

**DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**

***DECEMBER 2024***

**W3OK  
CORRAL**

Club Meeting December 5th, 7 PM at the  
Nancy Run Firehouse.  
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

December Program  
Christmas Party

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU &  
YOURS**



## **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

President, Terry, KC3JH, called the meeting conducted at Nancy Run Fire Company to order at 1900 hours.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Terry.

**President's Report:** Terry reported that the Emmaus Halloween Parade was a success. There was one incident which next year will not happen again. Outstanding comments about how we did what we were supposed to do it. Looking forward to next October.

**Guests:** Mike Shimko, KA3MVN, who was a member and rejoined again. Welcome Mike!

**Secretary's Report:** John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter last month. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Dean, AB3BD and second by Barry, KU3X. A vote was taken and motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of September. Dean, AB3BD motioned to accept. It was seconded by Jay, KC3ZPR. A vote taken and motion was carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** There are 8 Life Members and 119 voting members. That brings a total of 127 voting members. There are 12 Assoc Members. That gives the total of 139 members.

**Club Station:** No Report

**Tech Committee:** Computers password is up on all computers. Please turn off computers when done. The screens will not shut down after 15 minutes. Now they will stay on until turned off as a reminder.

**Repeater:** Working

**Website:** No report

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Dave, N3EYT, talk about the upcoming Club's yearly Special Event. All information can be found later in the Newsletter.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours.

**Program:** Solar Power Station by Larry Butler, KC3JTK

John Holmes, N3IGA  
DLARC Secretary

## **WX3MAS CHRISTMAS CITY SPECIAL EVENT**

We are looking for some wise men and women to journey from afar and join us in celebrating the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event. Some will be operating from our club station in Nazareth, PA and sharing Season's Greetings with Amateurs near and far. We are scheduling operations this year from Thursday through Sunday, December 12 – 15.

If you are a member of the DLARC you may operate the event from home! To avoid conflicts, we need to schedule remote operators for the date(s), time(s), band, and mode you chose to operate. Please keep a log of your contacts in electronic form, if possible. Contact David / N3EYT to reserve your operating date, time, and mode.

We will try to cover operations on the 20, 40- and 89-meter bands with some SSB, CW, and FT8. Our published

phone frequencies are: **3.850 MHz, 7.270 MHz, and 14.265 MHz.**

Watch for operating announcements on the club website, via email, or the club reflector. Official operating times will be 9 am to 5 pm ET each day but feel free to extend the time if conditions permit. Look for us in the December issue of QST magazine.

For more information, contact David/N3EYT at [N3EYT@ARRL.NET](mailto:N3EYT@ARRL.NET) .

### **Solar Power Station by Larry Butler, KC3JTK**

If you did not make the meeting, you missed a great program that was so interesting. Larry took the time to explain the trial and errors he went through. Now his set-up is doing what he wants it too.

Larry explained what to look for and what you should stay away from. Larry explained what he had to do to get the voltage right for the radio. He had pictures of his panels. He explained panels too.

If you are interested in setting up a Solar Power Station, see if Larry can answer your questions or help you find your answers.

## EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE 2024

Another DLARC Success!

The 103rd Emmaus Halloween Parade was held on October 19, 2024. Radio communications were requested for safety and welfare assistance from DLARC for those in the parade as well as the thousands of spectators along the 2.2-mile parade route.

Hams were positioned between parade units, listed in sequence of their positions in the parade were: Steve/W3NAM and wife Bonnie with Dog Milo; Chris N3QIM and Elizabeth, Donald N2LTD, Larry KC3JTK, Mike KC3WCX, Steven KC3AOE, Wayne N3FQ, Tim KC3WMT, Andrew WV1B and Mary Lou WZ1X, David N3EYT, Doreen K3PDL, Eric KC3AOK and nephew Teryan and Dog Milo, Jay/N3OW Wife Deebra, Bella with Dog Phoebe, Carol Ann KC3YBV, Terry/KC3JTH and wife Gail. George N3SQD and wife Wendy managed Net Control Operations for the public service communications event in an **EXCELLENT MANOR**.

After the parade most all of participants enjoyed our traditional Dutch Treat social gathering of hams at the local Superior Restaurant.

The Emmaus Halloween Committee extended its appreciation for our public service communications we provided. To this I add my sincere thanks to our group of hams for a **JOB WELL DONE!**

De Terry Swinney, KC3JHT

# Gathering At Superior Restaurant



## **DLARC Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, 18 November 2024

100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064

A meeting of the DLARC Board of Directors was at the 991 Center, with the following in attendance:

### **Board Members Present:**

President, Terry Swinney, KC3JHT

Secretary, John Holmes, N3IGA

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Dean Guth, AB3BD

Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Doreen Grambling, K3PDL, Past President

### **Absent:**

Vice-President, Diana Lambert, KC3ZGQ

**Visitors:** Barry, KU3X, was invited to the meeting to go over something that concerns the club.

Wayne, N3FQ

### **Proceedings:**

A quorum being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

**President's Report:** Terry informed all present that the Emmaus Halloween Party went off great. Good job by everyone. Next year, there is a need for two more people. Terry also said that he may have some problems for programs next year. He may have one lined up for January. He still in need of more information on anyone about a program. If you have any ideas for a program and someone that will do it, let Terry know. Doreen said a few things and Terry said that he will contact her about what she may have.

**Secretary's Report:** John, N3IGA, there are no minutes from the Board Meeting due to no quorum was met. Motion made by Dean. Seconded by Adam. Vote taken and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry, KC3JTK, presented said Treasurer's report for the month of October. After a few questions, Larry went over the Club Budget for 2025. Larry went over the Budget and few questions were asked and answered. A motion to accept the report made by Dean. Seconded by Adam. Vote taken and motion carried.

**New Business:** Barry explains to the Board members present a little history of POTA with the Club. It all started with Martin Bond who wanted to do parks on the International Parks. They got everything together and with a few Club members set up to do POTA. Martin Bond passed away, so did the access to the POTA. They changed from International Parks to State Parks. There is no record from before. Somebody logged in who we do not know it was and has come and gone. Barry brought this to the attention to Terry, KC3JHT and John, N3IGA. Barry met John at the Club Station and found out the John took the bull by the horn and got a hold of people from POTA. Barry said that we now have access to the W3OK site. Barry said that only John and I have the password. Barry show John at the Club Station everything about the site. Every password does not have to be handed out. The reason being if somebody wants to set up the W3OK POTA to post and spot themselves, they do not have to have access through W3OK. There were a few questions which Barry answered.

Adam, N3LAG, said that John and Barry have the passwords, and would like to be an alternate. If anyone does a POTA Club Event will submit their correct log for posting. One of us will post their log as soon as possible. Adam made a motion that John, Adam, and Barry, as an alternate, have the POTA passwords. Dean, second it. A vote was taken by members present. Motion passed.



Barry also mentioned something he saw at the Club Station while he was getting on POTA. The computer he went on, he saw that the person before never signed out. He checked other computers and found the same thing. Barry went to all the computes and changed them. Cleared the Cache, cleared the history, and turned off auto filing feature. So, make sure that what you have signed in that you sign out. It is for your own security. That was all that Barry had. He thanked the BOD for allowing him to be at the meeting to present what he had. We all thank Barry as he was done and was leaving the meeting.

Adam, N3LAG was next. He showed a sheet with Club Station Rules. He said that John wrote up "Rules for the Club Station," which now has all the rules that were posted at the Club Station. Terry volunteered to laminate the rules. I told Terry that I would send him the original to use.

Adam brought up that George is going to set up one of the club stations to manage Pema communications and for Winlink. We need to get a Vara license to do this. That will cost the Club \$80 for the license. There will be more discussions about this concerning how long the license is for and other things before the Club spends \$80.

Adam brought up that the Club needs to replace the laptops used for Club Events. Their systems are outdated and take a day to do any updates and then removes them. Larry has the same problem with the Club laptop. Adam makes a motion that the Club gets 4 new laptops. 3 for Club Events and 1 for Larry. The Tech Committee will set the computers up and put extra security on Larry's computer since he has especially important Club info on it. John seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion passed.

The last thing that Larry had to say was that he was approached by a few members about getting on the Elmer's List. The one that is on the website is an old one and needs to be updated. Larry said that he thinks it is Andrew, WV1B. Since

Andrew is out of the area, Terry asked Larry to contact Andrew and see if he has an updated one. If so, tell him to send it to the webmaster so he can update the website.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2001 hours.

Minutes submitted by  
John Holmes, N3IGA  
DLARC Secretary



## DLARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Christmas Party at the December Club Meeting, December 5th. Like last year, it will be a Potluck setup. Family members are welcome. Please bring chips, dip, covered dish, dessert, or beverage – your choice. Come out for a good time, good eats, and good conversation.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DLARC membership is due for 2025. The best way to renew is to log in to DLARC.club, click on the “Members” menu item, go to “Renew membership” tab and click the “Join or Renew” button at the appropriate member level. Check that your information is up to date and remit a payment via Paypal. A Paypal account is not required for the transaction. If you need online help, please contact the web team via email or at the monthly meetings.

DLARC Membership Dues Rates:

Regular Membership

18-64 years of age Jan through Dec - \$25

65 and over or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit)

Jan through DEC - \$20

Additional Family member each - \$5 Please identify who the Family Member is.

Associate Individual Membership - \$15.

If you need to pay by checks payable to D.L.A.R.C. and ensure that your callsign appears in the memo field. Paying with cash is discouraged, but if you really, really must, kindly make certain you are prepared with the correct sum according to the rate table shown above.

If mailing, send to;

Lawrence R. Butler  
800 Maple Lane  
Easton, PA 18045

Enclosing an S.A.S.E. will bring your new membership card back to you as soon as possible via mail. You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at [lrbutler@ptd.net](mailto:lrbutler@ptd.net) include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

De Larry, KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

# DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 7 pm DLARC NET W3CE AI	5 <b>CLUB MEETING 7 PM</b>	6	7
8	9	10	11 7 pm DLARC NET N3SQD GEORGE	12 WX3MAS Christmas City Event	13 WX3MAS Christmas City Event	14 WX3MAS Christmas City Event
15 WX3MAS Christmas City Event	16	17	18 7 pm DLARC NET N3WR Ben	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES & DLARC net. If we have enough interested operators, it will only be necessary for each operator to have only one net session in each three-month period. 13 weeks in a period, then 13 net controls would be ideal, and some extras to fill in if needed.

This would give us a pool of experienced controls, for any emergency which would arise. Interested operators should contact George, N3SQD at [george@bioserv.com](mailto:george@bioserv.com). The NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 courses are not needed to be a net control, but should the need arise, and we do supply controls and operators for real emergencies, then the courses requirement will be in effect and EMA issued IDs will be needed to be on the scene of an emergency.

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ARES, RACES AND DLARC NET

All Radio Amateurs are welcome to take part in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net. This net meets Wednesday at 1900 hours local time, on the W3OK Repeater 51.76, 146.70 and 444.90 (pl 151.4). With an alternate frequency of 147.135 + DPL 315) W3OI Repeater.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evening at 7:30 PM on 3958 +/- depending on conditions.

Other inputs are the 146.85 repeater, (151.4 PL) and Echolink at K2PM-R.

Mid-Atlantic D-Star Net meets each Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The following repeaters Dstar repeaters are available in the Lehigh Valley.  
W3OK -145.11000MHz -0.600 Port C – W3OI -147.16500MHz +0.600 Port C, – W3OI - 445.02500MHz -5.000 Port B

All repeaters on the net are linked through **Reflector 020 port A**, so all stations checking into the net should make sure that they have *their local repeater call sign followed by the letter "G" in the eight positions of the RPT2 field*. Otherwise, you will only be heard locally and not over the Reflector. Dongle users wishing to check into the net should Log On by connecting directly to Reflector 20, port A, rather than through your local repeater to conserve local bandwidth.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2023–2024

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**PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DLARC CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING CLUB MEETINGS.**

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. Are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)

Club Station Telephone Number **484-291-1527** Email Address – [W3OK@arrl.net](mailto:W3OK@arrl.net)

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