

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes September 21, 2019

Venue: Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- 8:30-8:40 Coffee, meet and greet
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President welcome and meeting overview.
- Attendance
 - o 29 club members signed the sign in roster
 - o 3 club officers were present. The Vice President was absent.
- Jeff K0ZR is putting up a tower on his property. He provided a status update including pictures showing the concrete pour for the base and tie down points. The site for the antenna is somewhat remote from the nearest paved road, so 'Georgia Buggies' were used to transport the concrete from the supply truck to the site.
- A balloon launch is scheduled for October 9 at 10:00 AM. The point of contact for the project is Rob Hiltner (email address Robert.hiltner@loudoun.gov). One or more hams are requested to support radio direction finding equipment expected to be carried by the balloon.
- Jeff K0ZR presented the proposed dues increase to begin in 2020. A vote will be taken later in the meeting.
- The meeting minutes from the August meeting were accepted without comment.
- The bank account balance was reported to be \$5868.57. A form for completion of the non-profit 501(c)-3 corporation status will be submitted later this month. The application requires a fee of \$800.
- Dave KE4S represented the club Board to request a vote of the members present to accept the new dues schedule. The members present voted to increase the dues to \$25 per person annually. There is a \$5 additional cost for additional family members. There were no objections.
- A class for students who want to become hams by earning their Technician license will be held in the Fall. Some advertising has been running in the local newspapers.
- Kurt KI4FWB reported on the plans to support the Purcellville Oktoberfest event. The event is scheduled for October 27 and 28. Approximately half of the support opportunities are filled.

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- Dave KE4S reported on the Reston Century that was held last month. The WebEOC software package was used by net control to track the messages. Dave and several other club members were at the Loudoun EOC. The biggest learning take away is that the phones and the radios should be physically separated to avoid cross talk between them. The need to avoid collection and transmission of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) was emphasized. All information collected should be associated with a rider number. If PII must be transmitted, a cell phone should be used.
- Steve KS1G reported on the event to be held at Farmwell Middle School during the last week of October. The International Space Station will be contacted as it passes overhead. Audio and video of the event will be distributed to classrooms, other schools and various outlets on the Internet. Specific details about the timing of the event should be available within one week. The ISS has a half duplex comm link. Antennas and other support equipment needs to be hoisted to the school roof. Some items are quite heavy. Contact Steve or Jeff if you are interested in supporting this event.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45.