

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

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W3OK

CORRAL

Club Meeting January 4th, 7 PM at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

BOB FAMIGLIO, K₃R
ARRL ATLANTIC DIVISION DIRECTOR
ARRL ATLANTIC DIVISION UPDATE.



Happy New Year!

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse.

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

Pledge of Allegiances: Led by Terry.

President's Report: Terry mentioned the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event is up and running.

He mentioned about the website has been changed. It is still a work in progress. Hopefully by Spring, it will be all set up.

Guests: Bill, KD3FLY brought a guest, Cynthia.

Secretary's Report:

Doug, K6PGH, Secretary 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 Steve, N2IYR and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for October. A motion by Dean, AB3BD, to accept the report. George, N3SQD seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Terry, KC3JHT reported that there was a new member. Paul Cuva, N0HPR. He was voted into the Club. Welcome, Paul. Dues are due.

Club Station: No report

Tech Committee: No report

Website: Work in progress. It has been updated to a certain point. More coming as things will fall into place.

Repeater: Working

Old Business:

Dave, N3EYT, discussed the Christmas City Special Event Station WX3MAS scheduled for December 7-10. He said that he had 5 people working at the Club Station and 3 were working from home. It is going good so far and looking forward to seeing what the next 3 days will bring.

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Awards: None

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

Program: Annual DLARC Christmas Party

VE Testing Session

On 5 January 2024, 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.

Also, there are classes in the Spring and Fall, 10 sessions, the 10th being the VE session. If there is a need by the County to use the 911 Center on any of

the Tuesdays we scheduled for classes, the VE gets pushed to the next Tuesday that still would be the 10th session.

DLARC Christmas Party

The annual DLARC Christmas Party was fun. Great food and good company. Too bad there was not a good turnout. The members that were there definitely had enough to eat. No body should have gone home hungry. Come out next year and see what you are missing.

January's Program

The January Meeting will have Bob Famiglio, K3RF, who is the ARRL Atlantic Division Director. He will speak about what is going on in the Atlantic Division.

The presentation will be delivered via Zoom. More information is coming about this later.

WINTER FIELD DAY 2024

Winter Field Day is sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association. We passionately believe that Ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operational concerns. WFD is formatted to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and improve your operational skills in subpar conditions.

Winter Field Day is a communications exercise. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January. WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Like the ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, satellite contacts, and more.

To be clear, WFD is an EMCOM exercise, so do not get too hung up on our rules. At the end of the day, your total points do not matter. What you learn during WFD and your ability to adapt and overcome sudden obstacles will help you during unexpected emergencies. As we continue with another year of the WFD exercise, we want to encourage participants not to chase the contacts or the points but to evaluate their abilities and equipment. If you want to exchange signal reports, please give each other accurate information so the other station knows how well their station is working.

Winter Field Day is held the last full weekend in January. For 2024, it will be held on January 27th and 28th. The 24-hour operational period starts at 1900 UTC (2pm local) on Saturday, the 27th, and ends at 18:59 UTC (1:59pm) on Sunday, the 28th. If you want more information about this, you can go to the website, <https://winterfieldday.org> and check out with it is all about. If interested, check the rules out at the same time.

We are hoping to have the Club Station open for this event. There will be an announcement about that in the future to all DLARC members by mass email and the DLARCforum.

ARRL AND RENEWALS

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 must 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. So, your last printed magazine will be the December 2023 issue. If you just renew, you will still only get the digital form unless you pay the extra \$25.

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

As of 27 December 2023, there is no printed form for the new membership costs. I only have to old ones which I am not to alter to fit the new costs. Hopefully, there will be a new form out which I can download and send to members who want to renew.

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 helps the Club. 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

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 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

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 DLARC NET Al W3CE	4 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	5 VE TESTING 7 PM	6
7	8	9	10 DLARC NET George N3SQD	11	12	13
14	15 BOARD MEETING 7PM	16	17 DLARC NET Ben N3WR	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 DLARC NET Doreen K3PDL	25	26	27 WINTER FIELD DAY
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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 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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