

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

FEBRUARY 2022

W3OK CORRAL

*Club Meeting February 3, 7:30PM at the Nancy
Run Fire House*

FEBRUARY MEETING PROGRAM

TBA



JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Due to Covid issues, the General Meeting was held on ZOOM.

President Jim Matlack, KC3MKP called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

President's Report: Jim talked about what happened with the WX3MAS Special Event. He apologized about what happened. He thought everything was taken care of and ready to go. He wasn't aware that it wasn't ready to go. He said that next year as Past President, Jim promised that the event will be next year. As a matter of fact, he guaranteed it. Jim then explained a misunderstanding of a comment Stephanie, WX3K, made about how the QSL cards and certificates went out to the contacts.

Announcements: None

Guests: None

Secretary's Report: There were some errors in the Minutes from December. Two of them were the typo error of Dean, AB3DB callsign in both in the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. Corrections are noted and will be corrected in the next Newsletter. Another error was from Al, W3CE saying that nothing was in the Minutes from last month about the K3OK's estate donation. The reason that it wasn't put in was that I wanted to get all the information together and put it in the next Newsletter with all information. I put together a Donation letter and sent it to the President who signed it and was mail yesterday to Bill's wife for tax purposes. There was an amount donated to Bill's charity of his choice. A motion to accept the Minutes from December was made by Dean, AB3BD, and second by Ed, AA3OU and so moved.

Treasurer's Report: Larry / KC3JTK presented the report for December. A motion by Dean, AB3BD to accept the report. Carl, AA3IX second the motion and so moved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Terry, KC3JHT, reported that there are 80 members total as of the end of December.

Club Station: No Report

Tech Committee: No one present from the Tech Committee to make a report

Website: Still a problem with members trying to pay their membership online. It was said to contact the webmaster to inform him of the problem.

Repeater: No problems

New Business: There was nothing heard about how the Amy Zimmerman Award. Jim had contacted Stephanie about it and hasn't heard anything at all from her. It was said that she doesn't even answer her emails.

It was authorized that a donation of \$73.88 for the Daytona Hamvention Youth Forum Award. Authorized by Dean, AB3BD and second by John, N3IGA. Motion pass.

Old Business: None at the time

Awards: No Report

Other information: Jim said he tried to put a Program together since the Meeting was on Zoom. Nothing came up.

Jim also stated that there's a need for safety as far as the Virus. Have to watch the number of people at the Milkhouse on Wednesday and Saturdays. This new strain is spreading quickly.

There was also a discussion about the club's equipment up in the barn and what's being done to clean it up. It was told that a lot of the equipment is old and only good for scrap. The club has a certain area that all the Field Day equipment is stored. In the future there will be time to go through everything and get rid of what is scrap.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carl, AA3IX and seconded by Steve, K2OPA. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Program: None

FOR SALE

Selling a Rig Expert AA 600 antenna analyzer. Comes with everything that came with it from new. The analyzer is in like new condition. I will also include two sets of Nickel Zinc rechargeable batteries and a charger. Nickel Metal Hydride batteries only charge up to 1.2 volts each. Nickel Zinc batteries are fully charged at 1.5 volts. This will increase the voltage range before the analyzer will turn off because of low battery voltage. Do you have a fault in your coax somewhere between your shack and the antenna? The time domain reflectometer (TDR) on this analyzer will tell you exactly where the fault is. Price is \$400.

Phone, 610-91-8888 Please DO NOT CALL after 9 PM.

Barry G. Kery, KU3X

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DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 DLARC NET AI W3CE	3 DLARC MEETNG 7:30pm	4	5
6	7	8	9 DLARC NET George N3SQD	10	11	12
13	14 DLARC BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	15	16 DLARC NET Ben N3WR	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 DLARC NET Doreen K3PDL	24	25	26
27	28	29				

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 operators should contact George, N3SQD at george@bioserv.com. The NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 courses are not required to be a net control, but should the need arise and we do supply controls and operators for real emergencies, then the courses requirement will be in effect and EMA issued IDs will be needed to be on the scene of an emergency.

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.

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.

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 10th 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 or phone 610.419.9286

TNX,

Bob/KE3AW

Club Donation from Bill, K3OK SK

Bill Marinelli, K3OK, who was a member of DLARC for many years until, has passed away. Al, W3CE, was told by Bill's son that his mother and he would like to donate all of Bill's equipment to DLARC.

Al, W3CE along with Barry, KU3X, Dave, N3EYT, and George, N3SQD were talking over breakfast and expressed a desire to replace some of the older radios at the Milkhouse with donated gear.

The equipment was donated on November 26, 2021 which Al, W3CE, picked up. He began searching the value of the equipment. After doing the searching, the value of major items was \$4630.

The club will send a letter to Mrs. Marinelli acknowledging the donation, thanking her, and value of the equipment for her tax purposes. A letter acknowledging the donation was written up by John, N3IGA and signed by Jim, KC3MKP, our President, and mailed on January 5, 2022. There was an amount donated to Bill's charity of his choice, Al, W3CE, mentioned that what we don't keep, we could sell at Sussex next year.



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Bookmark the link and support us every time you shop!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DUES are payable for the calendar year 2022. 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* 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 the end of March 2022, 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 an 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 include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

de Larry / KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

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PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DLARC CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING 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 Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)
Club Station Telephone Number – 484 291-1527 Email Address – w3ok146700@gmail.com

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