

LARG Radio News – de K4LRG



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MEETING LOCATION: The October 15, 2005, 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.

October Meeting Plans - WE NEED A QUORUM (Note: the Quorum is not the latest Yaekencom transceiver...) The club was unable to conduct any business at the September meeting because we did not have enough members present to constitute a quorum. According to our Constitution (which you can read at http://www.k4lrg.org/About_Us/constitution.htm) we need at least one third of our membership present to constitute a quorum or we need to change our Constitution (but we also need a quorum to do that...).

Club News – Gary, NC4S, along with the help of others, has been instrumental in moving a most generous donation of many years of ham equipment from Fred's, K4HVY, QTH to Gary's barn. After the club meeting on October 15, the club will hold a "mini-hamfest" for club members only for this large quantity of gear. The proceeds will go to the club's treasury. Look for Charlie, K4LJH, from his vacation QTH near Mount Desert Island, Maine, on 40 and 80 meters the next few weeks; he will try to check in to the Tuesday and Thursday evening LARG nets on 80 meters.

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LARG Club Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2005: The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by President Carol – KF4TJJ, who then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance with 20 people in attendance.

Carol – KF4TJJ - With only 20 members in attendance, we again do not have a quorum and the meeting will be informal with no official business being decided on.

The August 2005 minutes were read by Secretary David – K4ARP.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Denny - KF4TJI Due to the low number of students attending the classes, Denny discussed changing the method of training from formal classes to self paced training. Students would have a volunteer sponsor from the club and meet as necessary. A list of club members with specific knowledge expertise could be made available for students, sponsors, or club members to call upon.

Emergency Services / Public Services: Tom – WB3AKD - The Reston Bike Ride was a success with around 1,400 riders and

our services were appreciated. New things tried this year included; Net Control being located centrally at **Gary – NC4S's** home instead of at a Rest Stop, Net Control had internet access via a wireless 802 router; APRS trackers on most of the SAG vehicles and bikes, and interfacing with the Red Cross Volunteer radios. The group discussed having two simplex channels for Net Control. The first providing for all information flow and control and a second for off line conversations.

Tom – WB3AKD provided advice regarding “Jumping onto the volunteer bandwagon” in responding to volunteer requests after disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Check the ARRL web site for information. Katrina showed just how long we could be out of power and water after a disaster. Prepare for 5 days minimum of food and water. The Red Cross opened a shelter at the Arcola School in preparation, but no families ended up being housed there.

FAR: Bill – WF1L reported that next issue of AutoCall will be the last in print and will probably end up being web based only. FAR Fest was a qualified success, although attendance was down from last year. **PAUL – N4PD** reported that the Vienna Wireless Society had a good presentation of their balloon launch with further information on their web site. The Alexandria Radio Club is building an ARES COM Trailer for use by any club. They are selling badges to support the effort. The IDs have your name, call sign, picture, and identifies you as a National Area Radio Operator. It was also suggested to invite member(s) from their group to one of our club meetings.

Field Day 2005: Gary – NC4S stated that the score results will not be available until later in the year.

Venture Crew: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Larry - K3HE has secured the display case at the Rust Library in Leesburg for the month of November. Various display ideas were discuss and several members volunteered to help Larry with the display. E-mail Larry with your display ideas. **Karl – KI4BDS** also mentioned the possibility of a display at the Purcellville Library in March 2006

Balloon Committee: Tom – WB3AKD is working on putting the parts together for a basic payload. Next possible balloon launch would be in 2006. Anyone interested in helping please contact Tom.

Amendment Committee: Carol – KF4TJJ The committee is to work on the issues and present on the reflector prior to the next meeting.

Interference Committee: Nothing to report.

Contest Committee: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul – N4PD still has Field Day Pens and **Denny - KF4TJI** still has calendars for sale with proceeds going to the club.

Upcoming events: Westminster Hamfest next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy – W4XJ On the subject of the NO-CODE issue, Randy brought to the club's attention that the FCC is not lobbied and that the club could put together a comprehensive presentation stating the club's position on the issue. He asked that anyone interested in working on this to please contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54am.

Gary – NC4S showed more of the Contest Training CD after the meeting.

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