Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

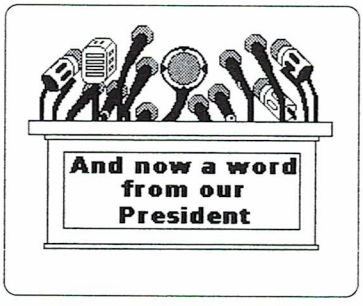
FEBRUARY 2003

Meeting February 6th at IU20

The Prez Sez

by Jeff,N3QZT

Another year has come and gone. I hope that the year 2002 was a good year for you and your family and that 2003 will be and even better year. It is tradition at the beginning of each New Year that resolutions are made. I think a good one for this year is to be more involved in the club and its activities.



A general feeling of "the job will be done by someone else, so I don't need to bother taking part" seems to be prevalent in the club right now. This could not be farther from the truth, the hams that have done the work in the recent past are getting burned out and new blood is needed badly if we are to continue to meet and do the things that we as a club have done in the past. This is not a very uplifting segment, and I do apologize for that but I feel that this needs to be said.

On a brighter note, I do want to thank all of the many different hams that have pitched in over the past year in helping make 2002 and the beginning of 2003 a very good year.

Let's all pitch in and make this a great year.

de Jeff, N3QZT President DLARC

ISO:PROSPECTIVE HAMS!

by Bob, KE3AW

On **March 2nd**, Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club'sSpring Series of 7 Monday evening free ham classes.



These classes are for anyone 8 to 80+ who is interested in earning a Technician or General amateur radio license.

The classes will be held at the Gracedale complex. **Chris/NU3L** and **George/N3SQD** will be the instructors.

Prospective amateur radio operators should contact me with any questions and to register for the classes. Phone **610.432.8286** or e-mail me at **ke3aw@arrl.net .**

de Bob,KE3AW

New Program Chair

by Bill, KA3RBH

Hi! Happy New Year.

My name is Bill Bigg (KA3RBH). I am the new program chairman for DLARC. Your input would be greatly appreciated . Please tell me what you, as a club member would like to see for our programs. My E-mail is Philbert@enter.net, my address is 1713 Cottage Ave., Bethlehem, Pa., 18018, my phone number is 610-974-9559, or call me on .70 repeater or e-mail any of the board members.

de Bill KA3RBH

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

Balance 11/30/02		**$5,598.32**
INCOME		
Club Dues	$967.00	
Interest Checking 12/13	6.47	
TOTAL INCOME		**$973.47**
EXPENSES		
Newsletters	$66.25	
Postage Permit & Stamps	107.00	
Supplies Skip Kauffman, 1 Chair	74.06	
Telephone Dec. 15 - Jan. 14	20.48	
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$267.79**
Balance 12/31/02	**$6,304.00**	

de Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

Dues Due

If your DUES are not paid by FEBRUARY 6, 2003 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 2003 Dues are due. Check your mailing label. If the label has **EXP. 12/31/02** your dues are **PAST DUE**.

Dues are as follows:

Membership 18-65 years of age
Jan. - Dec. $17.00
July - Dec. $8.50
Under17 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.

de Dick Treasurer of DLARC W3OK

FCC Poised to renew computer hacker's ham ticket

An FCC Administrative Law Judge has recommended that the FCC grant the Amateur Radio license renewal application of convicted computer hacker Kevin D. Mitnick, N6NHG. The Initial Decision by Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel released December 23 comes approximately one year after the FCC designated Mitnick's license renewal application for hearing.

"Right now, my goal in life is to live a productive life and to earn a living and try to make up for all the time that I lost and try to be a productive citizen," Mitnick told an FCC hearing last June 18. The Commission had cited character issues stemming from Mitnick's history of illegal computer-related activity--which included several convictions and prison sentences and two years on the run.

Mitnick testified that he's decided to turn his life around and dedicate himself to a career in broadcast radio, public speaking, and writing to help government, businesses, and individuals minimize the risks associated with computer intrusions. Following his release from prison, Mitnick said, he has been law-abiding and has no desire to return to his former life.

In his Initial Decision, Sippel wrote, "There is reliable evidence that Mr. Mitnick has focused on becoming an honest, productive citizen and that he has the means to continue to do so." Sippel said that Mitnick has been on the amateur bands since his release from prison and there have been no complaints regarding his on-the-air behavior. "The evidence in its totality shows Mr. Mitnick to have an overall record of compliance with Commission rules," Sippel concluded.

Unless exceptions are raised within 30 days or the FCC reviews the ruling on its own motion, Sippel's decision becomes effective 50 days after its release.

First licensed in 1976, Mitnick, 39, filed with the FCC through his attorney to renew his General ticket not long after his US District Court conviction in August 1999. His ham license was due to expire in December 1999, but the FCC extended his operating authority while his renewal application was pending. Mitnick reportedly spent some $16,000 in legal fees to retain his ham ticket.

Following a similar hearing earlier this year on character issues, the FCC recently granted the Amateur Radio license application of Herbert Schoenbohm. Last month, Schoenbohm regained his previously held KV4FZ call sign via the vanity call sign system. Upon his return to ham radio after a nearly two-year absence, he initially was issued NP2MJ as a sequential call sign.

The ARRL Letter

Just the Minutes

by Jill Brodt, N3ZSR

President Jeff Keller, N3QZT called the January 2nd club meeting to order at 7:30 PM, with 41 members and 3 guests present.



The November minutes was approved with a motion from Al, W3CE and seconded by Don, KA3JWE.

The Treasurer's Report for November was approved with a motion from Barry, N3NVA and Seconded by Bill, N2DH. The December Report shown elsewhere in this newsletter was accepted with a motion from Mark, K3MP and seconded by Carl, AA3IX.

Barry, N3NVA reported that the 4 tri-band antennae's are now installed. The 6-meter is done except for the crystals. The Counties 300 foot tower should be up in about a month.

There was no VE session for January due to the weather.

Christmas City had about 250 contacts.

The following new member was voted in: **Michael Shimko, KA3MVN** on a motion from Mark, K3MP and seconded by Dave, N3EYT

The following person will be voted on for membership at the February meeting:

Dorothy Navarre, N3WPM (reinstatement)

Thomas Slapinsky, KB3IVE

Steve Klaver, No call

Scott Thompson, N3EUS

We still need a Program Chairperson.

Nominations must be received by any one of the Board members for the Amy Zimmerman Award by January 15, 2003.

MS Walks for next year:

April 6, Hugh Moore Park - Easton

May 4th, Lehigh Parkway - Allentown

Certificates were awarded to Al, W3CE for helping to set up the Milk House, Malcolm, N3XRL Hamfest Chairman, Dennis, KR3U and Pat, KB3IDQ for Hamfest cooking.

Jeff welcomed the following guests: Donald (no last name), Susan (no last name), Ludwig Zernicek, and Greg Kovacs / KB3CKD.

The program for the evening was presented by Greg Kovacs, KB3CKD on the ARRL course.

After the program there was a short social gathering.

meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion from Mark, K3MP and seconded by Don, KA3JWE.

de Jill N3ZSR, Secretary

Contest Calendar

February, 2003----------

10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2359Z Feb 1
FYBO Winter QRP Field Day	1400Z, Feb 1 to 0200Z,
Feb 2 Delaware QSO	1700Z, Feb 1 to 0500Z, Feb 2 and 1300Z, Feb 2 to 0100Z, Feb 3
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2
North American Sprint, Phone	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 2
Six Club 2nd Winter Contest	2300Z, Feb 7 to 0300Z, Feb 10
CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 8 to 2400Z, Feb 9
Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 8
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 8 to 1200Z, Feb 9
YL-OM Contest, CW	1400Z, Feb 8 to 0200Z, Feb 9
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 8
OMISS QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 8 to 0500Z, Feb 9
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Feb 8 to 0100Z, Feb 9
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 9
QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Feb 9
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 10 to 0100Z, Feb 15
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 15 to 2400Z, Feb 16
YL-OM Contest, SSB	1400Z, Feb 15 to 0200Z, Feb 17
0CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 22 to 2359Z, Feb 23
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 22 to 1800Z, Feb 23
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 22 to 1300Z, Feb 23
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 22 to 0600Z, Feb 23
Russian PSK WW Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Feb 23
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb23
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 23 to 0300Z, Feb 24
CQC Winter QSO Party	2200Z, Feb 23 to 0359Z, Feb 24

March, 2003----------

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2
Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	2200Z, Mar 1 to 0159Z, Mar 2
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Mar 2

(thanks to BruceWA7BVM)

Just so you know

by Val, W3EFL

Useless fact - Which drains a battery faster, using it for four hours straight or using it for four one-hour periods?

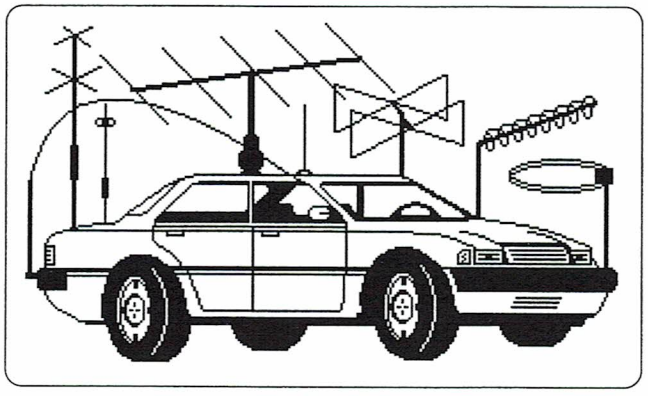
Using a battery-operated device continuously for four hours would run down a battery faster than using it for an hour on, then an hour off, for four cycles. The reason is that batteries have a tendency to recover a little bit if not used for a time.

A battery's current comes from electrons that are a byproduct of a chemical reaction between two substances, and how those substances are physically arranged affects how the reaction proceeds. They actually move from one side to another. The rest period time allows the ingredients to equalize and lets the liquids get where they are supposed to be.

There is some recovery with continuous use, but if a battery is used until it is completely dead, you get more service with intermittent use than with continuous use. The difference between intermittent and continuous use is greater with a device that makes a heavy drain on a battery, a toy with a motor that runs wheels, for example, than with a clock with very light hands that runs continuously.

The physical arrangement helps explain why rechargeable batteries made with nickel and cadmium may exhibit what has been called a memory effect. For example, if a battery designed for an hour of use is used for ten minutes and then recharged, and if this process is repeated several times, the next time the battery is needed for a full hour, the power drops off fairly quickly, as if the battery had a memory of what was expected of it..

de Val, W3EFL



Net Controllers!

by Dick, KA3MOU

I would like to thank **Bruce, KA3ONZ,** for being a net controller for a number of years. One could always count on Bruce for being there for the net. He would also switch with you if you could not take your net when scheduled for a net. Never once did Bruce turn me down or any other net controller when asked to take a net for him or her. Bruce has asked to be taken off the list of net controllers. I wish Bruce all the best in the New Year.

I would like to welcome **Dennis, KR3U,** as a net controller. Dennis was a net controller a few years ago. He has been a long time member of the club. I would like to thank Dennis for volunteering his services and time.

de Dick KA3MOU

Thanks to DLARC

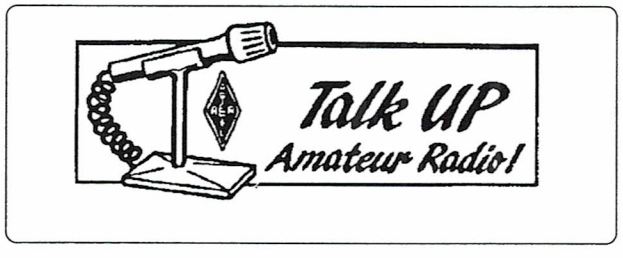
from Ruth Jennings

I want to thank the club for the generous donation to the Cancer Society that is a nice thing to do also cancer is a very nasty disease some people can recover and some cannot our family had both cases but hopefully they can find a cure or help for people that have it Earle was sick in October and they never told us that he had such fast cancer until about a week and a half before he passed away

In November they to us that he had cancer and then we couldnt get him any more help that is what was sad but he is not suffering now and hopefully no more pain and distress.

So thanks again also for everybody's help in this cancer donation.

73 Ruth Jennings



Subject: Amateur Fraternity

by Skip K3CC

Amateur Radio is a Fraternity. The entrance to which is passing the FCC license requirement. This is for any class of license.

As a fraternal organization, the brothers and sisters have a code to follow. This is known as the" Amateur Radio Code."

I would ask all members to please read the code. As was once said, " a house divided etc." . We must respect each others abilities and help one another .

This means, promote the hobby, help one another move through the ranks, provide communication in time of emergency or when needed and expand the hobby by experimentation into new horizons.

We are all one, maybe differently challenged, but one in the same hobby. We communicate. Lets communicate among ourselves, work toward a better understanding of each other's interest , and broaden all our horizons.

To this end, the **DLARC** should be the focal point of our shared experiences in the hobby. Let's not segregate ourselves into different groups with our own agenda's. The Amateur Radio code is found in the ARRL Handbook

de Skip K3CC

DLARCforum

by Don KA3JWE

DLARCforum is the club's email reflector that has been established for the members and friends of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club. **D.L.A.R.C.** has established this email reflector to allow members to communicate with each other more easily. This service will help members exchange information, comments, suggestions and ideas more easily.

It's easy to subscribe, just visit this Website and follow the instructions.

http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dlarcforum

Once approved, you will get a message stating that you have subscribed and you will get a welcome message containing instructions for using the mailing list.

Remember – All messages sent to **dlarcforum@mailman.qth.net** should be in PLAIN TEXT format. This service will not accept attachments such as pictures, separate documents or files.

de Don, KA3JWE

New Jersey Legislature honors Amateur Radio's 9/11 Role

The New Jersey Legislature has honored the role of Amateur Radio operators in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. On hand in Trenton to witness a joint proclamation December 12 were ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, Hudson Division Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, Northern New Jersey Section Manager Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, and Bergen County District Emergency Coordinator Mike Adams, WA2MWT, who's also a member of the New Jersey PRB-1 Task Force.

"I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your hard work and efforts," said Assembly Speaker Albio Sires. "During times of disaster, your group has displayed superior service and dedication to the safety of our citizens. I applaud the efforts of the independent radio operators and thank you for your selfless actions on September 11, 2001. Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your participation with the New Jersey General Assembly on this day, December 12, 2002."

On behalf of the amateur contingent, Hudzik thanked the 80 members of the Assembly. Among the cosponsors of the resolution was Assemblyman Matthew Ahearn, KB2PNN, a Democrat from Fair Lawn and sponsor of an Amateur Radio antenna bill, Assembly Bill 3065, in the Garden State.

While in the state capital, the ham radio delegation took the opportunity to promote A3065, "The Amateur Radio Antenna Bill." The measure would codify the limited preemption known as PRB-1 into New Jersey's statutes. In addition, it would preclude local ordinances or regulations that effectively prohibit an antenna support structure of 70 feet or less above ground level exclusive of any antenna upon the structure. The measure has been assigned to the Housing and Local Government Committee chaired by Assemblyman Jerry Green (D-Plainfield). ***The ARRL Letter***

License Renewals

For anyone who needs to renew their amateur radio license license don't be suckered into W5YI's renewal service. Do it on line yourself. It is very easy to do and you won't spend the $6.00 that he charges.

I just renewed mine on line and received the new one in four days.

The Web site is;

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/

de Bob, N3OLH

Local Silent KEY, Dick Kline

Dick passed away at his home on **Janurary 12th** He was a former membe of DLARC... **He was KA3TTX.**

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to
Participate in the DLARC, RACES & 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 7:00PM

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