

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes February 17, 2018

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
 - Greg Pierce, KN4HOQ
 - Joe Keifer, WB6NOO
- 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
 - ARES Update; Operation Tsunami, Sunday 18:00 local for radio check.
- Treasurer Report
 - A full report of finances was given by Tina Hawley. The cliff notes version is that the club is in deficit spending approximately \$540 per year. We will be working to recognize and correct this in the months to come.
 - Discussion on the balloon fund and balloon launches was given. There is some concern that since no one stepped up to keep this program moving forward so we are going to give everyone a month to figure out how this should go forward then make a motion on how we should handle the reserve fund and balloon launches into the future.
 - 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 - No report.
 - 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).

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- Rick Miller gave an update on the Virginia QSO party. Virginia QSO Party is going to be the weekend on March 17-18, 2018. Lots of discussion on how to go about the contest. W5ODJ and W4AAW have offered their stations to operators to participate in this contest. 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
 - Extra class update. Started this class last week and will continue every Thursday for 6 weeks with an opportunity to test at the end. See education tab on the web site for more detailed information.
 - 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.
 - New Ham Committee - Kevin Maxson (KD4MAX) - Designed for new hams who may not know how to begin. Focus on technician class operators who would like to know more about how to program hand-held radios they own and all other aspects of being a new ham radio operator. To be involved e-mail newham@k4lrg.org and become involved today!
 - PVRC license plates are being posted in Smokin' Willies in Purcellville. The restaurant has allocated some wall space for ham radio license plates if you are interested in donating yours to the wall.
 - Discussions on Incorporation for the club. More details to come.
 - Discussion on insurance for the club. More details to come.
 - Chairman of the board of directors is Dave Putman. Carol Boehler has taken the assignment of secretary of the board.
 - Field Day update by Chris Graves KC5CG, chairman for Field Day 2018. Field Day is going to be June 23-24 this year.
- NETs report

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- 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.
 - Last month ARES focused “Operation Tsunami” was discussed. Event to occur on January 27, 2017. For more information of this event see [this information the Internet](#). If you want to participate actively in this event [please sign up here](#).
 - For more information on ARES consider visiting our 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/>.
 - If you want to join ARES consider sending a message to the Emergency Coordinators at ec@ldnares.org.
- New business
 - Reminder that there is an informal early bird breakfast at 7:00 am at the IHOP prior to this meeting.
- Move to Adjourn
 - February 17, 2018 @ 09:42 meeting adjourned.
- After meeting presentation by Education committee on basic maths required by Extra class training and testing.

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31 people signed the attendance sheet (many didn't):

KF4TJI Paul	N2ALA Dwight
KF4TJJ Carol	KK4RLC Marc
KN4IJG Eugene	KN4AWT James
N4PD Paul	K4AIU Douglas
N1RM Rick	KJ4NXG Robert
N4TGA Merc	N1NCY Nancy
KT9W Ronald	KN4HOQ Gregory
K3WD William	K0ZR Jeffrey
N8PSI Harry	WB6NOO Joseph
KE4S David	N2FID Paul
KG4TIH Paulson	KC5G John
W0MPM John	
KY4CMH Christin	
KD4MAX Kevin	
W5ODJ John	
KJ4VTH William	
NS5G Daniel	
W4AAW Michael	
K2BFY Henry	
K9CQB Damon	

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