

# Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

## Regular Meeting Notes August 20, 2022

Venue: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg

- Call To Order at 8:35 am.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Jim N4FAF reported that the minutes from the July meeting can be accessed via the club web site.
- John W0MPM was absent, so Mike N4PDY reported that the bank account balance was \$10,900 on July 1. Significant expenses were paid for the club Field Day event.
- The club will support the Oktoberfest event in Lovettsville on September 23 and 24, 2022. Kurt KI4FWB will organize the club activity.
- Dave KE4S announced that he will retire from his position as Chairman of the club Board of Directors effective with the next club elections. It was suggested that the club bylaws be updated to reduce the requirements to serve on the Board. Specific suggestions are:
  - Club membership reduced from 5 years to 3 years
  - Allow a member to concurrently serve as an officer and as a member of the Board.
  - Reduce the license requirements from 8 years and Amateur Extra to 5 years and General

These proposed changes will be debated and voted at a future meeting.

- It was suggested that the club constitution and bylaws be easier to find on the club web site. Bryan K1NSA will work this change.
- Jim N4FAF presented material about the club activity to support the Reston Bike Club Century ride the next day. Riders are provided a wrist band on which a phone number is printed. To receive support in the event of trouble, the number is called. The phone is in LARG Net Control. If a Support and Gear (SAG) vehicle must be dispatched, Net Control calls the driver by radio or cell phone. The position of each vehicle is monitored by an APRS beacon on the vehicle.

APRS was developed by Bob Bruninga WB4APR (SK). The main objective is to track entities by transmitting GPS coordinates. The protocol also supports transmission of weather data including temperatures, wind and precipitation. It is also possible to send text messages and very short email messages from some radios where the APRS function is built in.

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- John W0MPPM arrived. He announced that he will not return as Treasurer next year. He suggested that the next Treasurer should be under 60 years of age so the position will not be vacant too soon.
- iCOM has announced a new radio (IC-905) that supports VHF, UHF and SHF frequencies. The radio is not yet available, but it expands the commercial product support for these bands.
- A plea for new presentations was made to the members present.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.
- Attendance

KR9D	Rick
KE4S	Dave
KT9N	Chris
K4FW	Jim
W4PMP	Chris
KI2H	Harry
KN4AOP	Max (Guest)
K1NSA	Bryan
KS1G	Steve
K4AIU	Doug
N3UW	Rich
KM4CG	Doug
N4PD	Paul
N4PDY	Mike
N4FAF	Jim