

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

***MAY 2025***

# **W3OK CORRAL**

Club Meeting May 1st, 7 pm at the  
Nancy Run Firehouse.  
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

May's Program  
"TBA"



## **APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

President, Terry, KC3JH, called the meeting to order at 1900

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

**President's Report:** The DLARCforum is closed. It has barely been used and is a waste. Al,W3CE had an issue. Terry explained everything even that John, N3IGA who was the Administrator, did try to get more to subscribe to the forum. A few did, but that was it. There seem to be no interest in the forum. Terry also told members present that if they have any questions about the Forum on the website ask Bill, KD3FLY for help

Terry is still working on the May program.

Barn Clean out: Saturday, May 10, 2025, with rain date May 24<sup>th</sup>. Come ready to work a little and many make light work.

Field Day coming in June weekend of June 28-29, 2025.

Volunteers needed to assist. Remember it is YOUR CLUB TOO! Contact Adam, N3LAG, if you want to provide any assistance.

POTA: We are looking to POTA (Parks On The Air) on September 27, 2025. More to follow. Adam, N3LAG, will provide more details. It will be at Jacobsburg Park.

**Guests:** Ellie May Nebzydoski, N/CS; Harold Barber, N/CS; there was another from the classes that his name could not be read off the sign in sheet.

**Secretary's Report:** John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter last month. Before a motion is made, there are two corrections to the Board Meeting Minutes. One is the antenna that Larry talked about was an Off Center Fed (OCF) not an OFC(typo error). The other error was in the BOD Minutes where the Vice President was listed as present and absent. She was absent. A motion to accept the Minutes was

made by Jay, LC3ZFR and second by Tim, KC3WMT. A vote was taken and motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of February. Steve, W3NAM made the motion to accept. It was seconded by Carl, AA3IX. A vote taken and motion was carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** I would like to announce two Members. One is Henry Adam, KD3AFL. He is taking the General Classes for his General License. The other new member is an Associate Member who old members will remember. Mark Petrino, K3MPI who is an Extra has rejoined the Club. I would like to make a motion to accept Henry as a Voting Member and Mark as an Associate Member. George, N3SQD seconded the Motion. Vote was taken and passed. There are 8 Life Members and 112 voting members. That brings a total of 120 Voting members. There are 4 Assoc. Members. That makes a total of 124 members including the new members just voted in.

**Club Station:** Adam, N3LAG, said there are new shelves in the Club Station for the Archives. More shelves may be put up.

**Tech Committee:** Al, W3CE and George, N3SQD said anyone needing help with radios, logging, or antennas, there is usually someone at Club Station on Saturdays.

**Repeater:** Working

**Website:** Bill, KD3FLY, WebMaster indicated all good.

**New Business:** Pete, KC3EVL, said that he is collaborating with a Boy Scout Troop at St Anne's Church, Easton on Thursday Night 10 April 2025. All welcome to assist. He is also working with the 4H for several counties at a 4H Camp the week before Field Day.

Dave, N3EYT, asked if anyone needs any badges. He has some already made up. If you need a badge, and a member of

good standing, contact Dave and he will get one made and bring it to the Club meetings.

John, N3IGA, the dates for the 2025 Rookie Roundup are 13<sup>th</sup> of April which is on a Sunday. It will be SSB. You can be a Rookie if you were first licensed in 2024, 2023, 2022, or 2021. Just send the year you were first licensed in the exchange. For further information, go to the ARRL Website, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and look at the upper right-hand corner where it says, "Website Search." Type in "Rookie Roundup. Then you will find all the information you need about the Rookie Roundup.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1928 hours.

**Program:** Winlink by AI, W3CE

John Holmes, N3IGA  
DLARC Secretary

### Winlink

**By AI, W3CE and George, N3SQD**

Winlink is a digital communication system for Amateur Radio. Designed to provide email style communications. With or without Internet.

Winlink Express use to be called Winlink 2000. It has been updated to provide update communications. The Digital Modes that Winlink Express uses are Pactor (1-3), ARDOP, VARA, Packet, and Robust Packet.

AI went over the Winlink Process which are Start Winlink Express software. Then create an Email message. Then start the Communication System. Select Receiving Station. Then finally start Transfer process.



George then did a show and tell on how it works. There are several things that members will need to contact either Al or George if they are interested.

George did say that if you want more information, check out [www.winlink.org](http://www.winlink.org).

Overall, it was quite an interesting program. Too bad more members were not at the meeting.

De John, N3IGA

### **VE TEST SESSION**

On 2 May 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](mailto: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.

## **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If any member has anything that they think would interest other club members such as Ham Radio articles, Contesting, and any other interesting subjects, please send them to me to put in our Newsletter. You have seen the articles that Barry, KU3X has sent to me to put in the Newsletter

Send your articles to me at [n3iga@ptd.net](mailto:n3iga@ptd.net) and I will put it into the Newsletter.

Remember that the Newsletter is the Club's way of letting members know what is going on in the Club or even in Ham Radio. Help keep the members informed.

De John, N3IGA

**Note:** Starting with this issue, the Calendar in the Newsletter has been retitled to "DLARC NET AND EVENTS CALENDAR" so members can see what events that may be coming up for that month.

De John, N3IGA Newsletter Editor

### **DLARC Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, 21 April 2025

100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064

A meeting of the DLARC Board of Directors was at the 911 Center, with the following in attendance:

#### **Board Members Present:**

President, Terry Swinney, KC3JHT

Vice-President, Diana Lambert, KC3ZGQ

Secretary, John Holmes, N3IGA

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Dean Guth, AB3BD

Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Doreen Grambling, K3PDL

**Absence:**

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

**Proceedings:**

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

**President's Report:**

Still working on a program for May.

I want to thank John, N3IGA for the Rookie Roundup setup and support. Too bad there were not more members that participated as Rookies. More will be available next year.

Adam, N3LAG, got his Extra License.

10 May 2025, barn clean out. There will be a dump truck to throw everything that is not needed anymore or not worth the space it is taking.

Field Day is still 28-29. Adam will be getting everything ready and also looking for volunteers to help with setting up and breaking down along with operating. There will be a VE Session also. Terry said he will be cooking again.

26 April will be an open house. Jay, KC3ZFR, is heading that.

Terry will contact Jay to see what sources he is using to get the word out. He knows some of it will be for Scouts and Explorers. It is open to anyone interested in seeing a Ham station set up and operating. John, N3IGA will be do a mass emailing to Club members to get the word out to others. It is from 9 am to 3 pm.

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not an OFC (typo error). The other error was the Vice President was listed as present and absent. She was absent. Motion to accept the report was made by Dean, Seconded by Diana. Vote was taken and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry, KC3JTK, presented said Treasurer's report for the month of March. A motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Second by Diana. Vote taken and motion carried.

**New Business:**

John, N3IGA, gave a report on the Rookie Roundup. There is a full report in an article in this Newsletter.

John, N3IGA, reported that there were 7 calls to the phone in the Club Station on 8 April 2025. I have a program that I have paid for to check phone numbers. All phone numbers were listed as Spam and all from the state of New York. I took care of that and marked them all as Spam and blocked them.

Doreen, K3PDL, said that there is a Field Trip to Marconi Museum, 31 May. Terry asked Doreen if she was going to send the information to John to get it out to all the members. She said yes. Terry said that she should put that on the Forum. She mentioned something about the DLARCforum. Terry told her that there is a Forum on the Club's website and to use it.

John, N3IGA, said that there will be a new member to be voted in at the next meeting. The new member is Jim Senn, KD3ATQ. He is a Tech looking to get his General License. That makes a total of 126 members in the Club.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1926 hours.

Minutes submitted by  
John Holmes, N3IGA  
DLARC Secretary



## **Rookie Roundup 2025**

There was only one Club member that showed up for the Rookie Roundup on 13 April 2025.

Jen Beavan, KC3ZGH was the only participant in the Roundup. Her husband, Allan, N3OTP assisted in logging for her.

The ARRL allowed a pinch of the frequencies that Rookies could use. It did not help with the Georgia QSO Party going on. Jen made two contacts with other Rookies. That was all we could really hear. She made four contacts with Hams participation in the Georgia QSO Party.

Too bad that ARRL could not give them bigger portions of the frequency spectrum to operate on.

Wayne, N3FQ, help get Jen going on the radio. He explained things that Jen needed to know. Towards the end she was not doing too bad considering poor show of other Rookies.

Jen was happy after she was done. She learned a lot and I believe looking forward to getting on the bands again in the near future.

Next year, new Club members would be more interested in participating and trying to learn more of the Hobby.

De John, N3IGA

# DLARC NET AND EVENTS CALENDAR

## MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>CLUB MEETING 7PM</b>	2 <b>VE TEST SESSION 7 PM</b>	3
4	5	6	7 <b>7 pm DLARC NET</b>	8	9	10 <b>BARN CLEANUP</b>
11	12	13	14 <b>7 pm DLARC NET</b>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <b>7 pm DLARC NET</b>	22	23	24 <b>RAIN DATE FOR BARN CLEANUP</b>
25	26	27	28 <b>7 pm DLARC NET</b>	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 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](mailto:W3OK@arrl.net)

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