

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

OCTOBER 2024

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting October 3rd, 7 PM at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

October Program

Awards

By Terry Swinney, KC3JHT



SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

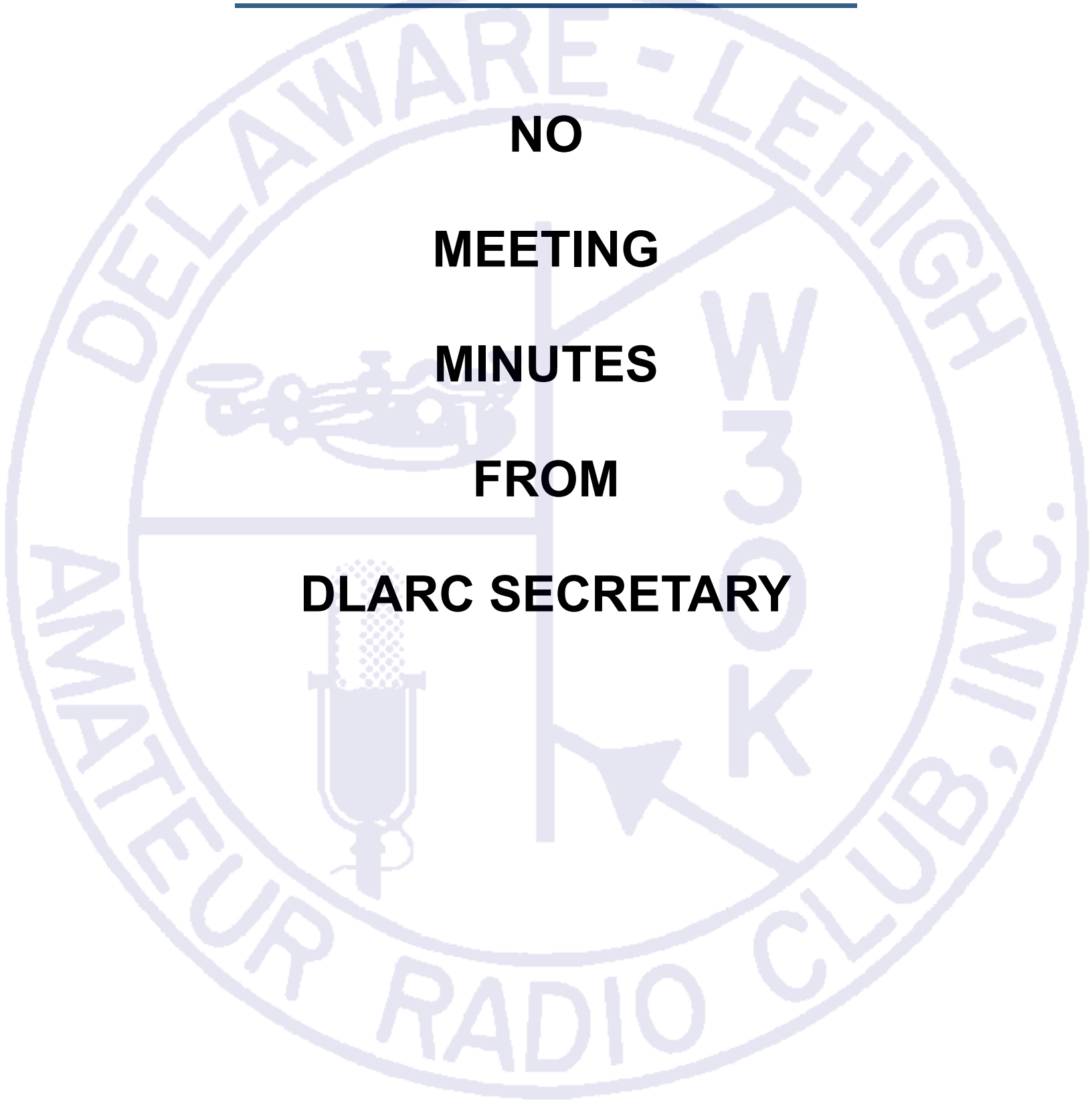
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FROM

DLARC SECRETARY



The Challenges to Ham Radio Today
By Bob Famigilo, K3RF
ARRL Atlantic Division Director

If you did not make the September Meeting, you missed a very informative program. Bob, K3RF, explain in depth what is going on in the ARRL. He explained the politics in ARRL.

He told how things are going after the cyber-attack that ARRL had. What troubles it has caused and taking steps to never have that happen again. There are still some systems in ARRL that still needs to be cleaned up.

He explained the problems that ARRL is having and what is being done. He gave some information on what may be new at ARRL in time.

He answered questions about how much has the new dues and the QST magazine. He said that with the way ARRL is set up with everything, it is hard to say. There may have been a lot of Hams that just dropped ARRL. Since there is nothing setup to see what the difference is, he had no real idea.

De John, N3IGA

For Sale:

Elecraft PX3, external spectral display for the Elecraft KX3. Everything is included, all cables, manual and the box.

The price is \$500 plus shipping if needed.

<https://www.ku3x.net/for-sale>



PA QSO PARTY

There are a lot of new Hams over the past few months who are not sure how to operate. The 2nd full weekend in October is the PA QSO Party. It will be on October 12 & 13, 2024. On Saturday from noon to midnight. On Sunday, 9 am to 6 pm. This is the biggest ham activity in the state. The object is to contact all 67 Counties in Pennsylvania. Trust me it is a fun event.

If you are new member or a new Ham, you should know that the DLARC has a great Radio Room. Four radios all with computers for logging. Open Wednesday night and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 or a little later. There is always someone there that knows to operate the equipment and would glad to help you set up to operate. Take notes on how to set the radio and computer. That way, if you operate again, you have your notes on how to operate. Once you are all set up, you start trying to make contacts from all over. So, as a benefit from the Club, you are able to get on HF and make contacts. Learn some of the ins and outs of easy contesting.

As far as working the PA QSO Party, it is not a rush to make contacts. It takes time. It is a fun operation and not too serious. Take your time and have fun.

It would be nice to have the Club Station involved in the PA QSO Party. All the points the Club gets goes towards the award of top Club in the PA QSO Party. The Club has won it in the past. The Club has 4 radios with computers to operate. Get to the Club Station and learn how to set up the radio and computer. Take notes so that you have them to look out when you set up to operate the PA QSO Party. We need people staffing the radios for 12 hours on Saturday and 9 hours on Sunday. We need CW operators too.

Any Club member can be in the PA QSO Party from home if you have an HF station. You get the right computer logging program. Put your information in and where it says about Club, put in Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club. Your score will be added to the DLARC score. If we get enough members and scores, we could be the top club in the State.

If you do not have a HF station at home, come out to the Club Station and operate. Either way, you are helping the Club and having a good time.

De John, N3IGA

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

NO

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68th PA QSO Party

October 12 & 13, 2024

(Always the 2nd Full Weekend in October)

paqso.org

Saturday, 12 October 2024
1600 – 0400 UTC / Noon - Midnight EDT

Sunday, 13 October 2024
1300 - 2200 UTC / 9:00AM - 6:00PM EDT

Work from your home station or use the Club Station. If you use your home station, use any logging program you can find on the PA QSO Party website. You can ask anyone what is the best one that you don't have to buy.

To give your score to DLARC, fill out the contact information before the logging program starts. Where it says "Club", fill in **Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club** and the Club will get your score.



If you are new to Ham Radio or don't have an HF station you are invited to come to the Milk House where the Club Station is doing the Party under the W3OK call sign. You will be able to work the bands under the highest-class licenses that are there!

With everyone's help, DLARC may have a chance to win the Top Club award!

Be sure to check paqso.org for FAQs about the QSO Party. For any other questions, contact John, N3IGA at n3iga@ptd.net.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DLARC membership is due for 2025. The best way to renew is to log in to dlarc.com, click on the "Members" menu item, go to "Renew membership" tab and click the "Join or Renew" button at the appropriate member level. Check that your information is up to date and remit a payment via Paypal. A Paypal account is not required for the transaction. If you need online help, please contact the web team via email or at the monthly meetings.

DLARC Membership Dues Rates:

Regular Membership

18-64 years of age Jan through Dec - \$25

65 and over or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit) Jan through DEC - \$20

Additional Family member each - \$5 [Please identify who the Family Member is.](#)

Associate Individual Membership - \$15.

If you need to pay by checks payable to D.L.A.R.C. and ensure that your callsign appears in the memo field. Paying with cash is discouraged, but if you really, really must, kindly make certain you are prepared with the correct sum according to the rate table shown above.

If mailing, send to;

Lawrence R. Butler
800 Maple Lane
Easton, PA 18045

Enclosing an S.A.S.E. will bring your new membership card back to you as soon as possible via mail. You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at lrbutler@ptd.net include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

De Larry, KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

ARRL AND RENEWALS

Since there has been a few new members at every meeting, I thought it was time to talk about ARRL membership.

As you know, the ARRL has raised their membership dues starting 1 January 2024.

All ARRL members need to check their QST mailing slip to see when their membership expires. Now members have to make a decision on what they want to do.

The dues went up \$10, from \$49 to \$59. The biggest change is that if you want to continue getting QST or On the Air magazines in the printed form, it will cost you \$25 per magazine. If you are willing to get those magazines in digital form, there are no extra cost

You have a choice in how many years you want your membership. One year is \$59 and 3 years is \$175. You still have to pay \$25 a year for the printed form of the magazines.

The Club benefits from ARRL membership by getting a commission on new members and members that renew. It is not much, but every little bit helps the Club. In order to be an Affiliated Club, you need to have at least 51% of the voting members be either Full or Associated members in the Club. At least 51% of the voting members must be licensed radio operators.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at n3iga@ptd.net and I will try to answer your questions.

John, N3IGA, DLARC ARRL Membership Liaison

DLARC NET QUICK CHECK CALENDAR

October 2024

NO INFORMATION FROM George, N3SQD, TO FILL THE NET CONTROLS IN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 7 pm DLARC NET	3 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	4	5
6	7	8	9 7 pm DLARC NET	10	11	12 PA QSO PARTY
13 PA QSO PARTY	14	15	16 7 pm DLARC NET	17	18	19
20	21 BOARD MEETING 7PM	22	23 7 pm DLARC NET	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 7 pm DLARC NET	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, then 13 net controls would be ideal, and 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 needed 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 take part 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 147.135 + DPL 315) W3OI Repeater.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evening at 7:30 PM on 3958 +/- 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 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)

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