Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2002

Club meeting at IU20 on March 7

MARS

by John NX3W

Now that you finally got that upgrade to General or higher, what are you going to do? Does passing emergency communications interest you? Does providing auxiliary or emergency communications on a local, national, and international basis as a secondary to normal communications interest you?

If any of the above sparks an interest, why not join the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS). MARS is a Department of Defense (DOD) sponsored program, established as separately managed and operated programs by the Army, Navy-Marine Corps, and Air Force. The primary concept of MARS is to meet the requirements of training for any communications emergency.

Since I'm a member of the Pennsylvania Area Navy-Marine Corps MARS (NAVMARCORMARS), I can only speak for that program. NAVMARCORMARS has been given the undertaking by the DOD to provide information in the event of a disaster or emergency. This is accomplished with a pro-forma message called Essential Elements of Information (EEI). The MARS member should report any event he or she believes might be an interest at the national level. These messages are went to the Chief of NAVMARCORMARS who will sort them out and send them to DOD.

If you are interested in MARS and have any questions, come out to the March 7th meeting and listen to my presentation. If you would like to join Navy-Marine Corps MARS, I will have the information there. So come to the meeting and see if it doesn't perk a new interest in Amateur Radio.

de John, WX3W

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New York High School Students Quiz Space Station Crew

It was a happy Valentine's Day for students at Vestal High School in Vestal, New York, as nine of them got to pose questions via ham radio to **Dan Bursch, KD5PNU**, aboard the International Space Station. Bursch is a 1975 graduate of the school. The contact was arranged by Amateur Radio on the International Space Station--or ARISS--a cooperative venture of NASA, ARRL and AMSAT.

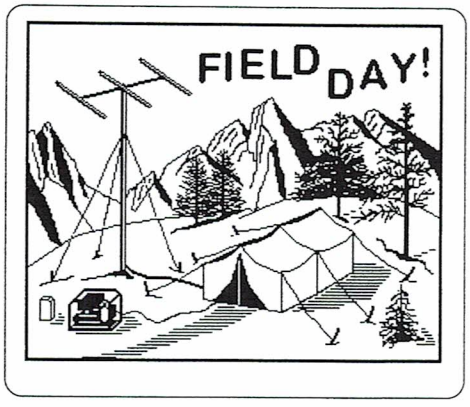
The astronauts' diet, exercise, research and daily life aboard the space station were among the question topics. Among other projects, Bursch said, the crew is involved in some physiological research involving lung function before and after space walks--or EVAs. Bursch said research also was under way to determine if it's possible to grow larger, more perfect crystals in space.

Using the NA1SS call sign, Bursch said that "care and feeding of space station" is a part of the crew members' everyday routine. "The idea is to continue to build space station while we continue to live on board," he said. "We're kinda jacks of all trades up here." ***The ARRL Letter***

ARRL Field Day affilliated club competion changes announced

The ARRL has adopted rule changes affecting Field Day and the ARRL Affiliated Club Competition program. The primary Field Day change--effective with this year's event out the Novice-Technician station and replaces it with a new station category, the **"Get-On-The-Air"**--or **GOTA**--station.

GOTA station is intended for operation by Novice and Technician operators or by generally inexperienced or inactive amateurs as well as by as-yet-unlicensed or "underlicensed" operators working under the privileges of a licensed control operator (third-party traffic rules apply--see the International Third Party Traffic page on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/3rdparty.html>). Under the revised rules, any Class A Field Day entry operating at least two transmitters may include a GOTA station, which will not count as an additional transmitter for the purpose of entry category.



The GOTA station may operate on any Field Day band and mode, but only one GOTA transmitter may be in use at any given time. The GOTA station may complete up to 400 QSOs to be counted toward the group's total Field Day score. A Field Day group can claim 100 bonus points if its GOTA station successfully completes 400 QSOs. The GOTA station does not affect the additional VHF/UHF station provided under Field Day rule 4.1.2.

Field Day 2002 will mark the first in which stations throughout the Americas have been invited to participate. As approved at the July 2001 ARRL Board of Directors' meeting, all International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 countries--North and South America--may take part in Field Day starting this June.

Complete Field Day rules and information packet will be available on the ARRL Web Contest Forms and Rules page **<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms>** in early February. Field Day 2002 pins and T-shirt may be ordered now via the ARRL Web catalog <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=&words=Field+Day+Pin>.

Changes to the ARRL Affiliated Club Competition program also were included in the report of the Membership Services Committee (MSC), presented **June 22-23--phases**to the ARRL Board of Directors at its January meeting. In accordance with the advice of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee, five specific affiliated club competition changes will go into effect November 1. Under the revised rules:

* The requirement that a member must attend at least two club meetings a year in order to be allowed to submit a score for a club in the unlimited and medium categories has been altered. The new rules will allow participation by "a member in good standing, as defined by the club."

* Medium and unlimited clubs now may define their club service area either as a 175-mile radius circle or as an entire ARRL section. This change will allow clubs from larger states that encompass entire ARRL sections to compete with each other.

* The percentage of operators who must be members of a club in order for the club to claim a score from a multioperator station has been reduced from 66% to 50%.

* A station owner no longer must be a member of a club in order for a guest operator at the station to claim the score for that club.

* Canadian clubs that are full Radio Amateurs of Canada affiliates now may participate in the ARRL Affiliated Clubs Competition.

These changes affect ARRL contests that include a club competition--January VHF Sweepstakes, the ARRL International DX Contest, the September VHF Party, the ARRL November Sweepstakes, the ARRL 160-Meter Contest and the ARRL 10-Meter Contest.

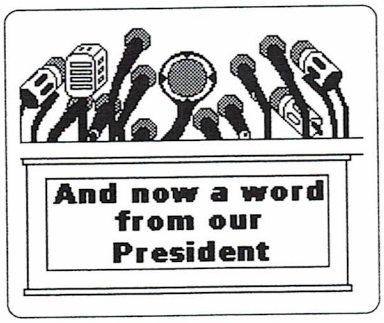
Complete rules for all ARRL-sponsored operating events are available on the ARRL Web site **<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/>**. For more information, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, n1nd@arrl.org..

via ARRL Letter

Prez Sez

by Jeff, N3QZT

Over the last few weeks I have received (and other E-Board members) phone calls and a couple of letters complaining about the possible usage of the **Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club** roster.The club roster is to be used only for personal use in contacting other club members and is not to be used as a business tool.



The E-Board has written a statement concerning this and it was read at the February general meeting and will be published in the newsletter and also on the front of the new club roster coming out next month. If you have any questions please contact me or any board member. Thanks

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The D.L.A.R.C. Membership Directory is for the private use of D.L.A.R.C. members only. Its sole purpose is for the convenience of club members to contact other club members regarding club business and /or friendship.

The D.L.A.R.C. Membership Directory is not to be used for solicitation or personal gain by any club member. This includes any club member's family, friends, or business.

Any other use of the Membership Directory without the expressed, written permission of the Executive Committee is strictly forbidden.

Now onto some other stuff, like upcoming club events: As I write this column this month we are still looking for a member to head up Field Day¶.

As you know this annual event takes place in June (which is only four months away and will be here before you know it) and preparations for the event need to be made and coordinated by someone.

The club will also require someone to coordinate the food for Field Day weekend or we will get awful hungry by the end of the weekend. I know that I have ask many times (as have many previous Presidents) for help and you are most likely tired of hearing the request. Well one way to get me stop asking is to volunteer for one of these positions. Dont feel like you will be alone and without support, the people who have filled these positions in the past, as well as the E-board, will be there with there knowledge and experience they have gained from previous events. So come on out get involved, help your Club.

de Jeff, N3QZT president

Just the Minutes

by Jill N3ZSR

President Jeff Keller, N3QZT called the February 7th club meeting to order at 7:31 PM, with 44 members and 4 guests present.



A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Bob, N3SNZ with a 2nd by Norm, K3NZ. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report shown elsewhere in this newletter was accepted with a motion from Ed, W3APE with a 2nd by Bruce, KB3FIH.

Barry, N3NVA said that a chirping is coming from the receiver on Levitz Road. He believes the problem is in the cable. We will have this problem until maybe the summer when the County puts up their new tower. At that time we will be able to move our things over to the Counties old tower.

The VE Session for February has 10 registered people to take the test. Bill, N2DH has 2 VE's plus himself for the evening.

Jeff welcomed the following guests to our meeting: Bob, WB3JSZ Bernie, no call Bill, KA3RBH Phillip, KB3HKM

The following new members were voted in: Kenneth Boyle, KC2IDB on a motion from Bill, N2DH and a 2nd by Bruce, KB3FIH. Joseph Moskalski, KC2IRV on a motion from Bill, NC3P and a 2nd by Marvin, KA3TEO

A plaque was presented to Ken, N3IYX for various services he has done for the club through the years.

Applications received that will be voted on at the March meeting are as follows: Phillip Brigg, WB3HMK Gary Gardner, KB3HLG

The evening program, Radio Internet and linking, was presented by Bob, N3QZR

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion from Bob, N3SNZ and 2nd Bruce, KB3FIH.

Jill, N3ZSR, Secretary

Amateur Radio volunteers support Olympics

Amateur Radio volunteers are supporting the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, assisting with security and remaining available to provide back-up communication.

' 'The amateurs involved have assisted numerous local and federal agencies to develop a unique system that covers the entire Wasatch Front Area, providing communications to reach numerous Olympic venues 24 hours a day," said Utah ARRL Section Manager Mel Parkes , AC7CP. "Amateur Radio will be there should any of the primary frequencies fail or become unavailable."

According to Parkes, Utah Section Emergency Coordinator John Mabey, W7CWK, and Brent Thomas, AC7H, of the State of Utah Comprehensive Management Office began working on this effort more than a year ago. A special public safety organization--Utah Olympic Public Safety Command (UOPSC) was created by the various local and national public safety organizations that provide the security necessary for the international event. Mabey, along with Davis County EC Hall Blankenship, KC7RAF; Kirk Boman, KD0J; Ed Cole, KB7EC; and Mike Youngs, KK7VZ, headed up the Amateur Radio effort to provide emergency backup communication for the Olympic Security Command.

Parkes said UOPSC has now involved more than 200 Amateur Radio volunteers in Utah to support critical security. In addition Amateur Radio volunteers are staffing a number of Olympic Security Command centers assisting local and national public safety organizations.

' 'The hard work and dedication by all these dedicated Amateur Radio Operators will certainly contribute to a very successful and safe Olympic Winter Games," Parkes said.

via ARRL

Weather Drill

by Dick, KA3MOU

On **Thursday, March 21, 2002** there is a weather drill. The drill will start at 8:30 A. M. Four operators are needed for this drill. If you can help with the drill contact **Dick / KA3MOU** or **Jeff / N3QZT**.

You will need and HT, paper, pen and pencil. The drill should be over by noon time.

de, Dick / KA3MOU

Radio Officer Northampton County

Feb VE testing

The following is the info for February.

Ve's in attendance

Bill N3CP,

Al W3CE,

Bill N2DH

Results

Brent Nickischer..... new Tech

Robert Disbrow.....new Tech

Edward Remington....new Tech

Paul Maietti.....new Tech

Joel Gilly N3GXY upgrade to Extra.

There were four other applicants that failed the tests.

de Thalia KB3CSR

John K. Karban, W3IGC, became a **Silent Key** as of February 12 in Allentown. I was not aware that he was back in this area again as he had been living in Florida for a number of years after his retirement from Air Products.

He was a close friend of Harry Buchin, W3TEB and would always visit him when he came back here in the summer.

He was a past member of our **DLARC**. Since he moved to Florida but he held various officers positions in the QCWA chapter 53 in Sarasota, FL.

DLARC License Preparation Classes Start March 25

by Bob KE3AW

The free **DLARC** sponsored License Preparation Classes will begin on **Monday, March 25** at **Gracedale**. We look forward to using the meeting room on the first floor of the **Thoder Towers** of the Gracedale Complex, if it is available. It is an ideal location, as there is adequate parking and handicapped accessibility.

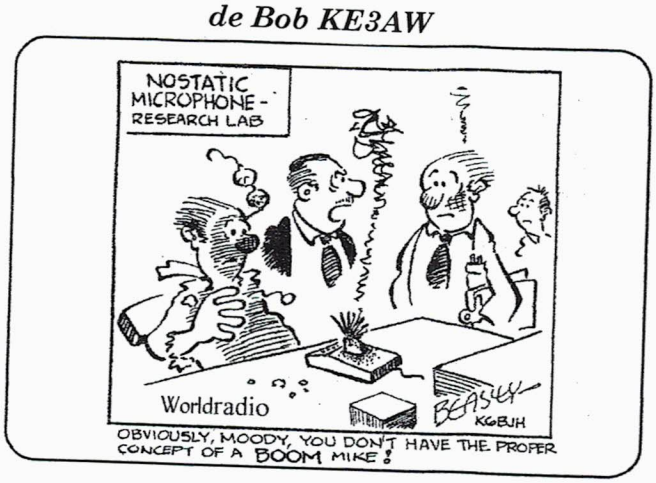


Please help DLARC and potential amateur radio operators by mentioning this series of 6 Monday classes to family, friends, around the workplace, wherever... We want people interested in becoming hams to know that we can assist them in not only passing the tests through better knowledge of the topics being addressed in the tests, but also be better amateur radio operators when they become licensed. Remember, we've had successful students from age 8 to 80+! Of course, licensed hams are always welcome to sit in, too.

We'll again offer both theory and Morse code instruction. **Chris/NU3L** and **George/N3SQD** will be the instructors.

As a convenience, study guides will be available at the classes at cost. So that we have an idea of the size of class to anticipate, interested persons please email **KE3AW@arrl.net,** or call **(610) 432-8286,** leave their name, address and telephone number, and e-mail address (if available), and any questions they might have. That's all there is to registration. Confirmation of the registration and directions to Gracedale will be provided.

de Bob KE3AW



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

Balance 12/31/01	**$4,259.22**
INCOME	
Club Dues	1,035.00
Donation Income 50 - 50	37.00
Dues Arrl W3EUD	34.00
Interest Checking	7.35
TOTAL INCOME	**$1,113.35**
EXPENSES	
Hamfest Expense Fire Company	$250.00
Memory Of M. Fritz & E. Schafer	50.00
Newsletters Jan. & Feb.	140.95
Picnic Deposit	25.00
Postage	104.00
Renewal ARRL W3EUD	34.00
Supplies	
J. Keller & B. Williams Paper & Frames	73.62
Telephone	31.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$708.61**
Balance 1/31/02	**$4,663.96**
C D 12 Month	**$2,000.00**
Overall Total with 1 C D	**$6,663.96**

de Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

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YHOTY nominations invited:

Nominations are open for the Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award for 2002. Created in 1986, the award recognizes one young radio amateur under the age of 18 in the continental US for his or her contributions to society through Amateur Radio.

Nominating forms and additional information are available at the Amateur Radio Newsline Web site, ***<http://www.arnewsline.org>***.

All nominations and materials required by the official rules must be received by Amateur Radio Newsline before **May 30, 2002.**

The ARRL Letter



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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