

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes March 10, 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
 - No new visitors today
 - One new member: Frank Diehl, KN4JDV
- 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, all in favor
- Treasurer Report
 - No changes since last month.
 - 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 Westerman on VAQP. Kevin Maxson will be mobile, KD4MAX. Listen for all the LARGers out there. Just remember repeaters can not be used for contacts. It's OK to coordinate point to point over 2 meters with the repeater but you can't count repeater contacts in your logs.
 - 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).
 - Chris Graves update on Field Day. Last week had initial meeting to start 2018 Field day logistics, class, etc. Get with Chris if you want to participate or know someone who does. We are not going to determine the class of operation until we know the level of volunteer work we can accomplish. The venue for the event is still to be determined as well.

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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 Dluehosh - N4PD
 - Education committee update by Paul Dluehosh, N4PD. Week 5 this week. 15 students with two classes remaining followed by a testing session on March 24. Working on fall classes now. 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.
- 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. Presentation on how to set up your HT will follow today. To be involved or for more information reach out to them via e-mail at newham@k4lrg.org and become involved today!
- Paul Dluehosh gave an update on our EIN, IRS and trying to sort out all of the finances so we can incorporate. It is our desire to incorporate the club. Paul discussed what it means to be incorporated and tax exempt at the same time in detail.
- Field Day update by Chris Graves KC5CG, chairman for Field Day 2018. Field Day is going to be June 23-24 this year.
- A motion was made to move to incorporate as a tax exempt, non stock corporation. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the majority voted in favor with no one opposed to the motion.
- Nominations for VP and and Secretary for the recently open positions were made by Dave Putman, KE4S. There were no further nominations or discussion. Nominations were voted in an open vote with the majority voted in favor of the nominations of both positions with no one opposing. A brief statement was given by both. Steve DeWeese, KN4IJG, has accepted the position of VP and Steve Edwards, KN4HOZ, accepted the position of Treasurer.
- LARG University presentation and idea given by Jeff KOZR.
- 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.
- There is a full year list of NCS for “Net Control” on the Sunday night 2m net. You can find this list on our [web site here](#). If you want to be involved in the 2m net or be NCS speak up and we’ll get you on the list. No training required!
- Old business
 - No EOC update given by John Westerman today, Loudoun County Emergency Coordinator for ARES. There are ARES updates:
 - There is going to be a “Dulles Drill” on May 5, 2018. Loudoun ARES will participate in this drill. Much more information to come on this exercise.
 - Late last year Loudoun 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
 - March 10, 2018 09:51 meeting adjourned.
- After the meeting education: “New Ham” presentation presented by Rick Miller, N1RM.

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31 people signed the attendance sheet:

KF4TJI Dennis	K9CQB Damon
KF4TJJ Carol	KN4FAF Jim
N4TGA Merc	KN4AWT Jim
N1RM Rick	K4AIU Doug
K0ZR Jeff	W2YE Dick
N4PD Paul	K4FW James
W0MPM John	KG4UPR Bryan
WB2UNA John	NS5G Dan
KE4S Dave	KN4HOQ Gregory
K2BFY Henry	K3WD Bill
KN4JDV Frank	KD4MAX Kevin
W5ODJ John	W5ODJ John
W4PMP Chris	KC5CG Chris
KN4FIM Chris	
KS1G Steve	
KN4IJG Steve	
KI4UTB Jay	
KJ4BRH Bonnie	

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