

**DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**

# ***W3OK CORRAL***

*January 2008*

**Club Meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the  
Bethlehem Township Community Center**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!***

## **January's Meeting to be in a New Location**

Because of construction at the 911 center the location of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting has been changed to the Bethlehem Township Community Building. It is located on Farmersville Road between Easton Ave and Freemansburg Ave. For a map enter the following address in any internet mapping utility such as MapQuest or Google Maps.

2900 Farmersville Road  
Bethlehem, PA

If you have any questions please contact any club officer.

Hope to see you there

AL W3CE

## **VE TEST SESSION**

The VE Test session scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Will also be held at the Bethlehem Township Community Center. This is a one time occurrence, our normal room should be ready for the next session. Pretest registration is required. Contact George/ N3SQD at [george@bioserv.com](mailto:george@bioserv.com) or Al/ W3CE at [w3ce@arrl.net](mailto:w3ce@arrl.net)

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK**

First, I want to apologize for not getting a president's message in recent newsletters, but I think this month really deserves one.

We had a great time at our recent holiday get together at December's meeting. However, we were not good caretakers of the 911 center. On Friday morning I received phone calls expressing the county's displeasure in how we left the meeting room. We had rearranged all the tables before the meeting and did not put them back before we left. They were also displeased in having food scraps left on the tables, chairs, and floors. They had an early meeting on Friday and had to spend considerable time and labor in getting the room ready. I immediately got a letter of apology off to Dick Teasdale letting him know that I was responsible for the actions of the club. George (N3SQD) and I visited with Dick on Friday afternoon expressing our concerns. Dick was very understanding, and let us know that we are still welcome, we only have to make sure that the room is left as we found it.

On the 8th and 9th of December the WX3MAS call sign was activated in our annual Christmas greeting special event station. As usual we could have used many more operators and better antennas. Even so we has several hundred contacts both stateside and DX.

All the best to all club members for the holiday season and a great New Year.

73

AL W3CE

## **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 would only be necessary for each operator to have one net session each three month period. Actually thirteen weeks to a period, so thirteen operators would be ideal. Interested parties should contact Dick/ KA3MOU at [ka3mou@verizon.net](mailto:ka3mou@verizon.net) or Don/ KC3II at [kc3ii@enter.net](mailto:kc3ii@enter.net).

Don't forget the NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 course requirement for RACES Emergency Operations. These courses can be taken on line by going to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and following the directions.

## MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING

**Call to Order:** President Al / W3CE @ 1930L; 30 members signed in.

**Visitors & Guests:** None

**Approval of October Minutes:** Motion Bruce / KA3TIU; 2nd Marvin / KA3TEO. Approved with correction: Under Treasurer's Report, change "November" to "December".

### 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	91.00
Total Income:	504.33

Expenditures:

Business Banking Products	88.40
Picnic Supplies	72.51
Stationary Supplies	76.76
Postage	41.00
Telephone	35.38
Total Expenditures:	(314.05)
Net Increase (Decrease)	190.28
Closing Balance October 31, 2007	\$3,399.77

Motion to accept: Bill / N2DH; 2d Vic / N2OFF

### Reports:

- **Repeaters:** 440 MHz machine will not retransmit PL tone.
- **License Class:** nothing new to report.
- **Club Station/Milk House:** W3CE reports that the elderly computers at the Milk House need replacing with new(er) machines - 1GHz processors and XP OS wanted; flat-panel monitors also requested.
- **VE Session:** George / N3SQD reports that testing will take place on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2008, the day after the January General Meeting, at 1900L.

**Announcements:** Membership Chairman Vic / N2OFF reported DLARC has 81 paid members as of 6 DEC 07.

## Upcoming Events:

- **WX3MAS Special Event Station:** The station will be run from a room in the Greystone Building, not the Milk House, so help is needed for setup on 07DEC07, beginning around 1300L. The sign up sheet was passed around.
- **April Spaghetti Dinner:** W3CE announced that the search is on for a venue for a Club Spaghetti Dinner in April. More to come!
- **May Foxhunt:** W3CE also announced he will be coordinating a transmitter hunt sometime in May. More info to follow.

**New Members:** N/A

**Old Business:** N/A

## New Business:

- DLARC is still in search of a Program Chairman for General Meeting programs of interest to the membership. Currently, the Executive Committee is acting as a "Committee of the Whole" to fill this role. Volunteer solicited from the Membership at large; to volunteer, contact any Executive Committee member!
- Upcoming Programs: Jan 08 - W3CE - Winlink2000; Feb 08 - ?, possibly Chris / NU3L's African photo montage; Mar08 – Barry / KU3X - Antenna Matching; Apr 08 - ? - D-star; May – Blair / K3YD - ?; Jun08 – Gary / N2AUO - Amateur Satellite Operation; etc., to include possible programs on amateur astronomy.
- Carl / AA3IX asked the membership why we do not have a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for departed members at every meeting.
- Pete / NL7XM announced a contest for DLARC members only - no details yet, so you'll have to attend future meetings to find out more!
- Jay / N3OW suggested starting a net on 10 meters (or some other HF band) to pique interest in HF operation.

**Program:** Eat! Essen! Mangia! We had our annual Holiday gathering, with lots and lots of yummy food and good fellowship. Whoever brought the rum balls (KE3AW?), your humble correspondent desires the recipe.

**Close:** Motion Mark / K3MP; 2nd Bruce / KA3TIU

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob / NQ3X

# November 2007

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

Opening Balance as published      10-31-07      \$3,399.77

Income:

Dues Deposits for period:	497.00
Member Donations	<u>22.00</u>
Total Income:	519.00

Expenditures:

None	<u>.00</u>
Total Expenditures:	(.00)

Net Increase (Decrease)      519.00

Closing Balance      November 30, 2007      3,918.77

Respectfully Submitted,

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

## **THE DLARCforum**

**Don, KA3JWE List Administrator**

A few years ago the Executive Committee established an electronic mailing list for D.L.A.R.C. Members and friends to provide an easy way to disseminate information on a timely basis. This mailing list is called the "DLARC forum" and all club members with email capability are welcome to join.

Joining the list is easy. If you have internet access, just go to this web site: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dlarcforum> and fill in the appropriate boxes. Instructions for the subscription process are available on the page. If you don't have internet service but do have email service you can still subscribe by sending a subscription request directly to the list administrator, ka3jwe@arrl.net.

The DLARCforum is a "closed" list which means that only subscribers can post messages, so your mailbox won't be filled with junk mail from unknown sources. The list uses a "text only" format which means that only messages in plain text are passed.

Messages received in HTML are filtered and stripped of any formatting before being sent out to list subscribers. The list will not accept or pass any attachments such as files and pictures. This is done to eliminate the possibility of spreading any type of computer virus or other harmful program. The forum is an "un-moderated" list which means that there is no moderator screening messages before they are passed on.

Since its beginning, the volume of messages on the DLARCforum has been relatively low compared to other similar mailing lists. So, don't worry your inbox won't be overflowing with messages if you subscribe. There is also the ability to configure your preferences for the list to your personal liking.

So, please consider joining the list if you're not already subscribed. You'll be better informed about current club activities and also have the knowledge and experience of over half the membership at your disposal. Anything you want to know, all you have to do is ask!

## **ARRL DX CONTEST**

W3OK will be on the air from the Milk House for this year's ARRL DX phone Contest. The times of operation are: 00:00 UTC March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 23:59 UTC March 4<sup>th</sup>. A multi-op station is hoped for. If you can help out operating or logging, please contact Al/ W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.

## **BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE**

May 17, the DLARC will be putting on an amateur radio station as a demonstration for the Boy Scouts of America's Jamboree at Kutztown University. AI/ W3CE is chairman for this event and will need operators and assistance setting the station up. Contact AI at [w3ce@arrl.net](mailto:w3ce@arrl.net), if you can assist in the project.

## **SELL YOUR UNUSED EQUIPMENT**

Don't forget the DLARC has a website section where you can sell your excess or unused equipment. It is listed under MISC on the website header, as "For Sale Items". To use this service, contact Barry/ N3NVA at [n3nva@epix.net](mailto:n3nva@epix.net). Be sure to include a photograph if you have one, with your information. Also if you are in the market for a particular item, check this listing, it may be here.

## **4 X 4 AVAILABILITY**

Still looking for four wheel drive vehicles for Northampton County EMA. These are the vehicles 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](mailto:ka3mou@verizon.net) or Don/ KC3II at [kc3ii@enter.net](mailto:kc3ii@enter.net)

## **RACES EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS**

As of September 2006, NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 course certifications are required for participation on site RACES Emergency Operations. These courses can be taken on line by going to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and following the directions. These requirements are not need to participate in the weekly Wednesday nets. All that is required for these nets is a valid amateur radio license and an interest in emergency communications.

## ***Rides Needed or Offered***

Have you stopped driving at night but would still like to come to meetings once in a while? Do you drive after dark? Would you be willing to pick up someone and bring them to the meeting and then back home again? So if you do drive or don't drive after dark, contact me and I will try to get you two together.

E-mail me at: [n17xm@arrl.net](mailto:n17xm@arrl.net)

## ANNOUNCING THE Old DLARC Fiftieth Anniversary Radio Trophy Sprint

A sprint is a short, and usually very quick competition. In ham radio it's just that. A short, fast contest. In celebration of the DLARC's 50<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation, I have been asked to put together rules and guidelines for this 1 (one) hour FUN event.

**DATE & TIME** = Saturday, March 1 2008: 1500Z, (that's 10 AM to 11 AM EST)

**ELIGIBILITY** = Must be a paid up DLARC member, as indicated in the 2008 Roster.

**OBJECTIVE** = Contact as many other DLARC members, (once only), as you can.

**FREQUENCIES** = Any 2-meter FM simplex frequency (ie. 146.52, 146.55, 146.58). No repeater contacts permitted. (This does not restrict you from asking someone on a repeater to QSY to a simplex frequency).

**CATEGORY** = Single Operator only. Mobile contacts are valid, but only one log to be submitted, which should show all contacts.

**EXCHANGE** = A sequential serial number, starting with 1, and the day of the month of your birthday. (Example; if your birthday is February 14 – then you give 'check 14', but not the month).

**LOGS** = You must use, and submit, paper (handwritten) logs only. The top of log sheet should show your call and the check number sent. The columns of the log should look like this;

| **# Sent** | **TIME** | **# RCVD** | **CALL** | **DAY #** |

(You can pre-number the #Sent column). Example; if you are my 5<sup>th</sup> contact, and my birthday is Feb 14, my exchange to you would be,

**“NUMBER 5 from W3TDF, Check 14.”**

**SCORING** = It's very simple. 1 (one) point for each completed contact made. No multipliers.

**LOG SUBMISSION** = Completed logs may not be mailed. They must be turned at the March 6 General Membership Meeting. Grand Prize will be an all expense paid (by you) vacation trip to Bermuda.

Remember, this is a **FUN** event. No doubt everyone has 2-meter capability. You could probably even sit in your car on top of a hill, (for 1 hour) and make lots of contacts.

**GOOD LUCK. de Ray (W3TDF)**



## **CHAIR PERSONS NEEDED**

Many of the annual projects still need chair persons. We would like for these positions to be filled by the February General Meeting. This would allow for enough time for all the projects to be properly staffed etc. We had a situation last year where we had to inform the Easton MS Walk that we could not handle their communications. However this notice came less than a week before the event, which did not give a good presentation of the DLARC. Thus having the chair persons early, give the chair person enough time to get their teams together and fulfill our commitments. The chairs that are still open are the Easton NS Walk, the Allentown MS Walk, the MS 150 Bike Tour and the Emmaus Halloween Parade. There are also positions within the club activities that need chairpersons. These being the Picnic, Christmas City Special Event Station and Meeting Program director.

The following Chairman positions have been filled for 2008. The Field day and PA QSO Party Chairman is Tom / KB3IUE and the Public Relations Chairman is Bob / KE3AW. The chairman for the Boy Scout Jamboree at Kutztown University is Al / W3CE.

## **FYI**

Eastern Pennsylvania District 2 ARES Net meets every Wednesday at 1930 hours local time. ( Just after the DLARC Net ) On the W3HA Repeater 147.255 with a pl of 162.2.

Mitch Bloom/ WA1LLD is living in Melbourne, Fla. He would like to hear from anyone traveling in that area. He can be reach by calling 610-428-9824.

I have in my possession, U.S. Callbooks from 1963, 1953 and believe it or not, 1936. Anyone who would like me to look up an old callsign, or research the history of their own callsign should drop me an e-mail and I will be happy to provide them with the information that appears there. If you send an S.A.S.E and I'll even photocopy the page for you.

Pete / NL7XM

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**THE PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE DLARC CAN  
BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING**

## CLUB MEETINGS

All regular meeting 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)

## ARES, RACES and DLARC Net

All Radio Amateurs are invited to participate in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net. This  
net meets Wednesdays 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 ( pl 151.4 )

## THE W3OK TRUSTEE DON REAMER, KA3JWE

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