

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

February 2026

**W3OK
CORRAL**

Club Meeting February 5th, 7 pm at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Zoom will be available

February's Program
The Future of Ham Radio
By Bob Famiglio, K3RF



January's Meeting Minutes

Jay Reid KC3ZFR called the Meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jay Reid KC3ZFR.

President's Reports: Dean Guth AB3BD is still at Gracedale. No updates.

Announcements: Jay Reid KC3ZFR announced that at the BOD meeting it was decided that the secretary position should be open for volunteers. Jay stated that the decision by Dean Guth AB3BD to assign Diana Lambert KC3ZGQ to the position was before the BOD meeting and an incorrect procedure. Discussion ensued, and Wayne Westfield N3FQ volunteered as well. Pete Nebzydoski KC3EVL made a motion to open the secretary position, seconded by Wayne Westfield N3FQ. All in favor (AIF). No other volunteers. Jay Reid stated that a decision would be made by the board at the next meeting.

Guests: None.

Secretary's Report: John Holmes N3IGA asked if there were corrections or additions to the last report. Wayne Westfield N3FQ made a motion to strike Diana Lambert KC3ZGQ as secretary from the last report. Second, by Terry Swinney KC3JHT. AIF.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Butler KC3JTK reported. Motion to accept by George Wieland N3SQD, seconded by Allan Beavan N3OTP. AIF.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Applied today: Rocco Rodriguez (no call sign yet). John Holmes N3IGA reported 136 voting and 14 associate members, total 150.

Club Station: No report.

Tech Committee: No report.

Website: No report.

Repeater: Working.

New Business: George Wieland N3SQD reported that the Lehigh University club has been established and has about 30 members. They are currently on winter break. They are putting together a grant request for their club station.

Old Business: Christmas City special event – John Holmes N3IGA sent out 35 QSL cards. He stated that he is getting low on cards, and he will go to Staples and get more. Wayne Westfield N3FQ reported about 300 contacts at the milkhouse during the event.

Doreen Gramling K3PDL reminded all that the Winter Field Day is coming up on the 24th and 25th.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:14 hours.

Program: Barbara Wiemann W3CE gave a presentation on the DLARC archives.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diana Lambert KC3ZGQ, Acting Secretary

ANY CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION

If you change your home address or your email address, you need to inform me so that your records are up-to-date and correct.

Any help in this matter would be appreciated.

De John, N3IGA Membership Chair

January 3rd at Milkhouse



DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 19 January 2025

As of January 30th, I have not received the BOD Meeting minutes to put in the Newsletter.

De John, N3IGA, Newsletter Editor

When the Bands Are Open but the Doors Are Closed **Club Station Weather & Safety Expectations**

On most Wednesday evenings and Saturdays, the club station comes alive with conversation, learning, and operating fun. It is our shared workshop, our signal lighthouse, and our gateway to the airwaves. But sometimes the weather has other plans.

Our Situation

Our club is fortunate to be a guest of Northampton County, which generously provides the facility where our station operates. This location is not solely a radio site. It is an active county operations center where snow plows, salt trucks, and road crews deploy during weather events.

Snow plows and road equipment are staged and deployed

Heavy machinery and trucks are constantly moving

Crews work around the clock to keep roads safe

Access and parking areas must remain clear for operations.

During storms, this facility becomes mission-critical for the county. Additional vehicles or foot traffic from club activities could unintentionally interfere with those essential operations.

Safety Comes First

The board has established a simple guiding principle: safety always comes first. When weather creates hazardous travel, unsafe parking conditions, or could impact county operations, the station may be closed.

Recreational vs. Emergency Operations

Amateur radio has a proud tradition of serving during emergencies. If the club is activated to provide emergency communications support, the station may open specifically for that purpose. However, routine operating, social gatherings, or

contests do not outweigh safety or the county's operational needs.

How Decisions Are Made

Based on current and forecasted weather conditions

With safety of members as the top priority

With respect to county operational requirements

Communicated as early as practical

Our Commitment

We value our partnership with Northampton County and are committed to being respectful guests. Maintaining this relationship ensures long-term access to the station and positions us to help when our community truly needs us. The bands will still be there tomorrow. When conditions improve, the station doors will reopen, and we will be back on the air together.

— The Club Board

WINTER FIELD DAY

By Dave, N3EYT

Winter Field Day was active from the club station on Saturday, January 24th.

Single-digit temperatures did not dissuade our club members. We operated the 4I class - four stations, Inside.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Many DLARC members have discovered various insights to our hobby. Insights which would be of help and interest to other club members. A small article on these discoveries in the newsletter will inform other club members and assist them to the benefits of your expertise.

An article on your favorite part of ham radio and how you go about enjoying it, for example, QRP or even FT8 operations, as chasing DX or building items for your shack.

This is another way to share your interests with other club members and to find another member with your interests.

This article need not be long or high tech, but just a way to spread such information to other club members and find someone else to share your enthusiasm. It could open a window for a new ham or even re-open an old window for the long-time ham. It would be a good way to share the wealth of knowledge within our club.

de John/N3IGA, Editor

ARRL AND RENEWALS

Since there were a few new members at every meeting, I thought it was time to talk about ARRL membership.

All ARRL members need to check their QST mailing slip to see when their membership expires. Now members have to decide on what they want to do.

By now, you should know that the price of membership went up a few years ago. The biggest change is that if you want to continue getting QST or On the Air magazines in the printed form, it will cost you \$25 per magazine. If you are willing to get those magazines in digital form, there are no extra cost

You have a choice in how many years you want your membership. One year is \$59 and 3 years is \$175. You still have to pay \$25 a year for the printed form of the magazines.

The Club benefits from ARRL membership by getting a commission on new members and members that renew. It is not much, but every little bit, it helps the Club. In order to be an Affiliated Club, you need to have at least 51% of the voting members be Full members in the Club. At least 51% of the voting members must be licensed radio operators.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at n3iga@ptd.net and I will try to answer your questions.

De John, N3IGA

DLARC ARRL Membership Liaison

FINAL NOTICE THAT DUES ARE DUE

It is getting late and some members have not renewed their membership.

It is easy now with the new website. You can get on the website and click on the "Members" menu item after logging into the website. Then go to "Renew membership" tab and click on "Join or Renew" button at the appropriate member level. Check your information is up to date and remit a payment via PayPal. A PayPal account is not required for the transaction.

You can still pay by checks payable to D.L.A.R.C. and ensure that your callsign appears in the memo field. If you come to a meeting and want to pay cash, make sure you have the correct amount. If you plan to mail your check, 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.

Regular Membership 18-64 years of age - \$25

65 and over or totally retired - \$20

Additional Family member each - \$15 (Please identify who the family member is).

Associate Individual Membership - \$15

Any questions about dues you can email at lrbutler@ptd.net include your phone number if you prefer a live reply

De Larry, KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

DLARC NETS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 7 pm DLARC NET	5 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11 7 pm DLARC NET	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 7 pm DLARC NET	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 7 pm DLARC NET	26	27	28

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

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

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.

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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

THE W3OK TRUSTEE --- Barry Vogt / N3NVA

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