



Meeting August 3rd at the 911 center

The Prez Sez

by Bill, N2DH



And now a word
from our
President

The July program was great.

We need to thank W3QA for a job well done.

Why don't you send an e-mail thanking him for the time and information.

We also need to say thanks to W3CE for making the program possible.

Here it is August, the picnic is just around the corner.

We all need to be thinking about what we can bring to the feast.

Also get those rigs ready for the hunt!

Before you know it the snow will be flying so everyone needs to finish up his or her summer outdoor radio projects and get ready for hamming it up this fall.

We need to welcome the new members Joe, N3CTM; Gordon, KB3NQH; and David, K3DLB who joined in July. If you hear them on the repeater, say hello.

This will be a short letter this month. In addition to shack work the xyl has a long list of honey-do's for me.

Take care all keep well and safe.

73 de Bill, N2DH

2006 DLARC PICNIC

by Al, W3CE

This year's club picnic will be on Sept 10th, at Louise Moore Park. We have pavilion # 5 on the east side of the park. The pavilion will hold approx 200 people, so we could, if needed, house the entire membership of the DLARC.

A mini two meter transmitter hunt is in the plans for the afternoon, remember to bring your directional antenna.

Al (w3ce) will be coordinating the event. Please email Al at w3ce@arrl.org, or call 610-262-6977 with your attendance plans along with the food items you plan to bring. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and drinks. Members are also encouraged to bring games to play.

de Al, W3CE



Treasurer's Report

by Dick, KA3MOU



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

None Submitted

DLARC General Meeting Minutes- July 6th 2006

by Charlie, W3DEA

Called to order by Bill N2DH

Moment of silence for Frank LaBar KE3UU

Secretary - Charlie W3DEA

No changes; 1st - George N3SQD, 2nd - Mark K3MP

No treasurer report

VE Session to be held July 7 - George N3SQD

Club station, nothing new - Al W3CE

MS150 went well and thanks to all who helped - Bryan AA3WM

New license classes will start in September and the new tech books have been bought - Bob KE3AW

Sept 10 - Club picnic - contact Al W3CE, let him know what you're bringing

Bryan AA3WM given a plaque thanking him for his service as club president

Field Day - Al W3CE and George N3SQD - Things went great - Easton Express stopped by - 30 operators

Voted into the club; 1st - Carl AA3IX, 2nd - Bud W3BUD

Accepted - Joe N3CTM, Gordon KB3NQH and David K3DLB

Visitors:

Tom Frankenfield, Dennis KB3MQQ, Joe N3CTM, Robert WB3W, Craig KE7NO and Lor W3QA

Club program was Winlink 2000 given by guest speaker Lor W3QA

Adjourn

1st - Charlie W3DEA, 2nd - George N3SQD, passed

de Charlie, W3DEA

Lehigh River Run Postponed

By Charlie, N3VUO

Salutations and Greetings to all,

The committee held an emergency meeting on Friday July 7. Based on the observations of 4 committee people -- 2 runners and 2 with the agency. It was decided that the race could not be held on July 16 on the Lehigh River path. There was both damage on the path and at Riverside Park. Riverside Park seemed to be the worse, in my estimation. I may have more information about this later.

The committee has decided to see if it is feasible to have the race on September 24th in the area of 1600 Lehigh Parkway East, near the Regency Towers. I will know more, hopefully, on Wednesday July 12 at the next meeting.

There will be some information the agency's internet location, <http://www.redcrosslv.org>. sometime on Monday July 10 or thereafter.

Please let me know when you sign up your T-shirt size. Hopefully, the weather is not going to cause more problems.

Thank you for your time and your consideration in this subject matter.

de Charlie, n3vuo

Field Day 2006 – Saved By The Suggestion

by George, N3SQD

A few months ago it looked to me like DLARC would not be participating in Field Day this year. Despite their efforts, the officers of the club were unable to enlist anyone (myself included) to perform the role of Field Day chairman. This was an unhappy prospect, as I have been attending this enjoyable event for over a decade.

One Wednesday evening at the Milkhouse, while bemoaning the loss of Field Day, Al – W3CE mentioned that we should just go up and operate. He reasoned that the club had already reserved the Plainfield Township site and it would be a waste to not take advantage of it. So, with that suggestion (and the approval of the board), Al and I made our plans for Field Day. We figured that we would run one (or maybe two) alpha and collect all the points we could.

Well, evidently, Al and I aren't the only members of the club that look forward to this event. In short order, a number of club members inquired about our plans and joined in the project. Ken – N3IYX volunteered his trailer for moving the gear and a generator. Tom – KB3IUE volunteered to take care of the food, beverages, and any other running that might be needed. Bob – N3OYA pitched in to take care of news releases and public relations. Blair – K3YD and Barry – KU3X helped with suggestions for logging and antennas.

As a result of that generous and respectable support, I am able to report that the DLARC 2006 Field Day (June 24 – 25) was an enjoyable success. We settled on a class of 2 alpha and achieved over 1000 QSOs. I am amazed to report that we had six operators over the late night shift. I do not recall a time in the last 5 years when we have been able to run continuously over the late night shift. Over 30 hams came out to operate or visit. In addition, a handful or so of non-hams showed up to see what was going on.

One of the visitors was Ricky – KB3LLM who came in from Ohio. Another was Andrew – WB1V in from California. We met Andrew during breakfast on Saturday morning and he volunteered to run the GOTA station. This was an unexpected bonus. The Express-Times sent both a photographer and reporter

to cover the event, which resulted in a nice photograph and story in the Monday paper.

In addition to the usual dipoles and verticals, the event gave us a chance to try out some new antennas. Al brought his portable 20M beam and mast, and we constructed a full wave loop for use on 40M. For radios we used the clubs' Kenwood 940 and Yaesu 857, and my venerable Icom 738.

Another surprise was that the weather was kind to us. We had some sporadic showers during the event – as you might expect the worst of these came during tear-down when we had to be out in it. But, the forecast had looked rather dire and I expected thunderstorms would interrupt our operations. Such was not the case.

Of course, any event wouldn't be complete without a visit from Murphy. And while he didn't sign in – he did show up! He struck our VHF station logging computer forcing our logging program CT to trash the log. This sent about 50 QSOs into the great bit bucket in the sky, never to return. The logging computer was a newer model without a floppy drive, the only one on-site incapable of backing up routinely to floppy disk. There were other computer crashes (no surprise there) but none of them caused a loss of data. Other minor issues served as a reminder of our human nature and kept the weekend interesting.

Al and I would like to thank everyone who participated for making the weekend such an enjoyable success. And, remind you to mark your calendars for next years Field Day - June 23 – 24, 2007.

Another Successful MS-150 Bike tour:

by Bryan, AA3WM

The 19th Annual PA Dutch MS-150 Bike Tour took place on June 10th and 11th. This fundraising activity for the Multiple Sclerosis Society guided approximately 500 bicyclists over a scenic route from the Lehigh Valley Velodrome in Trexlertown to Kutztown University and back the next day, with 25-

mile, 50-mile, 75-mile, and 100-mile options for riders with lesser or greater expectations. As has been the case for the past several years, members of the DLARC and other interested hams provided communications for event vehicles and locations over the entire route. The net control station, N3KU, was located at Kutztown University—thank you to Len, N2BSC, for helping us get a room at the University where we could have the Net Control center.

This year's event went smoothly, with only one transport, and no major accidents that we know of. One of the highlights this year was a 10 year old boy who rode the 100 mile route both days! That made Sunday a little long (as he and his father were the last riders), but I'm sure rewarding to all involved. All communication traffic that went over the two repeaters used for the event was handled efficiently and courteously by all operators. I would like to extend Jeff's and my appreciation to the owners and users of the 146.700 repeater in Nazareth (W3OK) and the 147.180 repeater in Reading (WB3FPL) for allowing the use of their machines for more than twelve hours on each of the two day event. Other than the occasional APRS packet burst on the Reading repeater, there was no major interference this year.

I want to mention and thank each one of the 23 hams (hopefully I didn't miss anyone) that helped with this year's event. They are (in no particular order): KE3AW, KB3JMS, N3RVH, KB3JMQ, KB3JMR, N3MYM, N2ADD, N3OLH, N0KIA, KD1GT, AA3WM, N3QZT, KB3MUF, W3DEA, N3QZR, N3MFT, N3UGH, KC5VCF, N2DH, W3CE, KB3HMK, N3SQD, and KB3MGZ.

Thanks to Len / N2BSC for getting us screens, a projector, and stands to mount antennas on, and Jeff / N3MFT for getting Service Electric Co. to provide NEXTEL phones to aid in coverage. The long hours spent by each volunteer operator were also greatly appreciated by the bike riders and the MS Society staff. Thank You!

I'd especially like to thank Jeff, N3QZT, for helping me with coordinating this year's event, and continuing helping me learn everything that goes into coordinating the MS 150. Thank-you, Jeff, for all your time and effort to make this another successful MS-150 Bike Tour!

de Bryan, AA3WM

HF Communicators Reunion October 2006

by Tim, KC3QO

<http://www.hfcommreunion.org/home.html>

Target groups for this reunion are all the people that served in Army Communications Administrative Network (ACAN), Strategic Army Communications (STARCOM) and STRATCOM; HF fixed stations that had 3-letter call signs, e.g., WAR, AEO, AEA, AET, AEZ, ABA, ADA, ADC, ADD, ADH, ADK, ADL, WAR30, WAR2, AEO2 and many others I just can't remember. We also want the troops that built these sites, and those who assisted in maintaining them, to include installers, members of antenna teams and the traveling calibration teams.

The host hotel is the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in [Sierra Vista](#), AZ, which is the largest local hotel in Sierra Vista. The best rates we could get are \$75.00 for single occupancy and \$85.00 double occupancy. Smoking rooms are limited, so if you smoke reserve your room early. To make reservations at the Windemere call: (800) 825-4656; FAX (520) 458-1347
E-mail guestservices@windemerehotel.com.

de Tim, KC3QO

Pictures From The July Meeting

by Brad W3JXQ

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Bryan AA3WM receiving a plaque thanking him for his service as club president



Lor, W3QA talking about WinLink 2000

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6	7	8	9 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	10	11 Newsletter Deadline	12	
13	14	15	16 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	17	18	19	
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27	28	29	30 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	31	Send newsletter / calendar submissions to the editor at w3jxq@snycomp.com		

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to Participate in the DLARC, RACES, and ARES nets: 51.76, 146.70, and 444.90 W3OK/RPT (pl 151.4) with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11 (pl 151.4)
W3OK trustee Chris Hornaman, NU3L
The Nets are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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TALK IN ON 146.70

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