

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Inc.

NOVEMBER 2025

W3OK
CORRAL

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Club Meeting **November 13th**, 7 pm at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.

3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

NO ZOOM

November's Program
Elections



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Terry, KC3JHT, called the meeting to order at 1905 at the 911 Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry.

President's Report: Terry started off that he did not have much of a report except that Bill, Webmaster, sent Terry a note and said that he did send out a QR code. He asked did anybody tried to use it. Some said that they never saw it. It was found out that it was just sent out to the Board to check out. John, N3IGA, said he will send it out to everybody for them to check it out.

Terry said that Sue, KC3WCF, did something called, "How to be a Ham". It is on the website under "Club Info." If anyone does check it out, Bill, KD3FLY would like feedback if there is any. Barry, KU3X, said he saw that the Home Page today and saw pictures there instead of plain text. Terry said he would like to see a lot of people to take a look at what Sue did. If you have any feedback, send them to Bill or Sue and let them know good or bad.

Terry said to Dean, AB3BD, that this is overdue on our sympathies for you losing a son which is one of the worst things in the whole world for anybody as Terry handed Dean a card. Dean replied, "Thank you very much."

Bill, KD3FLY, will be down someplace or if the government reopens, he is going back to Florida, but he is still looking at the website. Any questions, comments, or concerns, write to him. He will respond as soon as he can if he is not catching too many pythons.

Terry continued with awards tonight and election night, but I do not know about the election because I have not heard from

John Barbaz and I cannot get him on the phone, so I do not know what is going on. He may be over at the Firehouse, I do not know.

Barry, KU3X, asked, "did we have reading of the slate of candidates last meeting". No. Why is everything such a secret? Last meeting, nothing. According to the By-laws, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for the Officers and Board members at the September meeting. The floor shall be opened. None of that was done. The whole election right now is a farce. Nobody is saying anything or doing anything. Everybody that has talked to me about it, I sent them to John Barbaz. John said he was going to be here, but I do not know where he is and I just called him twice and I got no answer. The By-laws say the nomination were supposed to be close last month. They were not. I agree we need to know what John is doing or get somebody else on the Committee that could do that. Barry said that he thinks this should be addressed and he will analyze it the month.

The discussions started about getting the Ballots before November. Wayne, N3FQ, said we could publish it three times or twice during now and the November meeting with some assurances that everybody via email to receive it. Then you could also have the vote potentially next month. Wayne said the he does not have faith unfortunately that we have email that is getting received by everybody. John, N3IGA, said the people who have not been getting anything is because either the address is wrong or mailbox is full. I try to keep on top of things when I mass emailing. I try to contact that person on the phone to see what is wrong. Larry, KC3JTK, said that there several people who have not given us email addresses because that was their own choice. Terry said that everybody

does need to give us a correct email address and make sure it is correct. Terry said that when John sends something out, and if he gets kicked back, then we try to track that person down to find out what email address does he have. Terry continued saying what would ask for updating your email address benefit. The Newsletter goes out by email. The mass emails go out for anything important to all members. Gets information out between Newsletters. Communicating between members. So, there are a few benefits. Terry asked John to contact Sue about putting a note on the website about a request for updating email addresses. John said that if any member here knows anyone not getting anything via email, to contact him and he will help find what is wrong.

It was decided that we will take nominations this month. Publish what we have open for nominations. Then next month, ask if there are any more members that want to go for an open position. If not, then the nominations will be closed and we have a secret ballot for any Voting member that is present at the meeting. The nominations were open. Barry, KU3X, nominated Dean, AB3BD for President. Dean accepted the nomination. John, N3IGA, nominated Diana for VP, which Diana accepted. Dave, N3LWY stepped down from the Board. Bill, KD3FLY, Steve, W3NAM, Adam, N3LAG, and Terry, KC3JHT, who is automatically on the Board as Past President. So, the list of Nominations is as follows, for President – Dean, AB3BD, and Wayne, N3FQ. VP – Diana, KC3ZGQ, and Jay, KC3ZFR. For 2 open spots on the Board, Andrew, WV1B, Ralph, KC3VII, and Henry, KD3AFL. The ballot will be sent out to all members at least 3 times and hopefully on the website. That will meet the requirements for the election. There was a motion that the nominations tonight and John Barbaz's

nominations be published prior to next month's meeting that we postponed the vote until next month. The nominations will still be open in the beginning of next month's meeting. The motion was second, voted on and passed.

Information: George, N3SQD, said that he had noticed that there is a collegiate QSO Party this weekend. I was wondering and decided to send an email to the President of the Lehigh Amateur Radio Society. They are official now. They do not have a Club Station and I was wondering if they would be interested in trying to participate in that QSO Party this weekend from our Club Station. Have to make sure there is a higher class license because George thought that there may not have one to give them more the benefits. They would not be using W3OK. They would use Lehigh's Cub Station callsign, but they would need at least one control operator present. George said he wanted to talk to them to see what was going on.

He said he will see if they want to participate in the PA QSO Party from our Club Station. The members all agreed that it would be great for the college.

Guests: None

Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there were 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 Diana, KC3ZGQ. A vote was taken and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the Treasurer's report for August. Dean, AB3BD made the motion to accept. It was seconded by Steve, W3NAM. A vote taken and motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are 3 new members. Don, AI3N, Tom, KD3BZF, AND Alex, W3BIN. I would like to make a motion to accept them into the Club. Larry, KC3JTK seconded the Motion. Vote was taken and passed. There are 9 Life Members and 123 voting members. That brings a total of 132 Voting members. There are 10 Assoc. Members. That makes a total of 142 members.

Club Station: No report.

Tech Committee: No report

Repeater: No problems

Website: No problems.

New Business:

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, talked about the PA QSO Party getting quite close. Oct 11-12, starting on Saturday at Noon and stops at Midnight. Sunday is from 9 am to 6 pm. Make sure you do what is needed to make sure your scores go to the Club. Your log has 7days to be sent in for scores. Check out the PA QSO Party website which you can find in this month's Newsletter.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours.

Program: Awards and Elections

John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

AWARDS

There were a lot of Awards that Terry gave out. I will only list who received awards at the Meeting. Next month, I hope to have the pictures and then I can post what each Awardees did to get an award.

Here is the list of members that received their awards: Aiden, KD3BHM; Al, N3OTP; Andrew, WV1B; Bob, KE3AW; Chris, N3QIM; Dave, N3LWY; Dave, N3EYT; Dean, AB3BD; Diana, KC3ZGQ; Doreen, K3PDL; George, N3SQD; Henry, KD3AFL; Jay, KC3ZFR; Jen, KC3ZGH; Joe, KC3WBW; John, N3IGA; Ken, WB2LNO; Larry, KC3JTK; Mark, KC3YUC; Marylou, WZ1X; Paul, KA3MTY; Ralph, KC3VII; Steve, W3NAM; Tim, KC3WMT; Tim, KD3BGA; Wayne, N3FQ; Steve, K3SW, and Eric, KC3AOK.

Next month I hope to have pictures and will give the full list of who got awards.

De John, N3IGA



A typical Wednesday night at the Club Station.

WX3MAS Christmas Cities Special Event Station

Dec 11 -Dec 14, 2025, 1400Z-2200Z, 9 am-5 pm ET
Published SSB Frequencies: **14.265 7.270 3.850** MHz

Try to stay +/- 8 kHz of published SSB frequencies.

CQ from WX3MAS special event station Christmas greetings to you and yours from the Christmas cities of Bethlehem and Nazareth, Pennsylvania

We have been sharing Christmas greetings with the Amateur Radio community since 1969

Thank you for the contact and all the best in 2025!

QRZ from WX3MAS

WX3MAS was the first Special Call in the country issued by the FCC for Special Event Stations. **WX3MAS** is now permanently assigned to the Christmas Cities Amateur Radio club and is active each year one to two weeks before Christmas.

Nazareth – is home to Mario Andretti and Martin Guitar; founded by Moravian immigrants from Germany in 1740

Bethlehem – “Christmas City USA” and home to Musikfest and the National Museum of Industrial History; founded by the Moravians on Christmas Eve 1741

Find us in the December QST and on the ARRL website.

Brought to you by Christmas Cities Amateur Radio Club and the Delaware-Lehigh ARC.

QSL to: WX3MAS, 14 Gracedale Ave, Greystone Building, Nazareth, PA 18064.

See our website, [**DLARC.club**](http://DLARC.club) for details.

EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE – 2025

Another DLARC Success!

The 104th Emmaus Halloween Parade was held on October 18, 2025. 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: Alex W3BIN, Steve W3NAM and wife Bonnie, Chris N3QIM with Karen & Elizabeth, Dean AB3BD, Steven KC3AOE with wife Pat, Aiden KD3BHM, Wayne N3FQ, Tim KC3WMT, Henry KD3AFL with friend Christie & her daughter Miranda, Chris NU3L Eric KC3AOK and Dog Milo, David N3EYT, Jay Mason N3OW Wife Debbra, Bella with Dog Phoebe, Bob Green KE3AW with wife Andrea & Joe KC3IBL, Tom KD3BZF wife Deb & sons Steven & Joey, Diane KC3ZGQ, Terry KC3JTH. George N3SQD managed Net Control Operations for the public service communications event in a **SUPERB 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 the public service communications we provided. To this I add my sincere thanks to our group of hams for a **JOB WELL DONE!**

The picture below on the next page is what Emmaus officials had to say about all their volunteers.



DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 20 October 2025

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

Secretary, John Holmes, N3IGA

Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY

Dean Guth, AB3BD

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Doreen Gramling / K3PDL, Past Pres. On ZOOM

Absence:

Vice-President, Diana Lambert, KC3ZGQ

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY
Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Proceedings:

A quorum being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

President's Report: Terry gave his report on the Emmaus Halloween Parade. Everything went well. No real problems. The organizers were please with the Club help. Terry said that there was an article on Instagram about the Parade and how well it went and a big thank you to all volunteers.

Terry said that there is still not one to take over as Program Chair. Terry said that December is the Christmas Party. He said that the January's program will be Barbara, W3ATC, on Achieves.

Secretary's Report: John asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Board Meeting Minutes from last month

A motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Second, by Steve. Vote was taken, and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry was not there due to being out of State, so Terry presented Treasurer's report for the month of September.

A motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Second by John. Vote taken, and motion carried.

New Business:

John had a report from the PA QSO Party. John said he heard George, N3SQD; Club Station, W3OK; Barry, N3NVA, and Ben, N3WR. He said that when he contacted W3OK, there was a voice he did not recognize and did not recognize his callsign. That must have been on of the Lehigh University Ham. John checked the QSO website and seen that George, W3OK, Barry, and Ben all filed their scores. John said that he will be keeping an eye as times goes on because February or March, there will be a preliminary score that are subject to change. John said that at that time, he will be able to get a better idea of the breakdown of the scores for the Club Award for DLARC.

John told Bill, the Webmaster, that the QR code and Sue's article on the website has gotten great reviews. Everybody liked what they saw.

The last thing that John had to say was that on November 5th, he will do a mass email informing members that the meeting will not be on the 6th but on the 13th. This is due to something going on at the Firehouse. Then on the 12th, John will send out a reminder that the Meeting will be on the 13th. That will include the final slate of candidates and what to do when attending the Elections.

There was a discussion about what will be done at the Election and the Board is happy that everything is in order and ready to go.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1923 hours.

Minutes sent by

John Holmes, N3IGA

DLARC Secretary

VE TEST SESSION

On 7 November 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 needed and prohibited, etc., the date, time, location, verification needed, 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.

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PICNIC #3 2025







The above pictures are from Dave, N3EYT, they are from the POTA Activation up at Jacobsburg on September 28th. In the first picture is Al, N3OTP with his wife Jen, KC3ZGH working POTA. The middle picture is Ralph, KC3VII and Wayne, N3FQ. The bottom picture is Aiden, KD3BHM, concentrating on what he was doing. I hope everyone had a good time and learned a few new things.

DLARC NET AND EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 7 pm DLARC NET	6	7 VE TEST SESSION 7 PM	8
9	10	11	12 7 pm DLARC NET	13 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19 7 pm DLARC NET	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 7 pm DLARC NET	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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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

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