Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2004

Meeting January 8th at IU20

January Meeting Topic

By Barry G. Kery, KU3X

HF Antenna's

I was asked to give a talk on antennas for the January DLARC meeting. The talk will be about the basic understanding of antennas. The objective is to teach people how to build their own antenna system. The subject will range from a simple dipole to numerous other wire antennas. They will involve some of the following: Full size dipoles, loaded dipoles, delta loops, slopers, verticals and more. If an antenna has a high SWR, does that mean it is not working? If an antenna has a very flat and / or low SWR, does that mean it's a great antenna? You will find out the answers to these and many more questions at the December meeting.



Hope to see you there,

de Barry G. Kery, KU3X

VE Test Results – December 2003

VE testing was cancelled due to bad weather forecast for the time of the testing.

The Prez Sez

By Bryan, AA3WM

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a Merry and Blessed Christmas and Holidays as well. I am looking forward to a great 2004 for the Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club. With the help of several club members, the club's stations at the milk house are seeing more use on more bands and with more modes. The club has recently bought a new FT-857 HF rig, and has already put it to use in the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event. Why not make 2004 the year you get more involved in using the club's equipment - either as someone looking to improve his skills, or perhaps as someone who comes along side a new licensee as an elmer and encourages that ham to explore new forms of communication in the world of amateur radio.



In addition to having equipment for the use of its members, DLARC also provides services to those in our community. One of these services that the DLARC provides for our community is that of communications at the local MS events. Over the years, the MS organization has come to appreciate and rely on the DLARC's help during these events, and each year, many of you have helped Jeff make these events better through communication. As many of you know, Jeff Keller, N3QZT, has done a GREAT job as the chairman and coordinator of the MS events for the last 10 years – THANK YOU

JEFF! It is now time for someone else to take over this position, as Jeff will not be continuing as coordinator. If there is not a coordinator, then the club will not be able to help in this worthy cause. This position will take some time and work, but it is a vital position, and there are many in the club that will help whoever takes over. If you are interested in finding out more, see one of the board members, or Jeff.

Looking further into 2004, we will have Field Day in June, our Hamfest in September, the Club Picnic in August or September, as well as other events and services. Each of these events will require a chairman or coordinator, as well as club members' participation and support. As you can see, there will be ample opportunity for you to get involved in the club's activities in 2004! Talk with a current board member to see where you might help.

I am looking forward to a great 2004 for DLARC!

de Bryan, AA3WM

Treasurer's Report

By Dick, KA3MOU

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc.
Income & Loss Statement

Balance 10/31/03	$6,678.06
INCOME	
Class Materials	$12.00
Club Dues	$383.00
Donation Income 50 - 50 12/04	$19.00
Interest Checking	$5.97
TOTAL INCOME	$419.97
EXPENSES	
Newsletters Sept., Oct. & Nov.	$156.00
Postage Stamps & Permit	$107.00
Renewal 9 Year Domain Name	$135.00
Supplies DLARC Vinyl Signs	$212.95
Telephone	$21.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	$632.00
Balance 11/30/03	$6,678.06

de, Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

Minutes 12-4-2003
DLARC General meeting

By Charles, KB3DEA

7:30PM
Bryan AA3WM calls meeting to order

November general meeting minutes:
- Corrections: None
- 1st: Dave N3EYT
- 2nd: Bob N3SNZ
- Accepted

Treasurer report
- Corrections: None
- 1st: Ed W3APE
- 2nd: Norm K3NZ
- Accepted
- 2nd: K3NZ

Dick KA3MOU reads thank you cards given to the club.

Repeater Web
- KA3JWE gave the club some cabinets that have been used.

VE Session:
- Will be cancelled due to impending storm. No make up - next test January.

Club station:
- Frank N3EWV donated TNC and it is connected.
- Club needs a power supply - 25amps or better

Dues:
- They are due
- Check your mailing label for your membership expiration

Newsletter:

- Send in pictures of your shack or favorite qsl cards / moments.
- Looking for membership original material

Other reports:

- None

Visitors:

- Erica Williams
- Pete KB3JWQ and son Justin

Membership:

- Vote on acceptance of Ed K3IFE
- 1st: Ed W3APE
- 2nd: Bill N2DH
- Accepted

WX3MAS special event:

- Bob N3SNZ
- Looking for members to run stations
- 12-12-03 Antenna set up party.
- Event 12-13 & 12-14-2003

January Program:

- Barry KU3X antennas

HF Activities

- Bill K3ANS points out 10M and 160M contests coming up.

New Business:

- MOTION: DLARC allocate funds for the purchase of a Yaesu FT-857 and power supply for the use of the club station and club events.(Al W3CE & Norm K3NZ)
- 1st: Al W3CE
- 2nd: Norm K3NZ
- Accepted

Awards:

- Recipients not present will be given at future meeting.

Adjourn:

- 1st: Bob N3SNZ
- 2nd: Dick KA3MOU
- Accepted

Post meeting announcement:

- DLARC needs a volunteer to run the MS events.

Bill K3ANS mentions HF contests coming up.

de Charles, KB3DEA

Are your dues due?

By Dick, KA3MOU

If your DUES are not paid by **FEBRUARY 5, 2004** membership will be terminated. Reinstatement to membership by the **MARCH** meeting will be accepted without penalty. Thereafter, reinstatement application shall be the same as for a new member.

Dues Reminder for 2004

Dues are due. Check your mailing label. If the label has **EXP. 12/31/03** your dues are **PAST DUE**. Dues are as follows:

Membership 18-65 years of age
Jan. – Dec. $17.00
July – Dec. $8.50
Under 17 years, 65 or over or Retired (no age limit).
Jan. – Dec. $12.00
July – Dec. $6.00
Additional family member, each $3.00
Associate Membership $10.00

If paying your dues at a meeting, use an envelope with your call on the outside of the envelope. If paying dues by check, make the check out to DLARC.

If you mail your dues, mail the dues to:
RICHARD A DECH / KA3MOU
120 MCILHANEY AVENUE
BATH PA 18014-1612

If you have any questions about dues, you can call Dick / KA3MOU at 610-837-1585.

73, de Dick Treasurer of DLARC W3OK

Cool Web Links

From Bob, KE3AW:

You might be interested in this QSL card maker program... and the priced is right -- FREE... It really can produce very professional looking QSL cards!

http://www.hfradio.org/wb8rcr/

From Brad, KB3JXQ:

Here is a link to my own web site. It currently has some information on the Yaesu FT-101b HF rig, and I will be adding more as time allows. If you stop by, please be sure to sign the guestbook!

http://kb3jxq.snycomp.com

If you want to submit a web site to be included in the newsletter, please email the link to the newsletter editor at kb3jxq@snycomp.com . You may submit your own site or a site that you found and want to share with others.

Message from the ARRL

Submitted by Bill, K3ANS

PA PRB-1 assistance needed

To All Radio Amateurs in Pennsylvania,

We are seeking case histories of anyone having tower/antenna problems due to municipal action and/or municipal inaction. Anyone having problems of this type are encouraged to contact E. Pa. Section Manager, WB3FPL, in writing or via the internet. Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL. 284 Blimline Rd. Mohnotn, PA. 19540-7810. wb3fpl@arrl.org as soon as possible.

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Club Meeting for December!

By Dick, KA3MOU

On Thursday, December 4, was the last club meeting for the year. It was well attended. We had no program scheduled for this meeting. Several years ago a tradition was started to have a social event instead of having a program. Many club members brought Christmas cookies to share with the members. There was coffee and soda on hand. Let's hope we can keep this tradition going for many years to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

73, de Dick, KA3MOU



Photo by Dick Dech, KA3MOU



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Message from the editor:
This issue of the newsletter is smaller than normal due to current events in my life. Next month the newsletter should return to its normal size.



Photo by Brad Snyder, KB3JXQ



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PropNET Beacons

By Skip, K3CC

If there is anyone interested in Networking with PropNET beacons on HF or VHF/UHF, please let me know.

I have a PropNET beacon on 28.131 mhz PSK31. This beacon helps you see and hear when the bands are open.

I'm converting a commercial radio for 2 mtr Packet @ 1.2kb for a beacon on 147.585 mhz. I hope to have it running around Christmas.

In the future, I plan one more beacon on 6 mtrs at 50.62 mhz FM Packet @ 1.2kb.

Interesting enough, I have found some folks from the Reading, Lancaster, Tamaqua and Hazelton area that have an interest in networking them.

Try the web site http://www.beacoNet.org for more info.

De Skip, K3CC, k3cc@fast.net

SK (Silent Kat)

By Dave, W3CQU

I found the club one night and heard the Night Owls and joined both clubs in the valley. One of the "members" was Goldie, my cat and she was as loyal to the group as any of the licensed human radio operators. With a little prodding, she even said meow into my mike from time to time. When I checked in, Pres Schuyler would ask, "Where's that stupid cat?" and we had a little levity about it. I often would write a humorous episode for the newsletter and her antics were often included.

On October 24, Goldie had a massive stroke, her hindquarters were affected, and she was unsteady. Worse than that, her swallowing muscles and nerves were affected and she couldn't even swallow water. I wanted her to die at home but on the 31st she was crying from the pain and discomfort. I took her to the vet and had her euthanized. She would have been 20 years old on April 1 2004.

De Dave, W3CQU

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to
Participate in the DLARC, RACES, and ARES nets
146.70 and 444.90 W3OK/RPT (pl 151.4) with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11
W3OK trustee Chris Hornaman, NU3L
The Nets are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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CLUB MEETINGS

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7:30 PM at IU20 Building in Palmer Township
TALK IN ON 146.70
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