Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2003

Meeting September 4th at IU20

September Meeting

by Don, KA3JWE

Foxhunting Revisited

Did you participate in any of the D.L.A.R.C. foxhunts last year? Those that did had a lot of fun!



So, why didn't you join in? Was it because you didn't have any foxhunting equipment? Was it because you don't know the techniques to use? Or were you just CHICKEN?!

Well, come to the September meeting and stay for the program to find out just how easy it is to go foxhunting. You will see some of the equipment that you can build and the techniques that you can use to be a champion foxhunter. And then you'll be able to join in on the fun that you missed out on last year. Hope to see you there!

de Don, KA3JWE

Newsletter Editor Change

After many years of service to the club as the W3OK Corral Newsletter Editor, Clarence Snyder, W3PYF has stepped down. We are looking for a volunteer to take his place. In the interim, Bryan Williams, AA3WM will be the editor. You can contact him with any comments, problems, questions, or articles via email: sbw1@enter.net, phone: 610-258-9470, or via regular mail to:

Bryan Williams, AA3WM
1706 Pheasant Court
Easton, PA 18040.

Editors of the Newsletters Exchange: please note the new name and address for the editor of this newsletter.

de Bryan, AA3WM

The Prez Sez

by Jeff, N3QZT

This month's Prez Sez column will be a rather short one. I would like to ask each one of you to take



personal interest in the club and nominate for election the next group of club officers and E-Board members. During the September meeting nominations are going to be held and then during the October meeting, elections for these positions will take place. Now is the time, if you ever have a gripe or problem with the club, to do something about it. Run for office or a board position. Much like this country's elected positions, the club positions are not meant to be a life long job, but a short term position and then another qualified person steps in and takes the helm. All the club's officer and board member positions are up for

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nomination right now, why not fill one. If you are interested just contact a member of the nominations committee and they will present your name at the September meeting. Members of this committee are: N3SQD /George, KB3IDX / Frank, and N3SNZ / Bob. If you have any trouble getting in touch with any of them please contact any of the club's officers or board members and they will be happy to help you.

I also want thank W3PYF / Clarence for his many years of service to the club as newsletter editor. This is a position which has required many hours of behind the scenes work on his part and very little thanks. Thank you Clarence…Jeff

New Classes

by Bob, KE3AW

DLARC MEMBERS' HELP NEEDED!

Help potential hams. On September 8, DLARC will hold the first of the fall series of 8 Monday amateur radio classes, 7 pm - 9 pm at the Gracedale complex. There is no cost for the classes. Chris/NU3L and George/N3SQD will be the instructors.



Anyone wanting general or specific help and instruction in preparing for their entry level amateur radio license test is encouraged to enroll and attend the classes. Interested persons please register simply by calling 610.432.8286 or e-mailing ke3aw@arrl.net.

So, how can YOU, as a licensed DLARC member, help? Let friends and relatives know about this opportunity. An announcement poster can be downloaded from http://www.dlarc.org/notahaminfo.htm and posted at work, school, church, etc., if you would and can.

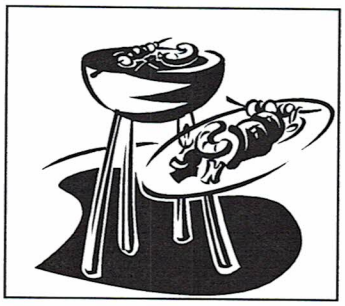
Licensed hams always are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions, too, of course.

de Bob/KE3AW

DLARC PICNIC

by Dennis, KR3U

The DLARC Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 28, at the Louise Moore Park in Easton, PA. The park is located just off the Hecktown Rd. exit of Rt 33. If you need directions, you can get them on the club website, or email or call me and I will give them to you.



Please contact us if you are coming and what you will be bringing (covered dish). The club provides the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. We can use almost anything as of this time, including, but not limited to, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, desserts, vegetable tray, chips, cheese, etc., etc. If you are planning to bring something and feel someone else might have already decided to make it, again, just call or email us and I will tell you if it is still needed or has been accounted for.

You can reach us by any of the following methods: Call us (Denny or Pat) at 610-759-8099, email us at: kr3u@rcn.com, or contact us on the club repeater 146.70 PL151.4, and we will be happy to put you down, and answer any questions.

Hope to see everyone there for a relaxing and enjoyable day. This is the one time you don't have to operate to get fed. Come join us for good eats, and fellowship.

73, Dennis KR3U and Pat KB3IDQ

VE Test Results – August 2003

by Thalia, KB3CSR

There were 5 people tested, resulting in one upgrade and three new Technicians. Congratulations to:
Bradley Snyder, KB3JXQ - upgraded to General
Jeffrey Menegus, KC2LWB - new Technician
Stanley Kowalick, KB3KDV – new Technician
Ian Hartman, KB3KDU – new Technician

VE's were: Charles, KB3DEA; George, AA3JU; Bryan, AA3WM; and Bill, N2DH. Thank you!

HAMFEST 2003

by Sue, KB3IDW

D.L.A.R.C 2003 HAMFEST – SEPT 20th, 2003

Volunteers are still needed for kitchen and other tasks.

Do you want to sell your used radio and computer equipment? Looking to buy something new or find that elusive part? Here is your opportunity.

Admission $5 ($4 with discount coupon).
Indoor table – Admission plus $4 per table.
Outdoor tailgate spaces – Admission plus $2 per space.

Saturday, September 20, 2003
6 AM vendor and tailgate set-up. 7 AM open to the public.

See the DLARC website at www.dlarc.org/hamfest/Hamfest2003.pdf to download the flyer with discount coupon or contact Sue Schoch – KB3IDW at 610 797-1437 or kb3idw@arrl.net for flyers or additional information.

Come for the fun, door prizes, and food.

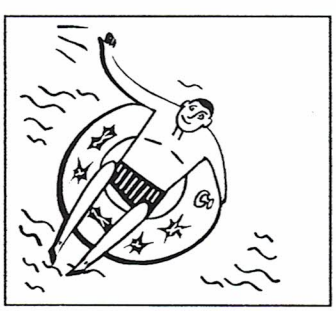
See you there.

de Sue, KB3IDW, Hamfest Chairman

Derriere on the Delaware

by Jeff, N3QZT

This year's edition of Derriere on the Delaware went off with out a hitch. The weather was just gorgeous,



Low 80's, low humidity and lots of sun, all of this made for a great day to go tubing down the Delaware River. 1177 people went on trips down the river using inner tubes and DLARC hams along with River Rescue squads from around the county were there to help make it a safe event.

Our duties along the river consisted of keeping a watchful eye for unsafe acts like fighting or leaving your inner tube also administrative duties like keeping a count of the people entering the water as well as knowing where the buses that transported them were and passing information to the Kiwanis staff people and the River Rescue teams.

The tube floaters were picked up in Scott Park and taken by bus up to Eddyside Park to enter the water. The event started at 10:00 AM and ran till about 4:30 PM. There were 11 volunteers that helped out. With this many hams we were able to cover all the positions, having two hams at most locations. I want thank the Hams that gave up a Sunday afternoon (some did double duty and also helped with the Lehigh River Run held earlier that day).

In no particular order: Bob/KE3AW, Bruce/KB3FIH, Greg/Harmonic (of KB3FIH), Jeep/WA3DAY, Larry/KB3JMS, Tom/N2TTQ, Frank/KC2LGC, Bob/N3NRB, Chris/N3RPV, Jeff/N3MFT and me, Jeff/N3QZT. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

de Jeff N3QZT

Treasurer's Report

by Dick, KA3MOU

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

Balance 6/30/03	**$5,620.41**
INCOME	
Club Dues	$19.00
Donation Income 50 – 50	15.00
Interest Checking 7/15	6.92
TOTAL INCOME	$40.92
EXPENSES	
Postage	$70.00
Supplies Staples Printer Ribbon	21.17
Telephone	21.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	$112.29
Balance 7/31/03	**$5,549.04**

de, Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

Just the Minutes

by Jill, N3ZSR



President Jeff Keller, N3QZT called the August 7th club meeting to order at 7:30 PM, with 28 members and 1 guest present.

The July minutes were approved with a motion from Bob, N3SNZ with a second from Dave, KA3IWC. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for July was approved with a motion from Eddie, W3APE with a second from George, N3SQD. Motion passed.

Barry received a suggestion that he put NOAA weather alerts on the repeater. The general membership thought that it was a good idea.

VE session scheduled for August 8th at IU20 had 2 people registered.

Bryan, AA3WM read a wish list for the milk house. The list included the following items:
TNC, 2 meter / 440 radio, Coax switch for 4 or more coax, color printer. The milk house is open every Wednesday night.

Sue, KB3IDW, Ham fest Chairperson said that she still needs a lot of help. The hamfest is on September 20th.

Jeff welcomed Ed, K3IFE, as a guest to the meeting.

Club Picnic will be September 28th at Louise Moore Park. Contact Dennis, KR3U or Pat, KB3IDQ and let them you that you are coming and what you would like to bring.

Bob, N3SNZ is the new chairperson for Christmas City this year.

We need a Newsletter Editor. Clarence has retired, and Bryan, AA3WM is doing it in the interim.

Classes start September 8th.

The nominations committee for this year is: Frank, KB3IDX / Bob, N3SNZ / George, N3SQD.

The following new members were voted in:
Brad, KB3JXQ on a motion from Bob, N3OLH with a 2nd from Ken, N3IYX.
Charles, KB3DEA on a motion from George, N3SQD with a 2nd from Dennis, KR3U.

Program for September - KA3JWE, Foxhunt

Up Coming events:
September 20 – D.L.A.R.C Hamfest
September 28 – D.L.A.R.C. picnic at Louise Moore Park (NOTE NEW DATE and LOCATION).

The program for the evening was by Bob, N3SNZ – Race Communications

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM on a motion from Glenn, N3ULW with a 2nd from Bill, N2DH.

de Jill, N3ZSR, Secretary

The DLARCforum

by Don, KA3JWE

A few years ago the Executive Committee established an electronic mailing list for D.L.A.R.C. members and friends to provide an easy way to disseminate information on a timely basis. That mailing list is called the "DLARCforum" and all club members with email capability are welcome to join. Currently there are approximately 120 members and friends who are subscribers.



Joining the list is easy. If you have internet access, just go to this web site: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dlarcforum and fill in the appropriate boxes. Instructions for the subscription process are available on the page. If you don't have internet access but you do have email service you can still subscribe by sending a subscription request directly to the list administrator, ka3jwe@arrl.net .

The DLARCforum is a "closed" list which means that only subscribers can post messages, so your mailbox won't be filled with junk mail from

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unknown sources. The list uses a "text only" format which means that only messages in plain text are passed. Messages received in HTML are filtered and stripped of any formatting before being sent out to list subscribers. The list will not accept or pass any attachments such as files or pictures. This is done to eliminate the possibility of spreading any type of computer virus or other harmful program. The forum is an "un-moderated" list which means that there is no moderator screening messages before they are allowed to be posted.

Since its beginning, the volume of messages on the DLARCforum has been relatively low compared to other similar mailing lists. So, don't worry, your inbox won't be overflowing with messages if you subscribe. There is also the ability to configure your preferences for the list to your personal liking.

So, please consider joining the list if you're not already subscribed. You'll be better informed about current club activities and also have the knowledge and experience of over half the membership at your disposal. Anything you want to know, all you have to do is ask!

de Don, KA3JWE

DLARCforum Usage Guidelines

by Don, KA3JWE

The DLARCforum is meant to be used to pass relevant information about the club, its activities, events and other amateur radio related topics. You can use it to ask questions of a general or specific nature relating to the club or anything which concerns amateur radio. Round-table discussions are encouraged but please try to stay focused on the specific topic being discussed. You may advertise items for sale as long as they are amateur radio related.



Topics of general interest may be discussed but please be sure that the topic is appropriate for the club forum and general membership. Please refrain from using the forum to discuss volatile topics unrelated to amateur radio. Occasional humorous anecdotes may be posted if relevant to the membership. However, the forum is not to be used as a "joke bulletin board".

If you are uncertain about posting any information that could possibly be inappropriate or controversial but has relevance to amateur radio or the membership then please contact the list administrator or an Executive Committee member for advice and/or approval.

Please refrain from forwarding messages to the forum without verifying the accuracy and validity of the information. Many messages received from unsubstantiated sources concerning computer viruses, missing children, alleged scams, etc., that prompt you to "send this to everyone you know", often turn out to be highly inaccurate or complete and total hoaxes. Forwarding this type of information without verifying its authenticity and accuracy is irresponsible. (You should follow this guideline when forwarding any emails whether to the forum or membership in general.)

The general rules of amateur radio concerning non-commercial usage also apply to the forum. It is not to be used for commercial purposes, solicitation for profit or personal gain (excluding sales of radio related equipment, etc.) by any individuals or groups.

To avoid delays when posting messages to the forum, please remember to configure your email program to send "plain text" messages. You can usually find this setting in the options or configuration section of your particular email software.

You can only post messages to the forum using the email address which is subscribed. If you subscribed from your home computer using your home email address and attempt to post a message from your work computer using your work email address or any other computer with a different email address, it will be rejected. However, you can subscribe multiple addresses if you wish to use multiple systems.

Messages posted to the DLARCforum must have the address in the "TO:" line. Postings with the address in the "CC:" or "BCC:" lines will be rejected.

As a general rule, if you post a message and you

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don't get your message back via the DLARCforum (after a short processing delay) then it probably was rejected. The system might send you an automated message if it can determine why your post was rejected or you might get a message from the list administrator stating the reason for the rejection. If you are having difficulty posting or receiving messages, please contact the list administrator.

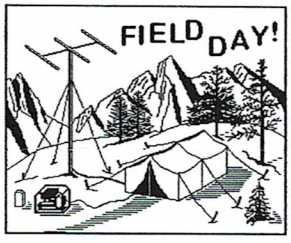
The D.L.A.R.C. Executive committee reserves the right of administration over the contents and membership of the DLARCforum.

de Don, KA3JWE

Field Day 2003

by Bryan, AA3WM

On Saturday June 28, and Sunday June 29, members of DLARC and guests participated in Field Day 2003 at the Farmer's Grove in Plainfield Township. With the help of everyone that attended, it was a successful and fun event!



Saturday started out with several hams meeting at Gracedale to pick up equipment from the Milk House and barn, while other hams went straight to the Farmer's Grove to start setting up. The decision was made to run as a 4A entry, with stations initially for 80 meters, 40 meters, 20 meters, and 10 meters. We only had 3 computers running CT for logging, which left one station having to log by hand.

A variety of antennas were used during the weekend - dipoles, a yagi, and a multi-band vertical. Unlike last year, when there were some problems with the 20 meter antenna, this year the 20 meter antenna worked great.

What is Field Day with out good food and refreshments? Jill, N3ZSR (and her helpers) organized the food and refreshments for Field Day this year. As I'm sure everyone that was there will agree - it was done very well! There was plenty of food and drinks throughout the day (and night, and following day). Thanks Jill for keeping us well fed!

This year there were at least 33 people who came to help out in some way (setting up, operating, tearing down, providing moral support, etc.). There were also at least 1 out of state ham that came in and helped - including setting up and operating the 20 meter station. Thank you, Andrew (WV1B from California) for joining us again this year!

Field Day started to come to an end at 1800 UTC on June 29 (2:00 PM local time), which is when the stations stopped transmitting, and people started to teardown the equipment. Many hands helped during this process, which made the job go much faster and easier. Ken, N3IYX, who brought much of the club equipment, wires, antennas, etc., helped supervise the organizing and packing up of that equipment. Others helped with loading and hauling the equipment that went back to the Milk House and barn at Gracedale.

Throughout the event, many pictures were taken. Barry, N3NVA has put many of them up on our web site. Why not check them out at our website: http://www.dlarc.org/Field Day Pic/FD03/Fieldday03.htm

The following are the preliminary results from this year's Field Day:

Band	CW	SSB
80		287
40		251
20		243
15		1
10		1
Total		783
With Multipliers		1566

Total points = 1566 + 600 Bonus points = **2166 points**.

The Bonus points were: 100% Emergency Power (400), Media Publicity (100), and Set-up in Public Place (100).

As you can see from the above table, the 10 meter station had a very small number of contacts. This was mostly due to the band conditions. There are more contacts for that station, but I have to find the hand written log that got packed away with some other material. George, N3SQD, brought, set-up, and ran the 40 meter station, Ken, N3IYX, brought in

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the 80 meter station, and Andrew, WV1B, was kind enough to bring in and set up the 20 meter station. The 10 meter station was set up using the club's equipment.

This was the second year that Benjamin, KB3GOU (Field Day Chairman), and I participated in, and organized Field Day. This could not have been accomplished without many of you helping us out. Both Benjamin and I appreciate the support we received from the all those that participated in Field Day. Thank you!

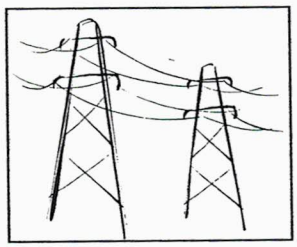
de Benjamin, KB3GOU Field Day Chairman, and Bryan, AA3WM Co-chairman

News via the ARRL

QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 54 ARLB054
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT August 18, 2003
To all radio amateurs

Hams a bright spot during power blackout

When a power blackout struck at least a half dozen eastern states August 14, many Amateur Radio operators were ready and able to provide whatever assistance they could. Hardest hit were metropolitan areas like New York City, Detroit and Cleveland. With cellular systems overloaded or out altogether, the incident turned into a test of Amateur Radio's capabilities to operate without commercial power.



New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D, called the response "a good drill," but says it was a cautionary tale too. "The lesson is that everybody gets a little complacent," he said. "Have emergency power backup and make sure it's working!" By and large, Carrubba said, ARES members did what they were trained to do. "It's going to show the worth of Amateur Radio," he said of the blackout response. "There were people on the air immediately."

Diane Ortiz, K2DO, the Public Information Coordinator for NYC-Long Island was one of them. When power went down in her Suffolk County community, she started up an informal VHF net. Over the next 20 hours or so, it passed some 500 pieces of traffic. In addition to handling messages for people stranded in the city, amateurs also relayed useful information, such as which stores or filling stations were open and operating. With many radio and TV stations dark, hams were able to help fill the information void, Ortiz said.

In the Big Apple itself, ARES teams provided communication support for Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) set up at main transportation centers in Manhattan. ARES members also accompanied ERVs on fire calls.

RACES activated in most Greater New York City area counties after a state of emergency was declared. Some ARES teams--including a few across the Hudson River in New Jersey--activated or remained on standby to help if called upon. In New Jersey, a net linked the Red Cross lead chapter's N2ARC in Princeton with other New Jersey ARC chapters.

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK, relied on his emergency generator. Some Michigan ARES teams assisted emergency operations centers and the Red Cross, he said. In Ohio, Section Emergency Coordinator Larry Rain, WD8IHP, reports that all ARES organizations in northern Ohio were activated. Still going strong at week's end were ARES teams in Cleveland and Akron. ARES handled communication support for Ohio Emergency Management.

Nancy Hall, KC4IYD--who lives west of Cleveland--said she's glad she took the ARRL Emergency Communications Level I class. "I have to say that being a ham and knowing about emergency preparedness did make life easier for me and my family," she said.

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Participate in the DLARC, RACES, and ARES nets
146.70 and 444.90 W3OK/RPT (pl 151.4) with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11
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