

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

OCTOBER 2022

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting October 6, 7:30PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. Zoom will not be used anymore.

**OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM
CLUB ELECTIONS AND CLUB AWARDS**



SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held at the Firehouse.

Vice President Steve, W3NAM called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

President's Report: None

Guests: There really was no guests. We did have a Ham come in to rejoin the club. He was a member back in the 90s. So Chris Hogan, N3QIM, filled out the paperwork and paid his dues. He was welcomed into the club.

Secretary's Report:

John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the last Newsletter. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Dean, AB3BD and second by Adam, N3LAG and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry, KC3JTK, presented the report for the July. A motion by Carl, AA3IX to accept the report. Dean, AB3BD second the motion and so moved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Terry, KC3JHT, reported that with the new member tonight, we now have 130 full members total, 8 Associates, and 9 Life members.

Club Station: Adam, N3LAG, talked about the Parks On The Air event up at Jacobsburg State Park on October 23rd. Everyone is welcomed. Let Adam know if you are coming so if there is a need for more equipment, he will be able to have it there. There are grills around that if you want to make it a picnic, also let Adam know. There is a small write up further in this Newsletter.

Tech Committee: No report

Website: No report

Repeater: No report

Old Business: Field Day 2022 – Since there were no logs sent into ARRL by July 26, the club lost out. Somebody or bodies dropped the ball on this.

As far as the Rotator, George, N3SQD, said that he needs to talk to Charlie Adams.

New Business: Terry, KC3JHT, is going to be the Program Chairperson for now. He already has quite a few programs to start in January 2023. He hopes to have the whole list of programs for next year available by next month.

At last month's meeting, there was a discussion about the lack of members showing up at meeting and Zoom was not that good either. There are openings in the Club's

officers like President, Vice President, and Secretary, who stepped down to be the ARRL Membership Liaison for the Club. Steve said that he knew of one person interested in taking the President position and that's all. DLARC will not function that well with nobody stepping up and doing something. There are now 130 members in DLARC, yet you see the same members every month at the meeting or on Zoom. As of October, the General Meeting will no longer be on Zoom. That way if you want to know what's going on, come out to the meetings. Board Meetings will be at the Milkhouse. It was brought up about maybe sending out emails on Wednesday or Thursday announcing that there is a meeting. That may bring more members into the meetings.

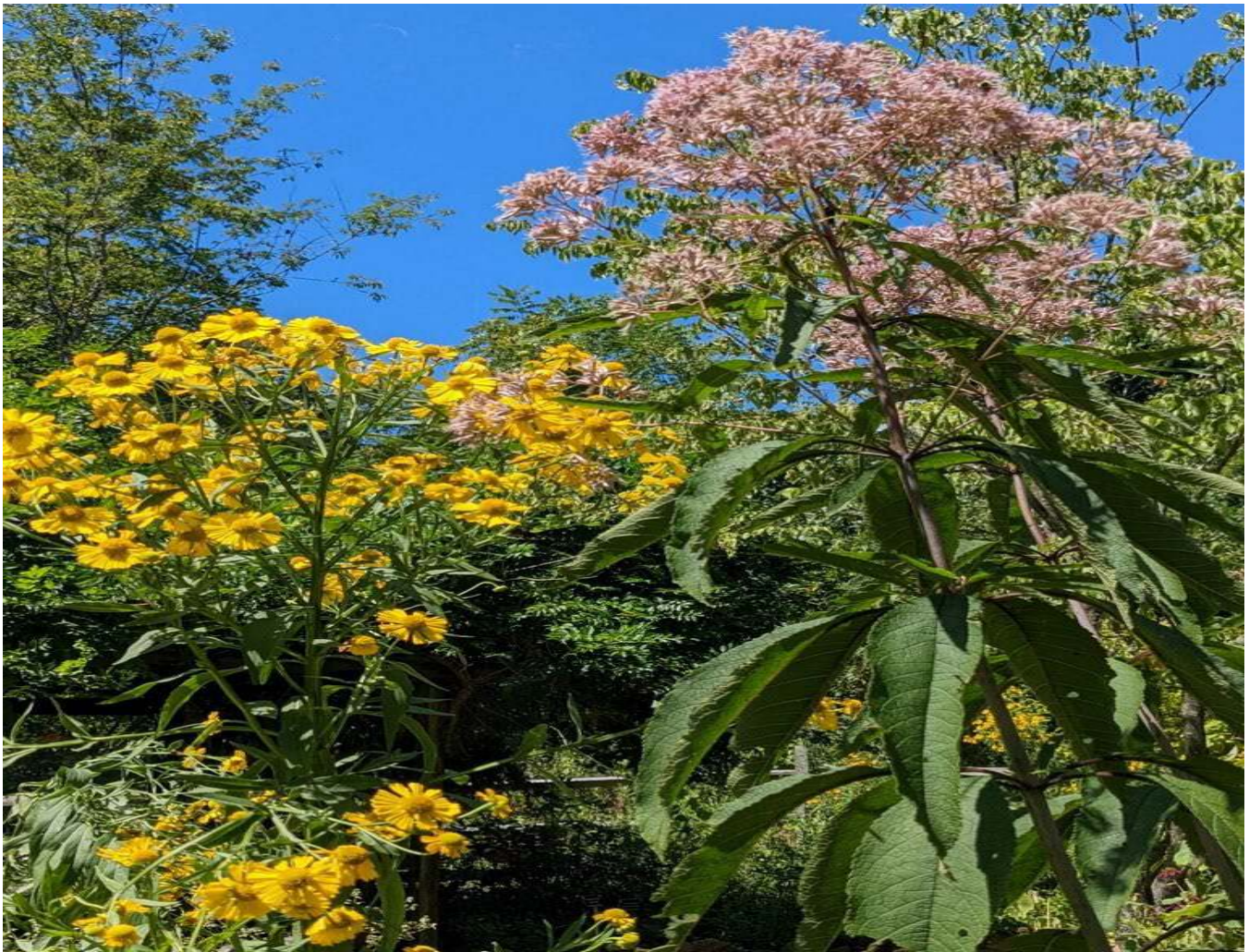
There still a big need for a place to have the classes and testing in. Right now there's really no place to go. Last class was on Zoom, but Zoom will not be available anymore. Getting these classes going will bring new members and new ideas to the club.

John, N3IGA, the new ARRL Membership Liaison for DLARC, told how things were going. So far he has got two club members to sign up for ARRL membership which will give DLARC a \$15 commission each. There was also a club member that renew which is a \$5 commission for the club. John explained that to be an Affiliated Club, you need to have at least 51% of the voting members which must be a Full or Associate members of the League, and at least 51% of the voting members must be licensed radio amateurs. As far as Special Service Club, the club must have an up-to-date ARRL Affiliation record. John said that right now he only has 25 members that have contacted him informing him of the membership and renewal information. That's quite a bit short of 51% of our membership. 51% is roughly 66-67 members out of 130 members. John also presented a check for \$15 from ARRL for one of the new members.

Announcements: Larry, KC3JTK, talked about Redners' "Save The Tapes" program. If you buy your groceries at Redners, bring the tapes in, when there is \$5000 worth of tapes, the club will get the money. They may be changing the program at the beginning of the new year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adam, N3LAG and seconded by Dean, AB3BD. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.



POTA AT JACOBSBURG STATE PARK

On Thursday, August 18, 2022, I did one of my first park activations at Jacobsburg State Park. I carefully thought of all the state parks in the area and Jacobsburg being the closest and maybe easiest to do.

Let me give everyone a short on how this had started for me. I was in the signal corps in the Army so my love of radios had started at an early age. Jump from 1997 to 2019 I contacted Bob Green about the classes. Through it Bob pushed me to do more and know more. So, November 2019 I passed and then passed my General in March 2021. In the time between March 2021 and now I started building my station. Also started getting into different things in the club. About a week before I started activating, I had gotten a dipole antenna 40-10 and a Taurus 160-6 end fed. I got a Xiegu G90 160-10 and an 18-

amp hour battery to power it. Keep in mind I have done POTA hunting (and a lot of it) prior to activating.

So, with that being said I decided to take the 16-18 of August to activate Jacobsburg State Park, across the environmental center in a pavilion. I set up my dipole (40-10) between two trees and started running. First day I got 59 contacts, second day I ended with 12 and ended up with 33 on the 18th.

To give you a perspective on where I activated, I was in a pavilion surrounded by tall trees with trails on either side of me. There are grills available for those who want to cook out. So, it was a relaxing environment to start a new addicting facet of this big hobby.

While activating I had several park rangers stop and talk to me along with several members of the general public. I did have some members who came up to see the set-up and spoke to them a little bit on their thoughts. I also had a paramedic from Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Dept. stop by and talk to Frank, W3WOW, in the end he had talked in detail to us about the hobby and the uses. I know this gentleman and invited him to the milk house. I also sent him some information on how to get licensed. Doing a Parks on the Air activation puts the "ham" in the open more and more visible. The general public are always curious about what we are doing and how we are doing it. Added benefits is that it gets us out in the fresh air and sunshine. You could do your activation at a state park as your wife does a hike, kids/grandkids swim in a pool or lake, or you could get your family to help you. The benefits can outweigh the negatives, though it does put you in the elements but if you find yourself a nice park with relaxing surroundings it's well worth it.

How it works:

ACTIVATOR: prior to going out you check out the website pota.app to get your park number. In the US It starts with K and Canada is VE. Mind you that Pota is worldwide and there are other designators in each of their own countries. You will log every contact that you make. You might end up with a pile up to dig through. If you get a park to park you would record the qso and their park number. After your activation you go to the Pota website and upload your log for the day where it is processed.

HUNTER: as a hunter you would log as you normally do, but you do not have to upload to the Pota website. All uploading is on the activator.

SPOTTING: You as a hunter can spot yourself on the website. As a hunter you can respot the activator if you can.

After talking to a couple people, I decided to try to organize one for the club on October 23rd of this year. If this is something people want to do, we could do more in the future. I would love to see some of the new members we have even techs out there and our most seasoned operators to enjoy a day with your fellow hams Families will be welcome. So come out enjoy some fresh air in a beautiful state park that this county has to offer. If anyone has questions please ask me, I will try to answer them as best I can or point you in the directions for the answer. So go out and find a park and maybe a ham friend or two and enjoy a park together.



DLARC P.O.T.A. EVENT

The date is October 23 for "Parks On The Air" activation for the club at Jacobsburg State Park. If you are interested please let me know so that way I have a general account of how many are coming. Contact me agemt@aol.com to let me know. If we get enough people, another question, I would like to ask if we want to do a little picnic. If anyone is bring food, please let me know. Families are welcome. The pavilion cost will be donated to the club by myself so that way we may enjoy this event.

de Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Once again the Emmaus Halloween Parade committee has requested our DLARC communication service to be interspersed throughout the parade, helping to keep the parade moving by reporting stops and slow-down from breakdowns to accidents, improper behavior along the route, etc. We report from the parade to Net Control where the information is shared with the Parade Marshal, who in turn decides the remedy to correct the problem.

We have been involved in this event for about 30 years because we have earned the reputation of getting messages through to the parade marshal better than CB, Family Radio, and Cell Phones - We push one button, no dialing involved and talk to all with one call.

We will need 15 hams for this event. If interested please let me know. If you haven't been in the parade in the past or just want more information, please contact me,

KE3AW@ARRL.NET

Even if tentative about it, please contact me. It is an enjoyable event to be in the parade. Over the years there have been fewer reports of problems, perhaps because after years of seeing us people know our network of dealing with anyone breaking the rules!

de Bob/KE3AW

Nominees for DLARC Officers and Board of Directors

President - Doreen Gramling – KB3PDL

Vice President - Terry Swinney – KC3JHT

Secretary - OPEN

Treasurer - Larry Butler – KC3JTK

Board of Directors (5 to be elected):

- Jim Matlack – KC3MKP (past president)
- Steve Nordahl – NS3L
- John Barbaz – NT3P
- Adam Gauntz – N3LAG
- Dean Guth – AB3BD
- Gabe Lantos – KZ2A

Pictures from EPARA 2022 Hamfest by Doreen, K3PDL
Was a very small Hamfest.



Doreen with past president, Bill, W3MJ





EPARA 2022 HAMFEST



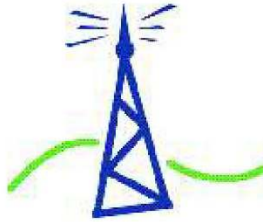
Moose Lodge 1336
705 Stokes Mill Rd., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Sunday September 18th, 8am -1pm

Grand Prize Drawing!!!

1st Prize	\$75	} Complements of the ARRL, all three gift certificates good towards ARRL publications. Redeemable online and by mail order
2nd Prize	\$50	
3rd Prize	\$25	

ENTRY FEE \$7.00

NEW LOCATION !!!



HAMFEST 2.0



RF HILL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Admission
\$6.00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

RAIN OR SHINE

Talk-in
145.31-
PL 131.8

AT THE UPPER COUNTY CAMPUS OF THE BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Blooming Glen Road, Perkasie, PA 18944

GPS Coordinates: Latitude 40° 22' 53" N, Longitude 75° 16' 31.8" W

Gates are open 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the General Public

Opens - 6:00 AM for vendors • No overnight parking at the College

FREE PARKING !!!

Vendor spaces – Spaces DO NOT include admission.

INDOOR: 8'w x 6'd with 8' x 30" table - \$12 each – 5 or more tables \$10 each.

OUTDOOR: approx. 9' frontage, first come, first served on Sunday - \$8 /space.

VE testing: Inside. Begins at 10:00 AM sharp. *Come ready to upgrade!*

Food available

Door Prizes drawn throughout the day (Must be present to Win)

Ham Equipment, Computer Hardware and Software flea market

For Hamfest information contact:

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Club website: www.rfhillarc.club



See other side for maps & directions

**** Non-ham spouses and kids are free**

Map to the R F Hill Hamfest



Directions to RF Hill Hamfest:

From the North: I-476 south to Quakertown Exit 45; turn left on PA 663N to Quakertown. Continue straight on PA 313 east through Quakertown Turn Right on Fifth Street (2 gas stations on left, follow in to second light, turn left onto Blooming Glen Road

From northern New Jersey and New York Metro area: I-78 West to Exit 60A. Follow PA 309 South. Turn left ont Rt. 313 Ease, follow directions above.

From Central New Jersey: US 202 South to PA 313 West past Dublin to Fifth Street, Perkassie. Follow directions above..

From Philadelphia: PA 309 North to Sellersville Exit (at CarSense, immediately before expressway) Go straight to Sellersville Turn Right on Rt. 152, to Walnut Street(Perkassie) Turn left on Walnut, right on Fifth Street(at light). Follow Fifth St. north to 3rd light (Blooming Glen Road), Trun right..

WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event

We are looking for some wise men and women to journey from afar and join us in celebrating the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event. Some will be operating from our club station in Nazareth, PA and sharing Season's Greetings with Amateurs near and far. We are extending the length of the event this year from Thursday through Sunday, December 8 – 11, to promote this special event.

If you are a member of the DLARC you may operate the event from home! To avoid conflicts, we need to schedule remote operators for the date(s), time(s), band, and mode you chose to operate. Please keep a log of your contacts in electronic form, if possible. Contact David / N3EYT to reserve your operating date, time, and mode.

We will try to cover operations on the 20, 40- and 80-meter bands with some mix of SSB, CW, PSK31 and FT8. Our published phone frequencies are: 3.850 MHz, 7.270 MHz, and 14.265 MHz.

Watch for operating announcements on the Wednesday net, club website, via email, or the club reflector. Official operating times will be 9 am to 5 pm ET each day but feel free to extend the time if conditions permit. Look for us in the December issue of QST magazine.

For more information, contact David/N3EYT at n3eyt@arrl.net

PA QSO PARTY

OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH

October 8th – NOON TO MIDNIGHT

OCTOBER 9TH – 9AM TO 6PM

Operate from Home, Club Station, or even Mobile.

If interested in using the Club Station for the QSO Party, let Adam, N3LAG know so he can open the station up.

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

October 2022

NO INFORMATION FROM GEORGE, N3SQD, TO FILL THE NET CONTROLS IN.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 DLARC NET	6 DLARC MEETNG 7:30pm	7	8 PA QSO PARTY
9 PA QSO PARTY	10	11	12 DLARC NET	13	14	15
16	17 DLARC BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	18	19 DLARC NET	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 DLARC NET	27	28	29
30	31					

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.

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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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