

Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

**DECEMBER 2004** 

# Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup> at IU20

#### The Prez Sez

by Bryan, AA3WM



Well, we're almost at the end of another year! Christmas season is upon us, and that means the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event Station is in a few weeks.

This two-day event, December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> this year, has been a tradition of this club for quite a while, and it is an excellent opportunity to make some radio contacts around the world - especially on HF. Al Wiemann, W3CE, is this year's chairman of the WX3MAS event, so check with him on where you can help out. Also check out the DLARC website for additional information.

Of course, since it is the end of the year, DUES ARE DUE! Check out the mailing label on this newsletter. If it has something like "EXP 12 31 04" then your dues are in fact due.

As winter comes upon us, there is also a threat of bad weather. One of the services provided by members of our club is emergency transportation during bad weather. If you have a vehicle that is capable of transport duty during bad weather, such as a four-wheel drive SUV or truck (that has room for passengers), and you are willing to help out during such an emergency - contact Dick Dech, KA3MOU, and let him know. In years past, we have been called

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# **Christmas City WX3MAS Event** by AI, W3CE

The special event station WX3MAS will soon be on the air again. This will be the 35th anniversary of the first time that call was used by the DLARC. Lets make this a great year to celebrate that fact. This year's event will be held on Dec 11th and 12th, from 9 AM to 9 PM each day, at the Graystone building at Gracedale. We still need operators and goodies to eat. If you did not sign up at the November meeting please email me at w3ce@entermail.net, or call 610-262-6977, with your operating preferences and what type, if any, food you would like to bring. All members are encouraged to participate. Techs will be able to operate with control operators present.



de Al, W3CE





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

by Dick, KA3MOU



Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Income & Loss Statement.

Balance 9/30/04	\$5,000.61
INCOME	
Class Materials	\$123.00
Club Dues	29.00
Donation Emmaus Halloween Parade	200.00
Donation Income 50 – 50	34.00
Winner Donation from $50 - 50$	34.00
Interest Checking	4.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$424.05
EXPENSES	
Education Bob Green class materials	\$127.60
Postage	70.00
Telephone	17.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	фол <i>5</i> 22
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$215.33
Balance 10/31/04	\$5,209.33
de, Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer	

### DLARC General Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2004

by Charlie, W3DEA

**7:30P.M.** – Meeting called to order by Bryan AA3WM 32 members present

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **Secretary – Charlie W3DEA**

No changes, 1<sup>st</sup> – Bill N2DH, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave KD1GT, Passed

#### Treasurer – Dick KA3MOU

No changes, 1<sup>st</sup> – Dave KD1GT, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ken N3IYX

#### Repeater / Web Page

No report

#### **VE Session – Bill N2DH**

Bill would like to be contacted by all who are VE accredited

# Club Station W3OK – Al W3CE & Ken N3IYX Nothing new

#### **License Classes – George N3SQD**

Classes are about wrapped up

# Membership / Visitors – Bryan AA3WM & Dick KA3MOU

- Doug visitor, no call
- Jeff Bauer, WA3PNY membership application vote, 1<sup>st</sup> – George N3SQD, Bill K3ANS, passed
- Ricky KB3LLM, new applicant, vote on next meeting

# Emmaus Halloween Parade – Bob KE3AW (Dick KA3MOU)

Parade went well, Bob is at the parade wrap up meeting.

#### PA QSO Party - Charlie W3DEA

- Thanked the participants. The club score improved against last year.
- Thank you Don KA3JWE for the free PA QSO logging software

#### **Dogswalk Against Cancer – Tom N3MQL**

Walk went well, had three participants

#### WX3MAS Event - Al W3CE

- Handed out a sign up sheet (please contact Al if you have any questions)
- WX3MAS qsl certificate was shown to the club

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Amy Zimmerman award – The board is taking nominations for the award up until the January meeting.

- Old QST magazines to be left in public venues, questions – contact Bob KE3AW
- Hamfest 2005 chairperson needed dropdead date is January 6, 2005 general meeting.
- MOTION Dick KA3MOU, to give \$200 dollars to the United Way for Christmas gifts for children in Florida who lost homes in Florida from the 2004 hurricanes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray W3TDF, passed
- 2005 Field Day Chairperson is Charlie W3DEA
- November program PA QSO tales from Ray W3TDF
- December program is the annual Christmas get together, BRING COOKIES, etc.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

1<sup>st</sup> – Dick KA3MOU, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ken N3IYX, passed

de Charlie, W3DEA

#### **Emmaus Halloween Parade**

by Bob, KE3AW

The 2004 Emmaus Halloween Parade is now part of history, but surely it will be remembered.

With touch and go weather the parade participants and spectators gathered in Emmaus Saturday, October 16. It looked like the rainy weather was over, and then, just before the parade was to begin, we had a 10-minute downpour. That left bands, floats, spectators and some hams drenched. But the show must go on, and it did, with spirits hardly dampened. The rest of the evening was cool and dry, and the parade, this year longer by an additional division, provided an entertaining show for all to see.

DLARC had good representation in the parade, with a total of 20 members involved with parade communications, most riding in their vehicles within the parade, always within the click of the mike key from contact with net control and the parade marshal, and ready to report any problems or potential trouble.

Both the Emmaus Halloween Committee and I want to express thanks to all those who helped make this year's parade a successful event. They are: Thalia/ KB3CSR, Bill/N2DH, Joe/KE3DZ, Dave/KD1GT, Joe/W3JD, Ricky/KB3LLM, Mark/AK3M, Dick/KA3MOU and MaryAnn, Bob/N3OLH, Bruce/KA3ONZ, Jay/N3OW, Bill/NC3P, Jeff/N3QZT, Larry/NR3R, Bill/KA3RBH, Ray/W3TDF, Glenn/N3ULW, Jill/N3ZSR, and Bob/KE3AW.

Dave/KD1GT served well as net control on-site, with Bruce/KA3ONZ as a remote-site backup. Ricky/KB3LLM was this year's roving pedestrian patrol. The remaining members, along with family and friends, were in vehicles in the parade.

After the parade about 20 of us gathered at a local restaurant for a snack and an informal social time.

Again this year the Emmaus Halloween Committee has thanked us verbally, as well as with a generous monetary donation to DLARC for the service we provided.

We also thank the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) in Allentown for the use of their club repeater on 147.135 during this year's parade.

de Bob, KE3AW

#### **DLARC Dues Reminder!**

by Dick, KA3MOU

It is that time of the year! Dues are due for 2005. Read below and you will see how to pay your dues. Please when paying dues by mail included your call sign either on your check or the envelope.

If your DUES are not paid by FEBRUARY 5, 2005 membership will be terminated. Reinstatement to membership by the MARCH meeting will be accepted without penalty. Thereafter, reinstatement application shall be the same as for a new member.

de Dick, KA3MOU

# Pictures From November Meeting

by Dick, KA3MOU

This is Ray W3TDF, tired dirt farmer. Ray is getting ready to present his program on his experiences in the PA QSO party.





Photos by Dick Dech, KA3MOU

On Ray's jacket you can see the years DLARC won the PA QSO party. Ray was a past President and Executive Committee member of DLARC. Thank, you Ray for doing a program for DLARC.

de Dick, KA3MOU

Ray showing how he sets up his tower



Photo by Brad Snyder, KB3JXQ

#### The Pres Sez

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on for this service, and we need to be prepared again this year. Each March, in memory of Amy Zimmerman, KD3TI, the DLARC Executive Committee seeks to present the Amy Zimmerman Memorial Award to an amateur radio operator "In Appreciation for Unselfish Services Rendered to Amateur Radio and the Community". The Executive Committee would like your input into this process by having you nominate an amateur radio operator that has exhibited these traits through out this past year. If you would like to nominate someone, please give their name to me or to one of the other board members by the January 2005 General meeting.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2005, one in which we as members of the DLARC will continue making a contribution to our communities through the amateur radio service.

I wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

de Bryan, AA3WM

#### **Reminder For Members!**

by Dick, KA3MOU

This is a reminder for all club members. When you have a change in your: mailing address, telephone number, call sign and license expiration date and so on. Let me know so I can update the club database and also send the new update to Barry, N3NVA so he can update the club's website.

de Dick, KA3MOU

#### **Thanks To Net Controllers**

by Dick, KA3MOU

Another year has passed us by. I would like to thank all the net controllers for doing a fine job with the Wednesday night nets. In no order my thank you to: Jeff, N3QZT; Dave, N3EYT; Bud, W3BUD; Bob, N3QZR; Missy, N3TFG; Dennis, KR3U; Charlie, W3DEA; Al, W3CE and Dave, KD1GT.

de Dick, KA3MOU

#### Class Of '04 Picture

by Dick, KA3MOU

This picture is from the class which finished Tuesday 11/09/2044. The four class members seated from left to right are: Doug Mackey, in the middle is Ronald Jackson who passed his test is awaiting his call sign, next to him is Bill Krauss and standing is Ricky, KB3LLM who came to calls to learn code. Congratulations class of 2004! Also a big thank you to Chris, NU3L and George, N3SQD, also Bob, KE3AW. Chris and George have been teaching these classes for many years. Bob, KE3AW has been attending these classes for many years as Elmer and adds a lot of useful information to the class members.



Photo by Dick Dech, KA3MOU

73, Dick, KA3MOU

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	Club Meeting 7:30 pm	VE Testing	4
5	6	7	8 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	9	10 Newsletter Deadline!	11 WX3MAS Special Event
12 WX3MAS Special Event	13	14	ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	30	31	

# All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to Participate in the DLARC, RACES, and ARES nets 146.70 and 444.90 W3OK/RPT (pl 151.4) with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11 W3OK trustee Chris Hornaman, NU3L The Nets are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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#### **CLUB MEETINGS**

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. are held on the first Thursday of each month 7:30 PM at IU20 Building in Palmer Township

**TALK IN ON 146.70** 

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