

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.



JULY 2008

W3OK

CORRAL

Club Meeting *July 10th* At The 911Center

*****Note the date change due to the July 4th Holiday Weekend*****

UP COMING EVENTS

July 19th & 20th The MS-150 Bike Tour

JULY MEETING PROGRAM

**My experiences as the 1st Marine MARS station in
South East Asia 1963-1967**

By Mike / KB3PDR



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

Field day is still ahead of us as I write this message. Its one of my favorite times of the year for Ham Radio. I'm happy to say that it appears that it is also a favorite of the DLARC. We always have a big percentage of our membership showing up.

Another favorite of mine is the MS 150 Pennsylvania Dutch bicycle ride. I have volunteered to help for several years and have always had a good time. As always we can use all the help we can get. Last year we had to run the event with no radio communications on board the SAG vehicles traveling around the course. If you can spare the weekend of July 19 and 20 or even just one of those days please volunteer. This is our premiere public service event of the year and with over 150 members, I know we have the manpower to fully staff the event. If you don't have a HT or mobile rig to use, you can borrow one from the club (contact me for info on loaners.). I have mixed emotions this year, as I will not be able to man a vehicle or rest stop. I have chosen to help out the MS society this year by raising pledges and riding in the event for 100 miles. Please help MS and myself by volunteering. I'll need your cheering at every rest stop to help me make the entire two days. I will be trying to run 2 meter bike mobile and beaconing on APRS while riding.

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AL Wiemann / W3CE



MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 5th MEETING

Call to Order: AI / W3CE; 1930L

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence: W3HJ, Bob Dickinson, SK

Announcement: Bob / NE2C is in hospital following a coronary event.

Visitors & Guests attending: Craig / KB3IYM; Mark / N3GRE; Mike / KB3PDR

Approval of May Minutes: Ken / N3IYX **moved** to accept Minutes as written, seconded by Dave / KA3IWC; approved without dissent.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Jay / N3OW **moved** to accept the report as circulated in the room by the Treasurer, seconded by Gary / N2AUO; approved without dissent.

REPORTS:

Membership: Vic / N2OFF reported: As of 04 Jun 08, 156 members - 138 voting, 18 non-voting. N2OFF also named the following amateurs as applicants to be inducted into the Club: Gil / WB3ESR; Jim / KB3IOZ; Matthew / K3HFF; Patric / AJ3B; Willy / AB3BS; David / KC2OBJ; George / W3CPR; Mark / KB3FDN; Stephen / N3MX; Timothy / KA3QWO; Nicholas / W3HPY; Gary / KD3EO; Bob / WB3DTG; Mark / N3GRE. Charlie / W3DEA **moved** the Club accept the aforementioned applicants *en masse*, seconded by N3IYX. Approved without dissent. New members present applauded and welcomed as new members.

Website & Repeaters: Don / KC3II reported that the website is being updated as information is submitted to webmaster Barry / N3NVA. Don also reported that a new voting receiver installation is close to completion in New Jersey.

W3OK Club Station - "The Milk House": W3CE reported that the Milk House is always open around 7PM every Wednesday. Talk-in on the 2m repeater (146.700MHz). Club members contemplating joining the group should listen around 5PM for dinner plans. N3IYX welcomed everyone who wants to come, and suggested that those with technical problems worthy of troubleshooting can often have them solved with the collective brainpower of the Wednesday evening Milk House Gang.

VE Session: George / N3SQD reported that the May session examined one successful examinee – Kurt / KA2QYS upgraded to Extra Class. Kurt received the congratulatory applause of the Club. George announced that there will be no session in June. July 11th is the next scheduled exam session.

License Classes: Bob / KE3AW reported that, regardless of the result of this Spring's attempt, Northampton Community College remains interested in holding licensing classes. N3SQD asked the assembled members whether they would be interested in a General/Extra class. Interested members should contact KE3AW, N3SQD or W3CE.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2008 ARRL Field Day: 28-29 JUN 08. To be held at Plainfield Township Farmer's Grove, as in previous years. A sign up sheet was passed around seeking volunteers. Volunteers are always needed at setup and **especially** tear down. W3CE invited all Club members to stop by, shoot the breeze, operate, eat or just hang around and enjoy each others' company. Bob / NQ3X read aloud the proclamation he secured from Northampton County Executive John Stoffa thanking the County's Amateur Radio operators for their service.

2000L - Meeting suspended by W3CE due to imminent AO51 satellite pass.

2032L - Meeting resumed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Transmitter Hunt: W3CE reported that the transmitter hunt was a success. 5 hunters / teams participated; N3SQD / W3DEA were the winning team. W3CE plans to repeat the fun in the Autumn, in September or October.

Boy Scout Jamboree: W3CE led a team that set up a complete portable station, with genset and portable aerials, running HF and WinLink2K email. There was one large problem: location. The location for the station chosen by the organizers was far removed from heavy foot traffic, so far fewer Scouts visited than might otherwise have been the case.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Tonight's Program:

Amateur Satellite Communications – Gary / N2AUO.

Meeting closed from the Chair at 2040L.

-Respectfully submitted by Secretary **Bob / NQ3X**

HARD COPY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due the increased number of newsletter hard copy requests, the escalating costs have made it necessary to establish a subscription rate of \$10.00 per year for hard copies. This rate is strictly for the mailed hard copies, and not for anything else. And with first class postage increasing in May, there will be an increase in that portion of the hard copy costs. Our club membership number no longer allows us to use bulk mailing, thus the first class postage requirement. That plus paper and printer supplies have to be covered since a member is doing the printing on his own printer. His costs have to be covered. Subscriptions will begin with the July issue, at \$5.00 for the remaining 6 months of 2008 and then \$10 next year.



MAY 2008
D.L.A.R.C. EXPENDURE REPORT

Expenditures:

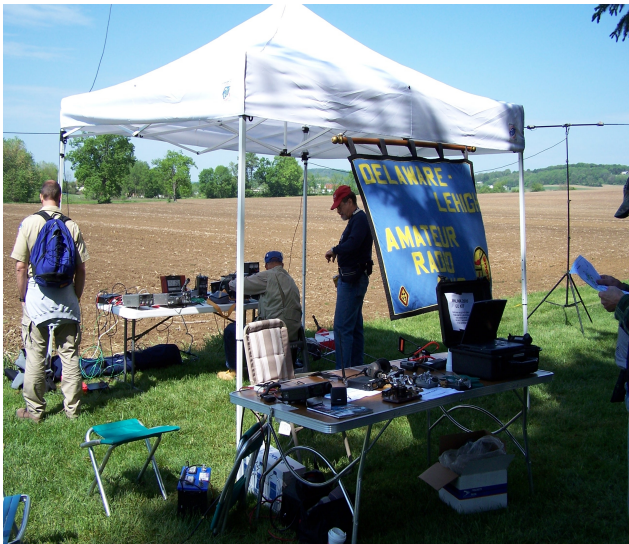
Postage (Routine Correspondence)	41.00
Clubhouse Equipment	162.45
Membership Drive Sorting & Postage	325.43
Telephone	17.69
Total Expenditures:	(546.57)

Respectfully Submitted,
Pete Varounis / NL7XM
Treasurer / D.L.A.R.C.

BOY SCOUT JAMBO 2008

On May 17th the DLARC participated in the Minsi Trails Council Jambo at Kutztown University. We had beautiful weather for setting up the various stations. We had long range VHF, HF, Satellite, Winlink2000 stations running.

The biggest problem was our location. Apparently the other demos that were to be set up near us canceled because of heavy rainstorms the night before. We were left by ourselves off of the beaten path, and did not get the amount of Boy Scouts we expected. However those that we did get had a good time and walked away with an idea of what Ham Radio is all about. If we do another Jambo we should make sure of a better location.



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AL / W3CE

NEW MEMBERS

Come shake hands and greet our new members. Welcome them to our club. Jim / KB3IOZ, Gil / WB3ESR, Matt / K3HFF, Pat / AJ3B, Willie / AB3BS, Dave / KC2OBJ, George / W3CPR, Mark / KB3FDN, Steve / N3MX, Gary / KD3EO, Marc / N3GRE, Tim / KA3QWO, Nick / W3HPY and Bob / WB3GTD

Silent Keys

*The D.L.A.R.C. Wishes to honor and to express its sadness at the passing of
a club member or former club member.*

Robert (Bob) Dickenson / W3HJ ex W2CCE

John Kinnaman Jr / WB3GAW

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.hamsphere.com

ANNOUNCING THE ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION CONVENTION

The 2008 edition of the ARRL New England Division Convention, fondly known as Boxboro, will be held August 22 - 24, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

A great program is being planned. We are pleased to announce that the ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie / N3KN will be in attendance. Here is your opportunity to meet Kay first hand at the ARRL Forums. She will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Order your banquet tickets early as the seating is limited!

We are also pleased to announce the return of QCWA President, John Johnston / W3BE. John brings his 27 years of regulatory work with the FCC to bear in his ever popular talk "What the Rules Say".

The EMCOMM folks have been hard at work putting together a great line up with the support of the ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, Dennis Dura / K2DCD, Deputy Chief Army MARS Jim Griffin / AAA9B and Chief of Army MARS Operations, Grant Hays / AAA9O. We welcome their attendance. The Special Event station W1A will be in operation. This is a good opportunity to operate the top shelf amateur radio equipment the industry has to offer and have fun while doing it! Wouff Hong is back! We are glad to have them and you are not going to believe who they have tapped for the "Old Man". This is a must attend event!

The "Call for Presenters" remains open. Please contact WO1N if you have an Amateur Radio related presentation or represent an organization that would like to reach out to a large population of active Hams. New to our committee this year is Prize Chairman, Mike Crestohl / W1RC. He's already lined up the new Elecraft K3 for the top prize for some lucky ham.

Flea Market pricing has been restructured with the goal of improving the Sunday turnout.

Volunteers are also welcome to help with event planning and execution.

The latest updates, online ticketing and general information can be found at <http://www.boxboro.org>

The Boxboro Holiday Inn, located at the junction of Routes 111 and 495 in Massachusetts, will again open its doors to the Amateur Radio community with its spacious parking and comfortable accommodations. Hotel information is available through the Boxboro.org website. Room rates are reduced for this year, be sure to ask for the "Boxboro Ham Radio Convention Rate" when making your reservations.

We hope to see you there!

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VE TEST SESSION

The next test session will be July 11th at 7 PM at the Northampton County 911 center. Pretest registration is required. Contact George / N3SQD at george@bioserv.com or Al / W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net. Note date change because of July 4th Holiday weekend.

Limited Edition DLARC Coffee Mugs Are On Sale for \$12.



Your participation is funding the Club's **New Membership Drive Campaign**. Our numbers are not what they once were, so please support your Club by purchasing our quality merchandise.

SPECIAL OFFER!!

Here's your chance to get one for only **\$7.00!** (The fine print.)

- Either offer to present one yourself, or book a Speaker who is able to deliver an interesting, timely, and informative Program at a DLARC Monthly General Membership Meeting during the calendar year 2009, and you qualify for this special price. Fresh Amateur Radio related content and material is highly desirable and preferred, but is not necessarily a prerequisite for acceptance if the topic is of general interest to our group.
- **“This \$7.00 offer is good only while supplies last.”**

Each purchase of one of these fine ceramic DLARC Coffee Mugs gives you a chance to take home a special prize, awarded after an undisclosed number of Mugs are sold. Questions? Write for details.

Pete
NL7XM@arri.net



JUNE MEETING PROGRAM

Again, if you missed our June meeting, you missed another outstanding program. Gary / N2AOU presented his program on Amateur Radio Satellite Communications. He not only presented the computer demonstration, but also took us out to the parking lot. There we were able to work other stations on the AO-51 Satellite as it passed over our location. Working with his laptop computer, a hand held antenna, a compass and a HT, Gary demonstrated how all this could be accomplished. Although the opening was only about 10 minutes, Gary demonstrated just how easy it would be to get started in satellite communications.

MONTHLY BRAIN TEASER

"A special prize awaits the first Club Member to submit the correct answer to last month's Brainteaser to the Treasurer via E-mail. He must be present at the next Meeting to receive it, or it goes unrewarded. Officers, Board members, and Brainteaser Authors are not eligible to win."

The winner of the June Brain Teaser was Dave Blankenship / N3EYT, with the correct answer received 9:49 PM, May 28th. The Answer is: The Ham in the green house.

This is how the street looked

The first house is yellow and an Advanced class ham lives there and is 70 years old, uses Collins gear and a vertical antenna.

The second house is blue and an Extra class ham lives there and is 45 years old, uses Icom gear and a yagi antenna.

The third house is red and a Novice class ham lives there and is 57 years old, uses Ten-Tec gear and a dipole antenna

The fourth house is green and a General class ham lives there and is 61 years old, using the Yaesu gear and a half square antenna.

The fifth house is white and a Technician class ham lives there and is 33years old, uses Kenwood gear and a quad antenna.

July Brain Teaser

A bookkeeper noticed there were two consecutive double letters in the word *balloon*. She found other examples, such as *woolly* and *spittoon*. Then she tried to think of a word with three consecutive pairs of double letters. She couldn't think of any. Can you?
de NL7XM

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

August 7th: "PowerPoles Revisited" by George / N3SQD. Standardize all the equipment from your shack or mobile with the latest protocol. Bring your 12v power leads from all your radios and accessories, and George will neatly and correctly attach PowerPoles for you at this practical demonstration. Provide your own PowerPoles, or buy them at the Meeting.

September 4th: "Making Your Own QSL Cards" by Charlie / W3DEA. Save a ton of Green Stamps while providing "The Final Courtesy" to your contacts. Charlie will show you how easy it is to make a personal, unique QSL Card you'll be proud to send!

October 2nd: "PA QSO." 2008 Rule changes; operating tips; logging programs; winning strategies. What county are YOU going to this year?

MS-150 PA DUTCH BIKE TOUR 2008

On the weekend of July 19th & 20th, the MS 150 PA Dutch Bike Tour will be held. This two-day event (with dinner, breakfast and lodging provided) is the largest public service event that the club participates in, and we can use everyone's help. This year, the bikers will be following one of four different length route's that start in Trexlertown at the Velodrome and end at Kutztown University, and then back the opposite direction the next day. Your participation in the event can vary from a one day or two day assignment and can involve manning an ambulance and helping us keep in contact with them, or riding on one of the SAG buses (for the tired bike riders), or maintaining communications to any one of the rest stops along the route. Our job with the bike tour is to provide communications for safety and also for logistical support. Why not give it a try this year? We can sure use your help!!! Let Bryan / AA3WM know as soon as possible if you can help. Also, please indicate what days you will be available (Saturday or Sunday, or both days) and if you plan on staying over night.

CLARIFICATION ON THE RED CROSS MOU PROGRESS

As many of us are aware an announcement was made that led many to believe that the MOU between the ARRL and the American Red Cross has been finalized with the potential problem(s) corrected. In actuality nothing has been finalized. The statement that "progress has been made" is accurate. After a rather long period of no response from the ARC, the ARC finally responded with some movement, which initially appears to be positive. However, there still remain a number of "catch all" phrases and/or "Grey areas" which need to be addressed and are being addressed before any final MOU agreement can be reached. As stated in the ARRL news report, work on the ARRL and ARC MOU is continuing.

As has been said a number of times in regard to this problem, and other like it. Two rules to follow when making agreements for your local groups and any other agency.

1. Always read and understand what you are agreeing to. Words and/or phrases are often present that could have more than one meaning.

2. Never assume anything.

In many EPA counties there appears to be a minimal number of problems. If anyone has question regarding this or any other MOU type of problem you are urged to contact EPA District or Section leadership to help resolve any issues. With regard to the ARC keep in mind that the situation is being put forward by the ARC's national office and your local ARC office may or may not be in agreement with the policy. Many of the local ARC offices are doing what they can to circumvent the problem but they may be limited in what they can do.

73,

Eric D. Olena / WB3FPL

ARRL Section Manager

Eastern Pennsylvania

AT LAST! WHY THE CHICKEN CROSSED THE ROAD

BARACK OBAMA: The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a CHANGE! The chicken wanted CHANGE

JOHN MC CAIN: My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure – right from Day One! ----- that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road But then, this really isn't about me.....

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on 'THIS' side of the road before it goes after the problem on the 'OTHER SIDE' of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his 'CURRENT' problems before adding 'NEW' problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

COLIN POWELL: Now to the left of the screen, you can clearly see the satellite image of the chicken crossing the road...

ANDERSON COOPER - CNN: We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed to have access to the other side of the road.

JOHN KERRY: Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

NANCY GRACE: That chicken crossed the road because he's GUILTY! You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

PAT BUCHANAN: To steal the job of a decent, hardworking American.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any inside information.

DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain. Alone.

JERRY FALWELL: Because the chicken was gay! Can't you people see the plain truth?' That's why they call it the 'other side.' Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you will become gay too. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media white washes with seemingly harmless phrases like 'the other side. That chicken should not be crossing the road. It's as plain and as simple as that.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

BARBARA WALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart warming story of how it experienced a serious case of molting, and went on to accomplish its life long dream of crossing the road.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON: Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

BILL GATES: I have just released eChicken2007, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents, and balance your check book. Internet Explorer is an integral part of eChicken. This new platform is much more stable and will never cra...#@&&^(C % reboot.

ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What is your definition of chicken?

AL GORE: I invented the chicken!

COLONEL SANDERS : Did I miss one?

DICK CHENEY: Where's my gun?

AL SHARPTON: Why are all the chickens white? We need some black chickens.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Wanted: 75m TVL Coil

A prospective Member is building a linear from the plans in the 13th edition of the ARRL Handbook using a pair of 811's in push pull configuration. He is looking for a 75 meter tvl coil for that band. This was his first piece of gear he ever built and is replicating it again to run a station with the Heath SB-401 and the Heath SB-303.

Any leads? Please write to: nl7xm@arrl.net

F.Y.I.

The winner of the June 5th Door Prize was Dave / KA3IWC .

The EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA District 2 ARES Net meets every Wednesday at 1930 hours local time. (Just after the DLARC Net) On 147.255 (pl 162.2). And linked to 449.375 on Blue Mountain, 443.350 in Allentown and 147.180 in Berks County.

Any DLARC member is welcome to contribute articles of interest to this newsletter. Opinions, items of interest, and even suggestions towards the improvement of newsletter and/or the DLARC itself would also be accepted, a sort of "Letters to the Editor" section.

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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 146.700 (PL 151.4)

THE W3OK TRUSTEE DON REAMER, KA3JWE

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All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net.
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