

**DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.**

*DECEMBER 2021*

# *W3OK CORRAL*

*Club Meeting December 2, 7:30PM at the Nancy  
Run Fire House*

*DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM*

*DLARC Christmas Party*



*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

## *NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES*

President Jim Matlack, KC3MKP called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jim, KC3MKP

**President's Report:** Jim told members present that John, N3IGA, in addition to becoming the Secretary and running the 50-50, will be the Newsletter Editor,

Jim presented the results for the Field Day 2021 as reported by Stephanie, WX3K.

No results from the PA QSO Party yet.

Jim also announced that he will take over as the Program Chair.

WX3MAS Special Event Station will be held December 10 - 12, 2021. No other information is available currently since the Chairperson, Stephanie, WX3K was not at the meeting. Hopefully, information will be given shortly since there's not much time left.

**Announcements:** None

**Guests:**

**Secretary's Report:** John, N3IGA, announced the Minutes for the October General Meeting.

Steve, W3NAM motioned to accept. It was seconded by Evelyn, W3DOY and so moved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry, KC3JTK presented the report for October.

Dean, AB3JD motioned to accept. It was seconded by Terry, KC3JHT and so moved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Terry, KC3JHT, reported that the number of members hasn't increased. He has gotten a few members that have paid their 2022 dues.

**Club Station:** George, N3QSD, reported that there was problems with the entering in the logging program. He had to try and fix the problem before sending in the score. Nothing heard back yet.

**Tech Committee:** George, N3QSD, still states there are still problems with the rotor. It seems that the rotor is not getting power. George said that Al needs to take a drone to check the wires out if there are any issues with them. There is a lot of things that could be wrong.

**Website:** Larry, AB3TY reported no issues.

**Repeater:** No issues reported.

**New Business:** Larry, AB3TY, said he will continue to be the Newsletter distributor.

There was talk about the club having to have a small chance license for the 50-50 raffle. There was a lot of discussion about what needs to be done. It was decided that it will be tabled until more information is gotten.

John, N3IGA, the new Newsletter Editor, is asking for articles for the newsletter. You can send them to his email address found in the Club Membership pages.

**Awards:** Terry/ KC3JHT had awards for 2021 members:

Al Wiemann, W3CE: Ham Instructor, Net Control Wednesday, RFI Committee, Provide D-Star Training, Updated Dstar & ICOM Software, TECH Committee Chair—Field Day Equipment Committee.

Andrew A Parker: Net Control Wednesday  
Barbara Wiemann: Club Historian, Archives  
Barry Kery, KU3X: Loaner Equipment Custodian, Field Day  
Barry Vogt, N3NVA: Station Trustee, Repeater Maintenance, August Meeting Program “The W3OK Repeater System”, “Voter RX”  
Ben Ramig, N3WR: Net Control Wednesday, RFI Committee, Field Day Team Leader—  
Computers Networks / Cables Compilation of Field Day Logs  
Bob Green, KE3AW: Club Public Relations, Ham Class Organizer, Christmas Station, By-Laws Committee, Education Chairperson, Field Day Public Relations, VE Testing  
Chris Hornaman, NU3L: Field Day - Antenna Committee  
David Blankenship, N3EYT: Club badges, Event Photographer, Election Committee, Field Day, Christmas City Station  
Dean Guth, AB3BD: Board of Directors, Assistant Ham Instructor, WXMAS Trustee, Field Day Team Leader—Safety Officer, Field Day Equipment Committee  
Don Holmes, KC3II: Newsletter Editor, Net Manager, Net Control Wednesday  
Donald W Reamer, KA3JWE: DLARC Forum List Administrator  
Doreen Gramling, Social Activities, Christmas Station, 50/50 Raffle, Net Control Wednesday, Field Day  
Ed Pitosky, AA3OU: Wednesday Dinner Night  
Gabe Lantos, KZ2A: Board of Directors Member  
George Wieland, N3QSD: Northampton County Emergency Coordinator, Ham Instructor, Net Control Wednesday, September Club Presentation “Links for Hams”, Club ARES/RACES Chairperson, Christmas Station  
Jim Matlack, KC3MKP: Club President  
Joseph Wood, KC3HLL: Christmas Station  
John Barbaz, NT3P: VE Coordinator, Election Committee Chairperson, Field Day Team Leader—VE Testing, Club Facebook Page Administrator, Club Board of Directors  
Jon Hom, W3PPP: Field Day Antenna Committee  
Lawrence Kaplan, AB3TY: Secretary, Newsletter Circulation, Field Day Antenna Committee Chairperson, Christmas Station, WEB Master, ZOOM Meeting Coordinator  
Larry Butler, KC3JTK: Club Treasurer, Field Day Antenna Committee  
Larry “Adam” Gauntz, KC3OJA: Field Day, Christmas Station, Club Station Manager  
Stephanie Koles, WX3K: Club President, Board of Directors, Hamfest Committee Chairperson, November Meeting Program - RF Exposure For The Average Ham, Field Day Chair, January Presentation – Homebrew Night: Hands on Experience, Christmas Station.  
Stephen Nordahl, N3SET: Club Board of Directors, Club Station Manager, Compilation of Field Day Logs, Gather & Test all equipment to be used for Field Day, Christmas Station  
Steve Harper, W3NAM: Vice President, Net Control Wednesday

**Program: None**

There was a discussion about having a Christmas Party at the December Meeting. Talk was about having a Pot Luck set up. Family members are welcome. If there's an interest, then you need to contact a club officer or Board Member so we know what the majority of the club wants.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Motion made to adjourn made by Evelyn, W3DOY and seconded by Dean, AB3BD.

## Emmaus Parade

Rain date was Sunday, October 17, 2021. There were 12 operators. They were: George, N3SQD – Net Control, David, N3EYT, Evelyn, W3DOY, Dean, AB3BD, Larry K., AB3TY, Doug, N3WGH – Also for use of his Crossband Repeater in Emmaus, Tim, KC3NCS, Eric, KC3AOK, Mark, AK3M, Steve F., KC3AOE, Larry B., KC3JTK, and Bob Green, KE3AW.

It was fun by all even with minor problems from the rescheduling. Everything went off without a hitch.

## [LOOKIN' FOR DLARC MEMBERS' HELP](#)

Each spring and fall for the past number of decades DLARC has offered classes in preparation for the FCC ham license tests. I suppose many reading this message may have gone through the classes, as I did back in 1990.

The classes have proven to be very helpful to passing the license exam, but also in allowing new hams to get some ideas of how they might set up their unique stations, learn on-the-air protocol, experience hands-on transceivers, to name a few additional information beyond the FCC exam. Each of the two sessions per year, spring and fall, have been scheduled for 10 Tuesday evenings, 7: 00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The 10<sup>th</sup> session is dedicated to VE testing for those in class as well as non-students.

We want to continue the classes, but this year we are facing a problem. We need a room for the fall series of classes. The room at the 911 Center cannot be guaranteed for us at this time. Although we would like to start classes on the traditional day after Labor Day, we may need change the start day and date, and /or class times when we find a location. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it!

So, here is where your help can be valuable. We are looking for leads from anyone who knows of a possible meeting room(s) in a school, library, church/synagogue, fire hall, municipal building, etc., which could meet our needs, and if so, would you please pass that information to us – with the contact name and phone number if known.

We are most interested in locations near the center of Northampton County but will appreciate all leads to pursue.

Contact: Bob Green/KE3AW [KE3AW@ARRL.NET](mailto:KE3AW@ARRL.NET) or phone 610.419.9286

TNX,

Bob/KE3AW

## *DLARC Field Day 2021*

Number of Qs – 268

Claimed participants – 39

I counted 11 operators from N1MM logs. I kept track for the operators the best I could throughout the weekend.

WX3K	85
K2PM	51
AB3TY	28
AB3BD	21
N3ZO	18
KC3RDV	17
WZ1X	16
N3MQL	13
N3EYT	9
KB3WGE	5
W3OK	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>

We had a lot of “visitors” to field day. Most were DLARC members. Not many made any effort to operate.

Beverages and snacks were provided at field day. An announcement about not serving food due to Covid concerns was made prior to FD. There were no objections at the meeting. I was not present on FC Saturday until late evening. A big to do about providing grilled food to the largely non operator DLARC members that attended FD caused Larry to purchase food last minute.

Stephanie, WX3K



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**WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT**

Friday through Sunday, December 10 – 12, 2021.

If you are a member of the DLARC you may operate the event from home! Published time is from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET each day, but feel free to extend the time if conditions permit. Come on out and have fun.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!**

It's that time, already! DUES are payable for the calendar year 2021. 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 call sign 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* must, 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.

### **2022 DUES Rates**

**Regular Membership 18-64 years of age: Jan. - Dec. - \$25.**

**65 and over or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit) Jan. - Dec. \$20.**

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

**Associate Individual Membership— \$15.**

**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:

**Lawrence R. Butler  
800 Maple Lane  
Easton, Pa. 18045**

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: [lrbutler@ptd.net](mailto:lrbutler@ptd.net) include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

de Larry / KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

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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 Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)  
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