

December 2025 LILUG Meeting

December 9th, 2025 @ [Digital Ballpark](#) Pace-notes by [Chris Trimble](#)

2025 LILUG Election Results

- President: Matthew Newhall
- Vice President: John Pane
- Secretary: Chris Trimble
- Treasurer: Lee Wilbur

Main Discussion: Linux/OSS Phones by John Pane

- Linux Phones

PinePhone

- Cheaper
- Lower Specs
- Manjaro (as well as other Linux)

Librem 5

- Higher Price
- Option to make it in America for twice the price
- PureOS (Debian Based)

Operating Systems

- Ubuntu Touch
- Mobian (Debian based)
- postmarketOS (Alpine based)
- PureOS (Purism Librem, Debian based)
- Manjaro (Arch linux based)

Other Android/Minimal Phones

- Several options are available for either flip/minimalist phones, with varying levels of open-source.
- All of the phones on our list support Internet tethering
- **Spreadsheet Link**

Alternative Connectivity Phones

- [Blackview Satellite Phone](#)
- [Spec5 LoRa Phone](#)

Open-Source Android

- Several forks of Google's Android exist which aim to extend software support, remove Google dependencies, or increase privacy
- [Comparison of Open-Source Android Forks](#)

/e/OS

- [/e/OS](#) is an open source fork of [LineageOS](#), another distribution of Android.
- Removed Google services, replaces them with a minimal installer of just the minimum Google services called [MicroG](#)
- Can be sold on a phone by vendors like [Murena](#) or installed on the phone

GrapheneOS

- Enhanced privacy options
- Possible partnership with OEMs for future support/phones being shipped [Android Authority article](#)

Not-CellPhones

[Clockwork Pi Mini Terminal Device Circuit Mess Digital Toys T-Deck](#)

Take-Away

There are many ways to connect to the others with a device that can fit in your pocket. Look at different vendors and solutions, and consider software on a system you currently own. If you need a new device, or perhaps a gift for the *holiday season* however, hopefully this month's notes are a good place to start.