

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

MARCH 2025

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting **March 6th, 7 PM** at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

March's Program

**Compact 4-Band OFC Nested Marconi Antenna
for Dx'ing
by Mark Hoffman, KC3BNV**



FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

President, Terry, KC3JH, called the meeting to order at 1905 hours at Nancy Run Firehouse.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry.

President's Report: The new computers are in and that Barry, KU3X took part in that process, Al, W3CE, George, N3SQD bought the computers, and Adam took part in the process too. Terry said that the Club needs to get over in the Barn and clean out anything that is not needed. The tower sections, Rohn 25, are 10ft sections, and other equipment that is not needed or is too old.

Terry said that one of the programs will be a mini Hamfest. If you have any equipment to sale, bring it to the Meeting.

Members will have a chance to see if there is something there for them.

Guests: None

Announcements: The Field Day site has been saved. Classes start March 4th. Get the word out to people that may be interested in taking the classes.

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 Dave, N3EYT. A vote was taken and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December. Dean, AB3BD made the motion to accept. It was seconded by Barry, KU3X. A vote taken and motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: I would like to announce two new members.

They are Craig Sansig, W3WWP and Carlos Velazquez, KE3RC. I make a motion to accept both as Voting members.

Dean, AB3BD seconded. Vote was taken and motion carried. There are 8 Life Members and 131 voting members including the two new members. That brings a total of 139 Voting members. There are 3 Assoc. Members. That makes a total of 142 members.

Club Station: No Report

Tech Committee: No Report

Repeater: Working

Website: No problems

New Business: Dave, N3EYT, asked if any member present have badges yet. He had quite a few of them. Said that if anyone needs a badge to contact him at

dblankenship370@gmail.com and will get your badge done.

Larry, KC3JTK, said he was interested in seeing how many club members would be interested in putting a Satellite Station at the Club Station. He wants to see how much of an interest would be. Then having a meeting to see what everyone would like. So, it will all depend on how much interest the Club there is.

Old Business:

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1921 hours.

Program: Machine Embroidery

John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

VE TEST SESSION

On 7 March 2025, there will be a VE Testing Session at the Northampton County 911 Center at 7pm. Candidates are required to pre-register. You must contact Bob Green, KE3AW by phone 610-419-9286 or email address ke3aw@arrl.net. Bob will inform the candidate on what is required and prohibited, etc, the date, time, location, verification required, directions, etc. The candidates need to know they should get their FRN number prior to the testing. If they do not have that FRN number (SS number cannot be used), it will slow their paperwork flow and delay the license delivery to them. They also need to know the fee set by ARRL for their part in the checking process before their paperwork is sent to FCC in Gettysburg, and if paying by check, it shall not be made to any member of our VE Team nor to DLARC. And finally, the \$35 the feds are charging for their 10-year license.

Machine Embroidery **By Susan Filo**

It was an interesting program. The machines are unusual and extremely expensive. A single needle machine could cost \$6,000 with the 10-needle machine can start close to \$10,000. Susan explained the different equipment that she uses for whatever kind of embroidery she is doing. She explained that she charges the stitches per inch. She did a demonstration with the single needle machine she brought with her. Susan did an excellent job explaining everything she was doing and answered all questions from the members.

De John, N3IGA



Susan Filo explaining the Embroidery machine



Wednesday, 02/05/25, at the Milkhouse

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 17 February 2025

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

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Absence:

Vice-President, Diana Lambert, KC3ZGQ

Doreen Grambling, K3PDL

Proceedings:

A quorum being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

President's Report: Terry talked about how many QSL card the Club got for the Christmas City Special Event which was 29. The Club only got two QSL cards for the Winter Field Day which John, N3IGA got. They were two POTA stations. Club QSL cards have been sent out.

Terry said that it would be nice to have a better turn out for these events in the future.

April's program will be a mini Hamfest.

Terry said that someday in April or May on a Saturday, get members to help clean out the Barn of anything that is of no use to the Club anymore.

Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

Motion to accept the report was made by Dean, Seconded by Larry. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry, KC3JTK, presented said Treasurer's report for the month of January. After Larry explained what came in and what went out, a motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Seconded by John. Vote taken and motion carried.

New Business: John brought up the subject about the DLARCforum who he is the Administrator. John made the motion to shut down the DLARCforum because the Club does not need two forums. John explained that there is only 54 Club members subscribed to the forum. Only about 10 members only really use it. To be frank, the DLARCforum is a little outdated. After a long discussion, John made a motion to shut down the DLARCforum on March 31, 2025. Bill, the Club's webmaster said that the directions on how to post to the website forum is amazingly easy to understand and gives you step by step on how to do it for those who want to post to the forum. John said that he is willing to help Club members who are not computer savvy to help them if they have equipment to sell, looking for equipment or help with equipment, and information that is found that may interest other members. John is willing to do mass emails. John will make sure that mass emailing will not load up anybody's email box. It will be up to John to not to get upset because of too many emails. Right now, John says that he only gets information to mass email 4 times a month if that. So, with that explanation, the Board agreed to shutting it down. Dean seconded the motion. Vote was taken and passed. John will announce the closure the week before it is shut down. He will send a final message on March 28 to all subscribers to the DLARCforum that it will be shut down on March 31.

Bill said that with the shutting down the DLARCforum, he would be glad to automatically subscribe any member into the website forum. Contact Bill, and he will be glad to do it.

Terry asked if anyone heard anything about the “Rookie Roundup.” John said that he can check it on ARRL website and let Terry know.

Larry told the members present that there was some interest in the satellite station. He said he has been contacted by 5 members so far. Larry is getting everyone together and seeing what the interest is and how to go about it.

Terry talked about what is going on as far as programs. May we have Mark, KC3BNV, April will be a Mini-Hamfest, May is not confirmed yet, and June will be Sarah Johnson about SKYWARN.

There was some discussion about Field Day this year. There is a lot of help needed. Terry said he needs to talk to a few people and try to make a list of who is doing what. There will more discussion in the future.

It was brought up at the last Board Meeting about doing a Plaque for the PA QSO Party. We used to in the past, but something happened when the sponsors changed. A lot of information went missing. So, the Board decided to sponsor a Plaque for Out of State, Single Op, High Power Phone. The plaques only cost \$40. Larry forgot about it and will take care of it and report to the Board next month.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2002 hours.

Minutes submitted by
John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

Free Amateur Licenses Class

DLARC is offering FREE classes to help prepare for the FCC tests for the entry-level "Technician" and "General" amateur radio licenses. Nine weekly lessons begin on March 4, 2025, and are on Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm, with a break at 8 p.m. At the Northampton County 911 Center in Nazareth, PA. Cannot attend all the classes? No problem because there is no attendance requirement. There will help to get you up to speed if you do miss any classes because of schedule conflicts.

Please register with KE3AW@ARRL.NET or 610-419-9286. Leave your name, phone number, and/or e-mail address. We will respond promptly.

More Archives for the Club

Thank you to George Wieland N3SQD for another contributions to the club archives. We were able to add many documents to the bylaws, awards, social events, publicity, classes, service activities, contests, field day, and emergency services folders. Especially interesting are 2 discs of photos from club meetings in 2009-2010, several photos from the 1980s, and the QSL card from the Garlic Festival special events station, W3G, in 2010.

De Barb, W3ATC

DLARCforum Shut Down

It was decided at the last Board of Directors Meeting to shut down the DLARCforum. It is for the lack of interest through the majority of the subscribers. It has run out its usefulness because of being out-of-date with what forums can do. Also with only 54 subscribers, who are all Club members, out 140 members shows lack of interest in the forum. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Club does not need two forums. It was put to a vote and the motion passed. The DLARCforum will be shut down on 31 March 2025.

For those that may not know, there is a forum on the Club's new website. Bill, the Club's webmaster said that the directions on how to post to the website forum is amazingly easy to understand and gives you step by step on how to do it for those who want to post to the forum. Bill said that with the shutting down the DLARCforum, he would be glad to automatically subscribe any member into the website forum. Contact Bill, and he will be glad to do it.

I said that I was willing to help Club members who are not computer savvy to help them if they have equipment to sell, look for equipment or help with equipment, and information that is found that may interest other members. I am willing to do mass emails. Do not ruin something good like this by sending me lots of emails for me to mass email. I have the last word on what will be massed email or not. I would rather see members try to use the Club forum. Try to use the forum on the website. The directions on how to post is quite easy to follow. If you still have problems, then contact Bill, the webmaster, who is willing to help you out. Make notes and then you should be okay after that.

I will not over use the mass emailing. I will not stuff email boxes. I did say that I have the final say on if I do or not mass email anybody's request.

I will send the information on the DLARCforum so that all subscribers know about shutting down the forum.

De John, N3IGA

Daylight Saving Time

Just a reminder that at 2am, 9 March 2025, we go back to Daylight Saving Time. As the saying goes, Spring forward and Fall back.

Turn the clocks forward to gain more light in the evening and less light in the morning.

The Standard Time Act is signed into law on 19 March 1918, giving Americans an extra hour of sun to enjoy.

Daylight Saving Time was first used in Canada in 1908. On 1 July 1908, the residents of Port Arthur, Ontario, today's Thunder Bay, turned their clocks forward by one hour to start the world's first DST period.

Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over one billion people every year. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another.

So do not forget to change your clocks 1 hour forward on 9 March. Then on 2 November at 2am, change the clocks back one hour.

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 License Classes Start 7pm	5 7 pm DLARC NET	6 CLUB MEETING 7PM	7 VE TEST SESSION 7PM	8
9 Daylight Savings Starts At 2am	10	11	12 7 pm DLARC NET	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7 pm DLARC NET	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 7 pm DLARC NET	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.

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.

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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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