

**DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**  
**NOVEMBER 2014**



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**Club Meeting November 6th, 7:30PM At the  
Bethlehem Township Community Center**

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

**“Exploring the 900 MHz Band”  
Mark / W2MB**



**“ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS”  
Charlie / W3OPA**



## MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

A general membership meeting of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc. (the Club) was held on October 2, 2014, at the Bethlehem Township Community Center located in Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania.

**Call to Order:** Jay / N3OW, President, called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jay / N3OW

**Member Happenings:** Jon / NJ3I submitted a score of about 3 million points for the CQ World-Wide DX RTTY Contest.

Ken / KB3MDT is in the process of refurbishing a Heathkit HW101 from the Club sale.

**Approval of the Minutes:** John / NT3P asked if there were any additions, or corrections to the minutes as they appeared in the last newsletter. There were no corrections. Jay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**Motion:** It was moved by Al / W3CE, second by Jon / NJ3I to approve the minutes. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike / KB3LOD presented the Treasurer's Report for August.

**Motion:** It was moved by Pete / NL7XM, second by George / N3SQD to approve the treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

**Club Station:** No issues reported. The Club station is open Wednesday evenings and most weekends.

**Club Repeater:** No issues or problems reported.

**Website Report:** No issues or problems reported.

**Membership Report:** George / N3SQD reported there were no applications for membership this month.

**Licensing Classes:** Classes have started and there have been four sessions.

**Disbursement of Donated Club Equipment:** Barry / K3UX provided an update on the ongoing sale of donated equipment. It is still ongoing, but winding down as almost all of the salable items have been sold. The Club has raised about \$975 from the sale. Barry will continue to update the list of remaining equipment on the Club website and e-mail reflector for the next couple of weeks.

**Pennsylvania QSO Party:** Jay / N3OW encouraged everyone to try to operate during the Pa QSO Party. Dave / N3EYT and John / NT3P will be operating from the club station with the club's call for the event.

**Wheelman Gap Gallup:** Al / W3CE thanked everyone who helped for the Gap Gallup event. Net control used portable generator power for the first 60-90 minutes of the event, and then was able to operate by solar power for the remainder of the day. Al advised that the Lehigh Wheelmen have donated \$200 to the club.

**Upcoming Programs:** Doreen / K3PDL has two openings for 2015 presentations. If you are interested in making a presentation next year, please see Doreen so it can be scheduled.

**Upcoming trip to Boyertown Historic Vehicles Museum:** Doreen / K3PDL is scheduling a trip to the museum for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see Doreen if you are interested in going.

**Club Elections:** Bill / NC3P reported that there is a full slate of candidates and that there is only one candidate for each position. In accordance with the bylaws, when there is only one candidate for each position, the secretary will cast the necessary vote. John / NT3P, club secretary, cast the pro forma vote. The club's new officers and directors are:

President:	Jay Mason / N3OW
Vice President:	Dave Blankenship / N3EYT
Secretary:	Larry Kaplan / AB3TY
Treasurer:	Mike Gower / KB3LOD
Directors:	Gabe Lantos / KZ2A
	Dick/Schaeffer / KB3ALG
	Ron Hontz / K3BKT
	Evelyn Uhler / W3DOY
	Dave Mellman / KA3IWC

The final board position is assigned to the club's most-current past president, Charlie Lazarchak / W3OPA.

**QTH.net E-mail List and Yahoo Group:** Jay / N3OW asked if there is any interest in migrating away from the QTH.net e-mail list to Yahoo Groups. Jay explained that in Yahoo Groups, group messages can be read and posted by e-mail or directly on the Group's page. In addition, members can choose whether to receive individual e-mails, a daily digest of emails, or simply read the e-mails posts on the Group's page.

**WX3MAS Special Event Station:** Jon / NJ3I informed everyone that the Christmas City Special Event Station will be in operation on December 13 and 14 from 9 AM to 5 PM. This is a very popular event and Jon will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Charlie/W3OPA advised that next year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WX3MAS and suggested that some manner to commemorate that milestone should be pursued.

**Silent Key:** Ben / KB3CTX has been working with the family of John W Greenage / WX3C to sell the ham radio equipment. Ben has the TenTec Omni VII transceiver on display and explained the family is seeking \$1,300 or best offer for it. If anyone has any interest in this equipment, please contact Ben.

**Club Meetings for 2015:** Pete / NL7XM reported that he was scheduling the Bethlehem Community Center for the upcoming year. For year 2015, Pete suggested the following changes from the standard first Thursday of the month schedule. In January the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday is January 1 and in July the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday is July 2; Pete suggested that January 8 and July 9 be pursued as alternate meeting dates. There was a general consensus that availability of the Community Center should be pursued for the suggested dates. For the May meeting, Pete advised that he may be able to get a renowned speaker. However, this speaker has a condition that the presentation must start by 8 PM.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ed / AA3OU, second by Charlie / W3OPA to accommodate the speaker's requirement by starting the May meeting with the presentation and then follow the presentation with the business portion of the meeting. Discussion followed. **Motion failed.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Charlie / W3OPA, second by Doreen/K3PDL, to accommodate the speaker's requirement by conducting an abbreviated business portion of the meeting that would end at 7:50 PM and would be followed by the presentation at 8:00 PM. Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Club, Jay / N3OW adjourned the meeting for the evening's presentation the club's annual awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by John / NT3P, Secretary

## 2014 – 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

**President - Jay Mason / N3OW**

**Vice President - Dave Blankenship / N3EYT**

**Secretary - Larry Kaplan / AB3TY**

**Treasurer - Mike Gower / KB3LOD**

## DIRECTORS

**Gabe Lantos / KZ2A**

**Dick Schaeffer / KB3ALG**

**Ron Hontz / K3BKT**

**Evelyn Uhler / W3DOY**

**Dave Mellman / KA3IWC**

**Charlie Lazarchak / W3OPA**

**This is the executive committee for 2015, give them all the support you can, so as to allow the DLARC to continue to grow.**

### NOVEMBER QUICK-CHECK CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 <b>EST STARTS</b>	3 QCWA Net 8:30 PM	4 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	5 DLARC Net (KB3WYJI)	6 <b>DL ARC MEETING</b> 7:30 PM	7 <b>VE SESSION</b>	8
9	10 QCWA Net 8:30 PM	11 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	12 DLARC Net (NB3R)	13	14	15
16	17 QCWA Net 8:30 PM	18 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	19 DLARC Net (W3CE)	20 <b>DLARC BOARD MEETING</b>	21	22
23	24 QCWA Net 8:30 PM	25 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	26 DLARC Net (KC3II)	27 	28	29
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## NOVEMBER CONTESTING AT THE OK CORRAL



November 1 & 2 – Ukrainian DX Contest  
– ARRL Sweepstakes Contest - CW  
November 8 & 9 – ARRL EME Contest  
– JI DX Phone Contest  
November 15 & 16 – ARRL Sweepstakes Contest - SSB  
– Run For The Bacon QRP Contest  
November 22 & 23 – LZ DX Contest  
November 29 & 30 – CQ Worldwide DX Contest - CW



## VE TEST SESSION

There will be a test session this month on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Northampton County 911 center. Pretest registration is required. Contact George / N3SQD at [george@bioserv.com](mailto:george@bioserv.com) or Al / W3CE at [w3ce.arrl.net](http://w3ce.arrl.net)

**EASTERN STANDARD TIME BEGINS NOVEMBER 2**



## CHRISTMAS CITY SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Again this holiday season, the DLARC special event branch, "The Christmas City Station" will be on the air. Over the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to 6PM daily, from the Milk House with the call of WX3MAS. This our way of celebrating Christmas and wishing other hams around the world a "Merry Christmas" from the twin Christmas Cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem. Jon / NJ3I will again chair this event and is looking for support from the general membership. Operators will be needed man the radios during the on air period. Jon did a good job last year, but volunteers are needed to continue our tradition. Jon also has said that there will be a holiday dinner Saturday evening and left overs for Sunday plus any Christmas goodies you would like to bring. A sign up sheet will be available at the is meeting and also at the December meeting.

## 2015 PROGRAMS

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club prides itself on bringing you the best programming and entertainment content possible year after successful year.

It's is undoubtedly partially responsible for our unprecedented and sustained growth while ARC membership and attendance in general elsewhere struggles.

It's November and Program Chair Doreen Gramling / K3PDL is actively recruiting qualified talent to populate the 2015 Club calendar with presentations that deliver current and practical material to help you get the most out of Amateur Radio today. If you have a topic or idea that would be of interest to your friends and colleagues, contact Doreen promptly to secure a preferred date while some are still available.

There's plenty of time to flesh out your outline into a polished product ready for our friendly, receptive audience, but now is the time to book the month your material will be ready.

Everybody is very good at something! Share your knowledge and experience with us at the D.L.A.R.C. and write Doreen today at: [country.lady06@yahoo.com](mailto:country.lady06@yahoo.com)

## HARD COPY SUBSCRIPTION

You must sign up if you want a hard copy newsletter subscription. The rate is \$12, this is exclusively for the newsletter only, to cover printing and mailing. The price of maintaining a Bulk Mailing Permit is too expensive to justify with the size of our membership, thus the first class postage requirement. This will squarely cover the cost of paper and printing supplies for 12 issues. To subscribe contact Pete / NL7XM at [nl7xm@arrl.net](mailto:nl7xm@arrl.net)

## NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

**We are enjoying our superior new meeting quarters, but for that reason, it is also a very popular venue for many other groups. To reduce congestion as other scheduled activities end and folks try to exit, we have been politely asked to refrain from entering the lobby before 7:15. Your strict consideration is appreciated. With the nicer weather, a pre-meeting get together can be had in the pavilions near the parking lot area.**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

It's that time, already! DUES are payable for the calendar year 2015. Here's 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 your timely renewal. Please ensure that your callsign appears somewhere on the instrument, such as in the memo field. Paying with cash is discouraged, but if you really, *really* have to, kindly make certain you are prepared with the correct sum according to the rate table shown below. Remember, if your DUES are not paid by February 1st, your membership will expire.

2015 DUES Rates / No Changes  
Regular Membership 18-64 years of age:  
Jan. - Dec. ....\$17.-  
65 and over, or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit)  
Jan. - Dec. ....\$12.-  
Additional Family member  
each \$3.-  
Associate Individual Membership  
\$10.-

**You are strongly encouraged to MAIL your DUES** so that I may conduct the bulk of the record-keeping duties apart from where I believe you deserve the most of my attention. In person at Club Meetings, I'd prefer to answer your questions, address your concerns, and welcome your thoughtful revenue raising and savings ideas. Therefore, it is firmly advocated that DUES correspondence be mailed to:

**Michael J. Gower**  
**1511 Shelbourne Drive**  
**Bethlehem, Pa. 18018**

Enclosing a S.A.S.E will bring your new membership card back to you immediately if you can't attend the next Meeting where they are routinely distributed. You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at: [Treasurer@dlarc.org](mailto:Treasurer@dlarc.org) Include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

de Mike / KB3LOD, DLARC Treasurer

### LEHIGH WHEELMEN'S GAP GALLOP 100 MILE BIKE RIDE

This year's bike ride was held on the 18th of September, and DLARC once again assisted with communications. We had a total of ten operators, with two at net control, three riding in the SAG (Support and Gear) vehicles, an five at various rest stops.

The ride was uneventful with no major accidents and a few flat tires and minor mechanical problems.

Running net control on solar power ran into a snag because we started operating before we had the sun high enough to hit the panels. After running on the generator for about 45 minutes we finally had enough solar radiation to provide enough power to run the Yaesu 8800.

Many thanks to all the club members who helped out on the ride. The Wheelmen were once again very appreciative for our help an made a nice donation to our club's treasury.

Hope to see all the volunteers back again next year.

AL / W3CE



**HAPPY**  
**T HANKSGIVING**



## MONTHLY BRAIN TEASER

"A special prize awaits the first Club Member to submit the correct answer to this month's Brainteaser to the Pete / NL7XM, *only*, at nl7xm@arrl.net The winner must be present at the next Meeting to receive it, or it goes unrewarded. Officers, Board members, Newsletter staff, and Brain Teaser Authors are not eligible to win."

de Pete / NL7XM



### OCTOBER BRAINTEASER ANSWER

4.5 pounds

Winner – Don / N0VGA



### NOVEMBER BRAINTEASER de Paul / KB3LIC

Find a four-digit number such that the last digit is three Quarters of the first digit, which is four times the third digit, which is twice the second, and the sum of the third and fourth digits is the first digit. The number 3 is not involved.

## DLARC TRIP

### Next trip will be to:

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles  
85 S. Walnut St., Boyertown, PA 19512  
[www.boyertownmuseum.org](http://www.boyertownmuseum.org)

### Diner Day is back! Saturday November 8

2014-11 Diner Day The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles will host a special event in its restored Reading Diner, a 1938 Jerry O'Mahony prefabricated diner once part of Fegely's Family Restaurant. On Saturday, November 8, with regular admission, visitors can purchase pie and coffee at 1940s prices! Visitors will also be allowed to eat in the diner itself. Pie and coffee will be available for sale from 10am to 1pm.

Meet at the Easton Park and Ride on the William Penn Highway, Easton. Pa. at 8:00, leave at 8:30 to carpool to Boyertown, PA.

Arrive at 9:30 am Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

Note: this museum has many different antique vehicles from bicycles, wagons, automobiles, and the restored Fegley Diner, Reading, PA

Adult - \$6.00

Senior Citizen - \$5.00

Student (Age 6+) - \$4.00

AAA - \$5.00

If anyone is interested in going please call Doreen at 610-923-7934 or [dgramling.709@gmail.com](mailto:dgramling.709@gmail.com). I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

73,

Doreen / K3PDL Travel Chairperson

## ATLANTIC DIVISION 2014 ELECTIONS

The Atlantic Division election for Director and Vice Director is now underway. Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Candidate for ARRL Atlantic Division Director and Bob Famiglio, K3RF, Candidate for ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director

We believe an informed choice on who you elect as Director and Vice Director for the Atlantic Division is very important. We are running as a team and hope that you will visit our campaign website [www.hams4atlantic.org](http://www.hams4atlantic.org) <<http://www.hams4atlantic.org>> to learn more about us. There you will find our bios, our endorsements from our fellow hams and our pledges to you. One of our pledges is to keep the Division membership informed. Those aren't just words on a website.

Your outgoing Atlantic division director, Bill Edgar, N3LLR, has taken the unprecedented action of setting up three web broadcasts for you to choose from to have the opportunity to meet ALL of the candidates. Bill has invited the candidates to participate in each session at no cost to them. We urge all of you to sign up for at least one webinar session to learn about and ask questions of the candidates. They start this week.

We look forward to introducing ourselves to you, hearing your questions and concerns and to addressing them in a public forum. 73,

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Candidate for ARRL Atlantic Division Director

Bob Famiglio, K3RF, Candidate for ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director

## REDNERS' SUPERMARKETS SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

### Here's how it works:

Redner's has a terrific program to support the Club **AT NO COST TO THEM**, if our members simply sign up for a Gas Card that records their shopping points, and give their cash register receipts to, **Pete / NL7XM**, He'll do the rest.

**Note: This does not affect your gas points in any way.**



### 2014 BULL BY THE HORNS WINNERS & NORM ZOLTACK AWARD

Paul / N3YNT - Newsletter circulation, Program presentation, Ben / KB3CTX – RFI Committee, Program presentation. Al / W3CE - Northampton County Radio Officer, Program presentation, Barry / KU3X – Program presentation, Used Equipment Sales, Dave / NB3R - Club Station Chair, Program presentation, Doreen / K3PDL - Program presentation, Events, Programs, Charlie / W3OPA – Awards & past president, Mark / W2MB - Program presentation, Jon / NJ3I – WX3MAS, Brad / W3JXQ - Web Site, News letter Photography George / N3SQD - VE, Membership, Pete / NL7XM - Brain teaser, Newsletter Hard Copy, Redners, Staples. Don / KA3JWE - Email Forum, Bob / KE3AW - Education – Public Information Officer, Barry / N3NVA – Repeater Maintenance, Don / KC3II – Newsletter, Stephanie / WX3K - Field Day, Steve / KB3WYJ - Club QSL Manager, Bryan / AA3WM - Name Tags, Bill / NC3P - Election Chair, Jay / N3OW - 2013 K3NZ PA QSL Winner,



Front Row: AA3OU, KB3CTX, KU3X, N3SQD, NC3P, K3CDL  
Rear Row: KC3II, N3YNT, W3CE, W2MB, NL7XM, KB3WYJ, W3OPA, N3OW

### PAST PRESIDENT AWARD



President Jay / N3OW awarding Charlie / W3OPA, the Past President Plaque







## **AM ATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2014**

### **Co-Sponsors Swells Before Congressional Recess**

An intense effort during the few days in September that Congress was in session has resulted in 47 co-sponsors for the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014 ([H.R. 4969](#)). Another half-dozen or so US House Members have indicated that they will sign on when Congress returns, something they can do only while Congress is in session. Congress went into recess on September 19. ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, and ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, visited dozens of congressional offices this month. Elsewhere, other ARRL elected and appointed officials and members from across the US met with members of Congress and with their staffers, wrote letters, and made phone calls to urge co-sponsorship.

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### **EPA ANTENNA CASE UP DATE**

Many of you are aware that an important legal case involving amateur radio has been pending in our EPA Section since last year. I am privileged to represent Jeff DePolo, WN3A, in his legal battles against two townships who joined forces against hams, the National Park Service (Valley Forge), many of Jeff's neighbors and the Great Valley Association some thousand homeowners strong. Many of you in our Section recognize Jeff as an ardent supporter of amateur radio and all of us, over the years. He owns and maintains different repeaters, including the University of Pennsylvania repeater system used by many of us. The case has accrued about 15 hours of actual hearing time over many months, many long hours of preparation, hundreds of pages of legal briefs and argument, and was scheduled to be decided by September 25, a few days from now. A letter to all area hams I sent is posted on the EPA document section of the ARRL website for more background. The case is important because a decision in this matter may affect all of us not only in our Section but likely in the Federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals which has jurisdiction over much of our Atlantic Division.

The Township Board of Zoning Appeals, comprised in this case of all lawyers sitting as judges, just requested and received an extension to October 23 to render their written decision. During my field day visits around the Section to many of your clubs, the foremost question I received was about the status of this case. Over the past number of months, and especially at our EPA section convention in Harrisburg last July, I received more questions about this matter than anything else. We will have to wait one more month and then I will post the decision and likely post our lengthy briefs written in support of amateur radio. The several briefs filed by different parties against Jeff's proposed single tower on his 3 acre wooded lot at his new home, which I will post as well, are fascinating in that very skilled lawyers have found new and interesting ways to argue that PRB-1 and the newer Pennsylvania equivalent law are not applicable in the ways we have argued they are in the past. Such is the nature of our legal system.

Rest assured that we will circulate the decision, good or bad, and provide information about the expected appeals. Unfortunately, this case may go on for a while but we won't give up. And neither should you if you are in a similar situation. In the meantime, on behalf of Jeff and his family, thank you for the well wishes received from the various clubs I visited and especially our thanks to those of you driving long distances to attend one or more of the hearings in Chester County to show your support for your fellow radio amateurs. It is gratifying.

Those of you that continue to have difficulties with your local towns, and I hear from many of you not only as your Section Manager but as a long time ARRL volunteer counsel, please be persistent and let us know of your success or set backs. Your experiences, good or bad, will help others. And remember to read up on and support HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014". Go to the League web site for latest information on this drive to expand our rights to HOAs and those of you living in antenna restricted communities. Such rights never come free, we have to work for them. As always, I can be reached day or evenings at my ARRL published number to answer questions, so call if you like.

I will see you on the radio. A fraternal 73. Bob Famiglio, K3RF, EPA SM

## WISCONSIN HAM DIES IN FALL FROM TOWER

A Wisconsin radio amateur lost his life on September 16 as he was performing maintenance on the 100 foot tower of a fellow ham. Killed in the fall was 59-year-old James G. Linstedt, W9ZUC, of Eau Claire, who succumbed to injuries sustained after he fell 95 feet from a tower owned by Ronald Anderson, W9RMA, in Eagle Point, just outside of Chippewa Falls, on the shores of Lake Wissota. Linstedt was said to have been an experienced climber. Although he had been wearing an over-the-shoulder safety harness, he apparently had failed to secure himself to the tower before the mishap occurred. Anderson, a former Chippewa County Sheriff, called authorities promptly. Chippewa County Sheriff James Kowalczyk told the *Leader-Telegram* newspaper that Linstedt was wearing safety equipment, but did not use it. "When we use it for years, we get a little lax...", the newspaper quoted Kowalczyk as saying. "If he had used it, we wouldn't be investigating an accidental death."

Kowalczyk said Linstedt had been strapped in before moving 10 feet up the tower, apparently without securing himself. An active radio amateur, Linstedt was a member of the Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club and once served as the club's president. -- Thanks to John Bigley, N7UR/[Nevada Amateur Radio Newswire](#); media accounts

## HAM RADIO SAVES THE DAY AGAIN – YUKON, CANADA

Last Sunday September 21, 2014, at approx. 21:00hrs PST, VY1MAP (Terry Hauff) called on the local 2 meter repeater -146.880- looking for VY1RF (Ray Fugard).

Terry VY1MAP wanted Ray VY1RF to make a phone call for him as he was not in cell phone range. The situation was that Terry is a member of the local S.A.R. team and they were on an active search for a missing teenager. The command center they had setup was approx 35kms north of Whitehorse YK at Lake Laberge. The satellite phone that they were to use was not functioning so they had no way to call for assistance, additional resources or send status reports.

That is where, once again, amateur radio comes in. Terry, being a ham, goes out to his vehicle and makes contact with Whitehorse via 2 meter amateur radio with VY1RF and VY1RM (Ron McFadyen). They were able to pass important traffic to/from the command center.

The missing young man was found and all ended well.

This is the second time in as many months that amateur radio and in particular Y.A.R.A.'s members and infrastructure proved invaluable in an emergency situation.

"Whether it's a natural disaster, major weather event, planned community event, missing person search, we (at RAC) receive numerous reports of amateur radio interventions when traditional communication systems fail. Ham radio is most certainly still relevant and provides a crucial communications back-up option, often in challenging/dire situations." - says Vincent Charron VE3XU, Director of Communications RAC.

(Thanks to Mark Bowers VY1MAB for submitting information)

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE (WX3C Estate)

**The following equipment is still for sale and prices have been reduced:**

Ten-Tec Omni VII HF Radio + Power Supply 941 (25A) + 300W Dummy Load in Excellent Condition - \$1300 - This is the rig that I displayed during the October club meeting. It is a great HF+6m 100W radio with full remote capabilities built-in that sells new for \$2500! Additional specs can be found at <http://www.tentec.com/omni-vii-hf-6m-transceiver-with-tuner-summer-package-special/>

AEA PK-232MBX w/ version 7.0 firmware - \$80

Ten-Tec 1200 2m FM mobile transceiver w/ PL - \$40 (currently on display in the back room of the Milkhouse)

Astron RS-20A Power Supply (16A continuous, 20A ICS) - \$30

MFJ-1118 Deluxe DC Panel - \$30

Astatic D-104 Mic and Stand with bare 4-wire cable (needs mic connector) - \$10

The 48ft. Rohn 25G fold-over tower and antennas mentioned in the previous email have been taken down now, but may still be available. Once I determine the status of these, I will contact those that expressed interest at the last meeting or post an update here with what remains.

Please contact me at [kb3ctx@yahoo.com](mailto:kb3ctx@yahoo.com) if interested in any of these items or give me your best offer as I will probably be advertising them online otherwise.

Ben, KB3CTX

## APOLITICAL APHORISMS

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. - ~Jay Leno~

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. - ~Henry Cate, VII~

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office - ~Aesop~

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.- ~Will Rogers~

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. - ~Nikita Khrushchev~

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. - ~Clarence Darrow~

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. - ~Author unknown~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.- ~John Quinton~

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. - ~Oscar Ameringer~

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them ~Adlai Stevenson

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. - ~Tex Guinan~

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. - ~Charles de Gaulle~

**F.Y.I.**

The December Program will be Our Annual Club Christmas Party

The D.L.A.R.C. meets the "FIRST" Thursday of each month. Membership, friends and interested persons meet at the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18020 ) at 7:30 PM. Committee reports and announcements of all present and future activities will be presented at that time. Followed by that month's program.

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.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evenings at 8:30 PM on 3960 +/- depending on conditions.

Mid-Atlantic D-Star Net meets each Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The following repeaters Dstar repeaters are available in the Lehigh Valley. W3OK -145.11000MHz -0.600 Port C – W3OI -147.16500MHz +0.600 Port C, – W3OI - 445.02500MHz -5.000 Port B All repeaters on the net are linked through **Reflector 020 port A**, so all stations checking into the net should make sure that they have *their local repeater call sign followed by the letter "G" in the eight position of the RPT2 field*. Otherwise, you will only be heard locally and not over the Reflector. Dongle users wishing to check into the net should Log On by connecting directly to Reflector 20, port A, rather than through your local repeater in order to conserve local bandwidth.

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