

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

May 2012



W3OK

CORRAL

Club Meeting May 3rd 7:30PM
At the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School



Ray / W3TDF presenting the April program on "Lightning, and what you should know". Plus a picture of his first sea going ship.

MEETING PROGRAM
"Critical Tools of the Casual Operator"
Paul / N0KIA



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

May day. Flowers are blooming and if you were to the last General Meeting you know that the Popops are on. Barry KU3X (DLARC Honorary Life Member) and others have already been out to the parks working mobile. This, I can tell you from experience, can be a lot of fun. I hope we all can have an enjoyable summer this year.

Ah summer.

We are a little over a month away from Field Day. Tom KB3IUE is the chair for this event. If you can help he would be the guy to let know. If it is at all possible I encourage you to try to be available for break down on Sunday which is traditionally the hardest area to get volunteers for. It will be at Louise Moore Park the same as last year. More info to come.

In regards to Field Day... We have many new Hams and the prospect of more to come from the classes. Let's make sure we encourage them to get out to Field Day and make sure we make room for them to operate when they show up. If we have an active band let's get them on it. I know we would like to get our share of the points but we should focus on the big picture to, which is to get more people enthused about our hobby and more members into our club. The more the merrier!

If you know a Ham that is not a DLARC member or you have a friend interested, even mildly, invite them to Field Day. Get the non-Hams on the G.O.T.A. station. Be fired up about your hobby.

Bob KE3AW (DLARC Honorary Life Member) informed us last month that they have a really good sized class for the introductory level license this year. Talking with George N3SQD at board meetings I am aware of the fact that this is another area where we could use a few more volunteers. Even if you could sacrifice one night over the course of the classes to help at one or even lead one would be a tremendous help. You can talk to either of these Members to get more info if you can help out.

Each month I drag my feet to put together the little bit of dribble I stick here in the newsletter. This is much to Don KC3II's chagrin. I'd like to take this moment in print to commend him on his efforts for the last number of years for the time he has devoted to putting the newsletter together. It tends to be a thankless task but he puts the time in and gives a quality result that we all should enjoy.

Thank you Don.

de Charlie / W3OPA

MAY 2012 QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	2 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (KR3U)	3 DLARC MEETING	4 VE SESSION	5
6 2012 MS WALK	7	8 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	9 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (KR3U)	10	11	12
13	14	15 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	16 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (NB3R)	17 Newsletter Article Deadline	18 DAYTON Hamvention	19 DAYTON Hamvention
20 DAYTON Hamvention	21	22 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	23 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (KB3CTX)	24	25	26
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MAY CONTESTING AT THE OK CORRAL

May 5 & 6 – 10 - 10 Int. Spring Contest - CW
 May 12 & 13 - CQ M Int. DX Contest
 May 19 & 20– Baltic Contest
 May 26 & 27 – CQ WPX Contest - CW



VE TEST SESSION

There will not be a test session this month. The next session will be May 4th at 7:00 PM at the Northampton County 911 Center. Pretest registration is required. Contact George / N3SQD at george@bioserv.com or Al / W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.



MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5th, 2021 MEETING

A general meeting of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc. was held at the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School at 3300 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem, PA, on April 5, 2012.

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 1932 hrs. with Charlie Lazarchak / W3OPA, President, presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Charlie/W3OPA

Members in Attendance: 43 and 1 guests.

Activities of Members: Charlie / W3OPA opened the meeting by asking the membership what they had been doing recently? Don / W3IKL reported that he had recently made a radio contact on the 40 meter band with a Laing Batchler / NT4TS in Cape Coral, FL. Laing asked Don to mention his name and send his regards to his old radio club. The older members recalled that Laing worked for the National Defense Agency at one time and they recalled what a good contester he was during the PA QSO championship years. George / N3SQD stated that he and Barry / KU3X had a delightful afternoon at Franko Park, Allentown, PA. After stringing some antennas, they spent a couple of hours on the radio. George encouraged the membership to check the Park out for some field work. Jon / NJ3I reported that he has recently been working the QRP DX Marathon. Using 1/2 Watt of power, he has worked 27 countries in 9 zones.

REPORTS:

Approval of the Minutes: Joe / AB3OS reported an error in the March minutes. The minutes report that two training sessions will be conducted on April 14th for those interested in spotting for the National Weather Service. However, only one session is scheduled on that date. The training session for certification is at 10 am on April 14th at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Muhlenberg. Contact Brian Klock / KW3K at kw3k@arrl.net for any questions. Charlie / W3OPA asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Dave / N3EYT so moved; 2nd by Dave / KA3IWC. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Mike / KB3LOD gave the February Treasurer's Report which was approved on a motion by Pete / NL7XM and 2nd by Don / KC3II. **Motion carried.**

Milk House: Dave / NB3R had no issues to report. He took a moment to encourage the members to visit the Milk House. The Milk House is open on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and most Saturday afternoons. Ken / N3IYX informed the membership that a new 2 meter antenna had recently been rediscovered among the array of antennas that are up and operating at the Clubhouse. For those who would like to call ahead before a visit, the Milk House phone number is 484-895-7038.

Membership Report: George / N3SQD introduced Dennis Rice / N3SXI as a new candidate for membership. After introducing Dennis, George asked for a motion to accept Dennis as a new member. Dave/NB3R so moved; 2nd by Jeff / N3QO. **Motion carried.** George/N3SQD informed the membership that, with the addition of Dennis, membership now numbers 160.

Guest Present: Thomas Bentz / KB3YJN stood and introduced himself to the members present. Thomas is a new ham and has his Technician license. Thomas mentioned that he had been invited to meeting by Dave / N3EYT. After a chorus of "Welcome!" from the membership, Dave / NB3R stood and invited Thomas to visit the Milk House for a guided tour.

Repeater Problem: George / N3SQD reported that within the past two weeks a problem had been experienced with the Nazareth repeater that rendered it inoperable. The handshake between incoming transmissions and outgoing transmissions was broken, caused by a failure in the repeater controller board. Barry / N3NVA replaced the board and successfully restored service last week. George / N3SQD observed that this whole experience has highlighted the fact that the repeater controller unit is very old. At some point in the near future the Club should move to replace it. Dave / NB3R asked whether the Club could replace it with the extra unit that we now have. George, with agreement from Al / W3CE, answered that the unit to which Dave referred is even older than the one installed now, and that did not seem to be a viable option. Bill / K3ANS then took a moment to inform the membership that a recent problem has arose with new LCD lighting that has recently been used to illuminate radio towers and other erections. The new lighting is a source of radio noise that just did not exist before the appearance of LCD lighting. Dave / N3LWY confirmed what Bill reported and mentioned that the FCC is now attempting to deal with the problem.

Technical Classes: Bob / KE3AW reported that what looked to be a disappointing semester for attendance at the technical classes, a week or two before the start of the semester, has been a delightful surprise a few weeks into the classes. Bob was happy to report that 12 people were attending the Technician classes and 5 or 6 people were attending the General classes.

Cub Scouts: Al / W3CE was happy to report that the session with the Cubs Scouts in which Club members worked with Scouts and Scout parents in building crystal radio sets was a great success. Both Scouts and their parents, were dubious at the start that a radio could be built from a crystal, an oatmeal box, and wire, were delighted and amazed when the radios were completed and found to work. One station was able to receive three different stations. In all, 22 sets were built and the day was a great success.

Matched Fund for High Balloon Project: George/N3SQD announced the Board's decision to allocate \$100 of Club money to establish a "match" fund to encourage contributions from the membership to support the High Altitude Balloon Project. The Club will match up to \$100 contributed by the membership in support of the Project. After Al / W3CE stood and described the Project in detail, both George/N3SQD and Charlie/W3OPA made an appeal to the members for contributions. Charlie and Pete/NL7XM informed the members that any contribution to the Club for the Project would be tax deductible.

Bill / K3ANS questioned whether the Club is a recognized charity to which a contribution would be tax deductible. Pete / NL7XM assured Bill and the membership that DLARC is a charity recognized by the IRS, and a contribution to the Club would be tax deductible. Note: Pete/NL7XM is correct. The IRS maintains Publication 78 which lists all the charitable organizations that it recognizes. The reader will find DLARC listed as: "EIN 23-6297265 Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc". A contribution is tax deductible. However, to maintain the tax deductibility of the contribution, a member must make the contribution directly to DLARC and receive a letter supporting the contribution. Treasurer Mike / KB3LOD will then remit money to the Project leader by a check drawn on the Club's general account. Contributions made directly to the Project leader would not be tax deductible.

Proposed Purchase of Linear Amp w/ Tuner: George / N3SQD then informed the membership that Ken / N3IYX has recently offered to sell his AL 811H 800 watt linear amplifier with a 1000 watt tuner to the Club for \$900. The amp with tuner would be added to the equipment at the Milk House and increase our radio capability. The Club House does not have a linear amp at present and it would be a welcomed addition to the Milk House arsenal. Charlie / W3OPA stated that the Board decided to submit the offer for a vote at the general meeting after the Board decided that the offer was fair based upon a survey of used equipment sites on the Internet. QTH listed similar equipment at \$1200 to \$1300. Dave / NB3R stated that the equipment comes with auxiliary wiring and parts worth another \$100 to \$150. And, Dave added, this equipment has been used at the Milk House and it is in good working order, so we know what we are buying. Barry / KU3x made a motion to approve the purchase of the equipment from Ken / N3IYX for a price of \$900; 2nd by Joe / KB3TOD. **Motion carried.**

St. Luke's Emergency Testing: Al / W3CE reported that on March 30th several Club members assisted St. Luke's in helping test its emergency preparedness for the case of a total power loss. George / N3SQD, Jon / NJ3I, Brian / KW3K, Bill / NC3P, Bob / KE3AW, Steve / KB3WYJ, Bob / NE2C, and Al / W3CE were the Club members that participated in the exercise. A net was set up to establish communications between the St. Luke's campuses, and the radio net acted under various imagined scenarios to see how effectively operations could be conducted with a total power loss at the facilities. Al reported that exercise went very well and the representatives of the hospital were impressed with the performance of the team from DLARC. Jeff / N3QO asked whether any of the exercises involved communicating personal patient data via radio, and warned of possible HIPPA violations due to a transmission of personal information.

MS Walk: With Howard / WO3P not present, Charlie / W3OPA reminded the membership of the M S Walk scheduled for May 6th at Coca Cola Park. Volunteers to provide communications for the event should contact Howard / WO3P.

Field Day: With Tom / KB3IUE absent, Charlie / W3OPA reminded members that volunteers are needed for the Field Day event. Those interested in volunteering should contact Tom / KB3IUE.

Spring Sprint: Ray / W3TDF reminded the membership of the upcoming DLARC event, "Spring Sprint", on April 14th. The competition is scheduled for 10 am to 11 am. Competitors use 5 different channels on the 2 meter band to try to make as many contacts as possible during the hour of the competition. Logs are to be turned in at the May meeting, or can be turned in to Ray / W3TDF or to Pete / NL7XM. Bob / KE3AW won last year. Contact Ray or Pete for contest details

New E-Mail Addr.: Our newsletter editor Don Holmes / KC3II has a new e-mail address, kc3ii@ptd.net.

Final Moments: Doreen / KB3PDL reported having problems logging into the Club website. Several Club members suggested that the problem must lie with her computer setup since no one else appears to have a similar problem. In closing Dave / N3LWY made the kind offer to the membership of providing the service of his backhoe to any member erecting an antenna in exchange for merely the price of the gasoline used. This generous offer was warmly received by the members in attendance.

Adjournment: With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2017 hrs.

Raffle: DLARC won the raffle with a ticket donated by Paddy / AJ3B.

Scavenger Hunt: Pete / NL7XM led the membership in a scavenger hunt with three door prizes at stake:

Pete / NL7XM asked for a piece of Velcro. Won by Dave / N3LWY.

Pete / NL7XM asked for the Lord's Prayer. No one.

Pete / NL7XM asked for a pharmacy discount card. Won by Ed / AA3OU.

Pete / NL7XM asked for a real estate agent's card. No one.

Pete / NL7XM asked for the person with the birthday closest to April 5th. Won by Tim / KC3QO.

Program: "Lightening! What You Should Know" by Ray / W3TDF

Respectfully submitted by Joe / AB3OS, Secretary

2012 MS WALK

The MS walk will be held Sunday May 6, 2012 at Coca-cola park, Directions are: Take U.S. 22 W to Exit for Airport Road South. Merge Right off exit ramp onto Airport Road South. Make a Right on American Parkway (at light, with intersection). Make a Left into Coca-Cola Park complex.

Registration starts at 9 A.M.

Walk starts at 10 A.M.

(Rain or Shine)

Our members should show up at 8:30 am to get into place,

Thank you, Howard / WO3P

D.L.A.R.C. AND THE CUBSCOUTS



"That won't work.", "What powers it?" These were some of the comments we recently heard when my club, The Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, helped a pack of Cub Scouts build crystal radio sets.

Michael Courtade the Webelo leader and holder of amateur license W3GES came to us requesting help in assisting between twenty and thirty cubs to build crystal radios. I took on the project and after searching the internet for a simple crystal circuit to build, I came up with one that just needed an air core coil, a germanium diode, one resistor and an earphone. I built a prototype and connected it to the center conductor of our club's 160 dipole feed line. Another connection to a good ground and a local AM broadcast radio station was heard in the earpiece.

Thanks to the Xtal Society's web page (www.midnightsicence.com) we were able to acquire the necessary electronic parts. We cut up a five foot long by three inch mailing tube for coil forms and other members supplied the 22ga. Wire needed and 6 x 6 inch wooden chassis parts.

The Sunday came for the build, and each Cub Scout brought a parent to the Church meeting location. There were eight members from the DLARC present to provide technical assistance. One hundred feet of wire in the trees behind the church served as an antenna and another wire to the cold water pipe in the church's kitchen provided ground. When the Cubs started finishing the radios we hooked them up to the antenna and ground and saw amazed looks as they actually heard local stations. This was our reward and made the whole day worth while.



de AI / W3CE

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL SYSTEM EMERGENCY TEST

St. Luke's University Health Network in eastern Pennsylvania has been installing amateur radio equipment in its hospital locations over the past several years. The Halloween snow storm of last year caused major outages on the south side Of Bethlehem and they wanted to test their backup radio communications systems to be prepared if anything like that happens again.

The Health Network contacted eastern PA ARES to help run the drill. The scenario for the test would be a total infrastructure failure, such as no commercial power, no telephone and internet service, and cell towers out of commission. The drill was held on March 30th from 9 AM till 1 PM and crammed 98 hours of emergency tests into the 4 hour period. The Delaware Lehigh amateur radio club supplied 2 operators to the Bethlehem hospital, 2 to the Anderson hospital in Bethlehem Township and the DLARC club station acted as net control to all locations. Other ARES organizations supplied the ops to the Coaldale, Quakertown, Allentown, and Warren hospitals.

The only hitch was that the Carbon repeater was down and we were able to contact Coaldale via the repeater at Deleno, PA. Simulated emergency traffic was passed between all hospitals with no problems. St Lukes was pleased with the event and plans to do one on a regular basis.

de AI / W3CE

NEW MEMBER

The DLARC is continuing to grow, so be sure to greet our new member, shake his hands, and give him a warm welcome to our club. The newest member is Dennis Rice / N3SXI.

RETIRING TO FLORIDA

As many of you know, my wife Dot (N3VAI) and I have been planning our retirement move to Florida for years and it finally has come. I want to thank the DLARC for the knowledge I acquired beginning with classes in 1993 when I became licensed as KB3AZR, my Novice call and successfully to Tech, General, Advanced and Extra with my 20 WPM Code. Once I was an Extra for a year with my novice call I decided to change my call to K3MP (my initials). I have enjoyed working the old club station and the totally beautiful new club station. A lot of improvements in my short time as a member going on 20 years. I served on the BOG for two years back in the mid/late 90's and took over the VE Testing when WA3T(SK) Robin Mosley decided to step down and did that for almost 3 years. I see a resurgence in HF coming back to the DLARC with the clubhouse activities and that is great. I will remember all the fun times working WX3MAS with my sidekick AA3IX, Carl Seier for many years..Carl was an Elmer to me along with W3IYG(SK) Frank Lisicky...Hopefully I will be able to put up at least a 20M dipole at our new residence in FL..not sure about restrictions yet...God Bless all for the good times and hope to see most of you on down the log.

73 de K3MP Mark Petruno

FIELD DAY 2012

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs, friends or simply by themselves to operate.

ARRL Field Day is not a fully adjudicated contest, which explains much of its popularity. It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, most groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to local elected community leaders, key individuals with the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The 2012 Field Day will be held on the week end of June 23rd and 24th. At the Louise Moore Park in Bethlehem Township. The DLARC will be located in Pavilion #5 which is located on the east side of Country Club Road. The same location as last years picnic.

Tom / KB3IUE is chairman of this event and will be looking for volunteers to help with all phases of the event. A sheet will be at both the May and June meeting for signing up. Help is needed with setting up, tearing down and also putting together the food and drink.

A CALL TO ACTION

Dear fellow EPA section members:

By now many of you may be aware that the FCC has issued a public notice soliciting comments on emergency communications and impediments to amateur radio communications. Resulting from recent federal legislation, the FCC has been directed by Congress to study uses and capability of amateur radio service communications in emergencies and disaster relief. FCC was specifically directed to identify impediments to amateur radio Service Communications, such as the effect of unreasonable or unnecessary private land-use restrictions on residential antenna installations. Most significantly, the study is to make recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments.

This is important. Many of you will recognize that the statute is referring to private land covenants, deed restrictions, and other such legal impediments which do not allow radio amateurs to install effective antenna systems, or in many cases prohibits any antenna system in developments or communities that have planned residential restrictions on use of land. Such restrictions are becoming ever more common.

Dan Henderson, N1ND – Regulatory Information Manager, wrote a great article that is a call to action. Follow this link to read his thoughts. The full FCC notice is attached to the end of his article. <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-seeks-public-comments-on-emergency-communications-by-amateur-radio-and-impediments-to-amateur-ra>

Over the past 25 years in my capacity as ARRL volunteer counsel, I have provided legal advice to many of you about getting relief from private land restrictions. Those restrictions sought to prohibit you from using amateur radio antennas outside. We had little standing. Now, we finally have some movement towards the possibility of relief from certain restrictions. Also, keep in mind that the request for comment is much broader than private antenna restriction issues. Please consider all the FCC questions related to emergency communications.

If you would like to contribute and need help compiling your comments, feel free to reach out to me. We can work together to shape your experiences into a formal response. This affects all radio amateurs, whether or not they are ARRL members. If you have friends who are radio amateurs, but not yet league members, I encourage you to pass this message along to them. Their voices are just as important and should be heard. I am happy to help them compile and send their comments to the league.

We only have until May 17, 2012 to file comments. Let's not miss this chance to shape the future of amateur radio and the restrictions on it. We may not get another opportunity.

73

Bob Famiglio, K3RF
EPA SM & Atlantic Division Volunteer Counsel

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.

HOW TO REGISTER ON THE DLARC WEB PAGE

Only club members can register to the site.

Only club members can post to the site or gain access to the club rosters which includes addresses, phone#s, e-mail etc. I believe there will be more added later that members only have access. Scroll down on the front page. You will see on the left a place to log in. Under the log in spaces you will see:

- forgot your password?
- Forgot your user name?
- Create an account.
- Click on "create an account"

Now you will see the registration form. All fields must be filled in.

We are a private forum/web page on the site so feel free to use your real name in the first space.

!!!The user name MUST BE YOUR CALL SIGN!!!!

Next a working e-mail address for your confirmation e-mail

Next pick a password

Next space re-type your password

Click the register button to the lower left.

You will then be brought back to the DLARC home page - at the top of the page will be this message:

"Your account has been created and an activation link has been sent to the e-mail address you entered. Note that you must activate the account by clicking on the activation link when you get the e-mail before you can log in."

Wait for the e-mail and follow the directions from there. The web master will check your call sign against the up to date / dues paid roster for 2009. If you are not on it you will be rejected. If you do not use your call sign you will be rejected.

The DLARC web page forum has a for sale section, a rag chew section etc.

Hope to see you on the site.

Any other questions - post them on the e-mail forum or contact the web master.

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 at nl7xm@arrl.net. The winner must be present at the next Meeting to receive it, or it goes unrewarded. Officers, Board members, and Brain Teaser Authors are not eligible to win."

de **NL7XM**



APRIL BRAINTEASER ANSWER

CW

The winner is Bob / KE3AW



MAY BRAINTEASER de KB3LIC

A group of Hams volunteered to provide communications overnight for a festival's duration. Five hams had to be in the shack each night. Each ham was to serve 12 shifts only. The festival ran for 48 consecutive days. How many different ham operators were required?

THANK YOU

To All,

I want to take this opportunity to pass along my final comments as Section Manager for the Eastern Pennsylvania Section. Most importantly I want to Thank all of you for your cooperation and assistance. With out your support any of my efforts would have been in vain.

I hope that some where along the line I managed to produce enough positive results to help keep the E. Pa. Section at the high level at

which it deserves. I am sure that Bob Famiglio, K3RF will do much to help the Section when he starts on April 1st, 2012.

Again, Thank all of you for your friendship and support.

73,

Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL

NOTICE

Beginning with the January 5th monthly meeting, the D.L.A.R.C. Has been meeting at the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School. Located at 3300 Chester Ave, Bethlehem, Pa. 8020. This location is only a few blocks NW of the Nancy Run Fire Company, which will be under going renovations. There is plenty of level parking, offering a welcome improvement to our Members, friends, and guests with accessibility issues. Here is a short cut to the Google Map for directions.

<http://tinyurl.com/7ezj3h>,

NEW ARRL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The ARRL is excited to announce two new membership benefits that will be introduced in June 2012.

In addition to the print copy of *QST*, all members will have access to an [online digital edition of QST](#) -- at no extra cost. You will be able to access *QST* from anywhere -- on nearly any computer, laptop, mobile device, smartphone and tablet (including Apple iPad, iPhone, iTouch and devices using the Android operating system).

Members will also gain access to [archived issues of QST](#) from December 1915 to the present; previously, only issues through 2007 have been available to members. If you are familiar with the current periodicals archive, that platform will be expanded to include all of *QST* from December 1915 through December 2011. A second, new archive will be introduced for issues beginning January 2012, featuring enhanced functionality including full-text search.

Members must have a valid ARRL website log in to access the current digital edition of *QST* and the archived editions. Please follow these step-by-step directions to log in to the ARRL website:

- Go to www.arrl.org
- At the top center of the page in "Site Log in," enter your user name and the password you selected during registration.

If you have forgotten your password, here are some steps to help you obtain a temporary password that you can use to log in. We recommend writing this temporary password down prior to logging in, then log in using your user name and the temporary password.

- Select "Forgot Password" on the log in page
 - To reset your password by e-mail:
 - Select "By E-mail" from the drop down menu.
 - Enter your user name and e-mail address. You must use the e-mail address that you used to originally register for a website login account.
 - Click "Submit."
 - To reset your password by member credentials:
 - Select "By Member Credentials" from the drop down menu.
 - Enter your user name.
 - Enter your call sign or last name
 - Enter your Member ID (found on your *QST* mailing label).
 - Click "Submit."

Once you are logged in to the website, select "Edit your Profile" to change your password to something you can more easily remember.

Questions? Please visit the [Digital QST FAQ page](#). You can also contact Member Services via [e-mail](#) or by telephone at 860-594-0200 or 888-277-5289 (US only).

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

"Lightning, and what you should know" -- Ray / W3TDF

Ray brought to the meeting his expertise, which he learned after 60+ years as an amateur radio operator. Beginning

with a brief description of lightning and its makeup and the causes of lightning strikes. Ray then moved on to describe how he setup his station to handle any possible lightning strikes. His station is set up based on information he gathered from his years as an amateur radio operator. He acknowledged that this methods were not the same as many other operators, but he felt that his years of safe operation justified this opinions. Ray gave examples on real-life situations relating and struck that were near an Amateur radio station. One being Rick / K3OO, who had his entire station and antennas disconnected. The lightning which damaged the station entered the room through an electric clock which was not disconnected.

Ray concluded the program with a question and answer session with the audience. We must again congratulate Pete /

NL7XM for another fine program.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'...but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

F.Y.I.

The winners of the April Prizes were Paddy / AJ3B, Dave / N3EYT, Ed / AA3OU and Tim / KC3QO
The June Program will be "Home Weather Stations and the CWP by Ben / KB3CTX

The D.L.A.R.C. meets the "FIRST" Thursday of each month. Membership, friends and interested persons meet at the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School (3300 Chester Avenue, 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.

The EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA District 2 ARES Net meets every Wednesday at 1930 hours local time. (Just after the DLARC Net) On 147.255 (pl 162.2). And linked to 449.375 on Blue Mountain, 443.350 in Allentown and 147.180 in Berks County.

D-Star Mid-Atlantic Regional net meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month on the 147.165 port with a number of other repeaters in Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York City area .

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. Every member of the D.L.A.R.C. Is welcome to contribute articles of interest to this newsletter. Opinions, items of interest, and even suggestions towards the improvement of newsletter and/or the DLARC, itself would also be accepted, as a sort of "Letters to the Editor" section.

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