

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.
JANUARY 2020



W3OK

CORRAL

**Club Meeting January 2nd, 7:30PM At the
Bethlehem Township Community Center**

JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM

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Pete / NL7XM





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MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING

A General Meeting of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club was held on November 7, 2019 at the Bethlehem Township Community Center, Bethlehem, PA.

President, Stephanie Koles, WX3K, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

President's Report:

Stephanie opened the meeting by announcing Steve / NS3L will be the Station Manager after Jan 1, 2020. The Club thanked Lester / W3LES for all his hard work.

Announcements:

1. Bob Green / KE3AW, said the National Museum of Industrial History in South Bethlehem has broken down the radio station and very much appreciated the Club's participation.
2. Al / W3CE asked that anyone subscribing to CQ Magazine please bring the article written by Barb / W3ATC, for the December spotlighting the 50th year of DLARC's WX3MAS Christmas event.
3. Dave / N3EYT said that WX3MAS will run Thursday December 12 – Sunday December 15. Dave provided a signup sheet for Club members to signup to put out calls from the Milkhouse. This year it will be possible for members to participate from their home stations Dave can be contacted at N3EYT@arrl.net. Dave also said that a noon turkey dinner will be available.

Secretary's Report: Larry / AB3TY, announced the Minutes for the November 2019 General Meeting. Dave / N3EYT motioned to accept. It was seconded by Mark / W2MB and so moved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gower, KB3LOD, reported on the Club's financial status for October 2019. Jay / N3OW motioned to accept; it was seconded by George / N3SQD and so moved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Membership Chair Terry Swinney, KC3JHT nominated the following new members:

Randal Smith---General

Mark / W2MB motioned to accept the new member; it was seconded by George / N3SQD and so moved.

Clayton Faulkner Sr.---Associate

Clayton Faulkner Jr.---Associate

Steve NS3L motioned to accept the new members, it was seconded by Steve / N3OPA and so moved.

Awards Committee: Committee Chair Terry Swinney, KC3JHT, passed out Certificates of Appreciation to members who were not in attendance at the November general meeting. A good number of certificates are in need of homes.

Programs: Stephanie announced Mark / W2MB has stepped forward to be the Club's Program Chair. There are several programs lined up for 2020, but the program calendar has openings for several months. Please contact Stephanie or Mark if you are interested in presenting a program.

Stephanie also announced the need for a Hamfest Program Chair that will take place in September 2020.

New Business:

1.. George / N3SQD asked for a show of hands that would like to have Field Day at Louise Moore Park or at East Allen Bicentennial Park. The greater show of hands was for East Allen Bicentennial Park.

2. Ron / N3ZO donated a ARRL 2020 Handbook to the Club.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Larry / AB3TY, Secretary

JANUARY QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 DLARCC Net (No Net)	2 DLARC Meeting 7:30 PM	3 VE Session	4
5	6	7	8 DLARC Net (KC3MKP)	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 DLARC Net (W3CE)	16	17	18
19	20 MLK Jr DAY	214 DLARC BOARD MEETING	22 DLARCC Net (KC3I(I))	23	24	25 LUNAR NEW YEAR
26	27	28	29 DLARCC Net (N3SQDI)	30	31	

JANUARY CONTESTING AT THE OK CORRAL



- January 4 & 5 – WW PMC Contest
- ARRL RTTY Roundup
- January 11 & 12 – UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest
- North American QSPW Party - CW
- January 18 & 19 – ARRL January VHF Contest
- WAB 1,8 MHz Phone/CW
- January 25 & 26 – CQ 160 Mtr Contest Contest - CW
- UBA DX Contest - SSB



VE TEST SESSION

There will be a test session this month on January 3rd at 7 PM at the Northampton County 911 center. Pretest registration is required. Contact John / NT3P at nt3p@arrl.net

CLUB TREASURER

Mike / KB3LOD will be stepping down following this term as treasurer. Mike has been treasurer for many years. We thank him for his excellent service. Any member interested in this office contact any Executive Committee member. This will allow time for Mike to explain the ins & outs of the DLARC finances.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Mark / W2MB has assumed the chairmanship of the programs. Be willing and able to assist him in any way. Volunteer to present a program or even make suggestions as to subject matter. The programs do not need to ham radio related, although nice, any subject you would think interesting is all that is necessary.

W3OK CLUB STATION

Better known as the "Milkhouse" the W3OK Station is open Wednesdays' 6 PM until ??, and Saturdays' 9:30 AM until ??. Our repeater 146,700 is always on ... So just call W3OK and check. Steve / NS3L is the new manager. Many thanks to Les / W3LES for his tenure as manager. Support Steve as you had Les.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER CLUB

Don't forget the Wednesday Evening Dinner Club. Club members get together for dinner prior to heading up to the "Milkhouse" for the weekly gathering. Listen to the Wednesday Net for the following weeks location. Each week is a different location. Also it is posted on the club FORUM. A fun get together!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

It's that time, already! DUES are payable for the calendar year 2020. 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.** Is one 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. Payment may also be made using PayPal. 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 December 31st, your membership will expire.

2020 DUES Rates

Regular Membership 18-64 years of age:

Jan. - Dec.\$20.-

65 and over, or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit)

Jan. - Dec.\$15.-

**Additional Family member
each \$5.-**

**Associate Individual Membership
\$12.-**

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. Include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

de Mike / KB3LOD, DLARC Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

The DLARC is continuing to grow, so be sure to greet our new members, shake their hands, and give them a warm welcome to our club. The newest members are Randal Smith, Clayton Faulkner Sr and Clayton Faulkner Jr,

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please check the web page roster listing. It is important that your telephone number and email address are correct. This is the only way we can contact members. If you do not receive the newsletter in your email and are registered for the phone tree and do receive the notices by phone, your email address is incorrect on the roster, and the same for your telephone number.

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

DECEMBER BRAINTEASER ANSWER

Herein – (I, he, in, her, ere, here, rein,)

The winner is Doreen / K3PDL



JANUARY BRAINTEASER

My Posterior is adorned with feathers, I have a long neck and a pointy nose.
I am able to fly, but have no wings, What am I?

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PAST



WX3MAS 2015

Jay / N3OW, Dave / NB3R, Jon / NJ3I John / NT3C, Davr / N3EYT and Bob / NE2C

DECEMBER MEETING REPORT

Its hard to believe, but we were at the final meeting of 2019. However, that means only one thing! The annual Delaware-Lehigh Radio Club Christmas Celebration. The biggest event on the fall calendar. This is the time old friends renew friendships, and make new friendships, that will become old by next year's celebration, Members came bearing gifts of food and goodies to share with other members and their families. A continuation of a long time practice that membership looks forward to. A good time was had by all.



F.Y.I.



The



WX3MAS #50 2019



WX3MAS #1 1969



1st Contact - Ray + Bob - 0001 12/15





The Mid-Atlantic's
Largest Winter Hamfest!

We are officially kicking off Frostfest 2020! The largest hamfest in the Mid-Atlantic will be held on Saturday, February 1st, 2020 at the Richmond Raceway Complex.

www.frostfest.com is the place to find all the information about this great hamfest! Sales are open!

Many of your favorite vendors are already committed, and there will be more to come. Get a table or two and sell your excess equipment.

Check out all the details at www.frostfest.com

Discounted Group Rate: DoubleTree - Richmond Airport, \$99/night. Hotel Reservation Link Pre-Show "Meet & Greet" will be held in the hotel restaurant/lobby, Friday @ 7:30pm. - Details to follow on Facebook

TOWER WORK

A ham writing a letter to his insurance company explaining a recent misfortune..... "I am writing in response to your request for additional information in block No. 3 of your Accident Reporting Form. I submitted "poor-planning" caused the accident. You say in your letter to explain "more fully". I trust the following information will prove to be sufficient. I am an amateur radio operator, and on the day of the of the accident I was at work on the top section of my 100 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that, over the course of many trips up and down the tower, I had brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now-unneeded tools down by hand I decided to lower them using a small barrel and my "gin pole" still attached to the top of the tower. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up the tower and filled the barrel. I then went back to ground level and untied the rope, holding it tightly, to insure a slow descent of the 300 pound load. You will notice in block No. 11 that I had given my weight as 150 pounds. Due to my surprise at being suddenly jerked off the ground at such a rapid rate, I momentarily lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 50 foot level, I met the swiftly descending barrel. This explains my fractured collar bone. After momentarily slowing, I resumed my rapid ascent, not stopping until my hands were three knuckles deep in the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my composure and managed to hold onto the rope despite the excruciating pain. At about this time, however, the loaded barrel hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now, without the 300 pounds of tools, the barrel only weighed about 15 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block No. 11. As you might imagine, I began a swift plunge down the side of the tower. Again, at about the 50 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for my two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs, thighs, and lower body. The barrel encounter slowed me enough to lessen my impact with the pile of tools and hardware and I was extremely fortunate to escape with only a fractured coccyx and three crushed vertebrae. I regret to report, however, that as I lay there on the pile of tools in excruciating pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel, 100 feet above me, that I again let go of the rope, and!"

de Les / W3LES

ARRL Legislative Advocacy Committee Drafting New Bill Addressing Antenna Restrictions

The ARRL Board of Directors Legislative Advocacy Committee is in the process of drafting a new bill to address the issue of private land-use restrictions on amateur radio antennas. The proposed legislation would be the successor to the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The Legislative Advocacy Committee, chaired by Pacific Division Director Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, will report to the Board soon, once plans are fleshed out. Tiemstra told the ARRL Executive Committee (EC) on [October 12](#) in Aurora, Colorado, that Advocacy Committee members have traveled to Washington to meet on multiple occasions with members of Congress and their staffs to inform them of the committee's plans.

AARL Washington Counsel Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, told the EC last month that he understands the conditional exemption of amateur radio licensees from the RF exposure measurement requirements in the FCC's Part 97 Amateur Service rules is proposed to be removed. A *Report and Order* in FCC Docket WT 13-84 is making the rounds that, if adopted, would make amateur licensees subject to the same requirements as all other FCC licensees. The *Report and Order* is expected to be released before year's end.

Siddall also reported to the EC that the FCC is poised to address the 60-meter band amateur allocation adopted at World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15). The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), on behalf of US government primary users of the band, has insisted that the maximum permitted power for radio amateurs must not exceed that agreed to at WRC-15 -- 15 W effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP) or 9.1 W ERP -- despite the fact that Canada has authorized its amateur licensees to use 100 W, and eliminate the current discrete channels, which ARRL's petition proposed to retain. NTIA oversees federal government frequency allocations and users.

F.Y.I.

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.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY 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 147.350 (DCS 315) W3OI Repeater.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evenings at 8:30 PM on 3960 +/- depending on conditions. Other inputs are the 146.85 repeater, (151.4 PL) and Echolink at K2PM-R.

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.

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.

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