

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes November 18, 2017

Venue: Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- 8:30-8:45 Coffee, meet and greet
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Amateur Code of Conduct reviewed.
- Visitors/Guests/New Members
 - Bobby Zoldos, Lovettsville Mayor.
 - Max Gutierrez, KN4HOX
 - Steve DeWeese, taking tech exam soon
 - Harry Ditter, Looking join and test for license soon
 - Todd ELASS, K9TRE
- Secretary Report
 - All will be posted on the web site
 - All will be sent to the club member e-mail address
 - Previous meeting minutes approved by motion
- Treasurer Report
 - All previous reports are reported on the club web site. Reports are in arrears about 2 months but that is being corrected today.
- Presentation by Bobby Zoldos
 - 8000-10000 people attended this year's event, No way to know exactly how many.
 - Sales up 38% from 2016
 - Stated that he knows the event would not be as successful without LARG support. LARG instrumental in helping choking teen get immediate help on our channels when calls were not heard on county radios.
 - \$500 donation to the club for our volunteer work.
- Committees / Upcoming events
 - Contesting - Chris Graves on Field Day - Breakdown of the points spreadsheet with emphasis bonus points we earned (12.5% of overall score), overview of the event. Chris gave a step-by-step overview with slide presentation of various

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participation in the FD event this year. We were #1 5A, #2 in state of Virginia, #13 overall in the Nation. Great results for 2017.

- Field Day - KS1G #3 in the nation on Satellite comms during the event. Congratulations to Steve! Last month Rick Miller gave us a look in to our performance. We all look forward to the official results this year. Results are still being tabulated for Field Day. For more information on this story see <https://k4lrg.org/amsat.html>.
- Contesting - Paul Bluehosh - N4PD - on what's coming up. This weekend Sweepstakes SSB, 4pm today. CQ WW CW after Thanksgiving. December: 160M contest, 10 Meter Contest, ARRL Rookie Roundup. Many more in January, February and March.
- CW Operators Club (CW Ops) CWT Contests. Not a CW Operator? CW Ops sponsors a CW academy to train you! There are three levels. There are several training sessions. One is completely done over the Internet via Skype. The other two are either all over the air or over Skype and the air. [See http://www.cwops.org/cwacademy.html](http://www.cwops.org/cwacademy.html).
- Getting ready for the Virginia QSO Party May 18-19, 2018. Start now refreshing how to use the N1MM contesting software. This software makes it very easy to score after an event. It's also very easy to keep things going smoothly during the event.
- GOTA - GET ON THE AIR - You don't have to wait to field day to get on the air and practice and general operating experience and exercising your station equipment.
- See the [WA7BNM](#) contest calendar for more detailed contesting information.
- Education - Paul Bluehosh - N4PD
 - Tech class
 - 27 students attended. 20 Tested. 17 Passed! 7 didn't take the test yet (but may have by now).
 - Looking for "Elmers" (People with skill who can help). Send a note to elmers@k4lrg.org and let the committee know you can lend a hand.
 - See Google Form survey to participate in survey so we can frame the next class for everyone. We are looking to do what the club needs and could use your input.
- Holiday Party - Saturday Dec 16th - 7:00-9:30 - [Westerman home](#) - Save the date. More detailed information to come. All food provided. Donation jar to help if you

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can. Remind people who are buying door prizes that not all people are licensed hams so keep this in mind when purchasing.

- Motion was made to spend \$750 for radio related door prizes pending approval to the board. Motion was approved by the members, with comment on finances. Other donations will be made by other members.
- NETs report
 - See k4lrg.org for all of the network information. We need help running the nets. If you have time please volunteer to be NCS and run a net. All the information required to run the net is published on the web site.
 - Could use a hand for “Net Control” on the Sunday night 2m net.
- Station of the month presentation // Presentation for the day
 - No station of the month presented this month due to meeting time constraints.
- Old business
 - EOC update given by John Westerman, Loudoun County Emergency Coordinator for ARES.
 - Inova Lansdowne has their new 2m/440 radio ready to install. Tentatively scheduled to do this installation and antenna sweep Tuesday, November 28 at 16:00 local time at the Landsdowne Hospital. We’ll meet in the lobby of the main hospital.
 - New web site, operational plan and tons of other information/process is in the work. When it is published it will be published on <https://ldnares.org/>.
- New business
 - Accepting nominations for officers, board members and other positions for 2018. Please send in your self-nomination for 2018 if you would like to volunteer.
 - Reminder that there is an informal early bird breakfast at 7:00 am at the IHOP prior to this meeting.
- Move to Adjourn
 - November 18, 2017 09:55 meeting ended.

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36 Attendees were as follows:

W5ODJ John VA LOVETTSVILLE	KJ4NXG Robert VA ROUND HILL
N1NCY Nancy VA LEESBURG	KT9N Arvid VA LEESBURG
WB8WKU Gene VA ASHBURN	N4PD Paul VA LEESBURG
Steve DeWeese (no call)	W4PMP Christopher VA ASHBURN
KN4HOX Max VA LEESBURG	KJ4BXA Lloyd VA ASHBURN
Harry Kidder (no call)	WA9LAZ Chester VA LEESBURG
KG4TIH Paulson VA STERLING	KC5CG Christopher VA ASHBURN
N4TGA Mercel VA LEESBURG	K3WD Bill VA LOVETTSVILLE
KF4TJI Denny VA LEESBURG	NS5G Daniel VA RESTON
KF4TJJ Carol VA LEESBURG	KD7UIY Ben VA ASHBURN
KN4FAF James VA STERLING	W0MPM John VA LEESBURG
K9CQB Damon VA LEESBURG	N3CLE Nycole VA CHANTILLY
K0ZR Jeffrey VA PURCELLVILLE	W3CUM Christopher VA CHANTILLY
AD7FW Roy VA LEESBURG	KJ4GYL Kenneth VA HERNDON
W2YE Richard VA LEESBURG	KK4RNN Grace VA VIENNA
K4FW James VA LEESBURG	KQ4CI Evan NC FRISCO
KE4S David VA LEESBURG	KN4AWT James VA LEESBURG
K9TRE Tareck VA LEESBURG	KY4CMH Christina KY LEXINGTON

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Chris Graves discussing Field Day 2017 results

