

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

W3OK CORRAL

December 2007

Club Meeting December 6th at the 911 Center

HAVE A

JOYFUL HOLIDAY

SEASON

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The time of the year for our annual Christmas party has arrived, the officers and board hope that all will come, bringing goodies and their significant other. Time to visit with and talk to old and new friends. There will only be a brief meeting and then let the festivities begin. Come one, come all!!

WX3MAS

Remember this is also the season for the Christmas City Special Event Station. Last chance to sign up for the December 8th and 9th event. Doreen and Lou will need all the help you can give, so that the DLARC is again a popular stop for the rest of the country's holiday season. Contact them at ramgl@netcarrier.com. This year Christmas City Station will be in the conference room on the second floor of the Grey Stone Building. So help will be needed Saturday Morning to move the equipment from the Milk House and to set up antennas. Also Sunday evening to tear down antennas and to move our equipment back to the Milk House.

THE K3NZ PA QSO PARTY HIGH SCORE AWARD

Con graduations to Jay Mason/ N3OW, the first winner of the now to be annual K3NZ PA QSO Party Award with a score of 199,630 points.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1st MEETING

Bob, NQ3X Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: President Al/ W3CE at 1930 hours local time.

VISITORS & GUESTS: Mike/ KB3LOD

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES: Motion ... Bruce/ KA3TOU; 2nd Bill/ N2DH. Approved without dissent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report given. Treasurer, Pete/ NL7XM, explained changes to accounting system which prevented report. Regular reporting will begin with the November Meeting.

REPORTS:

WEBSITE: Don/ KC3II reports that Webmaster Barry/ N3NVA is keeping up with updates. Club members with information for the website should get the information to N3NVAs soon as possible, to avoid information delay.

REPEATER: 440 machine will not retransmit PL tone.

LICENSE CLASS; Bob/ KE3AW reports one student to test 2 Nov 07. Class successful! W3CE reports that the Spring 2008 Technician Class to be held at Northampton Community College (NACC). Class will be held at the NACC facility, and announced in the NACC promotional literature. Thus will reach a much larger potential audience than our regular advertisement. NACC will charge a nominal fee for the class.

CLUB STATION/MILK HOUSE: As previously reported, the milk house now has a broadband internet connection. W3CE reports that the Telpac modem is on line running a Winlink email gateway on 146.650Mhz. W3CE also reports that the elderly computers at the Milk House need replacing with new(er) machines- 1Ghz and XP operating system wanted; flat-panel monitors also requested.

VE SESSION: George/ N3SQD reports that testing will take place on 2 Nov 07 at 1900 Local.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ABOUT PA QSO PARTY: W3CE gave a short history of DLARC participation in the PAQP over the past decade or so, noting how the DLARC submissions have declined rapidly. If more members participate - And submit logs! - DLARC will move back to their rightful place in the club competition rankings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Executive Committee was pleased to report they have added the position of Membership Chairman to the club's roster of appointed positions. Vic/ N2OFF has volunteered to assume the role, for which he received the acclaim of the members present.

UP COMING EVENTS:

HOLIDAY PARTY: W3CE reminded us that December's meeting is our annual Holiday party. Bring snacks to share.

EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE: KE3AW reported that the parade was an unqualified success, and much fun was had by all. DLARC received the grateful thanks of the Parade Committee to the tune of a \$300 donation.

WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT STATION: Coordinator Lou/ KB2VCI reported that the Operator's roster was nearly filled, though ops are still needed for Sunday, as well as set up and tear down. The station will be run from a room in the Greystone Building, not the Milk House, so help is needed. The sign up sheet was passed around.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST: W3CE plans to activate W3OK for at least the SSB portion of the 2008 ARRL DX contest as a multi-op entrant. Interested ops can contact him.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST (SET): KC3II reported that the Northampton County portion of the SET was a success, though were it an actual emergency, a lack of ops would have hamstrung the County. Regionally, about 60 ops participated, including 7 from Northampton County. The scenario was based on Hurricane Diane (1955 for those who can remember that far back), called for exercise purposes, Hurricane Bogus. Members interested in emergency amateur communications contact KA3MOU or KC3II.

NEW MEMBERS: Philip Swavely/ KB3PDM and Mike Gower/ KB3LOD were nominated for membership. Motion ... Bob/ KE3AW; 2nd Ken/ N3IYX. Approved without dissent with the acclaim of the members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

A member raised the question of the laminated Club badges. NL7XM answered that Bryan, AA3WM has the equipment and supplies to make them. Contact AA3WM for more information.

KC3II reported that the ARES/RACES identification cards will be supplied by the County. Sometime after 1 Jan 08, photos will be taken at the 911 Center and cards issued. Contact KC3II for more information.

KB2VCI asked how a member might be certified for ARES/RACES. W3CE answered to take the relevant FEMA exams – ICS 100 and IC 700 – and submit the certificates to KC3II for inclusion on the roster. KC3II noted: if you haven't yet certified, get it done NOW, before the rush for ID Cards. Mark, K3MP asked if a resident of Lehigh County can get a Northampton County Card; KC3II responded in the affirmative.

Bill/ K3ANS announced that DLARC member, Dave/ N3EYT was recently recognized by the Musikfest organizers for many years of faithful service, which announcement was answered by the acclaim of the members present.

NEW BUSINESS: W3CE announced that a new Program Chairman was needed, and solicited volunteers to fill the post. W3CE also solicited program ideas from the members present. See any Executive Committee member for either.

PROGRAM: No program presented

CLOSE: Motion ... Bruce/ KA3TIU; 2nd Barry/ KU3X



HALLOWEEN PARADE REPORT

Bob, KE3AW Chairman

The 2007 Emmaus Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 20th, is in the history book as another great parade, in no small part due to the efforts of our communications throughout the entire route and with our net control this year, Pete/ NL7XM.

The parade involved an estimated 1200 – 1400 participants and 7000 – 8000 spectators taking advantage of the ideal parade weather of the evening. It included 9 bands, 10 marching groups, 20 marching groups with floats, 22 small floats and 7 large floats; definitely no small parade.

With that size event, some infractions can be expected to happen, and they did, but were spotted, and they were promptly reported by our hams in the parade route to our net control and on to the parade marshal for the appropriate action.

The Emmaus Parade Committee expressed their appreciation for our service with a very generous donation to the DLARC.

The DLARC members doing this fine job were:

Pete/ NL7XM (net control), Glenn/ N3ULR and XYL Jill/ N3ZSR, Jeff/ KX3Q, Lamar/ N3AT, Mark/ AK3M and Larry/ NR3R, Ed/ AA3OU, Bob/ N3OLH, Pei/ AB3FY, Chris/ NU3L, Vic/ N2OFF, Phil/ KB3HMK and Bill/ Ka3RBH, Bill/ NC3P, Louis/ KB2VCI and Doreen/ KB3PDL, Gary/ N2AUO and Bob/ KE3AW.

Thanks to all who participated this year. While it was a very successful experience, we hope to improve our communications efforts next year to a greater degree by changing some of our procedures based on suggestions being received from our ham participants.

October 2007

D.L.A.R.C. Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance as published 9-30-07 \$3,209.49

Income:

Interest Income:	.83
Dues Deposits for period:	62.50
Donation Income	300.00
Class Books	50.00
Member Donations	<u>91.00</u>
Total Income:	504.33

Expenditures:

Business Banking Products	88.40
Picnic Supplies	72.51
Stationary Supplies	76.76
Postage	41.00
Telephone	<u>35.38</u>
Total Expenditures:	(314.05)

Net Increase (Decrease) 190.28

Closing Balance October 31, 2007 3,399.77

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Varounis / NL7XM
Treasurer / D.L.A.R.C.

DUES ARE DUE, DUDES!

By Pete, NL7XM

Another New Year already! DUES are payable for 2008. 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.** are the preferred method of payment to more accurately record and verify current membership status. Please ensure your callsign appears somewhere on the instrument, such as in the memo field. If you must pay with cash, use an envelope that bears your legible name and callsign and *leave it open* until we both verify it contains the exact accurate sum according to the table shown below. Remember, if your DUES are not paid by February 1st, your membership will expire. Reinstatement to membership by remitting DUES before the close of the March General Membership Meeting will be accepted without penalty. Thereafter however, the path for membership will be identical to the new member application process.

2008 DUES Rates

Regular Membership 18-65 years of age:

Jan. - Dec.\$17.-

Under 17 years, 65 or over, or retired from all employment (no age limit)

Jan. - Dec.\$12.-

Additional Family member
each \$3.-

Associate Individual Membership
\$10.-

Of course it is never necessary, but **you are encouraged to MAIL your DUES** so that I may conduct much of the record-keeping duties apart from where I believe you deserve the most of my attention at Club Meetings to answer and address your questions, Club business concerns, and welcome your thoughtful revenue raising and savings ideas.

Therefore, it is strongly advocated that DUES correspondence should go to:

Pete Varounis / NL7XM
P.O. Box 3026
Easton, PA 18043-3026

You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at: nl7xm@arrl.net

Include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

THE PA QSO PARTY RESULTS

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
N3OW	199,630
NC3P	87,800
N3SQD	57,980
W3CE	39,214
KE3AW	32,240
KC3II	12,236
W3JXQ	8,920
KZ2A	5,168
W3DEA	3,952
KX3Q	1,152

Hopefully everybody sent in their results to the NARC for the final totals in the club competition. Last year the DLARC came in 9th in the club class, 15 operators with a score of 280,613. This year with a score of 448,292, and 10 operators hopefully we have moved up the club score ladder. But it would seem that a good time was had by all. Even though W3CE suffered in the bitter cold!!!! The total number participants was down again this year. It is disheartening, this lack of enthusiasm for club projects.

THE AMY ZIMMERMAN AWARD

Each March in memory of Amy Zimmerman/ KD3TI, the DLARC executive committee seeks to present the Amy Zimmerman Award to the 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 who has exhibited these traits through out this past year. If you would like to nominate someone, please give their name to one of the board members by the January 2008 general meeting.

PROJECT CHAIR PERSONS

In an attempt to insure the DLARC can get sufficient help in fulfilling projects, the club is going to establish a policy where as all projects are chaired by the February General Meeting. This is to insure that there is enough help available before the project, if not, enough time for those who requested the communications aid to make other arrangements. This comes about because the DLARC had to inform the Easton MS Walk, it couldn't aid them. This notification came less than a week before their walk. Actions like this, do not do anything for the reputation of the DLARC. So when the list of needed chair persons comes out ...Volunteer!

CLUB ID BADGES

If you have lost your DLARC ID Badge or have not received one, contact Bryan/ AA3WM at sbw1@enter.net .

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

In order to maintain more efficient membership records, the Executive Committee has decided to create a separate position of membership chair person to assist the treasurer. He will be in charge of seeing the rolls are kept up to date and the membership cards are handed out. The treasurer will still handle the dues, but the membership chair person will handle the cards, the roster and any other membership related jobs that the Treasurer used to handle. The Membership Chairman at this time will be Vic/ N2OFF. Vic is now a member of the Executive Committee, however, the position of membership chair person will be a non-voting member of the executive committee, should a non Executive Committee Member take the position. [According to Article VII, Section 5, paragraph (b)]

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

May 17, 2008, the DLARC will be putting on an Amateur Radio Station as a demonstration for the Boy Scouts of America's Jamboree at Kutztown University. Al/ W3CE is chairman for this event and will need operators and assistance setting the station up. Contact Al at w3ce@arrl.net if you can assist in the project.

VE TEST SESSION

There will not be a test session this month. The next test session will be January 4th , 7:00 PM at the Northampton County 911 Center. Pretest registration is required, so contact George/ N3SQD at george@bioserv.com or Al/ W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.

EPA SET : NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Don, KC3II NC AEC

The DLARC ARES Net was activated for the Eastern Pennsylvania District 2 ARES SET, October 27, 2007. While the results were satisfactory, a definite need for more operators was demonstrated . Had it been a real emergency, the Northampton County system would not have been properly covered. The needs were established and the corrections noted for the next ARES Event. I wish to thank, Al/ W3CE, George/ N3SQD, Tim/ KC3QO, Carl/ AA3IX, Ray/ W3TDF, and Jeff/ N3QZT for their assistance in a successful demonstration of the ARES SET.

NEW MEMBERS

Vic, N2OFF Membership Chairman

Welcome Philip/ KB3PDM and Mike/ KB3LOD new members of the DLARC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES, & DLARC net. If we can get enough interested operators, it will only be necessary for each operator to have only one net session in each three month period. Actually 13 weeks in a period, so 13 net controls would be ideal, and maybe some extras to fill in if needed. This would give us a pool of experienced controls, for any emergency which would arise. Interested parties should contact Dick/ KA3MOU at ka3mou@verizon.net or Don/ KC3II at kc3ii@enter.net.

4X4 AVAILABILITY

Still preparing a list of available four wheel drive vehicles for Northampton County EMA. These are the vehicles are used to transport nurses from around the county to get to their hospitals in case of heavy snow. Include in your information the seating capacity of your vehicle and a phone number where you can be reached should a snow emergency arise. Contact Dick/ KA3MOU at ka3mou@verizon.net or Don/ KC3II at kc3ii@enter.net with your information.

ARRL DX PHONE CONTEST

W3OK will be on the air from the Milk House for the 2008 ARRL DX Phone Contest. The times of operation are: 00:00 UTC March 3rd to 23:59 UTC March 4th. There will be an attempt for a multi-op station. If you can help out operating or logging, please contact Al/ W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

A volunteer is needed for the position of Program Director. The position requirements are to present programs for the monthly general meeting. These programs need not be amateur radio related, but technical and/or of interest to the membership. If interested, contact one of the Executive Committee members. We also wish to thank Tom/ KB3IUE for his past presentations. Due to professional commitments, Tom is unable to continue in this role. So Come out and VOLUNTEER.

FYI

The Eastern Pennsylvania District 2 ARES Net meets Wednesday at 1930 hours local time on the W3HA Repeater, 147.255 (pl 162.2). Which is right after the DLARC Net. Feel free to check in and represent Northampton County in the District 2 call up.

Cecile, XYL of Barry/ KF4QK has received her Technician License with the call KB3PYF. ***** PYF is back in the DLARC *****

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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 at 7:30 PM
at

the Northampton County 911 Center
TALK IN ON 146.70

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All Radio Amateurs are invited to participate in the DLARC, RACES and ARES net. On the
W3OK repeater, 51.76, 146.70 and 444.90, (pl 151.4) With an alternate frequency of 145.11 (pl
151.4)

The net is held Wednesdays at 1900 hours local time.

W3OK Trustee is Don Reamer, KA3JWE
