

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

March 2026

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CORRAL**

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

March's Program

TBA



DLARC General Membership Meeting Minutes Thursday, 5 February 2026

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by Jay Reid, KC3ZFR.

There were 20 members present in person and 13 members attending via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Reid, KC3ZFR.

President's Report:

Dean reported there was nothing new to report.

Winter Field Day was shortened due to weather conditions.

Secretary's Report:

Wayne Westfield, N3FQ, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as printed in the previous newsletter.

Dean noted the following corrections:

- Contests should be listed as events.
- Family dues should be listed as \$5, not \$15.

Ken, WB2LNO, made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes.

The motion was seconded by Tim, KC3WMT.

The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Butler, KC3JTK, presented the Treasurer's report. Barry, KU3X, made a motion to accept the report.

The motion was seconded by Ralph, KC3VII.

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Reports:

Pete, KC3EVL, announced that he will be giving a presentation at an elementary school on March 6th. The presentation will

include HF operation, scopes, and other equipment demonstrations for students.

Terry, KC3JHT, stated that he is running out of program ideas for the remainder of the year and is seeking volunteers and suggestions.

Membership Report: John, N3IGA, reported 9 life members and 151 total members.

Technical Committee: No report.

Website: No report.

Repeater: Operating normally.

New Business:

Doreen, K3PDL, announced that club picnics will resume this year.

- Volunteers will be needed to bring food.
- Donations will be requested.
- Adam, N3LAG, and Doreen will coordinate logistics.

Old Business: None.

Additional Announcements:

Jay reminded members that Field Day will be held June 27–28. Members were reminded not to park on the grass at club meetings, as this has caused complaints in the past and is not permitted by the fire company.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Doreen. The motion carried. The meeting was followed by a presentation by K3RF at 1912 hours.

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 16 February 2025

Attendance: Board Members Present:

President, Dean Guth, AB3BD

Vice-President, Jay Reid, KC3ZFR

Secretary, Wayne Westfield, N3FQ

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY

Henry Adams, KD3AFL

Andrew Parker, WV1B

Absent:

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Terry Swinney, KC3JHT (Past President)

Proceedings: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1901 hours by Secretary Wayne Westfield, N3FQ.

President's Report: Dean reported that he has been discharged from Gracedale and is working to catch up on current club matters.

Secretary's Report: There was no report from the prior Board meeting as the information from the individual taking notes at that meeting was not available.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the January financial summary (not for publication).

Larry presented the treasury report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Jay, KC3ZFR, seconded by

Henry, KD3AFL. The motion carried with no opposition.

New Business:

Leadership Updates: Wayne requested updates to the leadership information. Bill will assist in ensuring records are current.

Class Flyers: Jay will coordinate flyer distribution for upcoming classes, including outreach to Bob Green and Joe, KC3IBL, and will bring flyers to the Milkhouse.

Ham Club Online: Wayne presented the advantages of Ham Club Online. Discussion included integration with existing WordPress and MemberPress systems. A formal presentation will be scheduled for further review.

Groups.io: Wayne presented Groups.io as a communications solution. Wayne volunteered to manage the platform if adopted. Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

Club Growth and Outreach: Discussion included outreach to scout groups, PSA-style booths at area events, and strategies to grow membership.

Summer Field Day: A committee will be formed for Summer Field Day. Adam, N3LAG, will serve as chair. Jay will coordinate committee formation.

Old Business:

Bylaws Committee: Wayne expressed interest in serving on the Bylaws Review Committee. Andrew added Wayne to the committee roster.

Fire Extinguishers: Jay made a motion to approve the

purchase of two 10-pound ABC fire extinguishers not to exceed \$75 each from the general fund. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne, moved by Bill, and seconded by Henry. The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.

PRELIMINARY 2025 PA QSO PARTY REPORT

I am not sure how many Club members would be interested in knowing what the preliminary PA QSO Party 2025 results are. So, for the ones interested, here is what has been so far. Remember these are not finals scores.

DLARC 8th Place with 6 logs entered for a total of 180,162 pts.

I went over the scores to see whose logs were sent in for the score. They said with 6 logs. I only found 5 Club members. When you add everybody's scores, it totals to 177,718. There is a difference, but cannot find the missing member.

Here are the Club members that sent scores in. I have no idea whose was working the Club Station. Their score was added to DLARC total. The following members participated:

N3SQD - 35,730

N3NVA - 27,768

N3IGA - 36,410

W3OK - 39,288

N3WR - 43,522 - operated in Carbon Co.

The PA QSO Party is in October. As the time gets closer, information will be announced.

De John, N3IGA

VE TEST SESSION

On 6 March 2026, 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.

DON'T FORGET



MARCH 8TH

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFORMATION

Do you know the history of Daylight-Saving Time? Read on to find out.

Daylight saving time (DST) - also **summer time** in several countries including in British English and European official terminology is the practice of temporarily advancing clocks during the summertime so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

Typically, clocks are adjusted forward one hour near the start of spring and are adjusted backward in autumn. Modern DST was first proposed in 1895 by George Vernon Hudson and it was first

implemented during the First World War. Many countries have used it at various times since then; Details vary by locations.

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Its effect on health and crime is less clear. Although an early goal of DST was to reduce evening usage of incandescent lighting, formerly a primary use of electricity, modern heating and cooling usage patterns differ greatly, and research about how DST currently affects energy use is limited or contradictory DST clock shifts present other challenges. They complicate timekeeping, and can disrupt meetings, travel, billing, recordkeeping, medical devices, heavy equipment, and sleep patterns.

Software can often adjust computer clocks automatically, but this can be limited and error-prone, particularly when DST protocols are changed.

So now having read this brief history, do not forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 8.

DLARC NETS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 7 pm DLARC NET	5 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	6 VE SESSION 7 PM	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS	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
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. 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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