

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes March 9, 2019

Venue: Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- 8:30-8:40 Coffee, meet and greet
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President welcome and meeting overview
- Attendance
 - Tom Cardwell, KN4HOW, visitor
 - Bob Rodriguez, KJ4NXG, visitor
 - 31 club members signed the sign in roster
 - 4 club officers were present
- Jeff (K0ZR) presented a short slides of various filter circuits. The circuits were identified as high pass, low pass and band pass RF filters.
- The membership approved the minutes from the February meeting that are posted to the club web site.
- The treasurer presented his report. The budget approved during the recent Board of Directors meeting was presented. Some line items are already realized as expenses. Comments were made about the need to track the true cost of running the club so that the dues can be set to cover the club expenses.
- There was a report that the club sponsorship of a learning class to obtain a General class license is progressing well. The classes meet on Thursday evenings.
- A reminder that the Virginia QSO Party will occur during the weekend following the meeting.
- A reminder that the ARRL SSB Rookie Roundup contest will occur on April 14.
- A summary of the activities of the IT committee was presented.
- Dave (KE4S), chairman of the club Board of Directors, presented a summary of the Board meeting on March 3. Highlights are:
 - A proposed budget for 2019 club operations was approved.
 - A new dues structure will be implemented for all members in 2020. Details to be determined.

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- o The Ole Virginia Hams have asked the club to cosponsor the Manassas hamfest. This could begin in 2020 or 2021.
- o It was agreed to investigate possible club participation in Makerspace of Purcellville/Leesburg.
- o Time is short to organize a club event for Field Day. If an organizational captain is not identified by the close of the April meeting, it will be too late to have an event organized by the club. All members are welcome to participate in Field Day independently or in small groups.
- As authorized by the LARG 2017 Constitution and Bylaws and announced at the January and February LARG meetings, the proposed Constitution and Bylaws were approved by the membership with a 34:3 vote of members present. The new Constitution and Bylaws are effective immediately.
- Jeff (K0ZR) presented a slide show on the subject of transmission line transformers. These transformers are used for impedance matching.
- Steve (KS1G) reported that he and Bryce (no call yet) are working with the Space Dreamers Class at Bryce's school to organize a QSO with the International Space Station (ISS). They are requesting support from club members to supply equipment including a backup station to be used during the pass of the ISS. Also requested are the services of a professional audio processing engineer. Antennas will be placed on the roof of the school using non-penetrating mounts. Personnel needed during the event include radio operator and ground crew support. The event will occur sometime between September to October of this year.
- Rick (N1RM) presented a side show that documents his activation of Clingstone Island located off the shore of Rhode Island. Contacts were made using CW on a KX2 operating on battery power at 5 watts transmit power.
- It was noted that the club will sponsor two plaques during the VA QSO party next weekend. Both awards are given for CW operations, one for high power, one for low power.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:02.