DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Club Meeting **September 5th**, 7 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse.

3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020 Will be also a Zoom meeting.

September Program

The challenges to Ham radio today
By Bob Famigilo, K3RF
ARRL Atlantic Division Director







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: The club is looking to the fill the positions of Awards Chairman and Program Chairman. If you are interested, please see Terry.

The club had a booth at Nazareth Days on July 20, the club was represented by Terry, George, Dean, David, Barry, Larry and Mark. Some interest was generated in the Boy Scouts which will hopefully lead to an association with the local troops. Lehigh University is requesting assistance in re-establishing their club station on campus.

The club is investigating generating on-line membership cards for members to print instead of mailing them out. This will save on postage.

Secretary's Report: The were no additions or corrections to the Minutes as printed in the Newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dean. The motion was seconded by Adam and the motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership:132 voting members (124 paid members, 6 associate members and 8 life members)

Club Station: Up and running. The station has been cleaned and all the old equipment has been moved to the barn. Terry thanked Rick, Ben, Barry and Eric for assisting. We will go

through all the old equipment by October and put it up for sale with offers to members first. Personal equipment CANNOT be left at the Milk House due to insurance liability concerns.

Tech Committee: An investigation is ongoing with the rotator. It currently appears to be 45 degrees off.

Repeater: Up and running. Barry has a video on the repeater operation on his N3NVA YouTube channel.

Website: Bill Carlson, KD3FLY is now the Webmaster.

New Business: None Old Business: None

Good of the club: Doreen announced the Wings of Freedom field trip was a success.

Andrew, Wayne and George will coordinate the Emmaus Halloween Parade due to Bob's health concerns.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1926 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Wood, K6PGH Secretary

Telegraphy During the Civil War Program By Al Wiemann, W3CE

The program was very interesting. I like to learn things about the Civil War since I spent many vacations in Gettysburg. Each year I went, I learned something new.

Al showed pictures of the type of equipment used back in those days. It was amazing seeing this equipment and how it was used. The things they had to do to set-up to operate. It was the fastest means of communication back to Washington or Richmond with the news of the war. Orders were sent to their outpost areas to let them know what they are supposed to do.

We learned the history of Telegraphy which I thought was very interesting because there were things that I didn't know.

De John, N3IGA

For Sale:

Elecraft PX3, external spectral display for the Elecraft KX3. Everything is included, all cables, manual and the box.

The price is \$500 plus shipping if needed. https://www.ku3x.net/for-sale

VE TEST SESSION

On 6 September 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.

For Sale:

Yaesu FT-710 Field. This radio is about 1-1/2 years old. Great radio. But I've decided to upgrade to the FTDX-10, which only has a few other features that fit my needs.

Included is everything that came with the radio from new, including the box.

Price is \$750. Shipping is extra if needed.

I'd be happy to demo the radio at the club's station if you like, or at my home.

Barry G. Kery, KU3X

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Sunday, September 15th, 2024 - 8am - 1pm



Moose Lodge 1336 705 Stokes Mill Rd East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Door Prizes: There will be hourly door prizes throughout the day Vendors KJI Electronics and Sauder Electronics will be there!

ADMISSION: Buyers: \$7 · Sellers: \$10

Vendors & Sellers: 6:00AM · Buyers: 8:00AM

Tailgate Outside or Table Space Inside our Pavilion

Club Table for Consignments

VE Session: Testing Begins at 11am Sat/Comm Demonstration and Information

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DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 19 August 2024

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 Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

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; and Terry and Adam are working on changing the password and settings.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June Meeting were presented by the Secretary. Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Dean, seconded by Adam. 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: K3RF Robert Famiglio, ARRL Atlantic Division Director will present "Challenges to Amateur Radio Today" at our September Meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours Submitted by Doug Wood, K6PGH, Secretary

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 make a decision 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 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 NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	7 pm DLARC NET Dave N3EYT	CLUB MEETING 7 PM	VE TEST SESSION 7 PM	7
8	9	10	7 pm DLARC NET Al W3CE	12	13	14
15	BOARD MEETING 7PM	17	7 pm DLARC NET George N3SQD	19	20	21
22	23	24	7 pm DLARC NET Ben N3WR	26	27	28
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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 7:30 PM on 3958 +/-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 – <u>W3OK@arrl.net</u>

THE W3OK TRUSTEE --- Barry Vogt / N3NVA

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