

# Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

## Regular Meeting Notes January 21, 2023

Venue: Leesburg Lutheran Church

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Jim N4FAF reported that the minutes from the November meeting can be accessed via the club web site. There was no meeting in December.
- John W0MPM is the outgoing club treasurer. He reported that expenses of \$4532.69 during 2022 exceeded credits of \$3769.21. He presented details about the overrun. The excess expenses can be attributed to purchases of capital assets for the Field Day activity. Since this is a non-recurring item, no change to the club dues is required. It was noted that the donation by the Reston Bike Club for our support of their Century ride was a significant part of the club's income.
- It was reported that the Holiday Party in December was a great success.
- Kevin AK2M reported that the organizers of the Gravel Grinder bike race were very happy with the support from LARG for their event in 2022. They have requested that we support the event again in May of this year. Details will be communicated later.
- Dave Putman KE4S was recognized with a wall plaque for his many years as a member of the Board of Directors. Many of the years were performed as the chairman of the Board. Dave is officially retired from the Board but will continue to participate in club activities.
- Mike N4PDY asked for nominations from the floor for club officers. No nominations were presented by the members present. Mike asked for a motion to accept the previously nominated members for the four officers. The motion was vocalized and seconded. There was no objection, so the results from the election of officers for 2023 were presented. The President is Kevin McCorry WA4KBM, the Vice-President is Steve Greene KS1G, the Treasurer is Tarek Ellass K9TRE and the Secretary is Jim Babcock N4FAF. One member of the Board of Directors was elected. It is Chris Brown W4PMP. Kevin WA4KBM assumed presiding over the meeting.
- Rick N1RM presented material about logging for a contest. The material was focused on the Virginia QSO party that will be held on March 18 this year. It was noted that all stations who submit a log will get a certificate to commemorate their participation. All stations can participate in the event, but one side of all contacts must be a station in Virginia. There are 28 plaques that are presented to the first place operator in each category of operation.

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Stations can be operated as Fixed, Mobile, Rover or Expedition. Completed phone QSOs with fixed stations score one point. QSOs with fixed stations in CW mode score two points. QSOs with other than fixed stations score three points. Categories are also segregated by power level. High power stations operate  $\geq 150$  watts. Low power stations operate  $< 150$  watts. QRP stations operator with a transmit power of 5 watts or less. Logs can be aggregated to result in a score for a club. LARG members are encouraged to specify **Loudoun ARG** as the club name.

The web site for the 2023 QSO party is

[https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2023\\_VQP/2023\\_VQP\\_Main.html](https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2023_VQP/2023_VQP_Main.html). It is recommended that all participants read the rules. Operators should also practice operations including operation of the logging program, calling CQ and sending the exchange. An electronic logging program should be used during the event to save effort for the scoring of the event and to allow the club to receive credit for the score. Written logs are permitted, but a written log cannot be credited to a club score.

N1MM runs only on a Windows computer. The program is a free download from <https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/downloads/n1mm-full-install/>. Be sure that the program's data files are stored on the local disk after the installation, not on a one-drive disk. To start the logging for the QSO party, select a log for a contest. Select QSO party. All state QSO parties are listed here. Select VA in the log configuration. Note that for mobile operations, the log configuration must be updated each time you change counties or cities.

The N1MM logging program can be used to track the score in the event.

- Kevin WA4KBM is working on an APRS iGATE on a Raspberry Pi.
- It was noted that some programming cables containing internal serial chips may not be recognized when attempting to program radios using Windows 11.
- The next club meeting is scheduled for February 18.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.
- Attendance

WA4KBM      Kevin

N4RAF      Steve

KS1G      Steve

K4FWD      Frank

N4TGA      Merc

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KJ4BRH	Bonnie
KI4UTB	Jay
KM4GC	Doug
N1NSA	Bryan
KT9N	Chris
K3WD	Bill
KK4RNV	Val
AD7FW	Roy
KD4BK	Barry
N4PD	Paul
N1RM	Rick
KJ4NXG	Bob
W4PMP	Chris
W0MPM	John
KE4S	Dave
K9TRE	Tarek
AK2M	Kevin
KO4IIT	Richard
N2FID	Paul