

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group  
Regular Meeting Notes September 15, 2018

Venue: Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- 8:30-8:45 Coffee, meet and greet
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Visitors/Guests/New Members
  - There were 6 visitors: Michael Johnson, Tammy Johnson, John Dykstry, Lloyd Harting, Shannon Klee, Collins Conover.
  - New members: None Recognized
- **President Welcome and Updates**
  - All power points are on the web site now as are all the presentation.
  - Request to introduce each of us if you at all possible can.
  - The Lands End merchandise is available on the web site. You can find your “merch” there! Check the [web site member](#) area for more information.
  - Presentation:
    - Changes to the constitution are coming. Some highlights:
      - Dues are fixed in the constitution making is very difficult to change. Mention of the dollar amount for dues will be removed.
      - Election process is better articulated and execution authority clearly defined.
      - A provision is incorporated for removing a member who harms LARG, its members, or the amateur radio hobby.
      - Additions required by the state and IRS to comply with 501(c)(3) status. Processes extracted from the main body of the constitution and placed in the by-laws; largely “copy and paste”.
      - Heretofore LARG officers are required to attend board meetings; new constitution makes this optional.
      - Requirements not to edit the constitution frequently, if at all. The goal is to make these changes and then leave the constitution alone.

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- **Secretary Report**

- All of the previous minutes have been posted on the club web site. To find the minutes [go to this link location](#).
- All current member information has been published. There are two listing; one public and one private. Only current members have access to the private information of club members. Only current members will be on the lists. Only current members will be given updates from the members e-mail list.
- All minutes and other information will be sent to the club member e-mail address. As of July 2018 the only membership in the current e-mail list are current, paid members. If you believe you have been omitted please send a message to [secretary@k4lrg.org](mailto:secretary@k4lrg.org) to have the omission corrected.
- Previous meeting minutes approved by motion with all in favor that they be finalized as written.

- **Treasurer Report**

- Since last month: Steve gave an update on the latest in finances from August.
- All previous reports are reported on the club web site. Reports are up to date.
- Motion to accept report was made and was seconded.

- **Committees / Upcoming events / New Business:**

- **Contesting Report - John Unger (W4AU):**
  - Happening today: John was not present. No report was given.
  - A note on CW Operators Club (CW Ops) CWT Contests: Not a CW Operator? CW Operators 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).
  - 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.

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- For more information on contesting going on right now reference the [WA7BNM](#) contest calendar for more detailed contesting information.
- **Education Committee Report** - Paul Bluehosh (N4PD):
  - 21 People have signed up to take the new Technician class in September. For more information see the [web site here](#) for all the details. New question pool will be covered completely!
  - For those attending the class acquire the latest edition of ARRL license manual which is the material that will be covered in the class.
  - 6 Instructors will be leading the class.
  - Make sure you sign up for the class if you want to take the class in September. See the [“education” tab on the website](#) for more information.
  - “Elmers” (People with skill who can help others that need help) are needed. Send a note to [elmers@k4lrg.org](mailto:elmers@k4lrg.org) and let the committee know you can lend a hand.
- **New Ham Committee Report** - Kevin, KD4MAX: If you are interested in getting your first amateur license, working to learn the license requirements and parameters contact the new ham committee at [newham@k4lrg.org](mailto:newham@k4lrg.org).
- **ARES Update** - Steve DeWeese (KN4IJG):
  - Steve is the Loudoun County Emergency Coordinator for ARES.
  - It's been a very busy ARES week due to Hurricane Florence.
  - ARES was activated for Hurricane Florence that came ashore in North Carolina on Thursday this past week. The track of the storm moved it south along the shore and it is spinning in place in the Carolinas. ARES has since been deactivated as there is no threat of inclement weather in our area and no local shelters will be used. Everyone has been asked to “stand down”.
  - No further Loudoun County EOC update given.
  - 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/>.

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- If you want to join ARES consider sending a message to the Emergency Coordinators at [ec@ldnares.org](mailto:ec@ldnares.org). You can also sign up to be a member and participate in all ARES activity on the web site at <https://ldnares.org/>.
- **Oktoberfest** update by Ken Sullivan - September 28-29, 2018.
  - Saturday is the main event. LARG acts as a communication / dispatch. What we do has been traditionally very important to public safety of this event.
  - We need more than the six volunteers we have currently.
  - Ken will provide all equipment at the communication trailer behind town hall.
  - This is Ken's last year to coordinate this event on behalf of the club. If you want to help coordinate this year or gear up to coordinate next year please reach out to Ken.
  - Some discussion on this event occurred at this meeting. More to come.
  - NCS starts at 6:30am and the booths start showing up around 8am. Lovettsville has had changes. New mayor and other changes has made this a "change" year. The town has really grown over the years and the venue along with it.
  - Geographically it's much more difficult to cover the event from a single location.
- **ARDEN update** by Damon Schaefer.
  - Self-healing ad-hoc network all over the country. Actively being built in Loudoun county. The idea is to have a digital net available to everyone who needs to use it if an emergency situation were to occur.
  - AREDN mesh website for more information:
    - <https://www.arednmesh.org/>
  - Compatible Equipment List:
    - <https://www.arednmesh.org/content/supported-platform-matrix>
- Paul (N4PD) on new club tower acquisition.
  - There is a trailer tower that has been offered to the club as a donation.
  - Several will be going out to look at the asset to see if it's something we need in the club.



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- More to come.
- LARG NET report:
  - See [k4lrg.org](http://k4lrg.org) for all of the network information. We need help running the nets. If you have time consider volunteering 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
  - Reminder that there is an informal early bird breakfast at 7:00 am at the IHOP prior to this meeting.
- Move to Adjourn
  - The meeting was adjourned at: September 15, 2018 10:08
- LARG University presentation: WINLink by Lee Love, (N2LEE).

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33 members and 6 guests signed the attendance sheet today:

Call	Name	Call	Name
KQ4CI	Evan	KG4TIH	Paulson
N4FAF	Jim	KK4RLC	Marc
KF4TJI	Denny	KN4MHS	Jimmy
KF4TJI	Denny	KK4RNV	Val
W4PMP	Chris	KE4S	Dave
KN4AWT	Jim	KJ4VTH	Bill
K4AIU	Doug	K9CQB	Damon
K0ZR	Jeff	K4FW	Jim
K3WD	Bill	KJ4GYL	Ken
KR9D	Rick	K2BFY	Henry
K4FWD	Frank	W5ODJ	John
N4PD	Paul	WORKING	John Dykstra
KN4HOZ	Steven	KC8VXV	Tammy
KT9N	Chris	KC8MRJ	Michael
K3SEN	Dale	KJ4BXA	Harry
KI4UTB	Jay	KK4NMR	Shannon
KJ4BRH	Bonnie	AB3KC	Collins
KS1G	Steve		
N3EV	Gene		
N2LEE	Lee		
KD4MAX	Kevin		
W2YE	Dick		

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Lee Love on WinLink



Jeff Crawford Presentation



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