Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2005

Meeting February 3rd at IU20

The Prez Sez

by Bryan, AA3WM



Well, 2005 is moving along quickly. Some of the events fast approaching are the MS Walks in April and May, as well as the MS 150 PA Dutch Tour and Field Day in June. Be on the lookout for coming announcements regarding these events.

Unfortunately, the 2005 Hamfest has been canceled, due to the lack of a volunteer to be Hamfest Chairman (organizer). While the Hamfest is usually a great opportunity to raise money for the DLARC, it also requires planning and coordination spread out over several months prior to the actual event (notifications, flyers, contacting vendors, etc.). It is now too late for the 2005 Hamfest, but please consider if you might be able to help out for the 2006 Hamfest.

Of course, since it is the beginning of the year, DUES ARE PAST DUE! Check out the mailing label on this newsletter. If it has something like "EXP 12 31 04" then your dues are in fact due – get them in by the February meeting!

Recently, a milestone was achieved by Clarence Snyder, W3PYF – Clarence received a 50 year membership pin from ARRL! Congratulations Clarence!

de Bryan, AA3WM

February Program

by Tom, IB3IUE

February's program will be a presentation by WA3MGD concerning Physics and RF... Should prove to be an interesting and informative evening. Please plan on attending.

73's

de Tom, KB3IUE

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

Please check out the Tech Net on the W3OK repeater system. It will start on Wednesday, February 2nd at 8:00 pm, after the ARES/RACES net.

Charlie, W3DEA, will run the Tech Net.

Treasurer's Report

by Dick, KA3MOU



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

Balance 11/30/04	**$4,775.22**
INCOME	
Club Dues	$579.00
Donation Income 50 – 50	27.00
Interest Checking	4.25
TOTAL INCOME	$610.25
EXPENSES	
Award Gavel Plaque Jeff/N3QZT	$69.90
PA QSO Party NARC Mobile Plaque	35.00
Postage Stamps	37.00
Postage	70.00
Refund Dues Overpayment Al Luisser	5.00
Refund Dues Overpayment Robert Loux	4.00
Telephone	17.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	$238.63
Balance 12/31/04	**$5,146.84**

de, Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

DLARC GENERAL MEETING – JANUARY 6,2005

by Charlie, W3DEA

7:50 – meeting called to order by Bryan AA3WM waiting to see if a quorum could be met - 20 members present – NO QUORUM

<u>REPORTS</u> (NO VOTES – NO QUORUM)

Secretary – Charlie W3DEA
- ✓ No changes

Treasurer – Dick KA3MOU
- ✓ No changes

Repeater / Web Page – Barry N3NVA (Charlie W3DEA)
- ✓ No report

VE Session – Bill N2DH
- ✓ No registrants
- ✓ Will be looking into by monthly VE sessions coordinated with W3OI

W3OK Club Station (Milkhouse) – Al W3CE & Ken N3IYX
- ✓ Clean up scheduled for January 15
- ✓ Moving two inactive repeaters to the barn

WX3MAS – Al W3CE
- ✓ QSO's 293 – 265 SSB, 13 echo link, 16 PSK31
- ✓ 3 stations into a vertical, dipole, and Al's screwdriver
- ✓ Jim KN3DZY led the way with 93 QSO's and Al honorably mentioned Briana Lazarchak's (no license, yet) 40 plus QSO effort

Membership / Visitors – Dick KA3MOU & Bryan AA3WM
- ✓ No new applicants
- ✓ No quorum, cannot vote on Ronald Jackson KB3LPS
- ✓ Visitors, Harold N3SWZ, Doug (from the DLARC classes – will be testing soon) and Briana Lazarchak (no call)

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>
- ✓ Any nominations for the Amy Zimmerman award are needed by the board meeting on January 20
- ✓ Tonight's meeting was the drop-dead date for the 2005 hamfest – No chairperson by the end of the meeting **THE 2005 HAMFEST IS CANCELLED**
- ✓ Dick KA3MOU will be writing an article about Clarence W3PYF's 50th anniversary with the ARRL
- ✓ February program will be on shack set up

Meeting closed at 8:20PM

de Charlie, W3DEA, Secretary

It's the time of the year that dues are due.

by Dick, KA3MOU

If your DUES are not paid by FEBRUARY 3, 2005 your 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 2005
Dues are due. Check your mailing label. If the label has EXP. 12/31/04 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, KA3MOU, Treasurer

For All RACES Members:

by Dick, KA3MOU

I will be sending you a RACES application to update your RACES membership. I have new RACES cards that I will issue to you when I have the new RACES application returned to me. You should participate on the Wednesday night RACES nets at 7:00 PM on repeater 146.700 P/L 151.4. You should help out with exercise drills such as weather drills, MS Walks and DID. Some benefits to this participation are that you will learn how to send traffic so the person on the other end can copy what you are sending and you will know how nets are run properly.

Let me know if you want to volunteer for the 4 Wheel Drive list. Remember to list all emergency equipment you have that could be used during an emergency. If you have any special training such as being a paramedic, for example, please let me know.

73, Dick Dech, KA3MOU

ISS EXPEDITION 10 COMMANDER BREAKS IN NEW TICKET FROM SPACE

submitted by Dick, KA3MOU

--from the ARRL letter V23, N47

Astronaut Leroy Chiao, KE5BRW, used his recently minted ham radio license for the first time November 19 to speak with students in southeastern Italy from NA1SS aboard the International Space Station. Arranged by the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program, the QSO also kicked off a series of educational contacts for the Expedition 10 crew, which arrived aboard the ISS in October.

"It's a great pleasure to be addressing you from the International Space Station," Chiao told the youngsters as the contact got under way. "This is my first ham radio contact, so I'm honored to be sharing this experience with you." Chiao got his license in June while training for his ISS mission.

Posing questions from Earth were youngsters from two elementary schools and a comprehensive school in Polignano-a-Mare, ranging in age from 6 to 14. Members of a local Amateur Radio Club set up a satellite Earth station at one elementary school and a backup station at the other elementary school. They also established audio and video links from the station to monitors in the other two schools' auditoriums. Michele Mallardi, IZ7EVR, was the control operator.

Responding to a question about the crew's exercise regimen, Chiao stressed how important it is that he and Expedition 10 Flight Engineer and cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov exercise daily during their six-month duty tour. "We have two hours of exercise scheduled every day," he said. The space travelers work out using either a treadmill or stationary bicycle, Chiao explained. There's also a piece of equipment that "mimics the effects of weightlifting," he said.

One youngster asked the now-standard "food question," and Chiao managed to regionalize his answer. "We have a variety of items we can choose from, including some Italian dishes," he said. "Some of my favorites include classics like spaghetti and also tortellini."

Others wanted to know if the crew sometimes felt alone, how they talked to their families, what they did when they were not working and whether it was easy to acclimate to weightlessness. In all, Chiao managed 18 questions during the approximately eight-minute contact. Just before the ISS went out of range, Mallardi aired the students' farewells and the audience's applause.

Onlookers at the Earth station included not only pupils and teachers but several high-level local, regional and national government officials as well as representatives of the military. The event generated news accounts via several radio and TV outlets and attracted reporting teams from print media that included the Amateur Radio publications Radio Rivista and Radio Kit Elettronica.

ARES/RACES AID IN CALIFORNIA FLOOD RESPONSE

submitted by Dick, KA3MOU

--from the ARRL letter V24, N2

Flooding and a devastating mudslide in Southern California kept Ventura County ARES/RACES members on the move this week. Among other activities, ARES/RACES has supported communication at shelters housing La Conchita residents displaced by a massive and deadly mudslide January 10 that killed at least 10 people. A town of some 250 inhabitants, La Conchita is approximately 65 miles north of Los Angeles.

"Several communities were cut off from access to the outside world during the flooding, including the Ojai area and the cities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru," reports David Gilmore, AA6VH, ARES District Emergency Coordinator and Ventura County RACES Radio Officer. He said five shelters were opened during the course of the flooding, providing refuge to more than 700 evacuees. Gilmore said the hospital in Ojai also experienced flooding, but the community's flood-initiated isolation would have made it extremely difficult to transfer patients to other facilities.

"An ARES/RACES member stood by at the radio communications room at the hospital during this crisis, while the flooding was dealt with," he said. "Fortunately, the effects of the flooding were able to be contained, and the hospital was able to continue operating."

In light of the threat, authorities ordered residents to evacuate to higher ground, and requested Ventura County ARES/RACES to set up radio communications inside the community. Access to Piru was already difficult, Gilmore explained, and once flooding commenced the town was expected to become completely inaccessible.

"We realized that any personnel who went to Piru could become stranded for several days, along with

the Piru residents," he said. Nonetheless, Ventura County ARES/RACES members did not hesitate to volunteer for the assignment.

"Steve King, KE6WEZ, immediately packed his vehicle with supplies and extra radio equipment, and headed out," Gilmore said. Although his trip was hampered by closed or flood-damaged roadways, the California Highway Patrol immediately let King through. "He drove the perilous journey along Highway 126 to Piru, navigating through flowing water and mudslides that already littered the road," Gilmore said.

Although two more operators--Dan Halpert, WA6JQB, and Karl Baird, KG6KRN, had also prepared to go, King's vehicle was the last allowed in before nightfall, when the highway became too dangerous to travel.

Once there King spent a busy--and uncomfortable--night supporting communication for the more than 500 flood refugees, who had little in the way of supplies. King was able to help coordinate the delivery of needed provisions. At one point, he also handled traffic for the emergency evacuation of a Piru resident who required medical treatment. The area lost electrical power around 3 AM, and Gilmore says King was instrumental in locating a small generator and getting it on line as dawn approached.

Heavy rainfall in California in recent days has resulted in mudslides that left at least two dozen people dead. California Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger, who toured La Conchita January 12, has declared a state of emergency in Ventura County. The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross are cooperating in meeting the needs of those displaced by the flooding and mudslides.

2005		FEBRUARY				2005
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Send your entries for the calendar to: kb3jxq@snycomp.com		1	2 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm TechNet 8:00 pm	3 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	4 VE Testing 7:00 pm	5
6	7	8	9 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28	Do you like DX? QRP? How about writing an article or a monthly column about your experiences for publication in the W3OK Corral? If interested contact Brad, KB3JXQ at kb3jxq@snycomp.com.				

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to Participate in the DLARC, RACES, and ARES nets: 51.76, 146.70, and 444.90 W3OK/RPT (pl 151.4) with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11 (pl 151.4)
W3OK trustee Chris Hornaman, NU3L
The Nets are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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7:30 PM at IU20 Building in Palmer Township
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