

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

W3OK CORRAL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2007

Club Meeting October 4th at the 911 Center

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

The slate for the elections is:

President ————— **Al Wiemann, W3CE**
Vice President ————— **George Wieland III, N3SQD**
Secretary ————— **Bob Davis, NQ3X**
Treasurer ————— **Pete Varounis, NL7XM**

Board of Directors

Peicheng Chu, AB3FY

Dave Mosey, KD1GT

Don Holmes, KC3II

Vic Zeno, N2OFF

Jeff Fehr, KX3Q

Since there is only one candidate each, for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, according to the DLARC By-Laws "The Secretary shall cast the necessary vote" for those positions and no vote is needed by the membership.

Again the nominating committee consisting of Bob, KE3AW, Bill, NC3P and Blair, K3YD have done an outstanding job to be able to present this slate.

OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM

Al, W3CE will do a presentation on on the Pennsylvania QSO party. How to participate and how to enjoy. Including hints and tips for a more enjoyable contest.

CHRISTMAS CITY WX3MAS

Doreen, KB3PDL and Lou, KB2VCI are still looking for operators for this event. It is a two day event on the weekend of December 8th and 9th. There are plenty of openings at this time for both days. Contact them at ramgl@netcarrier.com.

K3NZ – SK

The DLARC lost a good friend with the passing, in August, of Norm Zoltack. Norm was active in almost every aspect of amateur radio. He was a kit builder, scratch builder, QRO operator, QRP operator, contester, DXCC, Elmer, public service etc. He was the guiding force behind the WX3MAS special event station. Norm would not hesitate to help anyone with the hobby.

He served in several elected positions in the DLARC and was once assistant county radio officer.

There are few that have had Norm's eclectic interests in the hobby.

I spent many happy times traveling to WIAW, or the Dayton Hamvention with him. We passed our extra test at almost the same time and on more than a few occasions had more than our share of 811s.

His passing has left an empty space in the club roster that will be hard if not impossible to fill.

73 Norm de W3CE

SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

BALANCE as of 5/31/07 \$3,364.31

INCOME \$65.23

TOTAL \$3,429.54

EXPENDURES \$262.96

BALANCE as of 8/31/07 \$3,166.58

VE TEST SESSION

There will not be a test session this month. The next regularly scheduled session will be November 2nd at the Northampton County 911 Center at 7 PM. Pretest registration is required, so contact George, N3SQD at george@bioserve.com or Al W3CE at w3ce@verizon.net.

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Bob, NQ3X acting Secretary

Meeting called to order by Bill, N2DH.

Moment of silence observed for the passing of Norm, K3NZ

Motion to accept August meeting minutes - Skipped – No minutes presented. Treasurer's report: Balance August 31 of \$3,166.58. No change to report as presented. No motion to accept. N2DH reported that the by-laws require audit when office changes hands and solicited volunteers from the membership to audit club account(s) by next meeting (October).

Repeater/Website report: Al, W3CE reported that webmaster's access issue is resolved. Regular updates now taking place. N2DH solicited volunteer to interact with Webmaster Barry, N3NVA ; Dave, KD1GT volunteered to assist with the website management. Lou, KB2VCI reported that the website's Christmas City Special Event page still displays info from 2006.

VE Session: W3CE will coordinate session on 7 Sept 2007; ! pre-registered examinee.

Club Station: W3CE reports nothing new.

Other Reports.

ARES: From Don, KC3II

ICS100 and IC-700 required as of September 2006.

911 Center is coordinating issue of Photo-Ids not county

KC3II confirmed Chain of Command still with County EMA

District 2 ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for 27 Oct 2007

Bill, K3ANS reported that during the winter I 78 foul up, ICS was not followed by EMA.

Public service Events: From Bob, KE3AW

**VIA Sponsored marathon, from Allentown to Easton, to take place 9 Sept 2007
W3OI to provide communication, coordinated by WB3JSZ. More operators solicited.**

Technician Licensing classes begin 11 Sept 2007 – Contact KE3AW

Emmaus Halloween Parade 20 Oct 2007 – Operators needed.

Pete, NL7XM reports: Nancy KB3FUS passed away. Nancy was past president of the Pocono Amateur radio club. Obituary submitted for inclusion in records.

Visitors: Dave KD3GT; Dave, W3AMC; Gary, N2AUO; Jay, N3OW; Barry, KF4QK and XYL Cecile

Continuing Business:

Club picnic to be held 16 Sept 2007, coordinated by Al, W3CE, at Louise Moore Park. W3CE passed around sign up sheet.

New Business

N2DH personally thanked the Nominating Committee (NC3P, Chair KE3AW and K3YD) for their efforts.

President – Al, W3CE

Vice-President – George, N3SQD.

Secretary – Bob, NQ3X

Treasurer – Pete, NL7XM

Board – Kurt, KA2QYS, Pei, AB3FY, Jeff, KX3Q, Don, KC3II, Vic, N2OFF and Dave KD1GT

Nominations from the floor– None

N3DH reminded attendees that the election would be held on 4 Oct 2007 at the regularly scheduled general meeting.

New members: Gary, N2AUO, Barry KF4QK & XYL Cecile, Dave, KD1GT. 1st Bruce, KA3TIU, 2nd Blair, K3YD. Membership approved without dissent, with the acclaim of the members. Applications in possession of NQ3X

Requested Special Event Station; W3CE reports the DLARC contacted to provide station for Boy Scout Jamboree at Kutztown University in May 2008. Saturday only (May 17 date still tentative) More information to follow, contact W3CE for more information. Volunteers solicited.

W3CE also reminded attendees that the PA QSO Party is the weekend of 13 Oct 2007. W3CE will give a presentation next general meeting on how much fun it can be.

Lou, KB2VCI reminded the membership about the Christmas City Special Event Station, WX3MAS, of which activity he is a chairperson. Ads have been listed in QST, CQ and World Radio. Lou passed around a sign up sheet for operators.

Program: Paul, N0KIA presented a program on Emergency Preparedness.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Bruce, KA3TIU, 2nd Bud, W3BUD.

EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Bob, KE3AW CHAIRMAN

As summer winds down we can start looking forward to fall events, in particular the Emmaus Halloween Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday evening October 20th. We will need at least 15 amateur operators each with a 2-meter radio (HT or mobile unit) and a vehicle. The vehicles will be interspersed with the floats, bands and marching units. We are the eyes and ears for the parade safety and welfare of the viewers and participants, and we are linked by radio to our net control operator who shadows the parade marshal. The marshal has direct links with police, ambulance, roving parade officials etc. All this makes the parade run safely and smoothly. Over the years we have shown that our radio coordination is a vital link to efficient parade operation.

Traditionally, after the parade we meet socially at a local restaurant for a dutch treat of a coke or coffee, or a whole meal if you want. The whole parade is enjoyable, yet very important, but it works only because hams volunteer to participate in it. Interested? Contact Bob, KE3AW (ke3aw@arrl.net) or 619-432-8286 for more details and/or to sign up.

PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY

Don't forget the PA QSO PARTY. October 13th and 14th. All club members should try and get on the air and make contacts for the DLARC. Last year we won Northampton County Not hard when you are the only club involved. Lets try for the entire state. The DLARC did it before and why not again. Technicians get on 2 meter and 6 meter Simplex and just work each other. Plus they can work CW on the old Novice bands. Each contact counts points for the club. Lets make a showing this year.

RACES OPERATORS

As of September 2006, all Amateur Radio Operators operating on an emergency site, as RACES Operators, are required to have not only the IS-700 training, but also the ICS-100 training. Previous announcements failed to include the ICS-100 training. This ruling do not have any affect on the Weekly Wednesday Nets, which do not require the training. Neither as a control operator nor as a check in, but having those training courses would allow the practice that the weekly net gives the possibility of being able to put it to practical use in the field if necessary. These courses can be taken on line, by going to www.fema.gov. And following the directions. There are no courses scheduled locally, at this time, like the IS-700 was last year. Any operators, who already have these certifications, contact KC3II, if you have not already done so. So a list can be made up for Northampton County EMA.

ARRL SET

Bob Wiseman, WB3W EPA District 2 DEC

On Saturday, October 27, 2007, the Eastern Pennsylvania Section District 2 ARES group will be conducting a joint SET. The SET, or Simulated Emergency Test, is an annual ARRL sponsored event for ARES groups to test their emergency preparedness and readiness, and is normally held in October.

The EPA District 2 encompasses the six counties of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill, and the EC's from all six of these counties have agreed that it would be beneficial to get operators from all the counties to participate together, and we may also have some activity from a couple of the District 1 counties, just south of our district.

The actual script is still being written, but will be centered around a weather event that will not have the wide spread or catastrophic consequences of hurricane Rita or Katrina, but will still probably have Category 1 or 2 winds, with wind damage to some assets and flooding damage to others.

The SET will utilize the 147.255 repeater in Jim Thorpe as the main resource/tactical net frequency, although there will also be nets on local repeaters, and we will also utilize HF on the Eastern Pennsylvania RACES frequency of 3897.50 and we expect to have 6-8 Winlink stations on both VHF and HF.

The exercise will last approximately three hours, although the actual start and stop time have yet to be determined. There will be deployment to local/county EOC's, to served agencies like the Red Cross, and various schools used as shelters. But since it is a "simulated" emergency the deployments will also be simulated, so operators can participate in the net and can simulate the deployment from the comfort of their Ham Shack.

When natural disasters or other man made disasters occur they don't necessarily know local town or county geographical boundaries, so this could be a beneficial exercise, and we hope as many of the operators in the six counties will participate. And we know not everyone may be able to participate the full three hours, but if they can even put in just thirty minutes or so, they are strongly urged to join in for what ever time they can.

As plans are developed further, announcements will be made on the local weekly VHF nets, including start and stop times.

NEW MEMBERS

These amateurs and family have accepted as new members in to the D.L.A.R.C.

Gary De Mave N2AUO

Dave Mosey KD1GT

Barry W. Gaugler KF4QK and Cecile Gaugler

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night DLARC.ARES and RACES net. If we can get enough interested operators. It will only be necessary for each operator to have one net session each three month period. Actually 13 weeks to a period, so 13 operators would be ideal and may some backups. Interested parties should contact Dick, KA3MOU at ka3mou@verizon.net or Don, KC3II at kc3ii@enter.net.

FYI

Don't forget to check "THE FOR SALE " items on the website under the MISC heading.

The Eastern Pennsylvania District 2 VHF ARES Net meets every Wednesday at 1930 hours local time. (Just after the DLARC Net) on the W3HA Repeater, 147.255, (pl 100.0)

Congratulations to Pei, KB3MUF on his up grade to Extra, with the new call of AB3FY.

On May 17, 2008 the DLARC will be putting on a demonstration station for the Boy Scouts of America's jamboree. It will be held at Kutztown University, and Al, W3CE is chairman and is looking for operators and help with this project. It is not too early to begin to plan for this event.

Article contributions to this news letter are welcome, the only requirement being, that they are ham radio related. Send to kc3ii@enter.net.