

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group  
Regular Meeting Notes January 19, 2019 (**Update 3**)

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 recognized today. For details see the pages below for who attended the meeting today.
    1. Jordon Brough (NO CALL)
    2. Scott Lefgren (KD7VIX)
    3. Byron Roosa (K1BYR)
    4. Ryan Washington (WN3EWP)
    5. Caleb Washington (KN4HPB)
    6. Matthew Tilson (KN4RBS), and son Max
  - There 42 folks who signed the member roster this morning.
  - New members: None Recognized
- **President Welcome and Updates**
- **Secretary Report**
  - All of the previous minutes have been posted on the club web site. To find the minutes [go to this link location](#).
  - Previous meeting minutes approved by motion with all in favor that they be finalized as written.
  - 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.
  - All current member information has been published. There are two listings; one public and one private. Only current members:
    - Have access to the private information of club members.
    - Will be on the member roster lists.
    - Will be given updates from the members e-mail list.
    - Paid dues and current contact information trigger who is on this current member list.

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- **Treasurer Report**

- Since last month: Steven presented an update on the latest in finances from December.
- All previous reports are reported on the club web site. Reports are up to date.
- Motion to accept report was made and was seconded.
- Steve discussed the proposed budget for 2019. It costs about \$3500 to run the club for one year. Full details were presented in the meeting and will be published on the web site.
- There was some discussion among the members about budgets, budgeting, constitution related to the budget and the forward looking benefits of having a budget defined.

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

- **Contesting Report - John Unger (W4AU):**
  - Contesting is going on all the time. Saturday Jan 19, 20:1800Z-0600Z (1pm to 1am). 10 out of 12 hours (off time at least 30 minutes), Low power ( $\leq 100$ Watts); All bands, 10-160 meters. Exchange is Name and State (e.g., JOHN VIRGINIA). Typical exchange is goin to be "CQ NA CQ NA, Whisky Four Alpha Uniform, W4AU" ... the reply will be something like "Kilo Seven Sugar Victor". Then K7SV, THANKS, John Virginia .... QSL Larry VIRGINIA .... QSO ... ZRZ NAQP W4AU".
  - Some hints for NAQP:
    1. Tune carefully (audio should sound as natural as possible):  
Down on LSB (40 and 80); Up on USB (20 and above)
    2. Get exchange right the first time (listen before and after)
    3. Use narrower passband (e.g., 2400 Hz rather than 3000 Hz)
    4. Shift the pass band for better legibility (cut highs)
    5. Most activity should be on 40 and 80 (20 at the start?)
  - 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

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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.
- For more information on contesting going on right now reference the [WA7BNM](#) contest calendar for more detailed contesting information.
- **Education Committee** - Paul Dluhosh (N4PD):
  - Plan for next class is spring 2019; General class license. 8 weeks + exam day. Look for the announcements on the LARG web site.
  - For more information on the education committee efforts see the [web site here](#) for all the details. New question pool will be covered completely!
  - "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** - Kevin, KD4MAX, is Chair of the New Ham Committee wanted to make sure you knew this:
  - 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).
- **Elections**
  - Ballots were cast and counted. The results of the voting is as follows:
    1. Jeff Crawford (K0ZR), President
    2. Chris Graves (KC5CG), Vice President
    3. Jim Babcock (N4FAF), Secretary
    4. Steven Edwards (KN4HOZ), Treasurer
    - Note: The web site and e-mail lists have been updated to reflect these leadership changes.
- **ARES Information** - Steve DeWeese (N1ESD):

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- Steve DeWeese is the Loudoun County Emergency Coordinator for ARES.
- ARES is gearing up for a new exercise in the month of January. Details are forthcoming.
- Loudoun ARES was activated for the first time for Hurricane Florence that came ashore in North Carolina. The track of the storm moved it south along the shore and it is spinning in place in the Carolinas. A lot was learned from this activation.
- 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](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/>.
- **AREDN** Information.
  - Damon Schaefer is the coordinating team member in LARG.
  - 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>

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- 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
  - **A reminder that there is a new constitution up for review. The request is for all members to review and, if they choose, send comments to the [President](#) and to the [Board](#). The [constitution under review can be found here](#).**
  - 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: January 19, 2019 09:52