion of the plans for this year’s Field Day operation at Banshee Reeks Park.

After our regular meeting, members of DARG will hold a short meeting, and LARG members are invited to stay and listen in. For those who don’t know, DARG controls the 2-meter repeater that LARG uses for its Sunday evening nets.

Contesting News – The 2007 Virginia QSO Party is now history, but one important task still remains for all of us who participated: You have to send in your log and Summary Sheet! The best way to do this if you used a logging program that supports it is to send in your log in Cabrillo format directly to SPARC. If you did paper logging or are not sure how to calculate your score or how to convert your log to Cabrillo format, please contact John, **W4AU**.

Club News – Field Day is coming soon!

Please take a look at http://www.k4lrg.org/Field_Day/2007/Operating_Schedule_2007.html and pick your operating time and station. 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. Jump to another station if you want to operate for more than two hours without a break. Don’t wait until Field Day weekend to pick your spot; the good ones may be all taken by then!

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 March 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Putman, KE4S, at 8:40am with 22 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Secretary's minutes were read by the president and approved by motion.

Jeff Slusher, KE5APC, our new treasurer submitted his report which was moved and accepted. Jeff reported that, as of the morning of the meeting we had 67 members and 60 members from 2006 that had yet to renew their membership.

Committee Reports

Contests – The Virginia QSO party begins this afternoon. Contest Chairman, Gordon Miller, NQ4K is with us today to present a program on the VAQP.

Field Day 2007 – Chairman Jeff Slusher gave the following update:

- A half-dozen alternative sites were evaluated, Banshee Reeks still is our best option and if the official site for FD07.
- Station captains have begun recruiting operators.
- There is plenty of room for everyone to be involved.

Jay Greeley mentioned that additional logistical support for this year's Field Day may be able to come from the Leesburg Armory.

Additional discussion was given to the use of the VFW Hall, which was proposed at a previous meeting. Suggestions were made that, while the site is not good for Field Day, it may be an excellent choice for a special event station for Scouting exposure to Amateur Radio, for Armed Forces or Veterans Day, or for a FISTS club operating event.

Emergency/Public Service and Balloon Committees – Clarification was given to the Red Cross policy on background checks needed for their volunteers. It was reported that partner agency volunteers do not need checks unless they will be wearing a Red Cross ID or deployed for an extended length of time. The policy is somewhat confusing and more clarification is expected.

Tom, WB3AKD, sent a report through Dave about the upcoming Dulles Drill. All volunteers will be asked to sign a release from liability for the event.

Also, April 23-27, Loudoun Emergency Management will participate in the Vertex 2007 Hurricane Exercise.

Training – The position of Training Chairman is currently open.

Interference – no report

Old Business

Norm Styer, AI2C, reminded club members that CW T-shirts that had been ordered were going to be picked up in Timonium, so please forward any payments to him as soon as possible.

New Business

Jay Greeley announced he recently passed his Technician Class license and is awaiting the assignment of his callsign. (Congratulations – KI4UTB!)

April's Meeting will include a special "Show and Tell" program for the club. If anyone has a project or special

demonstration they would like to present, please see Dave, KE4S.

Visitors were recognized: Rick Denny, KR9D, and Richard Will, KI4TZE (who is awaiting assignment of a new vanity call, K3ASH).

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:30am for the Program on the VA QSO Party by Gordon.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sly