

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

NOVEMBER 2012



W3OK

CORRAL

Club Meeting November 1st 7:30PM

At the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School

NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

AI / W3CE

“Long Delayed Echoes”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012 – 2013

OFFICERS

President – Charles Lazarchak / W3OPA

Vice President – Dave Blankenship / N3EYT

Secretary – John Barbaz / NT3P

Treasurer – Mike Gower / KB3LOD

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Gary De Mave / N2AUO

Dave Mellman / KA3IWC

Jon Matson / NJ3I

Doreen Gramling / K3PDL

George Wieland / N3SQD

Pete Varounis / NL7XM

These are your new Executive Committee members. Support them and volunteer when you are able to help. This will enable the DLARC to continue to be of service and grow.



MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 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.

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 1932 hrs. Vice President Dave Blankenship / N3EYT presiding. Charlie Lazarchak / W3OPA, President, was absent due to personal obligations.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Dave / N3EYT

Members in Attendance: 37

Show & Tell: Pete / NL7XM reported that he was back from the Reno QCWA Convention. It was a great time and Pete, after enjoying the AWA Convention presentations, made sure to attend the presentations at the QCWA Convention. He was not disappointed: it was wonderful.

Pete / NL7XM then told of a recent experience that he had at his home. He was recently visited by a Cub Scout selling popcorn with his dad. Pete bought some popcorn and, in the conversation that ensued, asked the dad whether the leaders of the Cub Scout troop were looking for any projects. The father stated that they were in desperate need of projects for their Cub Scouts. Pete then talked up Amateur Radio as a possible project and the father loved the idea. Pete/NL7XM suggested to the membership that the Club should approach Cub Scouts in the area about considering Amateur Radio as a project for their troop. He presented a handout that he had, "22 Things You Can Do With Amateur Radio", that he offered to the members in attendance that he thought they could use in talking up ham radio with the Cub Scout troops in the area. He offered the handout to the membership.

Pete / NL7XM then reported about some very comprehensive changes that are in progress with the FCC affecting ham radio. Pete reported that all the changes contemplated are very positive for ham radio. The FCC is considering a change that would enable any former ham radio licensees to reacquire their licenses by merely submitting proof of a previous license without the need of reexamination. Further, the FCC is considering reducing the time that call signs lie dormant before being reissued from 2 years to 6 months, thereby increasing the pool of vanity call signs available for active ham radio operators. Finally, the FCC is contemplating reducing the requirement that now requires 3 VE examiners to attend a VE Session to 2 examiners.

Al / W3CE reported that two weeks previously a group of members visited the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (part of the National Air and Space Museum) in Washington D. C. The space shuttle, the Concorde, and other attractions were exhibited. With no school trips present, the members were free to roam the museum unimpeded, and the day was a marvelous experience.

Jeff / N3QO reported that he was recently involved in a 100 mile cycling event from Philadelphia to Oceanside, NJ. The communications for the event was provided along the entire length of the ride by a NJ ham radio club. Jeff mentioned that the experience just brought to mind what a valuable service we as ham radio operators bring to an event such as this, and Jeff encouraged those in attendance to volunteer for DLARC events like this when solicited.

Doreen / K3PDL told that her place of employment recently honored those involved in community volunteer work. She shared the information at work that she volunteered at her church and was active at her ham radio club, DLARC. Everyone was very interested in her work at DLARC.

Bill / K3ANS offered several books on ownership of guns in Pennsylvania.

Bob / NE2C shared that he had recently downloaded a free software program, CW Runner, that he found to be worth a look. He advised those in attendance to check it out.

Minutes Approved: Dave / N3EYT asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Dave / NB3R so moved; 2nd by Dave / KA3IWC. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Mike / KB3LOD then presented the Treasurer's Report for August. In the middle of Mike's report he asked for a motion to cancel the "Check Imaging Feature" on the checking account that costs \$2.00 per month. After various comments, Pete / NL7XM moved to cancel this feature on the account; 2nd by Wendell / K3UMB. **Motion carried.**

After Mike / KB3LOD finished his report, a motion was made by Pete / NL7XM to accept. This was 2nd by Bob / NE2C. **Motion carried.**

Club House: Dave / NB3R reported that a new 18 m dipole antenna was in place. Members at the Club House competed in the recent RTTY contest. Dave lauded a new feature on the N1MM logging software that had great utility during the RTTY contest that he called "reset incremental tuning". Dave closed by reminding the membership that the Club House is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Repeater: No issues to report.

Website: No issues to report.

Membership: George / N3SQD was proud to introduce two new candidates for membership: Stephanie Koles / WX3K, Extra, and Ray Hall / K14FJA, Technician. After a brief introduction, George asked for a motion to accept Stephanie and Ray as members. Doreen / K3PDL so moved; 2nd by Don / KC3II. **Motion carried.**

Technical Classes: Bob / KE3AW reported that classes are going great with 11 in the Technical class and 9 in the General class. The VE Session will take place on November 2nd.

Status of Our President: Gary / N2AUO asked what is the status of Charlie / W3OPA, our president. Dave / N3EYT reported that work commitments will prevent Charlie from attending his duties during evening hours for the next few months, but he should be available after the close of the year. In the mean time, Dave / N3EYT and George / N3SQD will fill in as needed.

Election: Joe / AB3OS then announced that since all the Club positions up for reelection were uncontested, he, as Secretary, casts his vote for the slate of nominees as presented to the membership at the previous meeting:

Charlie Lazarchak/W3OPA for President
Dave Blankenship/N3EYT for Vice-President
Mike Gower/KB3LOD for Treasurer
John Barbaz/NT3P for Secretary
The following six will complete the new Board:
Gary DeMave/N2AUO
Dave Mellman/KA3IWC
Jon Matson/NJ3I
Doreen Gramling/K3PDL
George Wieland/N3SQD
Pete Varounis/NL7XM

Joe / AB3OS then asked for motion to accept the new Board and close the election process. Bob / KB3ULG so moved; 2nd by Don / KC3II. **Motion carried.**

Halloween Parade: Bob / KE3AW made an appeal for volunteers to provide communications for the Emmaus Halloween Parade on October 20, 2012. Volunteers will muster at 6:30 PM and will work assignments till about 9:00 PM. A social gathering will take place at the Superior Restaurant immediately after. contact Bob / KE3AW if interested.

Wheelman Ride: Al / W3CE announced that the Club is again working the Wheelman Bike Ride scheduled for October 7th. Backup volunteers are needed. Contact Al if interested.

Black Bear Ride: Ben / KB3CTX announced that the Club is again providing communications for the October 13th Black Bear Ride. The end points for the ride are Portland, PA, and High Point, NJ. Volunteers should contact Ben / KB3CTX.

Runner's World 1/2 Marathon: Al / W3CE announced that the Club will be working the Runner's World half marathon on October 21st. Al reports that the event needs volunteers. The event takes place in downtown Bethlehem and expects to have about 3000 runners. Contact Al if interested.

PA QSO Party: Dave / N3EYT encouraged the membership to participate in the October 13th and 14th PA QSO Party and to report their results to the Club for tabulation.

X-mas Special Event: Jon / NJ3I informed the membership that he will again be chairing the Christmas City Special Event to take place at the Milk House on December 8th and 9th. A Christmas dinner is planned for the 8th with leftovers on the 9th. We will be operating using several modes on several bands. This is a fun event, and members are encouraged to participate.

Adjournment: Dave / N3EYT declared the meeting closed at 2016 hrs.

What's In Your Pocket? Pete / NL7XM led the membership in a game of What's In Your Pocket:

Order of Protection	No one
Gun	No one
Pepper Spray	No one
Playing card	No one
Golf ball	KB3ATO
Dental Floss	KB3ATO
License to Perform Weddings	No one
Magnet	Victor / N2OFF
Crossword Puzzle	George / KB3VBW
TY card	No one
Music CD	No one
Voter Registration Card	Don / KC3II
Expired Driver's License	No one
D Cell Battery	George / KB3VBW
Toothbrush	No one
Sun Glasses	George / KB3VBW
Band Aid	Ed / AA3OU and KB3ATO
Dental Appt. Card	N3ZO

Awards: 24 DLARC Members were recognized for taking leadership roles during 2012 in many categories. Ask a Board Member how YOU can get on this list next year!

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 Joe O'Brien / W1ZE was presented with the 2011 Norm Zoltack Award for highest DLARC Single Op Score for last year's PAQSO Party effort.

And of course, Honorary Lifetime Membership was bestowed upon George Wieland / N3SQD.

Secretary's Note: My duty as Secretary ends with the recording of these minutes. I want to thank the membership for all the mentoring and support that I have received during the past year. I was a brand new member when I started this post, and I now feel like an old veteran of the Club after recording and issuing minutes for twenty-some meetings of the membership and the Board. I wish new Secretary John Barbaz/NT3P well in the year ahead. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted by Joe / AB3OS, Secretary

NOVEMBER QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 DLARC MEETING	2 VE SESSION 7:00 PM	3
4	5	6 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	7 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (NB3R)	8	9	10
11	12	13 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	14 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (KB3WYJ)	15	16	17
18	19	20 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	21 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (W3CE)	22 	23	24
25	26	27 D-Star Mid – Atlantic 7:30 PM	28 DLARC RACES/ARES Net (KC3II)	29	30	

NOVEMBER CONTESTING AT THE OK CORRAL

November 3 & 4 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest - CW
 November 10 & 11 OK/OM DX Contest
 November 17 & 18 Worked All Germany
 November 24 & 25 CQ World Wide DX Contest – CW



GEORGE / N3SQD, THE LATEST LIFE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



George Wieland / N3SQD, is an Amateur Extra Class licensed radio operator and a very active DLARC member since ~1994. George is a past Club President, past Vice-president, and current Board Member. He has served on nearly every Committee, Chaired every event, is an instructor for our License Classes and an extremely active ARRL VE, helping prepare others to attain their licenses.

In his own words, "It is payback for all the Club has done for me." George has been a mentor and Elmer for many new hams and has helped those with physical handicaps to get on the air. He is also one of the first to volunteer for activities outside of our Club such as bike rides, Halloween parades, and emergency communications tests which provide valuable exposure for the DLARC and Amateur Radio overall. It is George's service to our club that helps us maintain our standing as a Special Service Club under the ARRL.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

It's that time, already! DUES are payable for the calendar year 2013. 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.** are the preferred 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. Paying with cash is discouraged, but if you really, *really* have to, 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 February 1st, your membership will expire.

2013 DUES Rates / No Changes

Regular Membership 18-64 years of age:

Jan. - Dec.\$17.-

65 and over, or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit)

Jan. - Dec.\$12.-

Additional Family member
each \$3.-

Associate Individual Membership \$10.-

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:

**Michael J. Gower
1511 Shelbourne Drive
Bethlehem, Pa. 18018**

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: Treasurer@dlarc.org Include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

de Mike / KB3LOD, DLARC Treasurer

HARD COPY SUBSCRIPTION

You must sign up if you want a hard copy newsletter subscription. The rate stays the same this year at \$10. This is exclusively for the newsletter only to cover printing and mailing. The price of maintaining a Bulk Mailing Permit is too expensive to justify with the size of our membership, thus the first class postage requirement. This will squarely cover the cost of paper and printing supplies for 12 issues. To subscribe contact Pete / NL7XM at nl7xm@arrl.net.

VE TEST SESSION

There will be a test session this month on November 2nd at 7 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.

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@arrrl.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



OCTOBER BRAINTEASER ANSWER

No other word rhymes with any of these

The winner is Paddy / AJ3B



NOVEMBER BRAINTEASER de Jon / NJ3I

What did Pete Conrad say when he first stepped off the LEM and onto the Moon?

2011 PA QSO PARTY WINNER



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THE AMY ZIMMERMAN AWARD

Each March in Memory of **Amy Zimmerman / KD3TI**, the DLARC Executive Committee seeks to present The Amy Zimmerman to an amateur radio operator **"In Appreciation For Unselfish Services Rendered To Amateur Radio And The Community"**. The Executive Committee would like your input into this process by having you nominate an amateur radio operator who has exhibited these traits through out this past year. If you would like to nominate someone, please give their name to one of the board members by the January 2013 general meeting.

ARRL DXCC Desk Approves 11 Operations for DXCC Credit

On September 19, the ARRL DXCC Desk approved the following 2012 operations for DXCC credit: 3B8/IW5ELA (Mauritius); E40VB (Palestine); JY8VB (Jordan); 9A8VB (Croatia); E7/UA4WHX (Bosnia-Herzegovina); 4O7VB (Montenegro); Z38VB (Macedonia); ZA/UA4WHX (Albania); YU9VB (Serbia); EY8/UA4WHX (Tajikistan), and UN/UA4WHX (Kazakhstan).

NEW CHIEF FOR ARMY MARS

The man who helped scuttle plans to "phase out" the use of Winlink 2000 by Army MARS is now in charge of the program. According to Army MARS, Stephen G. Klinefelter, 61, is a retired Signal Corps colonel who is now a civilian employee of the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, under which MARS operates. Late last year, the Pentagon announced that it would be phasing out MARS's use of the Winlink 2000 messaging system due to security concerns, despite the fact that it is widely used by many state and local emergency management agencies with which MARS would be expected to work during a disaster or major emergency. Klinefelter persuaded the army's Chief Information Officer, Lt. Gen. Susan Lawrence that the resources of amateur radio far out-weighted any risk from enemy hackers. She ordered an exemption for Army MARS.

Klinefelter assumed the position of Army MARS Chief upon the retirement of Jim Griffin, who held the spot since 2009. Klinefelter is remaining in his primary post and will be helped with MARS matters by a new MARS Program Officer, who had not been named as of press time.



REDNER'S CASH REPORT

Here is a picture of the organized pile of Redner's receipts that represent \$ 20,000 worth of merchandise purchased by DLARC Members over the past 18 months or so. These were turned over to qualify for the 1% rebate extended by Redner's Warehouse Market to Community Non-profit Organizations like ours, netting a check for \$200.



EASTERN STANDARD TIME BEGINS NOVEMBER 4th

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Silent Key

The D.L.A.R.C. Wishes to express its sadness at the passing of the wife of club member Ed / K3IFE Winnie Statler

W3CE GO-KIT

My wife and I like to camp quite a bit. When we go even for a weekend, I like to take some ham radio gear along to operate portable. It was a hassle to disconnect the equipment and pack it in boxes with all the cables and associated gear. I would often forget a critical interconnecting cable or a piece of equipment. I was in the process of building a wooden cabinet for my QRP station when I saw an article on eham.net about a FT-817 go kit. It used a commercially available storage box with a home built rack made out of angle aluminum. I emailed the author and got the make and model of the box. It is from MTMCase_gard and called the Spud2 case.

I fabricated a rack system out of angle aluminum purchased from Lowe's and joined the pieces with pop rivets. I was able to install the FT-817, a LDG-817H tuner, and a Tokyo High Power HL-45B amplifier. Also in the case I have my PALM Mini paddle with Code Cube memory keyer. I also have a mini Kenwood speaker and of course the microphone, and a 5 AH gel cell battery. A nice added feature of the case is the lid opens up for additional storage. I am able to store my Super-Antenna MP-1 table top vertical with tripod mount in it.

I had the go-kit at the club picnic and amazed members when I was able to work 3 stations in the Kansas QSO Party on 5 watt SSB with the antenna sitting on the picnic table.

At home I just have the go-kit open sitting on my desk and connected to my 80M doublet fed with 450 Ohm twin lead. If I want to go portable it takes about 2 minutes to close the case and carry it out to the car.

Links

Palm Key and Keyer – www.morsex.com

LDG Ant Tuner - www.ldgelectronics.com

MTM Case Gard - www.mtmcase-gard.com

MP-1 Antenna – www.newsuperantenna.com

HL-45B amplifier is available from www.hamradio.com



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RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH / K4ZDH NAMED CQ CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Succeeds Fred Maia, W5YI (Silent Key)

Retired FCC amateur radio enforcement Chief Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has been named a CQ magazine contributing editor; it was announced today by CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Hollingsworth will succeed "Washington Readout" editor Fred Maia, W5YI, who recently became a Silent Key.

Hollingsworth, a ham since 1960 and a longtime FCC attorney, became a household name in amateur radio in 1998 when he was named Special Counsel for Amateur Radio in the Commission's newly-created Enforcement Bureau. His highly-visible enforcement actions were cheered by a vast majority of the amateur community after more than a decade during which FCC enforcement on the ham bands was virtually non-existent. Hollingsworth retired from the FCC in 2008, but has continued to be in demand as a speaker at ham fests and radio club meetings.

His new monthly column - to be titled "Riley's Ramblings" - will incorporate "Washington Readout's" coverage of legislative and administrative actions that affect amateur radio, as well as additional topics of importance and/or interest to CQ's readers, all related in the distinctive common-sense style that has made Riley a sought-after speaker. His first column will appear in the July, 2012, issue of CQ, and will explain why ongoing FCC enforcement actions since his retirement have been somewhat "under the radar."

"We are pleased and honored to have Riley joining our staff," said Moseson. "His stature in the amateur radio community is second-to-none, and his ability to explain sometimes-arcane legal and regulatory language in plain English fits right in with CQ's long-standing dedication to providing practical, useful information for our readers to help them get the most enjoyment possible out of the amateur radio hobby. I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship."

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to CQ and to amateur radio generally," noted Hollingsworth. "As a 13-year-old Novice in South Carolina nervously making my first contact with an overheated Johnson Challenger and a barely effective vertical, not in my wildest imagination did I think I would be writing for a ham radio magazine someday. I am very appreciative of this offer and I hope I can be a valuable asset to the magazine."

Hollingsworth holds a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and a law degree from Wake Forest University. He lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Pat.

QTH.com CLASSIFIEDS SCAM

We've seen an alarming increase in the number of scammers utilizing ham radio classified ads to scam hams. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain what some of these scammers are doing, in hopes it will better protect you from them, when you are selling equipment on the QTH.com Classifieds at <http://swap.qth.com>.

About 100,000 ads are placed each year in the QTH.com Classifieds, and only a tiny, tiny fraction wind up being fraudulent. I do not want to scare you into thinking that it is unsafe to trade online. Rather, I simply want to arm you with knowledge, so that you will be able to sniff out the bad guys, and stay safe.

Common scammer traits:

- 1) They will use some else's callsign, and they will create an email address that contains that callsign, usually with a free email provider like gmail, yahoo, ymail, hotmail, etc. Recently, they have even taken to breaking into ham's profiles at QRZ.com and changing the email address there, so that when you check to see if they match the ham's profile, they do!
- 2) They predominantly post "For Sale" ads, with prices that are a little too good to be true.
- 3) They will use pictures of equipment they have found on the Internet (they don't really own the equipment).
- 4) They seem to like payments via Western Union (no protection for the buyer), but will also use PayPal (hoping to drain their account before the buyer realizes they have been scammed).
- 5) They seem to know ham radio jargon. For all we know, these scammers are hams, but we can't be sure.
- 6) They are sophisticated enough to use "proxy servers" so their IP address cannot be easily detected. This makes it difficult for us to block the scammers. We are constantly tweaking our filters to block these guys when possible, but it is a constant cat and mouse game.

What can you do to protect yourself?

- * Ask for a phone number and call the person before agreeing on any deal. This is probably the #1 way to expose the rats.
 - * Ask for a photo of the equipment WITH THEIR QSL CARD IN THE PICTURE. Unless they are very good at photo editing, you should be able confirm that they actually own the equipment this way.
 - * Check to see if the email address they used matches what is listed for that person on their QRZ.com profile. It could be a red flag if there is a mismatch. However, if it DOES MATCH, that is not a guarantee that the seller is not a scammer (again, we are seeing some of these scammers manage to edit QRZ.com profiles to get their bogus email listed)
 - * Be especially cautious of dealing with foreign hams. Not all foreign hams are scammers, of course! Just be extra careful!! Recently, the scammers have almost always been using US Callsigns though.
 - * Never use Western Union. Be very cautious of using Money Orders and Cashier's Checks. PayPal and Credit Cards seem to be the best option, as far as having any buyer protection. Money Orders & Cashier's Checks are perfectly acceptable if you are absolutely sure who you are dealing with.
 - * Read all of my "Safe Trading Tips" at <http://chat.qth.com/viewtopic.php?t=12>
- If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at ka9fox@qth.com.

73 - Scott KA9FOX

QTH.com Ham Radio Classifieds

<http://swap.qth.com>

NEW MEMBERS

The DLARC is continuing to grow, so be sure to greet our new members, shake their hands, and give them a warm welcome to our club. The newest members are Ray Hall / KI4FJA and Stephanie Koles / WX3K

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Effective with the January 3rd 2013 meeting, the DLARC will have a new meeting location. It will be The Bethlehem Township Community Center. It is located at 2900 Farmersville Rd. Bethlehem, Pa. 18020. This is the location where we have met before when unable to use the scheduled location.

FUTURE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The program for the February 7th, 2013 will be Lt. Colonel and NASA Astronaut Terry Hart., who was a mission specialist on STS 41-C Challenger. Presently a professor at Lehigh University. **Be sure not to miss this program!! Mark it on your calendar now.**

TITLE CHANGE

From now on, KE3AW / Bob Green's title is no longer "Public Relations Chairman." He is to be identified as the "Public Information Officer," commonly referenced as "PIO." This is the contemporary title, and more accurately describes the terrific all-encompassing function he performs for the DLARC. This is effective immediately.

GREAT IDEA

I have a friend who used her Solar Lights inside the house at night when the electric power went off during a hurricane. She stuck them in jars and bottles and said they gave off plenty of 'free light' in each room. She put them outside in the daytime and brought them back inside at night for several days while the power was off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries. She recommended we bring a Solar Light into our own house one night to test it for ourselves.

Due to a thunderstorm, we lost power for about 5 hours one night. We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, and flashlights. Then we looked outside and noticed our Solar Lights shining brightly all around the patio, stairs & dock. My wife walked outside and brought several of the solar lights inside. We stuck the Solar Light pipes into plastic drink bottles and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could imagine. We put one in the bathroom, one in the kitchen and in the living room.

There are many types of Solar Lights available. We bought quite a few and put them all around our yard. They look nice and do not attract flying bugs like the outdoor lights around our doorway. The lights we have fit into 20-oz. water bottles and also fit into most larger 2 liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, put in a few of the colorful flat marbles they put in aquariums and vases. You can also use sand, aquarium gravel, or whatever you have available.

The Solar Lights we have are perfect inside our home. They burn all night when needed and next day we take them back outside where they recharge and are ready for use again when needed. Solar Lights are the perfect light solution for power outages. I had never thought of it before seeing what my friend did, and now you know about this idea too.

FORMER AMSAT PRESIDENT BILL TYNAN, TO RECEIVE RCA'S GOLDWATER AWARD

The Radio Club of America has announced that William A. Tynan, W3XO, of Kerrville, Texas, will receive its 2012 Barry Goldwater Amateur Radio Award. First given in 1994, the Goldwater Award is given to an RCA member who is also a licensed amateur in recognition of a long record of service to the public through the use of Amateur Radio. Tynan -- an RCA Fellow and an ARRL Life Member -- will receive the award at the RCA's 103rd annual awards banquet, held in New York City on November 16. ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, also an RCA Fellow, will be the banquet's keynote speaker.

Tynan is a Charter Member of AMSAT, and served on its Board of Directors and as its President from 1991-1999. He conducted QST's monthly column, "The World Above 50 MHz," from 1977-1992. Tynan also served as President of the Central States VHF Society. According to the RCA, he played a key role in the origination of Amateur Radio from the space shuttle and the International Space Station.

Two other radio amateurs will also be recognized at the RCA banquet: Carole Perry, WB2MGP, (a past DLARC guest speaker) will receive the President's Award, and Gordon West, WB6NOA, will receive the Special Service Award. The President's Award is given at the discretion of the RCA President to a person for unselfish dedication to support of The Radio Club of America. The Special Service Award is given to those who have contributed substantially to the support and advancement of The Radio Club of America; the recipient does not need to be an RCA member. Pete / NL7XM will be attending. Other DLARC Members that are also belong to RCA are, W3TDF, K2PM, K3HKZ.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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The winners of the October Prizes were KB3ATO, N2OFF, KB3VBW, KC3II. AA3OU and Ron
The December Program will be The DLARC Christmas Party

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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.

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