

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

JUNE 2022

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting May 2, 7:30PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. It will be another hybrid meeting with members at the Firehouse and on Zoom.

JUNE MEETING PROGRAM

TBA



MAY MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse and on ZOOM.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jim, KC3MKP

President's Report: Jim, KC3MKP, received an email from Thomas McDonald from Air Products. They moved one of their Headquarters facilities to a new building. This new building has a complete Ham station. Jim got a list of the equipment there. They have a set of towers, but due to safety reasons, they don't know if they can be safely taken down. If the club is interested, they would gladly donate the equipment to us at no cost. They need an answer by the end of this month. There are also cables, miscellaneous parts, microphones, keys, switches, magazines, and QSL cards to name some. The station used to be W3APC. If the club is interested, Jim said he would contact them. Bob, KE3AW, suggested that Jim to contact Chris, NU3L, since Chris helped set up the Ham station some 25-30 years ago. It was also suggested that the list of the equipment should be sent to the Tech Committee to check over. The announcement about the equipment that was donated to the club and members could put their names in for the equipment is on hold for now. There are still some things to work out.

Guests: Two young ladies with their father, Pete Nebzydoski, KC3EVL. Their names were Emeline and Ellamae who are members of the 4H club of William Penn Wildcats out of Bethlehem.

Secretary's Report:

John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter last month. A motion to accept the Minutes from April was made by Steve, W3NAM and second by Terry, KC3JHT and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for March since there was no information yet for April. A motion by Terry, KC3JHT to accept the report. Scott, N3PVA second the motion and so moved.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Terry, KC3JHT, reported that there are 112 paid members, 2 associate member, and 9 life members to bring the total of 123 members.

Club Station: No Report

Tech Committee: No report

Website: No report

Repeater: No report

New Business: The Tech Classes are going well. Already 4 sessions have been done with 9 more to go. It's been done on Zoom thanks to Larry, KC3JTK. Classes should be done in time for Field Day. Testing can be done at the Field Day site.

Old Business: We are having Field Day this year. It will be on June 24, 25, and 26th. It will be held at the Lower Milford Fire Department. Jim volunteered to chair the event. He is looking for Field Day support personnel. He is planning on sending out emails explaining what kind of help is needed. He is going to try and see if the same people that did it last year will do it again. If someone do it again, then there is a need to find others to fill in. Jim wants everything in place by the end of this month so plans can be made so things will go smoothly. The Board decided to get food for Field Day. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and the fixings. If you want to bring anything else, Pot Luck is welcome to go along with the hot dogs and hamburgers. There are new rules for Field Day that is permanent as of this summer which includes Field Day. John, N3IGA, said a copy of the rules will be in this newsletter.

Also there's a need for someone to head up the Program Chairperson. The programs don't have to be Ham related. It could be anything that might be interesting to club members. In the past, there were some really interesting programs that didn't have anything to do with Ham radio.

Awards: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry, KC3JHT and seconded by Dave, N3EYT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19p.m.



Some New Rules Going into Effect this Year for ARRL Field Day

After taking a few detours over the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **ARRL Field Day** rules are being updated on a permanent basis starting this summer. ARRL conducted a Field Day community survey with invitations propagated far and wide, and direct emails sent to more than 15,000 individuals and ARRL-affiliated clubs. After sorting through, reviewing, and discussing the survey results, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee recommended a number of rule changes for ARRL Field Day, which will take place this year over the June 25 – 26 weekend.

Starting this year, the maximum PEP output for a transmitter used by anyone submitting a Field Day log will be 100 W. The power multiplier of 2 will remain in place, and the high-power category will be removed from the rules. Until this year, the maximum low-power limit had been 150 W for most ARRL-sponsored operating events. The power multiplier will remain at 5 for QRP participants running a maximum of 5 W or less. As previously announced, 100 W is now the low-power category limit for all ARRL and IARU HF Contests, effective January 1, 2022.

A couple of changes instituted initially as accommodations for the COVID-19 pandemic will remain. Class D (Home) stations will continue to be able to earn points for contacts with other Class D stations. The club aggregate scoring change initiated in 2020 as a temporary measure will become part of the permanent rules. In the aggregate scoring plan, the scores of individual stations are combined under the score of a single club.

Another change, involving Rule 7.3.2 Media Publicity, has been modified. Rules to date have offered 100 bonus points for attempting to obtain publicity and demonstrating same. With the ease of posting via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and various other media websites, Field Day participants will now be required to obtain publicity, not just try to do so. Any combination of bona fide media hits would qualify for the bonus points. For example, posting the details of your upcoming or ongoing Field Day activity, or your Field Day results, on a club or news media site, on Facebook, or via Twitter and Instagram would meet the bonus criteria. Photos and videos are encouraged as part of media posts.

From ARRL Letter

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	3	1 DLARC NET George N3SQD	2 DLARC MEETNG 7:30pm	3	4
5	6	7 FLAG DAY	8 DLARC NET Ben N3WR	9	10	11
12 FATHER'S DAY	13	14	15 DLARC NET Doreen K3PDL	16	17	18
19	20 DLARC BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22 DLARC NET Terry KC3JHT	23	24 FIELD DAY	25 FIELD DAY
26 FIELD DAY	27	28	29 DLARC NET Dave N3EYT	30		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

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. 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 evening 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 positions 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 to conserve local bandwidth.

A Contesting Word to the Wise

When submitting contest logs, many contest sponsors will provide an email confirmation of your entry. It's always advisable to check your confirmation email or the contest's Logs Received page to ensure that your entry has been submitted and that your entry category, club name, and location are correct. ARRL, CQ, and other contest sponsors allow you to resubmit your log with any corrections before the log submission deadline. The most recent uploaded log will be used for scoring purposes. After the deadline, some contest sponsors will release raw scores that reflect the results before any log checking has been completed. If, after the deadline, you notice an error in your log submission, contact the contest sponsor to correct it before the results are tabulated and made public. -- [The ARRL Contest Update](#)

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's 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

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If any member has anything that they think would interest other club members such as Ham Radio articles, Contesting, and any other interesting subjects, please send them to me to put in our newsletter. It really doesn't have to be any radio subject.

You can send your information to my email address located at the end of the Newsletter. My email has changed due to change in Internet provider. My new email address is n3iga@ptd.net so please make sure to change it in your contact list.

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. There has been a new roster put up so it would be a good idea to see if you have all the updated information on yourself is there. Take notice of who is not there and who is new.

New Program Chairperson

Michael Shimko, KA3MVN, has offered to work as the Program Chairperson. If anyone has an idea for a Program, let him know by email at mtshimko@aol.com.

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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)
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