

**DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**



# ***W3OK***

# ***CORRAL***

***AUGUST 2008***

**Club Meeting August 7<sup>th</sup> At The 911Center**



The DLARC at the 2008 MS-150 Pennsylvania Dutch Bike Tour, Al / W3CE and daughter who rode in the event. And George / N3SQD, one of several club members who were part of the support team.



**AUGUST MEETING PROGRAM**

**“Power Poles Revisited”  
by George / N3SQD**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

Well I am writing this message the day after the MS150 Bike ride. I had to pick one of the hottest weekends the ride has ever had to participate. I never thought I could drink that much water in a single day, at least one and a half gallons during each day's ride.

Saturday started warm and humid and only got worse. My daughter was also on the ride and was able to stay well ahead of the "old man". The first part of the ride was on nice roads with some rolling hills. We enjoyed passing the many Amish buggies on the roads. I now know that they travel at about twelve miles per hour. We had to ride carefully to avoid all the things that the horses left on the roadway. The ride planners did save the best hills for the last. The hardest climbs were in the last eight miles heading into Millersville University. However there were also great downhill runs on the other sides. I was able to hit over forty miles per hour on some of them. On Sunday I had to bail out at the forty-two mile mark. I had taken a wrong turn causing me to travel some extra miles and had run out of water.

Today to recover from the weekend's labor I only took a twenty-five mile ride.

Thanks to all the amateur operators for assisting with ride communications. We still could have used a couple of more hams at a few locations, hopefully we can fully staff next year's event.

Elections will be coming up for the executive board in a few months. I encourage you all to consider running for a position. It had been very rewarding for me for the past several years.

73s

AL / W3CE



## MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING

**Call to Order:** AI / W3CE; 1930L

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Visitor & Guests Attending:** Brent / N1RRD and Joe / WA3UVP

**Secretary Report** – No changes. Motion to accept; Bud / W3BUD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay / N3OW, Passed

**Treasurer Report** – No changes, Motion to accept; Dave / KA3IWC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary / N2AUO, Passed

### REPORTS:

**MEMBERSHIP** Vic / N2OFF

170 members (142 regular, 18 assoc., 5 family, 5 lifetime )6 applications: Ed / W3HER, Salvatore / K2UEG, Mike / KA2TOV, Peter / KA3VRQ, Ned / N3SXT and Mike / K3LKA

**WEB PAGE / REPEATER** Don / KC3II

Barry / N3NVA would be interested in having somebody look at taking over as web master. Wind Gap 440 machine is back on the air

**W3OK CLUB STATION** AI / W3CE

Nothing new to report

**VE SESSION** George / N3SQD

Next test id July 11 at 7PM

**DLARC 10M NET** Jay / N3OW

Sundays at 1600 local ( 4 PM EST ) on 28.430

### OLD BUSINESS:

**FIELD DAY** AI / W3CE

Over 480 Q's and over 900 points

### NEW BUSINESS:

Brian / KW3K is taking over as Northampton County Skywarn Co-coordinator

August presentation by George / N3SQD on Anderson power poles. He will also be installing connectors for members who bring cables. Connectors will be on hand to purchase.

**Meeting adjourned by AI W3CE**

Respectfully Submitted

**Charlie / W3DEA**

Acting Secretary



**JUNE 2008**  
**D.L.A.R.C. EXPENDURE REPORT**

**Expenditures:**

250 Program Postcards	20.00
Postage for 166 Postcards	45.00
Telephone	<u>17.69</u>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>(82.69)</b>

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

*Silent Key*

*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.*

*Pietro (Pete) De Volpi / K3PD*

**VE TEST SESSION**

There will not be a test session this month. The next session will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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.

**CALL FOR ACTION**

The "model antenna bill, "PRB-1" is languishing in the PA state legislature despite passage by 26 other states. Time for us to get off the sidelines and take action before it dies with this session.

The Senate voted SB 884 out of committee on June 25 and laid on the table the same day. The House Bill, 1777 remains in committee and has not moved from the Local Government Committee since August 2007. The Legislature is in summer recess until Sept 15 when it reconvenes for a short pre-election session, then a brief "lame duck" session. If it does not pass this session the process must begin anew.

Time to contact your Senators and urge the bill be moved to the floor for a vote. Remember, the House must do the same so there is a long way to go.

Be a squeaky wheel and write, phone visit your State Reps. You can find them easily by going to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/> go to the house and senate tabs and enter you zip code. (Note, you can also find the bill(s) from this webpage.) Be sure to ask them to contact their colleagues to move these bills forward before they die with the session.

If you have friends in other clubs in the state, it would be a good idea to ask them to do likewise.

ARRL Atlantic Division

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**CQ CQ DE DLARC 10 meter Net**

Well it is summer time again time for summer E-Skip

Let us gather on Sundays At 1600 EDT 20:00 GMT @ 28430 ±10 kc

This net is Open to all amateurs around the world with the operating privileges for phone on the 10 meter amateur band.

We will run this net for 1 hour depending on check ins.

Contacts on this net can be used for any purpose awards; DXCC, County Hunting, 10-10 etc.

So let us all come out and see what propagation brings

The Net control for this net will be **N3OW**.

## JULY MEETING PROGRAM



Mike Malsbary / KB3PDR presented a program on his experiences as a Marine Corp MARS operator during 1965 – 1967 in Vietnam. He began with a brief history of Vietnam which included the background which lead up to the war and the United States involvement. He then explained how his Amateur radio experience and license lead to his becoming one of the MARS operators in Vietnam. It was a round about way which included combat experience with a mortar platoon. He took us step by step from a nineteen year old amateur radio operator in Georgia to a MARS operator in the hot humid mud of Vietnam. With a slide presentation covering all the steps, even including some of the nicer scenery he saw while there. He concluded with the final message sent out in 1975 and an acknowledgment of friends who didn't come back.

## NEW MEMBERS

Come shake hands and greet our new members. Welcome them to our club. Pete / KA3VRQ, Sal / K2UEG, Ed / W3HER, Mike / KA2TOV, Ned / N3SXT and Mike / K3LKA.

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.qsradio.com/PowerPals.htm>

Get your Anderson PowerPole Connectors in time for the August Program!

## FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

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." 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://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.

## 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 increase 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 club member is doing the printing on his own printer. His costs have to be covered.

## 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 Don / KC3II at [kc3ii@arrl.net](mailto:kc3ii@arrl.net).

## Antenna Party By Pete / NL7XM



New DLARC Member Greg Petrucci / KB3QFA with assistance from his brother, Andrew / KB3QPI and fellow Firefighter Shawn Lubenetski, took advantage of a free MINT Triband KLM beam and Hustler 2m vertical offered by Victor / K3VAY in Bethlehem.

In less than 3 hours, they safely removed both from a 50" tower on a beautiful sunny Sunday, May 25th with no complications whatsoever, making all parties involved very satisfied. Deals like this are rare, but occasionally can be discovered on the Club's "For Sale" page on the website. Ask Greg, and he'll tell you it pays to review the list occasionally!

Good luck on HF with your new beam and privileges, Greg. And we'll be looking for Andrew's FB signal into the local repeaters.



### **BE CAREFUL INSTALLING ANTENNAS**

**KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- A father and son were electrocuted Sunday afternoon in the 6100 block of Nogard in Kansas City, Kan. A 9-year-old girl found the two men, who were trying to put up a ham radio antenna on a house when one of them came in contact with a live power line.**

de **NL7XM**

### **2008 PA QSO PARTY**

There is an opportunity for the DLARC to be the Bonus Station for this year's PA QSO Party. It will require we have enough members to man stations on all the QSO Party bands. These stations will be at the individual member's home station, but using the call W3OK. Also the same protocol would exist for "Rovers" which would be another plus. Home stations would be needed for 160 mtrs, 80 mtrs, 75 mtrs, 40 mtrs, 20 mtrs, 15 mtrs, 10 mtrs, 6 mtrs and 2 mtrs. Rovers would be on any of the above bands, they find open to them. The final decision would be made at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is necessary that we have the volunteers in place prior to contacting the PA QSO sponsors. Come and express your opinions and/or volunteer. It would be a fine opportunity show the state, the DLARC in action.

## 2008 MS-150 PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH BIKE TOUR

I'd like to thank the following people for making this year's MS 150 PA Dutch Bike Tour a success! Charlie / W3DEA, Pei / AB3FY, Charlie / N3WYO, Bob / KE3AW, George / N3SQD, Gary / N2AUO, Phil / KB3HMK, Jeff / N3QZT, Bob / W3YLT and Bob / NE2C.

Without their help this weekend, the event would not have been as successful. When I get more details and have more time, I will write up a report for the newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

**Bryan Williams / AA3WM**

## DLARC MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS BY LICENSE CLASS

No License -----	1	Extra -----	66	Advanced -----	16
General -----	52	Technician -	37	Technician + ----	2
Novice -----	2				

de **Vic / N2OFF** Membership Chairman

## ROBERT V.C. DICKINSON W3HJ (SK)

Excerpt ARRL News Letter July 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

Robert Van Cleft Dickinson, W3HJ (ex-W2CCE), of Zionsville, Pennsylvania, passed away May 28. He was 79. A Fellow of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers and a member of the IEEE, Dickinson, a long-time ARRL Technical Advisor, wrote the chapter on cable television interference in the second edition of "The ARRL RFI Book." ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, remembered Dickinson, saying, "In the early 1980s, as the cable industry was developing, the relationship between the cable industry and Amateur Radio was not good. Early systems were leaky and interference problems -- especially on 2 meters -- were common. Dickinson helped change that; he agreed to serve as a liaison between the ARRL and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA). It took years, but over time -- as improvements in the construction of cable plants and firm guidance from NCTA to cable operators who did not promptly correct interference problems -- his work helped the cable industry flourish with good coexistence with licensed radio services. This has served as a model for ARRL's relationship with other industries." ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, echoed Hare's thoughts: "We are saddened by the loss of Bob Dickinson, W3HJ, a good friend of ARRL and Amateur Radio. Bob's keen interest in League activities on behalf of our Service was evidenced by his generosity as part of the ARRL Diamond Club for five years, as well as his financial support of the Spectrum Defense Fund and the Education & Technology Fund." Dickinson is survived by his wife Jessie, four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## THE HAIRCUT

One day a florist goes to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber goes to open his shop the next morning there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The cop is happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The professor is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber opens his shop, there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen different books, such as 'How to Improve Your Business' and 'Becoming More Successful.'

'Then, a Congressman comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the members of our Congress.--

**Vote carefully this year**

## 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 Brain Teaser Authors are not eligible to win.

The correct answer to the July Brain Teaser was [BOOKKEEPER](#). The winner was Bob / KE3AW. His answer came in June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:19 PM. Pete thanks all who sent him the correct answer.

## AUGUST BRAIN TEASER

### HAMBLE

Unscramble these four Hambles, one letter to each square, to form four familiar radios.

**DONKWEO**  
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**SUAYE**  
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**LOCIAN**  
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**BEERWHOM**  
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**WHAT THE FIELD DAY OP BECAME.**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

*Answer here:* "A □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ ."

### F.Y.I.

The winner of the June 5<sup>th</sup> Door Prize was **Gary / KB3HLG** .

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.

via: NL7XM

DE WA3UVP  
 Morning Pete,

This is Joe, Mike, K7PTL's friend from Danville, Pa. I just want to to thank You and the group for the warm welcome which I received at your July meeting. In addition I wanted to thank you for the "eyeball" QSL card, what a great idea!!

I enjoyed your guest speaker Mike, KB3PDR and it's always a pleasure to meet a brother in ARMS especially during this period of time when he and I both served and the fact that he is a fellow "ham" as well!

Please thank the group for me. Best wishes and may the Lord Bless.

73s &99s Joe  
 Flex Radio WA3UVP

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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.  
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