Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2001

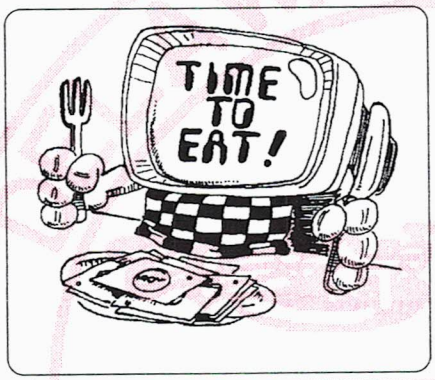
Meeting August 2, IU20 Building

Club Picnic

August 19 at Hacket Park

by Jill, N3ZSR

The club picnic will be held on Sunday, August 19th at Hacketts Park û Easton PA. This will be a GREAT time for you and your family to get reacquainted with old friends and to make new friends.



The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda as always. All you need to do is bring your family and a covered dish to be shared by all.

Every year those who attend have a lot of fun. There is a very nice playground (away from the main road) for the children to enjoy. The adults enjoy pitching horseshoes, playing games that members bring along, or just talking.

Please let **Jeff, N3QZT** or **Jill, N3ZSR** know if you plan to attend, the number of people who are coming with you, and what your covered dish will be.

We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, August 19th at Hacketts Park.**

de Jill, N3ZSR

Meeting Program

Alternate DX

The August meeting on August 2nd will feature aa presentation of shortwave broadcast DX'ing entitled "Alternative DX" **Bob, N3SNZ** be speaking about who's who on the air today, radios and antennas and getting qsl's from them.

New York cell phone law not for amateurs

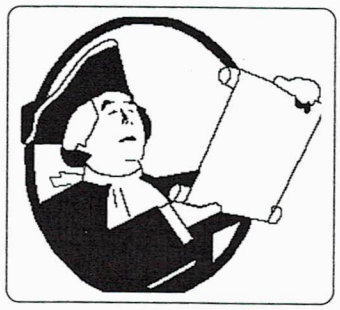
New York cell phone law does not apply to Amateur Radio: The widely reported New York bill banning the use of hand-held cell phone while driving should have no affect on Amateur Radio mobile operation, according to ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD. "There is no ambiguity in the bill," he said. The bill, A.9280, was signed into law recently by Gov George Pataki, a former amateur. It requires cell phone users to use hands-free devices when calling. The measure specifies "mobile telephone" use, and defines a "mobile telephone" as a device used by subscribers to a wireless telephone service. That, in turn, is defined to specify a commercial two-way wireless telecommunications service that accesses the public switched telephone network. The bill also specifies "using" as holding the mobile telephone "to, or in the immediate proximity of, the user's ear." The new law will be phased in starting November 1. It calls for fines of up to $100. The measure also calls upon the New York Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to study the effects of the use of mobile telephones "and similar equipment" in conjunction with the operation of a motor vehicle and report back to the legislature in four years. ***The ARRL Letter***

Just the Minutes

by Jill N3ZSR, secretary

President Don Reamer, KA3JWE called the July 5th club meeting to order at 7:31 PM, with 24 members and 0 guests present.

After a correction to the call sign N3QZR to N3QZT in the motion on the Associate member was made the June minutes was approved on a motion from Bob, N3SNZ and seconded by Charlie, N3VUO.



The Treasure's Report shown elsewhere in this newletter was accepted with a motion from Clarence, W3PYF and seconded by Rich, KB3DEC.

The 6-meter (527.6) frequency crystals have been ordered. Dave, N3LWY has made a dipole for the 6-meter. We are waiting on Service Electric to do work before we can complete site upgrades.

Since there were no pre-registered people to take the test there was no VE session for July. Bill has the new code testing material.

Ken Field, KA3EED was reinstated into the club on a motion from Barry, N3NVA and seconded by Bill, N3CP.

Jeff, N3QZT showed us the plaque we received from the MS society for the Dutch Tour.

Don reported that the lawyers have until the middle of July to get their briefs to the Judge. The Judge will than have to decide on the rate reduction for our phone line. Our lawyer is a HAM and is not charging the club for his services.

Don gave recognition to Bob, N3QZR for the work he has done at the milkhouse.

Charlie, N3VUO talked about the Lehigh River Run being held on July 15th.

Jeff, N3QZT talked about the D.I.D. being held after the Lehigh River Run on July 15th.

Upcoming events that were announced are as follows: August 19 Club picnic September 15 û D.L.A.R.C Hamfest

Don said that Mark, K3MP is selling a Kenwood TS940 that is having problems with the VCO, for $600. Don is willing to work on fixing the radio if the club wants to buy it. He is going to put the question on the forum and in the newsletter than we will vote next month as to if we are going to buy the radio.

The program for the evening was on Fox Hunting, presented by Don, KA3JWE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM on a motion from Clarence, W3PYF and seconded by, Charlie, N3VUO.

de Jill, N3ZSR

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Income and Loss Statement

Balance		**$3,234.90**
INCOME		
Donation Income Fifty - Fifty	18.00	
Dues Arrl	308.50	
Interest Checking	6.03	

TOTAL INCOME	**332.53**	
EXPENSES		
Field Day	283.21	
Memory Jeannettee Twaddell	25.00	
Postage	229.00	
Renewal ARRL	393.00	
Supplies 3Triplexers 3Antennas	615.00	
Telephone	32.19	

TOTAL EXPENSES	**1,577.40**	
OVERALL TOTAL	**-1,244.87**	
Balance 6/30/01	**$1,990.03**	
C D 6 MONTHS	**$1,000.00**	
C D 12 MONTHS	**$2,000.00**	
OVERALL TOTAL		**$4,990.03**

de,Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

Applying for membership we have 1 application.

Franklin LaBar KE3UU.

Franklin currently holdsand Advanced class license. He was a former member of DLARC.

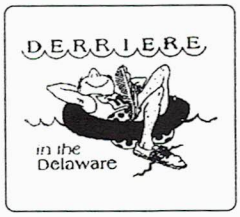
Sponsoring Franklin will be Dick Dech KA3MOU.

de,Dick, KA3MOU

DID float sucess

by Jeff, N3QZT

I want to thank each one of you for giving up a Sunday (and a very nice one at that) and helping out with the DID.



Everything went smoothly with all tube floater making it safely down the river. So once again thanks all who helped out for the day

de Jeff, N3QZT

Participating were **KB3FWV, KA1RAH, WX3W, N3XRL, KE3AW, N3ULW, N3ZSR, KB3FIH, Greg (harmonic of KB3FIH) K3CP, N3LVA, W3PYF, W3JD, and WA3KIF**

de Jeff,N3QZT

Note to Jeff for DLARC

Jeff,

Thanks - a very large thanks - for the assistance and coverage that your radio group provided for the DID,

We believe that the communication offered through your team members is essential to the safety of the event, as well as making sure that those of us from the Clubs know what is happening up and down the river.

Well done!

Lach Peeke
chairman for Easton Kiwanis

Red Cross River Run

by Charlie, N3VUO

New Records Set at the American Red Cross Lehigh River Relay Run

Records were broken at the 11th annual American Red Cross Lehigh River Relay Run that was held on Sunday July 15,2001. A record number of runners 807 --ages 13 to 71-- took great strides to help raise more than $17,000 benefit the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross,

The event began in Canal Park, Allentown and ran parallel to the Lehigh River ending at Riverside Park in Easton.

There were one hundred fifty-one relay teams and 70 Iron division runners, from 10 states. Iron division runners ran the entire 23 miles.



About 100 Red Cross volunteers were on the course helping with the setup, handing out water and PowerAde to the runners, providing direction, timing and recording, managing each race leg, assisting with first aid if needed and tallying the results.

Also, this year was the first year of working with the Easton Emergency Squad. Thanks to 1st Lt. John Daly.

The money raised from this event helps to assist families when disaster strikes with immediate emergency needs. That assistance maybe in the form of a safe place to stay, meals, groceries, clothing ,shoes and coats. Last year 651 families were helped by the disaster services unit of the Red Cross.

Add to the list of volunteers the amateur radio operators that helped to keep the event smoothly by providing communication were:

Canal Park Bruce, KA3ONZ
Leg 2 Sand Island Bob, KE3AW
Leg 3 Lock House Rich, KB3DEC
Leg 4 Chetwyn Park Harold, N3LVA
Leg 5 Hugh Moore Park Thalia, KB3CSR and Bill N2DH;
Riverside Park Joe, W3JD.
Net control Charlie, N3VUO

Thanks to all for their effort and support. Looking for ward to seeing you next year at the 12th annual American Red Cross Lehigh River Relay Run **July 21,2002**

de Charlie, N3VUO

Remember, Joining ARRL is not just a Magazine Subscripition

FOR SALE.

submitted by Stokley,W3SB

From the estate of Silent Key

Azden PCS-7000H 2M transceiver
Cushcraft AR-270B 144/440 MHz Ringo antenna
Clegg FM-28 2M transceiver
Utica 650 6M transceiver
Hallicrafters HT-37 transmitter
Hallicrafters SX-111 receiver
RCA 4-400A tube
Misc. test equipment, signal generators, tube testers, parts and books

The contact person is Barbara Dereskavich. Her phone number is **570-467-3306**

de Stokley, W3SB

submitted by Al, W3IKQ

Bill WA3IHX became a silent key last year in January. He was a member of the our club for a number years before he died. His Wife asked me to try to sell his equipment and wants me to be contacted if anyone is interested in purchasing any of the items that will be listed. My name is Al Neupauer **W3IKQ** phone 610-262-3408.

Yaesu FT 767 QX with built in tuner, 2 Meter Module, Hand and Desk Mike $825.
Yaesu FL 2000B Final Amplifer 572B Tubes. $125
Kenwood TR 7800 2Meter Transmitter $75
MFJ 1278 TNC $25
Brown Brothers Mach Co Model BTL-A Keyer $30.00
Butternut HF6 Vertical Antenna $30
Ringo Ranger 2Meter Ant $25
Lafeyette SWR & Field Strength Meter $25
Yaesu FT207R 2 meter with Power supply/battery charger $50
Micronta Solid State Power Supply Variable 0-24 Volts $30
Heatkit Vac Tube Voltmeter $10
Drake TR22 With crystals $10

Bill was non-smoker.

by Al, W3IKQ

For Sale (continued)

submitted by Bud, W3BUD

From the estate of Ned Huffman, Silent Key

MFJ Antenna Tuner Model 949
MFJ Antenna Tuner Model Delux 969
Bencher Paddle Key
Drake Low Pass Filter
Programable scanner 200 channels UHF-VHF. Radio Shack
Transformers, Battery Chargers
Other items too numerous to mention.

Call Bud Fritz 610 868-5783

For Sale

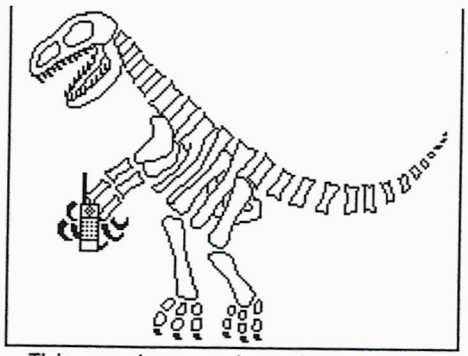
by Abraham Peters (club member)

Abraham bought the following and has given up being an amateur radio amateur and wants to sell the equipment he purchased for his operation when he realized he could not pass the tests..His prices are exactly what he paid for them

Realistic DX2000(A1 Condition	$150.00
Heath Gr-64	20.00
Hammarlund HQ100	15.00
Hallicrafters SX100	275.00
Signal Generator	10.00
Component substitute Box	10.00

To contact him use his pager number between 9AM and 9pm daily. **610 712-9570.** Or call his neighbor who has caller ID, **610-435-3766.**

His home address is **824 Jackson Street, Apt 2K**
Allentown, PA 18102-4869



This species may have been more advanced than we thought!!



Nancy Marsh becomes Silent Key July 8th

Nancy a member of our club with the call **KF4TAA** became a silent Key on July 8th in Sacred Heart Hosptital.

Her husband is David, **W3AMC** is also a member of the club.

Field Day Results for 2001

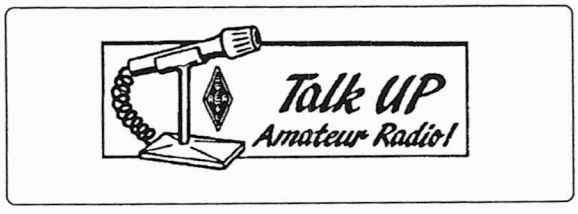
by Jim N3DFF

		W3OK	
	Band	**CW**	**SSB**
	6	**1**	**77**
	10	**0**	**57**
	20	**59**	**206**
	40	**85**	**325**
	80	**0**	**10**
Total		**145**	**773**
		KB3DEC	
	10	**0**	**350**

Total claimed score is **2,826 pts** for QSOs **plus 200 pts** for location and alternate power.

These scores were submitted to the ARRL.

de Jim, N3DFF



The Prez Sez

by Don, KA3JWE, President

Well, another successful and fun Field Day is behind us and despite the rain on Saturday I'm sure that everyone had a good time. I know I did. I'd like to thank everyone who came out to set up, operate and tear down and especially Sharon, **N3RZQ** and Jill, **N3ZSR,** who kept everyone well fed. If you didn't attend, you can see all the fun you missed by viewing the many pictures posted on the D.L.A.R.C. web site at www.dlarc.org.



On a different note, we are currently setting up the club station in its new location, inside the Milkhouse at Gracedale. Bob, **KE3AW,** has done a lot of work on the interior and we had a painting party a little while back and now it looks really nice inside. Bob, **N3QZR,** has built a superb operating console and it is now assembled and ready to go. We have also made arrangements with County to provide easy access to club members wishing to operate from the station. The club currently owns a Kenwood TS-430 and a TS-520 which are located at the club station.

In that light, Mark, **K3MP,** has offered to sell the club a Kenwood TS-940S HF rig. It was Kenwood's top-of-the-line radio a few years ago and is still a highly sought after rig on the used market. It has a slight problem with the VCO, which I will attempt to repair. If I am successful, he is willing to sell the radio to the club for $600, a price at the bottom of what a used TS-940S normally sells for on Ebay.

I am asking you, the members, to voice your opinion on the possible purchase of this radio. Do you think that it's a worthwhile investment for the club or do you think that it would just sit at the club station unused? Would you like to see the money spent elsewhere? Do you think that the club station would be utilized more often if it had a newer/better HF rig? Come to the August meeting and add your thoughts to the discussion.

And don't forget the club picnic on **Sunday, August 19th. Contact Jill, N3ZSR, to sign up.**

de Don, KA3JWE

FCC probes discrepancies at ARRL VEC exam session

The FCC is auditing a May 10 ARRL VEC Amateur Radio examination session after viewing documents that FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth said "reflect several alarming discrepancies in testing procedures." The session was held in Trumbull, Connecticut. The ARRL VEC referred the test documents to the FCC as part of its responsibilities as a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

Ten volunteer examiners listed on the Test Session Report as having participated in the Trumbull session have been suspended at least for the duration of the FCC inquiry. The suspensions are standard procedure in such cases, ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, said.

In a June 28 letter addressed to the 10 VEs, Hollingsworth focused on discrepancies in documents submitted on behalf of one applicant, Elvis-Mendez, KB1GPY, a Technician licensee from Revere, Massachusetts, who attempted to upgrade to Extra at the May 10 session. "It appears that-Mendez, either before or during the examination, may have had access to the answer key used by VEs for grading Morse code examinations," Hollingsworth wrote. "In the alternative, his answer sheet may have been completed prior to the examination."

Hollingsworth also noted "a significant number of erasures" on the answer sheet, to VE grading marks and to the score of Mendez' Extra class written exam. "When correctly graded, Mendez score was 36 out of 50 rather than 40 out of 50 to which you certified," Hollingsworth said.

Mendez' Extra exam has been invalidated as a result of the discrepancies, Hollingsworth said. The FCC also has requested that the ARRL VEC maintain the VE suspensions until it completes its probe.

The FCC letter was sent to Kevin W. Cellini, N1GKM; Allen H. Silberstein, N1RWE; Andres A. Rosado, KB1FKJ; Peter J. Keyes, N1GOJ; Arthur L. Cartier III, N1VGT; Glenn J. Krieger, N1HAW; Freddy Martin, KB1FKI; Robert E. Moreland, KA1ZMF; Donald W. Stowe, N1VNM; and Kenneth A. Frissora, N1JKA. All are Extra class licensees.

Among other things, Hollingsworth has asked the VEs to explain their role in the May 10 exam session, if any had communication with Elvis Mendez before, during or after the exam session, if they graded Mendez' Morse or written exam, if their signatures on the Test Session Report were authentic and if Mendez' name was on the roster when they signed it. Hollingsworth also asked each VE to explain the discrepancies he outlined in his letter. Replies were due in 20 days.

. *The ARRL Letter*

New SKYWARN Coordinator

As of July 13, 2001, John Holmes, WX3W, has accepted the position of Lehigh Valley SKYWARN Coordinator again. I have taken over the position again since Chris Post, N3SIG, has taken a job down in Antarctica. Chris will be leaving the area in September.

I want to thank Chris for the great job he as done the last 3 months. Chris took over the position from me because of family problems. At the SKYWARN Training Session on June 30, I offered to take over again since Chris was leaving.

The primary frequency for any Severe Weather and SKYWARN activation will still be 146.700 (PL 151.4). The secondary frequency will be 146.940 (PL.71.9).

If you have any questions concerning SKYWARN, feel free to contact me at **wx3w@skywarn.net .**

John Holmes, WX3W
Coordinator-Lehigh Valley, PA
Member of SKYWARN Technical Committee
NWS, Mount Holly, NJ
WX2PHI Special Event Chairman

New Member Application

Applying for membership we have 1 application. **Franklin LaBar KE3UU.** Franklin currently holds an Advanced class license. He was a former member of DLARC.

Sponsoring Franklin will be **Dick Dech KA3MOU**
de,Dick, KA3MOU

Charlie's Web Site

WA3RSQ'Weather Stuff

Web site Title "**Weather By Giannetta**"

A web site about "Weather & Meteorology"

Web site address: **www.enter.net/~wxdata**



This web site contains 1170 electronic pages, (Files).21 animations. 64 Graphics and charts I have constructed.

417 pictures taken by Gini and myself. 2 Wave Files. 8 midi files.

32 Weather articles I have written. 2303 links to other weather and related sites which includes 188 weather links to other countries and thousands of-cities throughout the world and other fun stuff.

All pictures were scanned by me.

Over 12 megs of weather and weather related information and growing every day!!!

My web site is a teacher - student approved award winning web site and is both educational and informative:

The web site is built around my wife Virginia (Gini's) National Weather Service Cooperative Weather Station which I built and maintain and is located in our back yard.

The weather for Bath, Pa. is uploaded each day and can be seen at:

www.enter.net/~wxdata/0701.htm

Some interesting pages for Bath, Pa.

www.enter.net/~wxdata/0601.htm

www.enter.net/~wxdata/20record.htm

There are weather information on topics from A to Z.

You name it when it comes to weather & meteorology, it is on my site.If you like to view pictures of radio antennas and read about amateur radio go to:www.enter.net/~wxdata/club.htm or click on my call letters "WA3RSQ" on my Index Page (Home Page) at the top of the page..

I have a link on my site the DLARC on page:

www.enter.net/~wxdata/radio.htm

Check out my "Guestbook" at:

www.enter.net/~wxdata/viewform.htm

Please sign my Guestbook, Tks. People from all over the world have signed my Guestbook.

Some days I receive upwards of 200 hits per day on my site from all over the world.

de Charlie WA3RSQ

Repeater out of service

by Bruce, KA3ONZ

The **146.700** machine was disabled Sunday afternoon **July 1st** by what turned out to be an inadvertant carrier. After more than an hour, WB3LFG arranged to pick up KD3NH and they proceeded to search for the interfering signal. Since I knew thet Jean lived near the suspected location, I called and arranged for KA3UIU to join the search.

Jay and Ed reached a point where they couldn't attenuate the signal any more. Ed was dropped off at home and Jay went to check out several more suspected locations. Chris - N3SIG was net control and was also making computer searches.

Ed and Chris got the name and the phone number of a family of hams in the suspected area.

Chris placed a call to the people and determined that the signal had been inadvertantly turned on, meanwhile Jean had found her way to the front of the house and was blowing her car horn to verify that she had the right location by hearing the sound of her horn on the signal.

During the search, several very heavy thunderstorms passed through the area.

Most of the participants in Sunday's July 1st successful exercise were:

KA3UIU	**JEAN**
WB3LFG	**JAY**
KD3NH	**ED**
N3SIG	**CHRIS**
WX3W	**JOHN**
N3NVA	**BARRY**
KA3ONZ	**BRUCE**

I don't think I forgot anyone, but I don't trust my memory anymore.

de Bruce KA3ONZ

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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