

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

NOVEMBER 2023

**W3OK
CORRAL**

Club Meeting November 9th, 7 PM at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.

3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

“TAKE NOTE OF DIFFERENT DATE”

NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

“Emergency GO-Kits”

By George, N3SQD



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse.

The meeting was called to order by Doreen, K3PDL at 1901 hours.

Pledge of Allegiances: Led by Doreen

President's Report: Doreen thanked the Board of Directors for their support during her term as President.

Guests: Paul Cuva and his fiancée Delores.

Secretary's Report:

Doug, K6PGH, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the last Newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Larry KC3JTK, and second by John, N3IGA. All were in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for September. A motion by John, N3IGA, to accept the report. Terry, KC3JHT 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: Up and running with a new laser printer linked to all the computers. John, N3IGA, is updating the message on the Club's answering machine.

Tech Committee: None

Website: In progress of being updated

Repeater: A discussion ensued about recruiting a younger member to take over the operation of the Repeater System

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.

Bob, KE3AW, discussed the upcoming Halloween Parade in Emmaus. He is still in need for operators.

New Business:

Dave, N3EYT, discussed the Christmas City Special Event Station WX3MAS scheduled for December 7-10. More information is coming.

Election for the 2024 year were conducted. As there was only one candidate for each position and per the By-Laws, the Secretary Doug Wood cast a vote for each candidate with the following results:

President: Terry Swinney, KC3JHT

Vice President: John Holmes, N3IGA

Treasurer: Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Board of Directors;

Dean Guth, AB3BD

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Steve Harper, W3NAM

John Barbaz, NT3P

Doreen Gramling, K3PDL as Past President

Terry, KC3JHT, informed the Club that the Firehouse will not be available for the November General Meeting and his in discussion with the Nazareth Diner, 581 S Broad Street to conduct the meeting there. The consensus of the members presents this was a viable solution. The change of Meeting location will be noted in next month's Newsletter.

Announcements: George, N3SQD, informed the Club Pete Varounis contacted him, NL7XM of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. The QCWA presented the Club with a \$2,000 grant to cover the installation of the new Rotator at the Club Station and the balance to make improvements to the digital portion of the Station.

Awards: The complete list of awards are further in the Newsletter.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1944 hours. Motion to adjourn made by Larry, KC3JTK and seconded by Doug, K6PGH. Motion carried.

Program: Awards were presented to members for the activities of the past year. A plaque was presented to Doreen, K3PDL, in recognition of her service as President for the past year.

VE TEST SESSION

On 03 November 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. 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.

The following pictures are from the Awards Program and was taken by Dave, N3EYT.



Andrew, WV1B



Al, W3CE



Barbara, W3ATC



Bob, KE3AW



Dave, N3EYT



Dave, N3LWY



Doreen, K3PDL



Doug, K6PGH



George, N3SQD



John, NT3P



John, N3IGA



Steve, W3NAM



Sue, KC3WCF



Bob, KE3AW



Dave, N3EYT



Doreen, K3PDL



George, N3SQD



Al, W3CE



Doreen, K3PDL

DLARC 2023 AWARDS

[Andrew Parker, WV1B](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade, Field Day, VE Testing

[Adam Gauntz, N3LAG](#) – W3OK Club Station Manager, Field Day Operations Chairperson, Parkson the Air (POTA) Presentation, POTA Event, Field Day Generators, Field Day Radios, Portable Set-up & Operations Presentation, Field Day Preparations Presentation, PA QSO Party, Milk House Clean Up

[Al Wiemann, W3CE](#) – Ham Instructor, Net Control Wednesday, RFI Committee, Provided D-Start Training, TECH Committee Chair, Equipment Auction Sales Chair, Field Day Antenna Committee, Quartz Feast Presentation, Field Day Presentation, Field Day Preparations Presentation.

[Barbara Wiemann, W3ATC](#) – Club Historian Achieves, Presentation on Quartz Fest.

[Barry Kery, KU3X](#) – Field Day Operations, contributing Columnist for DLARC Newsletter.

[Barry Vogt, N3NVA](#) – Field Day, W3OK Station Trustee, Station Repeater Maintenance, Repair, and Operations.

[Ben Ramig, N3WR](#) – Net Control Wednesday, RFI Committee, Field Day Team Leader – Computers/Network/Cables, Compilation of Field Day

Logs, PA QSO Party Carbon County Portable Single Operator, Field Day Prep Presentation.

[Bob Green, KE3AW](#) – Club Public Relations, Field Day, Ham Class Organizer, Educations Chairperson, Field Day Public Relations, VE Testing, Emmaus Halloween Parade Organizer, PA QSO Party Northampton County Multi Operator Low Power.

[Carl Seier, AA3IX](#) – Field Day Operations

[Cary Rufe, K2YIY](#) – Field Day Operations

[Chris Hornaman, NU3L](#) – Field Day Operations

[Chris Peters, KC3MLI](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade

[Dan Longo, KC3HWD](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade

[Daniel Parker, KB2EJU](#) – Field Day Visitor and Assistance

[Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY](#) – Field Day Operations

[Dave Blankenship, N3EYT](#) – Club Badges, Event Photographer, Election Committee, Field Day, Emmaus Halloween Parade, Net Control Wednesday, PA QSO Party Northampton County Multi Operator Low Power.

[Dean Guth, AB3BD](#) – Club Board of Directors, Assistant Ham Instructor, WX3MAS Trustee, Emmaus Halloween Parade, Field Day

[Dennis Sutton, WA2JTP](#) – Communications Team

[Don Holmes, KC3II](#) - Net Control Wednesday

[Donald Boehrer, KB3YGR](#) – Field Day Operations

[Donald Triechier, N2LTD](#) – Field Day Operations

[Doreen Gramling, K3PDL](#) – Social Activities, Travel Chair, Net Control Wednesday, Field Day, Wednesday Night Dinner Coordination, PA QSO Party Northampton County Multi Operator Low Power

[Doug McNair, N3WGH](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade

[Ed Pitosky, AA3OU](#) – Wednesday Dinner, Fire House Coordinator

[Eric Harper, KC3AOK](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade

[Evelyn Uhler, W3DOX](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade

[George Wieland, N3SQD](#) – Northampton County Emergency Coordinator, Ham Instructor, Net Control Wednesday, Club ARES/RACES Chairperson, Member of TECH Committee, Interfaced with Service, Electric, and a new

Coax cable, Lightening Arrestor and Modem Installed, Emmaus Halloween Parade, Field Day Antenna Committee, 3D Printing Presentation, It is About Time Presentation

Jay Mason, N3OW – Emmaus Halloween Parade

Joe Garvey, AB3OS – Field Day Operations

John Barbaz, NT3P – Ve Coordinator, Election Committee Chairperson, Field Day Team Leader VE Testing, Club Facebook Administrator, Club Board of Directors

John Holmes, N3IGA – Acting Secretary, Newsletter Editor/Circulation, DLARCforum Administrator, Club Board Member, ARRL Club Liaison, Club Station Assistant Manager, W3OK/WXMAS Set-up on QRZ, PA QSO Party Northampton County Single Operator QRP SSB, PA QSO Party PA State Single Operator QRP SSB

Joshua J. Kochan, KC3VIK – Field Day Operations

Larry Butler, KC3JTK – Club Treasurer, Zoom Meeting Coordinator, Emmaus Halloween Parade, Field Day Antenna, Club Board of Directors, NEC Modeling Antenna

Lawrence Kaplan, AB3TY – Web Master, Emmaus Halloween Parade

Lester Morrow, W3LES – Field Day Network Chair

A. Malcolm Stanley, KC3WBZ – Communications Team, Web Site Lead

Mark P. Elstein, KC3POH – Field Day Operations

Mark Miller, AK3M – Emmaus Halloween Parade

Mark Houle, KC3HCK – Field Day Operations

Marylou Parker, WZ1X – Field Day Operations

Monica Boehrer, KB3ZNW – Field Day Operations

Pete Madsen, K2PM – Field Day Operations

Ralph Fenner, KC3VII – Field Day Operations

Steve Faustner, KC3AOE – Emmaus Halloween Parade

Steve Hunt, N2YIR – Emmaus Halloween Parade

Sharon Nordahl, N3SET – PA QSO Party Multi Operations High Power

Stephen J. Nordahl, NS3L – CXDDF

Steve Harper, W3NAM – Emmaus Halloween Parade, Board Member

Stewart C. Smith Jr., KC3WCE – Field Day Operations

Sue Abt, [KC3WCF](#) – Field Day Operations, Communication Team Leader
Tim Wilson, [KC3NCS](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade
Thomas McDonald, [N3MQL](#) – PA QSO Party Lehigh County Single Operator
Low Power Mix, Field Day
Walter Talbot II, [KC2ZA](#) – PA QSO Party Northampton County Single
Operator High Power Mix
Bob Green, [KE3AW](#) – PA QSO Party Elmer
Dave Blankenship, [N3EYT](#) – PA QSO Party Elmer
Adam Gauntz, [N3LAG](#) – PA QSO Party Elmer
Doreen Gramling, [K3PDL](#) – PA QSO Party In-State Multi Op Low Power
Bob Green, [KE3AW](#) – PA QSO Party In-State Multi Op Low Power
David Blankenship, [N3EYT](#) – PA QSO Party In-State Multi Op Low Power
Adam Gauntz, [N3LAG](#) – PA QSO Party In-State Multi Op Low Power
Charlie Adams, [K3HKZ](#) – Special Thanks for New Antenna Rotator
Installation
George Wieland, [N3SQD](#) – Special Thanks for New Antenna Rotator
Installation and For Support of the Parks On the Air Fox Hunt
Al Wiemann, [W3CE](#) – Special Thanks for Support of the Parks On the Air
Getting the Fox in the Woods and sourcing of Computers and Monitors for
the Club Station.
Barry Vogt, [N3NVA](#) – An incredibly special Award for the awarding of
Honorary Life Time Membership
Stephania Koles, [WX3K](#) – Past President Award October 2018 to
September 2020
James Matlack, [KC3MKP](#) – Past President Award October 2020 to
September 2022
Doreen Gramling, [K3PDL](#) – Past President Award October 2022 to
September 2023
Wayne Hillmann, [N3HLL](#) – Emmaus Halloween Parade, Become a Silent
Key 1 July 2023

If I missed anyone or something must be added, please let me know since I was only given the list to post in the Newsletter. Any corrections will be made in the next Newsletter.

De John, N3IGA Newsletter Editor

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 some 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

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

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DLARC NET Doreen K3PDL	2 DLARC MEETNG 7 pm	3 VE SESSION 7 PM	4
5	6	7	8 DLARC NET Terry KC3JHT	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY
12	13	14	15 DLARC NET Dave N3EYT	16	17	18
19	20 BOARD MEETING 7PM	21	22 DLARC NET AI W3CE	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29 DLARC NET George N3SQD	30		

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 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)
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THE W3OK TRUSTEE --- Barry Vogt / N3NVA

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