

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Inc.

OCTOBER 2025

W3OK
CORRAL

Club Meeting October 2nd, 7 pm at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Will be also a Zoom meeting.

October's Program
AWARDS / ELECTIONS



SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Terry, KC3JHT, called the meeting to order at 1900.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry.

President's Report: Terry started out by saying that John, N3IGA, is going to talk about the PA QSO Party.

Terry talked about the Emmaus Halloween Parade that is coming up on October 18th with the rain date of the 19th. If you have not signed up yet, please do so tonight. I have 8 signed up so far to drive. We need at least 24 more. A couple of riders for two extra cars that are not ours.

Elections are coming up in October. If you are interested in running, please email John, NT3P.

We are still searching for an Awards Chairperson and a Program Chairperson. Anybody who wants to sign up for either one of those, please let me know. I will give you all the help that no one has given me. When I get those assignments, I am like here, take it over and have a nice time.

Announcements: VE Test Session tomorrow night, 5 September at 7 pm.

Guests: There were 6 guests. Five of them are students at Lehigh University. Andy, Tyler, Davis, Wyatt, and Eli are their names. It was Andy that said that they were students at Lehigh University. They are refunding the Lehigh University Amateur Radio Society and it is a work in progress. So, they decided to come by and see how the Club operates and to meet all of us. Colin Gregg is interested in Ham Radio and is getting his license and joining the Club.

Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there was any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter last month. A motion to accept the Minutes was

made by Dean, AB3BD and second by Jay, KC3ZFR. A vote was taken and motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of July. Dean, AB3BD made the motion to accept. It was seconded by Diane, KC3ZGQ V. A vote taken and motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are 9 Life Members and 120 voting members. That brings a total of 129 Voting members. There are 9 Assoc. Members. That makes a total of 138 members.

Club Station: No report

Tech Committee: No report

Repeater: No problems

Website: Everything is fine

New Business

Dave, N3EYT, said that if you are a member of Good Standing and need a badge, contact him for one and he should have it at the next meeting. He mentions the Christmas City Special Event Station, WX3MAS. Mark your calendar in your planner or on your phone that the Special Event will be December 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, which is Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We have been doing this since 1969. Volunteer to help make contacts at the Club's Station. You will share the Christmas greetings. From the Amateur Radio community, people out there look for us every year. So, it is nice to be able to share this. You can do that from the Club Station or you can do that from home. Do not forget to mark it down about the Special Event.

John, N3IGA, talked about the PA QSO Party and getting to the Club Station and learn how to operate the equipment and logging programs to be able to bring the 4 Stations that

are there, operating. He mentions the history of the Club and the PA QSO Party that was in the September Newsletter. He talked about meeting stations he got on POTA and having a quick chat with them. John said that if you go to the Club Station and want to learn how to operate one of the radios, bring a notebook to take good notes. Make sure you have each step. If someone is helping you to learn, they will understand and agree with taking notes. If you have enough time to try and learn all the radios, take perfect notes. That way if you go on a radio, you have not used too many times, you will have your notes to fall back on. The Club Station is open Wednesday night until the last person leaves and open Saturday mornings from 9 until the last person is leaving.

John had more to say. He said that he received a card from a POTA contact about items he could make the Club as a fund raiser. Then John asked if there was anyone that was already doing this for the Club. It was said Mark Bond used to do it, but after he was gone, nobody took over. John said he had prices but wants to find out more about this offer he got. Jay, KC3ZFR, said that one of his firefighter buddy have his own business. There was a discussion about this, but nothing will be done until more information is available.

George, N3SQD, wanted to rediscuss first before making a motion. He would like the Club to donate some Tech manuals and General Study Guides for the Lehigh University Amateur Radio Society. He was thinking that 4 Tech Manuals and 4 General License book. He said that he knows that a lot of them are already studying for a license, doing it online, so some may or may not them. It is better to have them for someone who needs one than to have none. George went on to donate 4 Tech and 4 Generals to Lehigh. Dean seconded it. It was put to

a vote when there were no questions. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Barry, KU3X, said that a few of us are talking about QR Codes and they have produced an idea for the Club that I think would be a good idea. Anything type of flyer, QSL card, and anything else that goes out other than Club members can have a QR Code on it. Where does the QR Code scanned take you. Right to our website.

Barry said we have a good web page which is nice, but the opening web page is text. That is not attractive. It should take us to a web page. We would have to generate that on that page within our site there would be classes, a brief description of what you need to know what Ham Radio all is about, what our Club is about with a lot of pictures there like WX3MAS. You could put on this lone site a video or even a YouTube video. It is easy.

Bill, KD3FLY, was listening to the meeting via ZOOM. He had something to say. He said that he does not have time to generate a lot of copy and pictures and so forth. Bill said that if other people want to do that, send a copy of the pictures and he will be happy to put them there. He said mentally rewind about a year ago when we first rolled out this website.

Photographs and things like that, but no new content is coming in. So, I am just trying to keep up with putting up what we have. I completely agree with Barry that there being visual content is a great idea. So, if people want to volunteer to do a board every month or something like that, let him know and he will tell you what you need to do. Bill said that if there are members that may have some Technical Support experience, he would be absolutely delighted to collaborate with them. Sent him an

email at website@dlarc.club and he can set up a time to get together.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours.

Program: Satellite Station by Larry Butler, KC3JTK

John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

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The program was about all the ups and downs that occur building something from scratch. Larry gave a little history about the Satellite Station. The ups and the downs. Making sure that all measurements were perfect. Looking up other videos about building a station. It was a big project, yet Larry continues learning and understanding how things have to work.

The one problem that Larry would like to take care of and that is getting a new radio for the station. The one he is using is giving him some problems. He would like a newer radio that you can fine tune it for Satellite operations.

Larry talked about doing something different with the antenna, but that is on the back burner for right now.

I, myself would like to see what this is all about after everything is working. Not sure if I would be interested in doing more, but it would be just interesting knowing how it works and still be amazed at what can be done in a small area.

De John, N3IGA

PICNIC 2025 #2





Playing around with a Spark Gap



69th PA QSO Party October 11 & 12, 2025

(Always the 2nd Full Weekend in October)

<http://paqso.org>

Saturday, 11 October 2025

1600 – 0400 UTC / Noon - Midnight EDT

Sunday, 12 October 2025

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 is easy to set up and use.

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 do not have an HF station you are invited to come to the Milk House where the Club Station is at, will be open that weekend 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

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 15 September 2025

A meeting of the DLARC Board of Directors was at the Milkhouse, with the following in attendance:

Board Members Present:

President, Terry Swinney, KC3JHT

Vice-President, Diana Lambert, KC3ZGQ

Secretary, John Holmes, N3IGA

Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Dean Guth, AB3BD

Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY

Doreen Grambling, K3PDL - Zoom

Absence:

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG

Steve Harper, W3NAM

Dave Frankenfield, N3LWY

Proceedings:

A quorum being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

President's Report:

There is still a need for more people for the Emmaus Halloween Parade. Only 11 have signed up.

Terry announced that Jay, KC3ZFR, will be taking over as the new Awards Chair.

We still need a Program Chair. Terry said he still will help the person out.

Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Second, by Larry. Vote was taken, and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Larry, KC3JTK, gave his Treasurer's report for the month of August. A motion to accept the report was made by Dean. Second by Diane. Vote taken, and motion carried.

New Business:

Doreen said the since the last two picnics had a good turnout, there will be another one. First Wednesday of October, which happens to be the 1st, there will be another picnic. Please bring food to share with others. Chairs and tables would be nice. Dorren said it would be nice to have some tables. Adam needs to be aware of this since he is in charge. John was asked to contact him about the tables and where they can be stored.

Terry said that the Club now has a new projector screen to use. Terry is donating one for the Club. The other projector screen is a hassle to put together. It will be a backup.

John brought it up about not getting applications for membership from anyone joining the Club online. That is a requirement to join the Club. Bill, the webmaster, started to explain what was going on. He looks over an application that John brought and asked if all this information is needed. I told him that the rosters are filled out with that information. Bill said that most of the required information I am looking for is on the website. John told Bill that it does not give him any other information about what the applicant is interested in doing for the Club. There was a lot of discussion about this. It is a work-in-progress. John said to Bill that he would send him the application that has been updated to put on the website for members who will mail in their application and check.

John had one thing to say as the Club's new QSL Manager. He showed the newest QSL card the Club has. John said that he refuses to send out these QSL cards because they embarrass the Club. John said he showed them to other people who said that they did not say much of anything important about the Club. John said he was wondering what another Ham may think getting that

card. It says nothing about the Club. They would wonder what the heck is the Milkhouse. He said that he picked out one thing wrong on the card as soon as he saw it. It says "DLARC.org" which is no longer correct. No location information like "Zone," "ITU #," or "Grid." There were a brief discussion and Terry said that if I want a better QSL card, that I should design it, send it to Sue, KC3WCF, who will put all of together, and send me the results to take to the printer. I am planning on putting the Club's QR on the card when everything is up and running, which will get more of the Club's information out there.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours.

Minutes submitted by
John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

PICNIC #3 2025

There will be another picnic at the Milkhouse on 1 October starting 4:30-5 pm. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers are provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. Any questions, contact Doreen, K3PDL at gramlingda22@myyahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DLARC membership is due for 2026. The best way to renew is to log in to DLARC.club, 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 webmaster 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

DLARC NET AND EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7 pm DLARC NET	2 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8 7 pm DLARC NET	9	10	11 PA QSO PARTY
12 PA QSO PARTY	13	14	15 7 pm DLARC NET	16	17	18 Mayor's Parade in Emmaus
19 Rain Date For Parade	20	21	22 7 pm DLARC NET	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 7 pm DLARC NET	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, 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 need 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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Doreen Gramling / K3PDL (Past Pres.)

**PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DLARC CAN
BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING CLUB MEETINGS.**

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. Are held on the first Thursday of each
month at 7 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)
Club Station Telephone Number **484-291-1527** Email Address – W3OK@arrl.net

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