Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2006

Meeting February 2nd at the 911 center

The Prez Sez

by Bill, N2DH



Well!!!

It looks like 2006 has finally left the starting gate and is running the course.

For those of you who could not attend the January meeting we had a good turnout.

Dick KA3MOU made arrangements for an interesting program, and your President forgot the 50/50 bucket

The membership voted to amend the constitution to allow for alternate means of distributing the newsletter. For now nothing will change with the newsletter distribution but the board now has the flexibility to use alternate methods as necessity demands.

The club accepted the application of Dan Schwartzman KB3MXP for membership, and we welcome Dan to the club. If you see Dan at the next meeting give him a high five and introduce yourself.

Brian AA3WM is still looking for assistance with committees for the Hamfest and the Amy Zimmerman award, if you can, give him a hand or a recommendation for the award.

The club will need a chairman for the Hamfest if it is decided to have one this year.

There is also Field Day coming up as well. Any volunteers?

KB3CSR and I are still hoping someone will step up and take over the VE sessions, we will try to continue, but time demands makes it difficult.

Our program chairman is looking for ideas for programs, and if you would like to present a program let him know.

Our newsletter editor is always looking for articles or information to include in the "OK Corral ", if you would like to present an article drop him a line.

Looking forward to seeing all at the February meeting.

73, de Bill N2DH

Treasurer's Report

by Dick, KA3MOU



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

Balance 11/30/05	**$5,119.10**
INCOME	
Class Materials Book	$12.00
Club dues	721.00
Donation Income 50-50	28.00
Interest Checking	1.46
TOTAL INCOME	**$762.46**
EXPENSES	
Donation ARRL Toy for Kids	$200.00
Food Christmas City Special Event Pizza	24.89
Memory Of Loring S. Fisher	25.00
Memory Of Mary Esch	25.00
Milk House Equipment 1 KPC-3 Plus	179.95
Newsletters Printing for 9 Months	576.00
PA QSO Plaque NARC	35.00
Postage	37.00
Refund James Loeffler Overpayment Dues	1.00
Telephone	17.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,121.54**
Balance 12/31/05	**$4,760.02**

DLARC general meeting – January 5, 2006

by Charlie, W3DEA

7:30PM Called to order

REPORTS:

Secretary - Charlie W3DEA

- ✓ No changes, 1st - Bill K3ANS, 2nd - Dave N3EYT, Passed

Treasurer - Dick KA3MOU

- ✓ No changes, 1st - Mark K3MP, 2nd - Don KC3II, Passed

Repeater - Web Page - Barry N3NVA

- ✓ No report

VE Session - bill N2DH

- ✓ Preregistration will be required - Still looking for new coordinator

Club Station - Al W3CE (George N3SQD)

- ✓ Donations recieved for club use, list of needed gear to appear in newsletter

Tech Net - Charlie W3DEA

- ✓ Next Tech Net is Feb 1 at 8PM on the W3OK repeater system

Old Business:

- ✓ Amy Zimmerman committee being formed by Bryan AA3WM
- ✓ Hamfest committee being formed by Bryan AA3WM
- ✓ Toys for tots check in the mail
- ✓ WX3MAS had 21 members participate and made 150 Q's

New Business:

- ✓ **VOTE ON CONSTITUTION CHANGE POSTED IN THE NEWSLETTER:**
  - 1st - Carl AA3IX, 2nd - John, Passed
- ✓ 2006 picnic will be the same location - still looking for a chairperson

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- ✓ Dan Schwartzman KB3MXP (present)
  - 1st - George N3SQD, 2nd - Ken N3IYX, Passed

Adjourn:

- ✓ 1st - Mark K3MP, 2nd - Don KC3II, Passed

de Charlie, W3DEA

Dues Reminder

by Dick, KA3MOU

It is that time of the year! Dues are due for 2006. Read below and you will see how to pay your dues.

Please when paying dues by mail included your call sign either on your check or the envelope.

If your DUES are not paid by FEBRUARY 2, 2006 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 2006
Dues are due. Check your mailing label. If the label has EXP. 12/31/05 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

Thank You!

by Dick, KA3MOU

At Thursday January 5, 2006 club meeting Jose Rodriquez / KB3FPJ donated a large number of pens, which will be put in the milk house. I would like to thank Jose for this donation.

Happy New Year to all.
73, de Dick / KA3MOU

Thanks, Phil

by Dick, KA3MOU

I would like to thank Phil Bigg / KB3HMK for putting on a program on such a short notice. I Emailed Phil Tuesday to see if he would do a program at the DLARC club meeting Thursday, January 5, 2006, this program was on your ready kit. Phil agreed to do the program. For those of you club members who missed the meeting, you missed an interesting meeting on ideas as to what you should have in your ready bag in case you are called out for an emergency.

If you have any ideals for a program contact Tom / KB3IUE our program chair person.

73, Dick / KA3MOU

Get Well QSL

by Dick, KA3MOU

The only survivor from the WVA coal mining accident is a ham....Would like to get the word out to as many as possible to consider sending him a GET WELL QSL card to his address:

Randal L McCloy Jr / KC8VKZ
PO BOX 223
Philippi WV 26435

Please spread the word!!!
73, Dick / KA3MOU

ANTENNA ROMANCE ...

submitted by Dick, KA3MOU

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.

The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Since they were a perfect match, soon they generated harmonics.

Wrapped the harmonics in dipoles.

But later the harmonics turned out to be parasitic elements.

The true story -- she was a tri-bander and he felt trapped, so they went on separate beam headings.

AND..."If an antenna falls in the forest, and no one is there to see or hear it, does it's SWR change?"

US, THAI AND BRAZILIAN YOUNGSTERS LEARN ABOUT LIFE IN SPACE VIA HAM RADIO

Students in Michigan, Thailand and Brazil are among the latest to learn about life in space by speaking via ham radio with International Space Station Expedition 12 commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR. The three contacts with the station's NA1SS were arranged by the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. McArthur told pupils at Carman Park and Rankin elementary schools in Flint, Michigan, December 21 that wearing eyeglasses in space poses special problems.

"My glasses get oily from my skin a little more quickly than on the earth, and if my face is wet, they do fog up because we don't have the same breezes to keep them clear," said McArthur.

McArthur also told the youngsters that the ISS is relatively safe from collisions with space debris, although it does collide with "minor pieces of dust" as it orbits Earth. Responding to another question, he said he's able to keep in touch with the ground via e-mail at least three times a day.

Youngsters at the two Michigan schools had been studying about the ISS and preparing for their big moment since September. Nancy Rocheleau, WH6PN, in Hawaii served as the Earth station control operator, and MCI donated a teleconference link to provide two-way audio to the Michigan students. Despite some delay in getting the contact under way, 17 questions were asked and answered during the QSO.

On December 31, several young radio amateurs attending the 25th Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree in Bangkok, Thailand, spoke with McArthur. During the approximately eight minute contact between NA1SS and E25AJ, the ISS commander left open the possibility of life on other planets.

"There are billions and billions of stars in the universe, so there must be billions and billions of planets," McArthur observed. "Certainly other planets must have the ability to sustain life."

The Bangkok ARISS event attracted several TV, radio and newspaper reporters. Nui Apornrum, E20YZD, served as the Earth station control operator for the direct VHF contact.

The first ARISS school group contact of the new year took place January 2 between NA1SS and PY1KCF at the STS Flight School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. McArthur answered 15 questions put to him by students, professors and flight instructors.

McArthur told the group that keeping fit was among the biggest challenges of living in space. "The most difficult thing is keeping healthy in the absence of gravity, keeping muscles strong as well as our bones, and we do that through intense exercise," he said.

Being fit, he said in response to a later question, is one requirement for venturing into space. "I think the greatest skill is doing a spacewalk," he said. "It requires physical strength, endurance and significant training."

Replying to another question, the Expedition 12 commander described the ISS as much more than a spaceship "It is a very large ship, rather than an aerospace vehicle," McArthur said, "because it is so stable, and there is no turbulence and very little vibration."

Earth station operators for the direct contact were Tadeu Fernandes, PY1KCF, of ARISS-Brazil, and Felipe José, PY1IA. Cássio da Fonte, ZZ1UMS, and Kevin Fernandes handled the real-time translation for the approximately 60 people on hand.

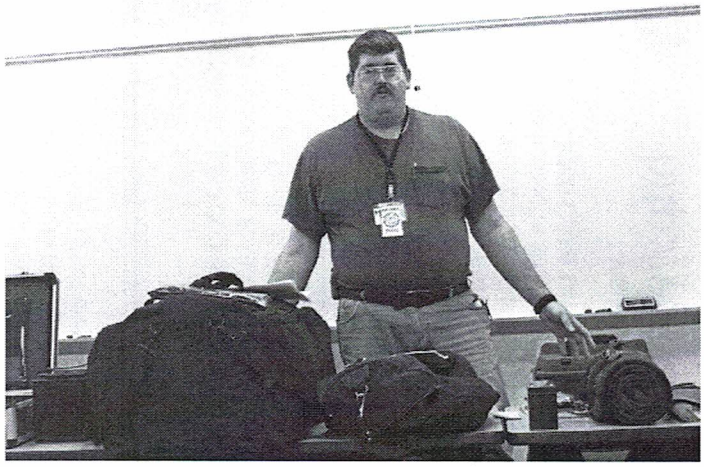
ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.

(From the ARRL letter, V25, N2)

Picture From Last Meeting

by Brad, KB3JXQ

This picture is of Phil, KB3HMK talking about his ready kit.



2006			FEBRUARY			2006
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm TechNet 8:00 pm	2 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7	8 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	16 Executive Committee Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22 ARES / RACES Net 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	Send newsletter / calendar submissions to the editor 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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