

# Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

## Regular Meeting Minutes November 16, 2024

Venue: Leesburg Lutheran Church

Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM.

- Pledge of allegiance.
- John W0MPM gave a presentation describing operation of a Flex radio including remote operation.

The Flex radio is computer based. Control of the radio functions is implemented using a network connection using custom software on a standard personal computer.

Linux/Mac and Windows computer environments are supported. The manufacturer provides a usable software package to control radio operation. A third party has implemented a control program for use on a mac. The website is

**<https://roskosch.de/smartsdr-for-mac/>**. The mac program includes FT8 operation and an integrated logbook. There are presets for other operating modes including CW, RTTY, etc. It was noted that the Flex radio can monitor frequencies from the AM broadcast band through more than 1 GHz. The frequency band display is formatted as a band scope. The Flex Radio can be tuned by clicking on a location on the pan adapter.

- The club has historically held a holiday party in December, but a party is not scheduled for this year. An event is tentatively scheduled at the home of one of the club members. Date and time are not scheduled. Members should watch the club email reflector for updates.
- Steve N4RAF reported that the Loudoun County ARES group is becoming more active. The current activities focus on use of Winlink. Other digital tools will be part of the program in the future.

Information about Loudoun County ARES can be found at the web site **[lcares.org](http://lcares.org)**.

- Chris W4PMP, Chairman of the Board of Directors, reported that club elections will be held at the January meeting. All members of the Board are expected to return next year as are the officers with the exception of the President. All members are invited to run for any elected position. There are currently no candidates for the club President. Any member wishing to appear on the ballot should send an email message to **[leadership@k4lrg.org](mailto:leadership@k4lrg.org)**
- Steve KS1G reported that the International Space Station is currently transmitting Slow-Scan TV images. This is a periodic event that should be repeated at some point.

The club will support a radio contact with the International Space Station at the Hillsboro Charter School. The event will likely be in during the week of December 9.

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The precise date and time will be determined by NASA based on space station crew at that time. Support by club members will be requested through the club email reflector.

- The treasurer Tareck K9TRE reported that the club checking account balance is \$11,181.39.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:45. The next club meeting is scheduled for January 18.
- Attendance

W0MPM	John
KI4AD	Evan
AK2M	Kevin
W4PMP	Chris
KQ4MAM	Megan
NOCALL	Wyatt (visitor)
KT9N	Chris
W3OW	Bruce
K4FWD	Frank
K2BFY	Henry
KM4GC	Doug
KG4UPR	Bryan
K9TRE	Tareck
KI4VDF	Zachariah
K4FW	Jim
N4RAF	Steve
W0MPM	John
KN4OGS	James
N4PD	Paul
N3UW	Rich
KS1G	Steve

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N4FAF       Jim