

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

DECEMBER 2023

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting December 7th, 7 PM at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

**PLEASE BRING CHIPS, DIP, COVERED DISH, DESERT OR
BEVERAGE – YOUR CHOICE**





HAPPY HOLIDAYS



NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry, KC3JHT at 1900 hours.

Pledge of Allegiances: Led by Terry.

President's Report: Terry said he was honored and excited to be the President of DLARC for the next couple of years.

I know that there are many dedicated members who really make the Club run and I am only the guide to help make this Club stronger and more viable for the future. I will assist where I can and to the best of my ability.

I met with the three Web Masters recently and are having ongoing meetings to finalize a working edition of the Web site. I am really impressed by what I have viewed so far but will not spoil it by me telling you any details as it is still a work in progress.

I am collaborating with a few members to get the scouts, Girls, and Boys, along with the 4H, involved in the Ham Radio realm of "mystery".

I am sorry that the Diner did not work out for our meeting. The main reason was Cost!

Programs are shaping up for 2024 and will get the info out to all members soon.

I would like to make a CHALLENGE to all of you! Just call any person on the membership list and ask them to come to the next meeting. There is a need to find out why members are not coming to the Meetings.

Last, but not least, although DLARC was not incorporated until the 6 April 1957, the Club has been around much longer. A presentation with regards to our longevity will be present by John Holmes, N3IGA.

If any or you have suggestions, please let me know and will work on them.

Guests: None

Secretary's Report:

Since the Secretary was unable to make the meeting due to a prior commitment, John, N3IGA, was asked to take his place, 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 seconded by Dave, N3EYT and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for September. A motion by Dean, AB3BD, to accept the report. Wayne, N3FQ seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Terry. KC3JHT reported that there are 145 members. He does not have a breakdown due to other business.

Club Station: No report

Tech Committee: Dstar is still down and will be for a while due to some intense repairs.

Website: Work in progress which is proceeding well.

Repeater: Working

Old Business:

Dave, N3EYT, informed members present that he had some Club badges for those who asked for them. If you are a Club member in good standing, please contact Dave for your Club badges.

Dave, N3EYT, discussed the Christmas City Special Event Station WX3MAS scheduled for December 7-10. Information on the event will be in the December QST issue and on the ARRL website. You will be able to operate on frequencies that the Control Operator allows. So, if you are a Tech, and do not have a HF setup at home, come out to the Milk House and operate. It is not a contest and has no pressure. Just enjoy hearing all the stations all over the world that looks for us each year.

New Business:

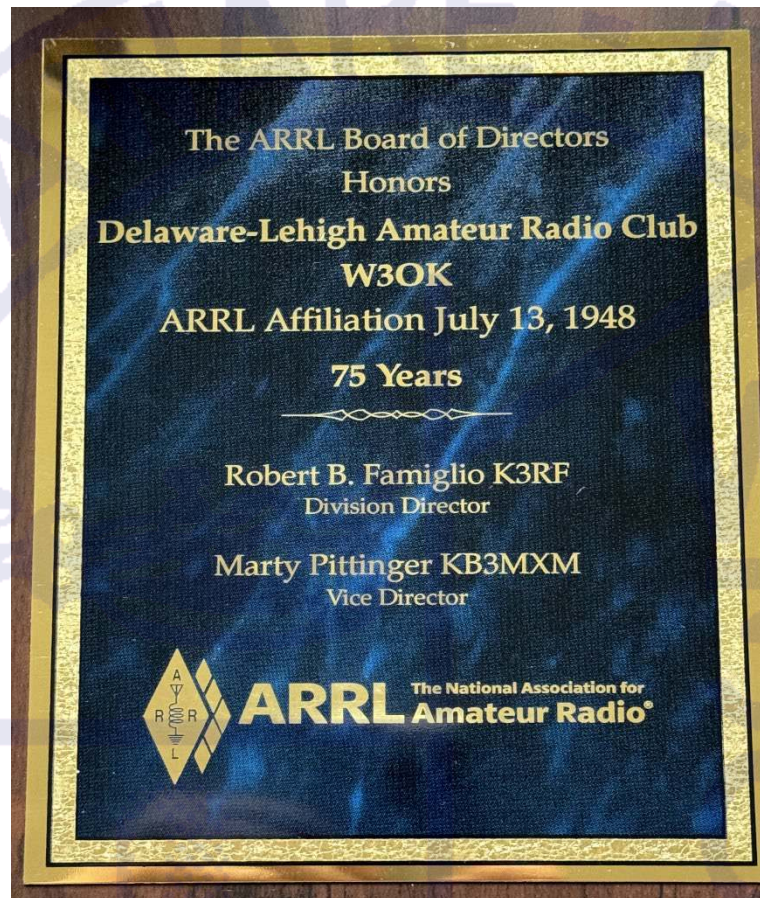
Larry, KC3JTK, mentioned that there will be several programs via Zoom and that all members are invited to get back on Zoom. Larry said that Meetings may be on Zoom other times too. There was a long discussion on what needs to be done and should be done in setting up the Zoom to work it is best. Larry finally said that this will be discussed later and that the meeting needs to continue. There was a comment about having a committee for setting up Zoom for Club Meetings.

Announcements: None

Awards: Terry gave out awards to members that were not at the November Meeting. Terry presented Barry Vogt, N3NVA, his Life Membership Plaque, Membership Card, Letter of Commendations, and other paper work for his 30 years of service with the Club with the Repeaters.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1952 hours.

Program: Emergency Go Kits



2023 Emmaus Halloween Parade!

This was one of the best Emmaus parades of the 30+ years DLARC has been providing ham radio communication. The number of spectators lining the 2.2-mile parade route through the city was often 4 to 5 deep. Everyone had a fun time. More surprising, however, were the minimal disruptions in the flow of the units parading, and dangerous and "mischievous" behaviors that often need to be reported to Net Control for the Parade Marshal were absent.

The Parade Committee again complimented DLARC for the being the "eyes and ears" watching for problems causing the parade to stop or dangerous behaviors. It may be that we finally have gotten a message through. "You can run, but you can't hide." We had 17 vehicles throughout the parade ready to push the PTT button to report any trouble.

This year's DLARC members participating were George/N3SQD (Net Control), Jay/N3OW, Doreen/K3PDL, Larry Kaplan/AB3TY, David/N3EYT, ERIC/KC3AOK, STEVE/W3NAM, CHRIS/N3QIM, ANDREW/WV1B (with our cross-band repeater mobile operation), Larry Butler/KC3JTK, Dean/AB3BD Len/W3TWP, Malcolm/KC3WBZ, Joe/AB3OS, Donald/N2LTD and Bob/KE3AW. Some of the drivers had relatives or other guests with them, enjoying the parade from the inside! They also served as spotters; eyes open for any dangers. Everyone in our group was invited to the Superior Restaurant for a Dutch Treat and an informal wrap-up of interesting things they experienced in the parade. I think Len it had the most unique group to follow... the Stilt-walkers!

Again, thanks to all who participated in the parade. It was a great job with an especially important main goal – A Safe Parade. Along with the Parade Committee, we look forward to the 2024 Emmaus Halloween Parade, and hoping for another good turn-out of DLARC hams in it!

de, Bob/KE3AW

Emergency Go Kits

By George, N3SQD

The program for the night was on Emergency Go Kits. George,N3SQD gave it.

He had a slide presentation explaining the different kinds of emergency. He explained that it is up to the individual on what goes in a Go Kit (or Go Bag). He explained what he took and why. If you do not have a Go Bag already made up, make up a list of things you will need to take with you. Keep that list handy so that if you are sent somewhere, you have all the items needed to keep going.

George told about being deployed during Hurricane Sandy and the experience from it. He explains the procedures that was taken to find where radio operators were needed.

The next thing George was to show what he carries in his Go Bag. He has one for any radio he needs to take with him. Showed the items he takes to make sure he can recharge any batteries that he uses, his cellphone, and even a fan. He explained that everyone will have to make their own Go Bag with stuff that he will need. Everybody has their own ideas of what they want.

Any questions you would like to ask George, you can find him usually on Saturdays at the Club Station (Milk House)

WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event

We are looking for some wise men and women to journey from afar and join us in celebrating the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event. Some will be operating from our club station in Nazareth and sharing Season's Greetings with the Amateur community near and far. We are extending the length of the event this year from Thursday through Sunday, December 7 – 10, to promote this special event.

If you are a member of the DLARC you may operate the event from home! To avoid conflicts, we would like to know when you plan to operate from home, along with the band you chose. Please keep a log of your contacts in electronic form, if possible. Contact David / N3EYT to reserve your operating date and time.

We will try to cover operation on the 20, 40- and 80-meter bands with a mix of SSB, CW, and Digital (FT8). Our published phone frequencies are: 3.850 MHz, 7.270 MHz, and 14.265 MHz.

Watch for operating announcements on the club website, via email, or the club reflector. Official operating times will be 9 am to 5 pm ET each day but feel free to extend the time if conditions permit. Look for us in the December issue of QST magazine.

For more information, contact David/N3EYT at N3EYT@ARRL.NET

DLARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Christmas Party at the December Club Meeting. Like last year, it will be a Potluck setup. Family members are welcome. Please bring chips, dip, covered dish, dessert, or beverage – your choice. Please email Terry, KC3JHT, at ldocapt@gmail.com with what you are bringing so we do not end up with all desserts.

DLARC VE Test Session Results

In the most recent test session, held on November 14, the following individuals earned either their Technician, General, or Amateur Extra licenses. Listed are those verified on QRZ.com as of November 29. There may be additional call signs being posted in the near future. In this VE Session we tested some DLARC class members and some who took the self-study option.

AMATEUR EXTRA: Alexander Scott - KC3WXJ (Self-study);
GENERALs: Bill Krauss - KC3RMR; Joe Tomko - KC3WBW; Alan Hammond - KC3YBK; and Carol Peabody - KC3YBV; TECHNICIANS: Jason Militello - KC3YAX (Newfoundland, PA); Daniel Conte - KC3YAY; Michael Conte - KC3YAZ; Scott Steele - KC3YBA; and Tom Smith - KC3YBB.

We expect posting of others from our DLARC license classes who have yet to take their tests.

In addition to the new hams, we welcomed two newly certified VE's to an OJT period at this session. They are Glenn Schnell - KC3LBI and Pete Nebzydoski - KC3EVL. Congratulations to all.

The next DLARC VE session will be held in the 911 Center on January 5, 2024, the first Friday after our monthly club meeting on the first Thursday of each month - but on odd-numbered months.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DUES are payable for the calendar year 2024. Here is how easy it is to remit your club DUES and keep your valuable D.L.A.R.C. Membership current. Whether in person or by mail, **CHECKS made payable to the D.L.A.R.C.** is one method of payment to more accurately record your timely renewal more accurately. Please ensure that your callsign appears somewhere on the instrument, such as in the memo field. Payment may also be made using PayPal. Paying with cash is discouraged, but if you really, really must, kindly make certain you are prepared with the correct sum according to the rate table shown below. Remember, if your DUES are not paid by the beginning of March 2024, your membership will expire.

2024 DUES Rates

Regular Membership 18-64 years of age: Jan. - Dec. -- \$25.

65 and over or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit): Jan. - Dec - \$20.

Additional Family member each -- \$5.

Associate Individual Membership -- \$15.

You are strongly encouraged to MAIL your DUES so that I may conduct the bulk of the record-keeping duties apart from where I believe you deserve the most of my attention. Mail checks only or bring your check to the Club meetings. In person at Club Meetings, I would prefer to except cash, answer your questions, address your concerns, and welcome your thoughtful revenue raising and savings ideas. Therefore, it is firmly advocated that DUES correspondence be mailed 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 immediately if you cannot attend the next Meeting where they are routinely distributed. You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at: lrbutler@ptd.net include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

De Larry / KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 DLARC NET Ben N3WR	7 DLARC MEETNG 7 pm WX3MAS EVENT	8 WX3MAS EVENT	9 WX3MAS EVENT
10 WX3MAS EVENT	11	12	13 DLARC NET Dorreen K3PDL	14	15	16
17	18 BOARD MEETING 7PM	19	20 DLARC NET Terry KC3JHT	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 DLARC NET Dave N3EYT	28	29	30
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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 be needed 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 8:30 PM on 3960 +/- 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
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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)
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