

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2025

Venue: Leesburg Lutheran Church

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM.

- Pledge of allegiance.
- Eric KR4DPS was recognized as recently earning his license and joining the club. Bryan KD4WLF was recognized as a new member. Bobbi KN4HOT was recognized as a guest.
- Doug KM4GC presented an after-action report of the Ride to End Alz that was recently supported by the club. The sponsor raised approximately \$500,000 to support continuing Alzheimer's research. The SAG vehicles were dispatched using 2m radio and assisted 10 to 15 riders. Doug operated the radio at net control. He used a Yagi to communicate using the Bluemont repeater. Because the antenna is very directional, Doug was able to narrow the signal path from the repeater to eliminate a multipath reflection of the signal to result in clear audio.
- Steve N4RAF presented material to describe the APRS coverage during the End Alz ride. Analysis of the data packets through the network indicated that the signals were received by 16 different nodes. The discussion continued to the club operations during Field Day which Steve will coordinate. Paul N2FID indicated that he will hold the Radio Merit Badge class for local scouts again this year. Last year there were not enough operators to staff the radio stations during the entire event. The club should focus on maximizing the quantity of QSOs to maximize the club score. Links to the volunteer openings can be found through the club web site using the URL <https://k4lrg.org/field-days/field-day-2025/>. There are many volunteer opportunities in addition to the radio operators.
- It was reported the Henry K2BFY will add a second radio net in October. The existing Monday net on the 220MHz repeater in Frederick will continue. A second 220MHz net will be added on Tuesday using the new WB6EFW repeater.
- There was a motion and second to transfer the trusteeship of the club K4LRG callsign from Paul Bluehosh N4PD to Steve Radloff N4RAF. There was no discussion of the motion. The vote on the motion passed unanimously by the members present.
- The treasurer report was presented by the President. Income was \$119.68 and expenses were \$239.50. The club paid insurance, website hosting and the annual SCC fee. The monthly checking account balance was \$11,384.61.
- The members present agreed that \$600 would be spent to purchase coffee mugs with the club logo on them. The mugs will be given to persons who make presentations during monthly meetings or who provide significant contributions to the club operations.

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- The meeting adjourned at 9:30. The next club meeting is scheduled for June 21. A club sponsored activity was held after the meeting to build several tape measure Yagi antennas.

- Attendance

W4PMP	Chris
W3RJT	Rob
N4RAF	Steve
KQ4MHT	Jim
KR4DPS	Eric
KJ4NXG	Bob
KN4HOT	Bobbi
KE4S	Dave
K4AIU	Doug
KS1G	Steve
W0MPM	John
KM4VRX	Bryce
N7BRJ	Gary
N7EVN	Carla
KQ4MAM	Megan
KM4GC	Doug
KQ4IBI	Ron
N4PD	Paul
N2FID	Paul
K3WD	Bill
KI2H	Harry
KD4WLF	Bryan
N4FAF	Jim