

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes December 16, 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
 - KN4FIM, CHRIS
 - STEVE, KN4HOZ
 - MS GUMP (SHELLY), No call (yet)
- 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
 - A letter of appreciation from the Reston Bike Club was read by Chris Patton with a donation check of \$1000 for our “general fund”.
- Treasurer Report
 - All previous reports are reported on the club web site. Reports are up to date.
 - Motion to accept reports was seconded.
- Committees / Upcoming events
 - Contesting - John Unger - ARRL VHF (January) - Rookie CW Roundup (Tonight) - Stu Perry 160 contest, grid square is part of equation to calculate score. RTTY roundup is coming up soon as well.
 - 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.

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- 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
 - 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](#) - TONIGHT. All food provided. This party is not financially supported by the club so donation jar to help if you can. Remind people who are buying door prizes that not all people are licensed hams so keep this in mind when purchasing. Nichole gave an update on this event.
- Dave, KE4S - on candidates for club officers. Candidates that were at the meeting gave small talks on who they are and what they plan on doing this coming year. John Westerman (W5ODJ) for secretary, Tina Hawley (KY4CMH - not present) for Treasurer, Rick Miller (N1RM) for vice president, Evan Alford (KQ4CI) for president, Jeff Crawford (K0ZR) for president. All previous board members are putting themselves up for elected position except for anyone running for an elected leadership position.
- In the January meeting club dues will become due. Before a member can vote the dues will need to be current.
- 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.

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- Old business
 - EOC update given by John Westerman, Loudoun County Emergency Coordinator for ARES.
 - Inova Lansdowne has their new 2m/440 radio is installed!! Installation and antenna sweep was completed on Tuesday, November 28 at 16:00 local time at the Landsdowne Hospital. A big thanks to everyone who helped with this installation and testing exercise.
 - 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
 - December 16, 2017 09:28 meeting ended.
- After meeting presentation by Jeff Crawford, K0ZR - "Interfacing your HF Rig"

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25 Attendees were as follows:

KE4S David LEESBURG	W4AU John HAMILTON
KJ4VTH William OAK HILL	KC5CG Chris ASHBURN
N1RM Rick RESTON	N3CLE Nycole CHANTILLY
N4TGA Mercel LEESBURG	W3CUM Chris CHANTILLY
KT9N Chris LEESBURG	K0ZR Jeffrey PURCELLVILLE
W4AAW Michael ROUND HILL	K0BRA Frank GREAT FALLS
N4PD Paul LEESBURG	K4FW Jim LEESBURG
AD7FW Roy LEESBURG	KD7UIY Ben ASHBURN
KJ4GYH Marcia LEESBURG	W4PMP Chris ASHBURN
AJ4EY Dodson LEESBURG	W5ODJ John LOVETTSVILLE
KN4FIM Christian ASHBURN	WA9LAZ Chester LEESBURG
KN4HOZ Steven POTOMAC FALLS	W2YE Richard LEESBURG
KN4AWT James LEESBURG	

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