

**DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**

*JANUARY 2023*

# W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting January 5, 7:30PM at the  
Nancy Run Firehouse.  
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

**JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM  
SUBMARINES BY TERRY, KC3JHT**





## *DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES*

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse.

President Doreen, K3PDL called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

**Pledge of Allegiances:** Led by Doreen, K3PDL

**President's Thoughts:** There's still a need for a Secretary. It's not a hard job since Minutes of the Board Meeting and General Meeting can be taken with a cell phone. Then just play it back, making notes, and then do what has to be done with them. John, N3IGA, the past Secretary, said he would be glad to show the new Secretary how easy it is. We are having a problem meeting a Quorum for the Board Meetings. We didn't have enough Board Members the past 2 month, so no decisions or discussions could be made for the club. There are 3 Board members that didn't make any Board Meetings lately. So we have to know if those 3 members want to still be on the Board or not. These 3 Board members need to contact the President, Vice President, of the Treasurer so they can go to the club members and ask who wants to be on the Board and will be to make Boards meetings at the Milk House. More discussions will be at the next Board Meeting.

**Announcements:** Pete Nebzydoski, KC3EVL, indicated that he was working a 4H Group that is interested in Ham Radio. He also indicated that he would work with some other 4H Groups through his contacts to maybe bring more of them in the fold.

**Guests:** None

### **Secretary's Report:**

John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes that he printed in the last Newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Dean, AB3BD and second by Terry, KC3JHT and motion was carried.

**NOTE: We are still in the NEED of a PERMANENT SECRETARY and if interested, contact any Board Member.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for the October. A motion by Dean, AB3BD to accept the report. George, N3SQD second the motion and so moved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Terry, KC3JHT, indicated that some dues money have been collected by the Treasurer, Larry, KC3JTK, and information will be forwarded this coming month for reporting at the January meeting.

A new member was introduced: Dennis Sutton, WA2JTP. Another member was read in as new member: Dr. Arnold Traupman, K3ZUH. The members present gave both a "Welcome Aboard".

**Club Station:** No report

**Tech Committee:** No report

**Website:** No report

**Repeater:** No report

**Old Business:** Dave, N3EYT, gave the latest information on WX3MAS and had a new surprise for a few members. Dave handed out DLARC Badges to member that were asked for them and was at the meeting. He still had some badges for members that weren't there. Dave reminded all member present that WX3MAS will be starting one week away on December 8<sup>th</sup> and run through until the 11<sup>th</sup>. It was also mentioned that club members working from home using the call sign, WX3MAS, can only operate on the bands that their license allow them on. If you're a Tech, you can't work the 40 meter band.

**New Business:** Due to no Quorum at the Board Meeting, there are no new business.

**Announcements:** John, N3IGA, gave the Treasurer a check for \$5 from an ARRL Renewal. John reminded members present that they should go through him when renewing your ARRL membership. Also if you want to be an ARRL member, he can give you the paperwork. DLARC gets \$5 for renewals and \$15 for new ARRL member. This is another way of helping out the club.

Larry, KC3JTK, talked about Redners' "Save the Tapes" program. If you buy your groceries at Redners, bring the tapes in, when there is \$5000 worth of tapes, the club will get the money. They may be changing the program at the beginning of the new year. A member brought the first tape to the meeting tonight.

Terry, KC3JHT, said that post cards with the Programs for 2023 have been sent out. Check out the programs for 2023. If you didn't get the post card. Contact Terry by the email on the last page of the newsletter.

**Awards:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourn at 7:15 pm.

**Program:** The program for tonight was the DLARC Christmas Party. The turnout was small. There was lots of food and I don't think any members present left hungry. A big thanks go out to all the members that brought food and beverages. There was fun by all.

### DLARC ARRL MEMBERSHIP

I'm still quite short of the 51% that ARRL requires to be an Affiliated Club and Special Service Club. I don't want to see DLARC lost both of those because there's not enough members that are ARRL Members.

If you are an ARRL Member, please let me know along with your renewal date which can be found on your mailing label of the QST. Then I can put that information on my spread sheet so that when it comes to your renewal, I let you know along with sending you the paperwork to renew. You fill out the paperwork and send it back to me. I'll send it out with the club paperwork that I have to ARRL and just wait until you get your renewal.

If you're not an ARRL Member, let me know. I can send you the paper work to fill out and to send back to me. Then I fill out my paperwork for the DLARC so that the club will get a commission of \$15.

Like I said, just fill out the information, if paying by check, make sure you make it out to ARRL and not DLARC, and then mail it to me. If paying by credit card or with a Debit card, you can email it back to me or send it to me through the mail. Email me your request for my mailing address.

Remember that the DLARC gets a commission on new and renew membership which will help the club out. John, N3IGA





Terry, KC3JHT

The program for the January Club Meeting will be about Submarines. Our Vice-President, Terry, KC3JHT, will explain about what goes on in the Submarine service. He will talk a little about Submarines. What is inside one, what is so secret, what do you do aboard, what is the living like, how long do you stay under the surface, what issues are there, and his personal experiences. Everything you wanted to know about working and living on Submarines and a few extra tidbits.

It will be an interesting program because unless you were in the Submarine service, you wouldn't know anything about what it's like. Terry will be glad to answer any questions for those who have them.

### VE TEST SESSION

On January 6, 2023, 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.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!**

DUES are payable for the calendar year 2022. Here's how ~~ay~~ 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. Please ensure that your call sign 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 2022, your membership will expire.

### **2023 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. In person at Club Meetings, I'd prefer to 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 can't 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](mailto:lrbutler@ptd.net) include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

De Larry / KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

# DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

## January 2023

NO INFORMATION FROM GEORGE, N3SQD, TO FILL THE NET CONTROLS IN.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4 DLARC NET	5 DLARC MEETNG 7:30pm	6 VE TEST SESSIONS 7PM	7
8	9	10	11 DLARC NET	12	13	14
15	16 BOARD MEETING 7PM	17	18 DLARC NET	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 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, so 13 net controls would be ideal, and maybe 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 required 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 participate 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.

### ROUGH QSO COUNT OF WX3MAS EVENT

A preliminary QSO count shows we had about 267 contacts over the four days of the special event.

We have 143 contacts in the log from the club station and another 124 from the logs of those who worked at home.

Most stations worked were in the United States. The farthest contact was Australia! Next month we should have the final count of QSOs.



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2023

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All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. Are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)  
Club Station Telephone Number – 484 291-1527 Email Address – [w3ok146700@gmail.com](mailto:w3ok146700@gmail.com)

**THE W3OK TRUSTEE --- Barry Vogt / N3NVA**

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