

Fun and Games

Fox Hunts

Depending on the time of year and somewhat the weather, HAMs play at games to enhance our skills at Communicating and Radio Direction Finding. One of the ways that LARG does this is by “Hunting” Foxes.

September brings “Fox” hunting, which is searching for a “hidden” transmitter (hidden in a public place) to hone direction finding skills as well as our operations coordination skills.



A hidden “Fox”.

LARG Officers - 2016

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Monthly Meetings

3rd Sat 8:30am at Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran
(except 2nd Sat in Mar and no meeting Dec)
Church at 605 West Market Street

Weekly Radio Nets

2m net

Sundays 8:30 PM at 145.310 or 146.700 MHz

Digital Watering Hole Net

Sundays 7:30 PM at 3582.750 kHz

The 220 Experiment

Mondays 8:00 PM at 224.2 MHz & PL of 123 Hz

Slow Speed CW Net

Tuesdays 8 PM 3545.00 kHz

HF 75m SSB Net

Thursdays 8 PM 3675.00 kHz

HF 10m SSB Net

Thursdays NLT 8:45 PM 28405.00 kHz

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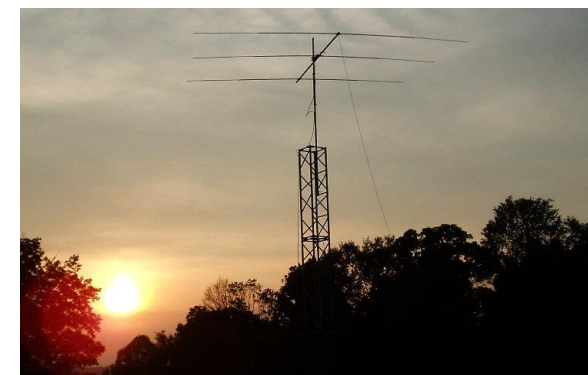


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Training



Since the mid-1990's, the LARG has offered free amateur radio license training. The LARG conducts training sessions each year typically in the spring and fall (announced on the website).

Many have progressed through the ranks to an FCC Extra Class Amateur Radio license with LARG provided training. Our current efforts are focused on providing technical skills for the beginner and providing a strong start in Amateur Radio.

The HAM radio learning adventure doesn't end with a training course. "Elmers", experienced HAM radio operators with vast experience, abound in the LARG and someone is always ready to help a new HAM or help an experienced HAM learn something new.



Communications Support to the Public

The Reston Century Ride



Since August of 2000, the LARG has deployed portable emergency communications stations throughout Loudoun County to support this 1000-plus bicycle ride. Rest stops and SAG Shot Guns are supported from well before dawn.

Lovettsville Oktoberfest



Public communications service support for Lovettsville Oktoberfest by the Loudoun Amateur Radio Group began in 2013. This annual event deploys portable and walking stations throughout the Town of Lovettsville.



Field Day

Always the fourth full weekend in June

First and foremost, ARRL Field Day stresses emergency preparedness. During this exercise, LARG takes the "Field" in Field Day literally, erecting radio masts and towers, with antennas, in a field or park.

Field Day encourages the use of radio equipment outside of permanent buildings and using electricity other than conventional mains. Field Day has several purposes:

- Emergency preparedness
- Recruitment and training of new radio amateurs
- Displaying ham radio to the general public

Unlike many other contests, Field Day for LARG is not a single-man operation. Many LARG members participate. Field Day allows for highlighting Amateur Radio's virtues and utility in an emergency situation.

LARG typically demonstrates a wide range of technologies, including single sideband voice (SSB), Morse code (CW), and sometimes Satellite Communications.

The goal of ARRL Field Day is to work, or contact, as many stations as possible throughout the 24-hour duration of Field Day. The Field Day exchange is one's callsign, (K4LRG) along with the number of stations in simultaneous operation, followed by a letter (A-F) designating the method in which the stations are being powered, such as by generator, solar power, or conventional mains AC. In 2015 LARG operated as a 4A, "Four Alpha", 4 Stations on emergency power.