

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.



W3OK

CORRAL

SEPTEMBER 2008

Club Meeting September 4th At The 911Center

UP COMING EVENTS

September 21st - License Preparation Classes

September 21st - DLARC Picnic

October 11th & 12th - PA QSO Party

October 18th - Emmaus Halloween Parade

Executive Committee Nominations

MEETING PROGRAM

“Making Your Own QSL Cards”

By Charlie / W3DEA



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

As I hope you all know by now, the DLARC has been chosen as the bonus point station for this year's PAQSO party. This means that we will need volunteers to operate as W3OK on the contest weekend. Operations will be on Saturday the 11th of October starting at noon till 1 AM, and Sunday the 12th from 9 AM to 6 PM. We will also need operators to man the club station at the milk house. Pete NL7XM and Charlie W3DEA have agreed to be co-chairs of the operation. Expect to be contacted by them for your operations. I will be operating as a rover in some rare or slightly rare counties. A mobile might be nice to have but two ops are needed, one to drive and one to operate. A rover sets up in a temp location as a portable packs up and moves to another. This will reflect on how the rest of the state views our club. Lets all pitch in and make it a great weekend. NOTE; the time slots I gave are tentative as daylight savings time ends after the party this year. This may move the times by an hour. I have to stop attending our programs after the meeting. I just went and bought a hand held satellite antenna, like the one Gary N2AUO demonstrated at July's meeting. Thanks Gary.



MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7th MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: by AI / W3CE at 1930L

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

VISITORS & GUEST ATTENDING: William / KA3RBH and Alex Surch (no lic.)

SECRETARY REPORT: No changes; 1st – Bruce / KA3TIU, 2nd – Jay / N3OW, Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: No changes; 1st- Don / KC3II, 2nd – Gary / N3AUO, Passed

AWARD: Bill / N2DH was given a past president gavel plaque by AI / W3CE – Thank you for your service Bill
REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Vic / N2OFF:

176 members – 149 Regular, 5 Honorary, 5 Family, 17 Assoc.

New members voted in: Dave / KB2RYM, Brent / N1RRD, William / N3HQF, William / KA7YJX, Robert / KA3JAV, Craig / KB3IYM, Bob / N3SNZ, Paul / KB3LIC and Dale Layos (no lic.)

WEB PAGE / REPEATER: Don / KC3II:

Is anyone interested in becoming webmaster?

W3OK CLUB STATION: AI / W3CE

W3OK is in the running to be the 2008 PA QSO party special event station

Open Wednesday nights at 7PM

VE SESSION: George / N3SQD:

Next is Sept. 5th

TECHNICIAN CLASSES: Bob / KE3AW

Tech classes will be held at NCACC starting Sept. 16 and running for 9 weeks; \$20 registration and \$24 for Tech manual.

10M NET: Jay / N3OW

Sundays at 4PM EST – 28.430 SSB

PICNIC: AI / W3CE

Sept 21 – If attending , please let AI know what you are bringing, he would like to see some casserole dishes – Club will provide drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers

MS-150: Bryan / AA3WM:

Thanks to the helpers. Full report to come later. Various anecdotes shared about the event

BOARD RESIGNATION: Dave / KD1GT has resigned from the board due to his busy schedule and inability to make meetings on a regular basis – The board has decided to leave the seat vacant until the October election.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bill / NC3P, Bob / KE3AW and Bob / N3SNZ – forward any nominations to these guys.

MILLER BLOODMOBILE: Charlie / W3DEA will be looking into what is needed to have the Miller Bloodmobile come to a meeting.

PA State Bill SB884/PN1076: Contact your congressman to support this bill. An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, restricting municipalities from regulating amateur radio service communications
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2007&ind=0&body=S&type=B&BN=0884>

MEETING ADJURNED: AI / W3CE
Respectfully Submitted
Charlie / W3DEA
Acting Secretary



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

Expenditures:

Field Day Supplies / Fuel / Food	260.59
Telephone	<u>17.68</u>
Total Expenditures:	(278.27)

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

NOTE OF THANKS

A debt of gratitude by the D.L.A.R.C. rightfully goes to **Bill Goodman / K3ANS** who volunteered many professional hours to assist the Club in obtaining reaffirmation from the IRS, our tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable status which had been suspended for three years due to a technical, clerical series of circumstances. The Board recognizes his valuable expertise and generous assistance in preparing a complicated filing to reestablish our financial class.

VE TEST SESSION

The next test session will be September 5th at 7 PM at the Northampton County 911 center. Pretest registration is required. Contact George / N3SQD at george@bioserv.com or AI / W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.

THE DLARC K3NZ PA QSO AWARD

This award is named in honor of Norm Zoltack / K3NZ and will be awarded to the club individual earning the highest score in the club during the annual PAQSO party. Norm was a super contester and a guiding force in his 40 plus years with the DLARC.

Requirements:

1. You must be a single operator.
2. You must apply your score to the DLARC's aggregate.
3. Portable, mobile, rover and home operations count.
4. You can operate from any county.

2008 ANNUAL DLARC PICNIC

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will have its annual picnic on Sept 21st 2008. We'll meet at pavilion number 5 in the east side of Northampton County's Louise Moore park. This will be a pot luck picnic with members bringing salads, casseroles, or desserts. Please contact AL at w3ce@arrl.net, or 610-262-6977 with the item you are bringing. Everyone is encouraged to bring games or activities that we can participate in. Louise Moore park is on Country Club Rd just south of the Hecktown road exit of route 33.

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

October 2nd: "PA QSO." by Al / W3CE. 2008 Rule changes; operating tips; logging programs; winning strategies. What county are YOU going to this year?

November 6th: "Antarctic Ham Radio; Signals from the South Pole" by Chris / WZ3Q What is life like in Antarctica? Chris lived there from 2001-2005 and will tell us how they communicate via Amateur Radio from "The Bottom of the World." <http://www.chrispost.net/antarctica>

December 4th: Join us for our "Annual Christmas Party!" Put your diet on hold for a few hours while we enjoy each other's company and share homemade delectables at the big table. Bring a dish or dessert, and a few copies of your recipe along with your appetite and sweet tooth.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES & DLARC net. If we have 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@arrl.net.

FIELD DAY 2008

PHOTOS BY KE3AW & N3EYT



To All

Well, "Field Day 2008" has come and gone.... Another entry into the ARRL history book has been made. I hope that everyone who stopped by found some enjoyment. I sure did...it was fun ! Attendance was down, as was our number of contacts. It was tough, and not our best performance. We came, we set up, we transmitted. In the words of our beloved president , G.W. Bush "Mission accomplished".

I will always remember the storm that struck at 11:45 PM Saturday night. It was pretty scary ! But, when it was over the moon and the planet Venus (Al says it was Saturn)

were shining brightly. We reconnected, put on another pot of coffee, and resumed operating.

Twenty meters came alive, between 1 and 4 AM we made our greatest amount of contacts. I even talked to Hawaii ! I tip my hat to all who helped, you guys made it possible ! From the guys who loaded the gear, to the guys who strung the antennas to the guys who flipped the burgers. I thank you all ! I especially appreciate the support, encouragement, and understanding from those who realized that this was my first effort at being chairman.

In closing, I want to say, I do value your comments, concerns and criticisms. My e-mail is always open for suggestion and my radio is always on. Well, almost always. My goal is to make "Field Day 2009" the best ever! More photos are on the DLARC website



de: Tom / KB3IUE

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.dxsummit.fi/>

Fully configurable live DX Spotter. Set any and all filters to see only certain bands, countries, prefixes, A & K indices, live chat, etc. Powerful archived search database to see posted activity for past several years!

MONTHLY BRAIN TEASER

"A special prize awaits the first Club Member to submit the correct answer to this 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 Brain Teaser Authors are not eligible to win."

de **NL7XM**

The Winner of the August Brainteaser was Dave / N3EYT @ 7/30/2008 8:59:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

With the correct answer of: "Kenwood / Yaesu / Alinco / Homebrew" "The op became a baked ham."

SEPTEMBER BrainTeaser

Name ten parts of the human body (no slang words) that have only three letters.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

When contacted by members of the nominating committee, volunteer to run for a position. You can also come out to nominate any full member or to announce your candidacy for any of the club officer or board positions.

HAM RADIO ENTRY LEVEL CLASSES

Members, please help promote ham radio by passing this information to anyone you feel may be interested in earning their FCC ham radio technician license. Fall classes for Amateur Radio Entry-license test preparation will begin September 16, and continue each Tuesday, 7-9 pm through November 11.

The course is suitable for ages 11 years and up. George / N3SQD and Al / W3CE will be the main instructors. These classes will be held as part of the non-college credit evening course offerings of Northampton Community College, Bethlehem.

Course Identification: **CAL-7087-01**.

Since this is being offered through NCC, there will be a \$20 registration fee and \$24 materials fee (ARRL study manual).

For additional information - answers to your questions about the classes and/or amateur radio in general - contact Bob / KE3AW at ke3aw@arrl.net or call 610.432.8286.

To register for the course, contact NCC by telephone at 1-877-543-0998.

de **Bob / KE3AW**

MEETING PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The DLARC will be in need for a General Meeting Program Chairman, for programs beginning January 2009. Someone who can plan and organize programs for each monthly meeting. This chairman can select a committee to assist him and can get ideas from his committee and the general membership. Ideas from the general membership, will enable the Chairman and his committee to get an understanding of what subjects would be of interest to those attending the meetings. Subject matter does not have to be amateur radio related, but just of interest in general. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, contact any member of the Executive Committee.



Ghoulish Radio Event October 18th



EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE, 2008

The date of Saturday, October 18 has been set for this year's parade, with Monday, October 20 is the rain date. As in past years, amateur radio operators have played a very important part in assuring communications for the safety and welfare of the parade operation.

We'll need about 15 radio operators, with 2-meter rig capabilities, who will ride in their own vehicles in the parade, and a net control operator, who will be with the parade marshal.

This is both a valuable service and a fun event. For those who have participated in past parades, I hope you will be part of this year's event. For hams who have not been involved, and are wondering about any details, please contact me at ke3aw@arrl.net or by phone at 610.432.8286. The first 15 hams will be in the parade. Thanks!

de **Bob / KE3AW**

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Donate your old, empty printer ink cartridges to the Club for recycling. Any brand, model, size or shape; color or black. Please bring them to the meeting in a leak proof ziplock type baggie and give them to the Treasurer. This simple act can help your Club by reducing recurring expenses, and make you feel a lot better about our environment.

NEW MEMBERS

Come shake hands and greet our new members. Welcome them to our club. Craig / KB3IYM, Bill / KA7YJX, Brent / N1RRD, Bill / N3HQP, Paul / KB3LIC, Bob / KA3JAV, Dave / KB2RYM, Bob / N3SNZ and Dave Layos (No Call)

N2DH HONORED



President AI / W3CE presenting Bill / N2DH with the Past President's Gavel Plaque. This award is presented to the past president honoring him for his achievements and leadership during his tenure as president of the DLARC.

N3OW PA QSO PARTY WINNER



Jay / N3OW displaying his Plaque for being the highest SSB station in the 2007 Pennsylvania QSO Party. Jay had 1435 Qs with 60 counties, 77 sections and 1 DX multiplier for a total of 199,630 points

AUGUST MEETING PROGRAM



George / N3SQD presented a follow-up program to his original program to rid your shack of the "Wall Warts". This program "Power Poles revisited" explained the merits of using power poles for all your connections. And how the emergency services were converting to power poles to standardize all connections. Thus making it possible for any amateur operator to go on the scene and to be able to connect up and operate without any delays. George is also preparing additional information, which will be in the October Newsletter.



VOLUNTEER ONCE EVERY YEAR

The DLARC's Tax-exempt Status carries with it, an obligation to provide a Public Service to benefit our community and its citizens.

Please find time in your schedule to volunteer and participate at least once annually, in the many pleasant Charitable Events that your Club provides communications for all year-round.

This experience provides an individual with regular practice to maintain proficiency and equipment familiarity in the event of a Civil or National Emergency, where your FCC Licensed Radio credentials may be your family's ticket to secure accommodations if such a catastrophe or situation should occur.

Contact: **Bryan / AA3WM** to learn more about volunteering for most events,
Don / KC3II for ARES information,
Brian / KW3K for RACES qualifying.

CHRISTMAS CITY SPECIAL EVENT STATION / WX3MAS

It is not too early to start thinking about the annual DLARC Special Event Station. A chairperson needs to be in position early, to insure all the publications are informed in time to get the WX3MAS information before their deadlines.

PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY 2008 BONUS STATION

Pete / NL7XM

How would YOU like to be on the other end of the pileup, with hundreds of stations calling you? Here's your chance...

The DLARC as W3OK has been officially selected to be the Special Event Bonus Station for the 2008 PA QSO Party. Known as the "Friendliest Contest in America," this is a special honor. All Club Members are invited to participate the weekend of October 11th & 12th. Charlie / W3DEA and I are coordinating this huge effort, so please contact us right away to sign on if you want to be part of this incredible experience. A contact with you will be worth 200 points, so you will be highly sought after!

Signing, "**W3OK / (+county)**", any Members who travel and are the only ones to operate in their destination County, will enjoy the most latitude; operating any and all bands they desire, unrestricted. Where several participants operate from the same county, (5 ops from Northampton for example) strict band and mode coordination must be employed to prevent duplicate contacts. Without careful coordination, this would be impossible to resolve.

You cannot participate as W3OK without official coordination.

If you ever considered operating from another County, this would be the most enjoyable way to ever experience it, and put W3OK in the history books.

Positions will fill quickly so get on the list early. Our e-mail addresses appear on the last page of every Newsletter.

DLARCforum

Go to <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dlarcforum> and sign up for the DLARCforum. Subscribing to the forum will insure your accessibility to the DLARC's latest news and information. This a way to address any questions to the membership in general, on any Amateur Radio and/or DLARC subject. Additional forum information is available in the January 2008 issue of the OK Corral.

RACES EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2006, NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 course certifications are required for participation in on site RACES emergency operations. These courses can be taken on line by going to www.fema.gov and following the directions. There requirements are not needed to participate in the weekly Wednesday nets. The only requirement for these nets is a valid amateur radio license and an interest in emergency communications.

F.Y.I.

From the July 31st 2008 ARRL Newsletter

ARRL Affiliation Milestones for June and July 2008

60 Year - July

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EPA Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc. W3OK

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.

Due to other commitments, **Barry / N3NVA**, the present webmaster, would like someone to take over the duties of webmaster. If interested contact any member of the Executive Committee.

DLARC 10 METER NET

Sundays At 1600 EDT 20:00 GMT @ 28430 ±10 kc

The Net control for this net will be **Jay / N3OW**

Brian / KW3K has been named Northampton County SkyWarn Coordinator.

2007 PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY

The DLARC came in fourth in the state club listings. Murgas Amateur Radio Club was first with 1,131,957 points from 26 stations. Second place was the Frankford Radio Club with 642,116 points from 8 stations. Third place was the Radio Association of Erie with 521,426 points from 6 stations. The DLARC had 491,979 points from 14 stations. In 2006 the DLARC had 280,613 points from 15 stations. It wouldn't take much to move up in the listing this year.

Anybody who wasn't able to attend the July 10th Meeting Program presented by Mike Malsbary / KB3PDR on USMC MARS in S. Vietnam 1963-1967, can write me to arrange to borrow a copy of the PowerPoint DVD so you can experience what you missed that evening.

-Pete / NL7XM

The August Door Prize was won by **Jay / N3OW**

Bob / KE3AW has had an article on Ham Radio printed in the "Northern Valley Gazette". E-Mail, Don / KC3II at kc3ii@arrl.net if a copy is desired.

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.

The OK Corral is an organization publication for the purpose of informing members of the D.L.A.R.C. of educational and training opportunities, club events, relevant news articles and a monthly calendar of daily activities, meetings and dates. Every member of the D.L.A.R.C. 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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ARES, RACES AND DLARC NET

All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net.
This net meets Wednesday at 1900 hours local time, on the W3OK Repeater 51.76,
146.70 and 444.90 (pl 151.4). With an alternate frequency of 145.11 (151.4)

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