

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

AUGUST 2024

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting **August 1, 7 PM** at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

August Program

Telegraphy During the Civil War
By Al Wiemann, W3CE



JULY MEETING MINUTES

President Terry called the meeting conducted at Nancy Run Fire Company to order at 1900 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Terry.

President's Thoughts: Malcolm is leaving so Sue and Bill will step in as webmasters.

The club received a complimentary letter regarding the recent VE Class.

Field Day was a success.

Doug asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes as they appeared in the Newsletter. The Secretary has already corrected the date of the Wings of Freedom trip. Dean motioned to accept. It was seconded by Mark and motion was carried

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April. Dean motioned to accept. It was seconded by Doug and motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 122 voting members (114 paid members, 6 associate members and 8 life members)

Club Station: Up and running. The security camera fan is noisy and George needs access to the box. Terry has the key and will open it for repairs. **REMINDER** if you are at the Milk House you must sign in and ensure the doors are locked when everyone leaves. Wayne made a

motion to sell the surplus Kenwood TS 450, seconded by George. Motion carried.

Tech Committee: No report

Website: Up and running.

Repeater: Up and running.

New Business: Elmer list is being updated.

Andrew, Wayne, and George volunteered to take over coordination of Emmaus Halloween Parade due to Bob's health concerns.

Old Business: Club will be participating in Nazareth Days on 7/20/2024.

Good of the club: Doreen announced the Wings of Freedom field trip is 7/27/2024. Is still on and there are still spots open.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours

Program: Homebrewing

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Wood, K6PGH
Secretary

July Program Home-brew Building Stuff **By George Wieland, N3SQD**

Again, if you could not make it to the Firehouse or was not on Zoom, you missed another interesting program that was informative as well as interesting.

George started off explaining why doing your own homebrewing would be a source of educational purposes, gain experience with technology, tools and what you have, possible to save some money for something else, and for fun.

Explained different levels of homebrewing. What level you want to start at, make sure you know your limitations and know that you will need help. There is so much you can use your mind to make out of ordinary items around the house. Who knew that plastic clothes hangers make perfect isolators and ladder lines? That is one of the homebrewing ideas. When the program to stores to get parts and equipment to work on any project brought back old memories of where I use to get electronic parts to fix something. Always think before you go out and buy things. Is there something around the house that I can make and do the same as this thing does? Will this take the abuse of the weather and winds? You want to get items that you know will take an abuse and not break in any way. You will save eventually.

There is too much information to put in this article. You should have come to the Firehouse or get on Zoom. Any Wednesday night or Saturday morning, check out the Milkhouse to see if George, N3SQD or Barry, KU3X is there. If so, ask them any questions you need answers for and I am almost certain you will get the right answers from both.

De John, N3IGA



A picture of the set up at Nazareth Day, 20 July 2024.

ARRL AND RENEWALS

Since there has been a few new members at every meeting, I thought it was time to talk about ARRL membership.

As you know, the ARRL has raised their membership dues starting 1 January 2024.

All ARRL members need to check their QST mailing slip to see when their membership expires. Now members have to decide on what they want to do.

The dues went up \$10, from \$49 to \$59. The biggest change is that if you want to continue getting QST or On the Air magazines in the printed form, it will cost you \$25 per

magazine. If you are willing to get those magazines in digital form, there are no extra cost.

You have a choice in how many years you want your membership. One year is \$59 and 3 years is \$175. You still have to pay \$25 a year for the printed form of the magazines.

The Club benefits from ARRL membership by getting a commission on new members and members that renew. It is not much, but every little bit, it helps the Club. In order to be an Affiliated Club, you need to have at least 51% of the voting members be either Full or Associated members in the Club. At least 51% of the voting members must be licensed radio operators.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at n3iga@ptd.net and I will try to answer your questions.

John, N3IGA, DLARC ARRL Membership Liaison

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, 17 June 2024
7 PM

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, Dean Guth, AB3BD

Secretary, Doug Wood, K6PGH

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

John Barbaz, NT3P

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Doreen Gramling, K3PDL (via ZOOM)

Ralph Fenner KC3VII

Absent: Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Guest: Wayne Westfield N3FQ

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Terry at 1900 hours.

Discussion ensued on the Security System at the Milk House.

The system is currently operating; however, no one presently in DLARC has the passwords for the system. Terry has reached out to Steve to get the password and Steve may join DLARC to oversee the system and Terry will contact Steve to obtain passwords so DLARC will have control of the system.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June Meeting were presented by the Secretary. Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Doug, seconded by Dean. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the June Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Dean, seconded by Ralph. Motion carried.

New Business: Ralph made a motion to extend a free one-year associate membership to all Technician Class Operators who took/passed the exam through DLARC. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Ralph will create a flyer/coupon to pass out at the next testing session.

Old Business: Club will participate in Nazareth Days on 7/20/2024. George has volunteered to set up a station.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1952 hours

Submitted by
Doug, K6PGH, Secretary

Upcoming Programs

September 5, 2024

TBD

October 3, 2024

Terry, KC3JHT – Awards

November 14, 2024

Larry, KC3JTK – Solar Powered Station

December 5, 2024

Christmas Party – Members and Spouses

If you have any ideas for a program or know someone who is willing to come to a meeting to put on a program, let Terry, KC3JHT, know. We are looking for programs that are interesting and if possible, about Ham Radio. Any ideas, pass them on to Terry to get setting up the meeting programming.

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	2	3
4	5	6	7 7 pm DLARC NET George N3SQD	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 7 pm DLARC NET Ben N3WR	15	16	17
18	19 BOARD MEETING 7PM	20	21 7 pm DLARC NET Doreen K3PDL	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 7 pm DLARC NET Terry KC3JHT	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. 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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