Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2004

# Meeting September 2nd at IU20

## The Prez Sez

*by Bryan, AA3WM*




Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they mention the Milk House, or what the club station consists of? The September meeting will be your chance to find out. We are holding the DLARC September meeting at the Milk House, which is on the northwest section of the Gracedale property. Make sure that you bring lawn chairs, since this will be an outdoor meeting. If the weather is bad, we will be meeting at the county's 911 center, which is also on the Gracedale property. For more information on the Milk House and the club station, go to:

http://www.dlarc.org/CLUB%20STATION/clubstation.htm

The September meeting is also where the nominating committee, consisting of George [N3SQD], Bob [KE3AW], and Blair [K3YD], will be presenting and finalizing the nominees for the DLARC Executive Board. If you haven't already done so, please give your input on who should be nominated to the executive board to the nomination committee.

Other events in September include the DLARC Picnic on September 12, and the DLARC Hamfest. The Hamfest will be at the Schnecksville Fire Dept. on September 18, and is being chaired by Bob [WA3MGN] this year, so if you are interested in helping out this year, contact him. **NEW** for this year: we will be offering a VE Test session at the Hamfest – so invite your friends that would like to enter the hobby by getting licensed, or those that would like to upgrade their license.

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club's free classes for FCC amateur radio licenses will be starting Tuesday, September 14, 2004. For more information on these classes, and to download a flyer that you can hand out or post, go to:

http://www.dlarc.org/classinfo.htm

Don't forget that we will be holding elections for the DLARC officers and executive board members at the October 7th club meeting. This is an important event for the club, and I encourage all of you that can make it to come to the October meeting and cast your vote.

*de Bryan, AA3WM*

## FALL RADIO CLASSES START ON THE 14th

*By Bob, KE3AW*

Know anyone interested in becoming an amateur radio operator? On Tuesday, September 14, the first of 9 classes will be held for those interested in help in

passing their entry-level ham radio license. Classes are free and will be held in the Gracedale Complex, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm each Tuesday.

All that's needed to register is to have the person contact me at 610.432.8286 or ke3aw@arrl.net. We would like to know how many people are coming and what questions we can answer prior to the classes.

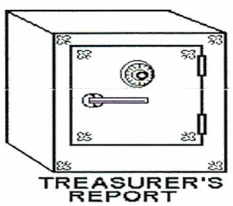
Again, Chris/NU3L and George/N3SQD will be the lead instructors.

Please pass the word!

*de Bob, KE3AW*

# Treasurer's Report

*by Dick, KA3MOU*




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

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| **Balance 6/30/04** | **$5,999.46** |
| **INCOME** | |
| Interest Checking | $5.27 |
| TOTAL INCOME | $5.27 |
| **EXPENSES** | |
| Memory Of Darrel Cummings N3NNI | $25.00 |
| Postage | 220.00 |
| Telephone | 17.73 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $262.73 |
| **Balance 7/31/04** | **$5,742.00** |

*de, Dick, KA3MOU*

# DLARC General Meeting August 5, 2004

*By Charlie, W3DEA*

7:30PM Meeting called to order – Bryan AA3WM

**REPORTS**

**Secretary – Charlie W3DEA**

- ✓ No Changes, 1st – Bill N2DH, 2nd – Charlie N3VUO, Passed

**Treasurer – Dick KA3MOU**

- ✓ No Changes, 1st – Jay N3OW, 2nd – Lamar N3AT, Passed

**Repeater & Web page – Barry N3NVA**

- ✓ Barry would like to see the repeater a little more active

**VE Session – Bill N2DH**

- ✓ Next VE session will be at the hamfest

**W3OK – Club Station – Al W3CE**

- ✓ Al W3CE handed out a questioner to the membership probing suggestions for the Club station
- ✓ Bryan AA3WM asked that if you are at the station, please clean up after yourself

**Derriere In The Delaware – Jeff N3QZT & Dick KA3MOU**

- ✓ Things went well

**Lehigh River Run – Charlie N3VUO**

- ✓ Things went well

**Membership – KA3MOU**

- ✓ Visitors: Ann KO3M and Ricky (no call)
- ✓ Membership vote – J.P. Fox N3GWR, 1st – Dave N3EYT, 2nd – Bob KE3AW, Passed
- ✓ First readings for John Greenage WX3C (not present) and Charles Briner WA3MGD (not present)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ September general meeting at the club station W3OK (The Milk house) – bring lawn chairs, in the event of rain the meeting will be at the 911 center

- ✓ Hamfest update Bob WA3MGN – if you would like to help please contact Bob or Charlie W3DEA
- ✓ Club Picnic – Chairperson still needed
- ✓ New license classes will be on Tuesdays at 7PM

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ✓ Nominating committee – George N3SQD, Bob KE3AW and Blair K3YD
- ✓ The club bought canopies for club event use
- ✓ MOTION: Bill N2DH to formerly note in the minutes the memberships appreciation to Bryan AA3WM and Charlie W3DEA, for their efforts in regards to running the MS Walks and to Jeff N3QZT for running the MS-150, 2nd – Bob WA3MGN, passed
- ✓ 8-5-04 program by Bob N3QZR on Echo Link, Thank you Bob for stepping in and covering the presentation on such short notice!
- ✓ Future Programs – PA QSO Party
- ✓ No 50/50 raffle

**Adjourn the meeting**

- ✓ 1st – Barry N3NVA, 2nd – Bill N2DH, Passed
- ✓ 39 members present

*de Charlie, W3DEA*

## DID 2004 -- July 18, 2004

*By Jeff, N3QZT*

I would like very much to report that the 2004 edition of the Derriere in the Delaware went off with out any problems but I would be wrong. The main problem was the weather which got us just about as wet as floating down the river would have. In other words it rained all day. The event started on time at 10:00 am but was called off at about 1:00 pm due to the weather getting continuously worse and a definite lack of people top float down the river. Nine members of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club were stationed along the banks so problems could be communicated immediately. And these nine deserve a big thank you for coming out in this kind of weather. The club members that volunteered are: KE3AW/Bob, KB3JMS/Larry, KA3RBH/Bill, KB3JXQ/Brad, KB3FIH/Bruce, W3JD/Joe, KD1GT/Dave, KA3MOU/Dick, and N3QZT/Jeff. Also special thanks to Greg (KB3FIH's son) who has helped out at several events this past year. Thanks for helping out and hopefully next year will be a dryer event.

de Jeff, N3QZT




Photo by Dick Dech, KA3MOU

## W3DEA/1 (Maine)

*By Charlie, W3DEA*

It has been said, "It's a small world…"

In case you are wondering on the amount of wisdom involved in such a statement, let me tell you, it is steeped in the finest amount. It is a small world after all. You may even pass an evening in thought, delving into the depths of such a mind that would bring forth such a phrase and conjecture that this person could well have been a ham radio operator.

In fact, he may have been a QRP operator. You know the type; the world is small enough to work on 5 watts or less.

I put to you here, in these hallowed pages, PROOF, in regards to the size of our home planet, Earth.

My family vacation was taking us to Maine this year and I was discussing this with my friend Bob (not a ham but does SWL). He said that a trip to Maine is

not a trip to Maine unless you go to the top of Cadillac Mountain in the Acadia National Park.

"You can see for miles in all directions!" and waved his arm for emphasis.

Now, to the psychology of a QRPer like myself, one hears, "see for miles in all directions…" but the mind interprets it as, "line of sight, for miles, in all directions."

The brain is a wonderful, complex organ. While explaining to my wife that a trip to Maine isn't one without a stop on top of said mountain, it took line of sight and turned it back into see for miles. The grey cells involved in translation and delivery certainly were in top form. RE: I live in a house where you will never hear, " Hey, why don't you get that radio out and let's see who we can contact tonight."

On top of the mountain, roughly 800 miles from home, I turned on my Yaesu VX-5 and tuned to 146.52 as some folks were just signing off. I threw my call sign out in hopes of catching them and getting started on some QSO's, QRP in Maine.

The call came back, "W3DEA this is N3EKH, how are ya?"

"Fine! I'm here on top of Cadillac Mountain visiting from Pennsylvania and heard someone signing off and just threw my call out to try and catch them."

"Hey!," came the reply," I'm here on Cadillac Mountain too! I'm in an RV."

I took a scan of the parking lot and seeing just one RV,"I see ya. I'm about a hundred yards from you."

"My name is Joanne, where are you from in Pennsylvania?"

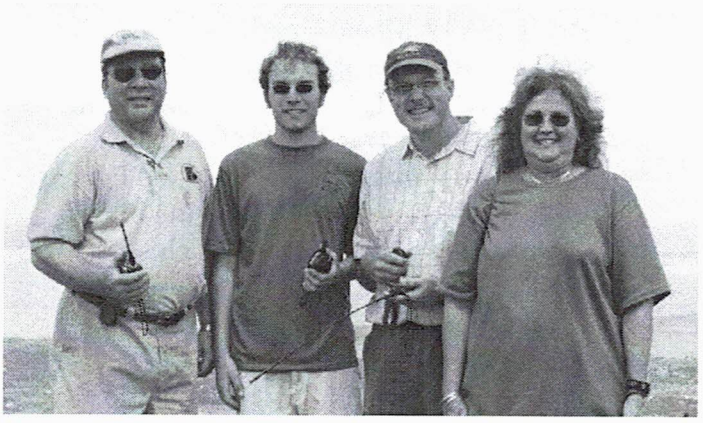
"The name here is Charlie," and to make sure she knew where I was from I did what you do in all good qsos," I'm from Bethlehem, which is in the Lehigh Valley about 45 minutes north of Philadelphia."

"You're not gonna believe this but I'm from the Lehigh Valley too! I live in Allentown!" She was in Maine with her family as well. Her husband Walter (N3VPX), who I later talked to on the radio, and son Brad (N3WCC) were out hiking on one of the trails.

Amazed would be an understatement. Up to this point in my life I had not given much thought to the validity of, "It's a small world." (If you are wondering, I do not remember which one of us said it but one of us did.)

Hope to catch you on the air, 599.

*De Charlie, W3DEA*



## DLARC Member On ARRL Web-Page And Dayton Video

*By Rick, K3OO*

My daughter Sara K3OOO just told me that Icom has put up the Dayton 2004 videos on the Icom web page.

Sara, K3OOO 14 year old DLARC member stars in one of the videos. See video number 3 at the following web location.
www.icomamerica.com/amateur/video/

The ARRL article is at:
http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/cc-stories/2004/0805/

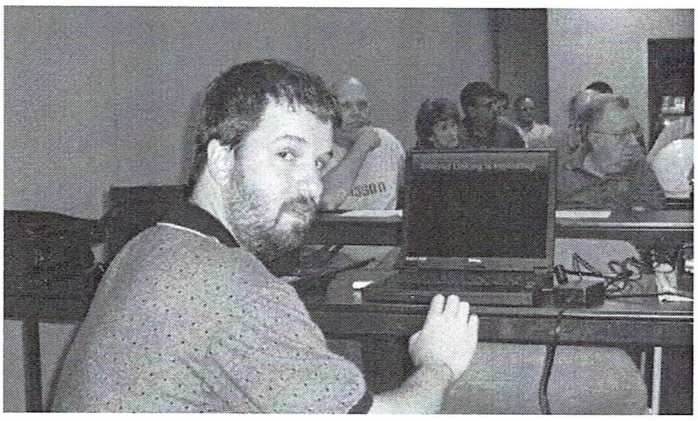
Thought this might be interest for the DLARC newsletter since many members know Sara.

*De Rick, K3OO*

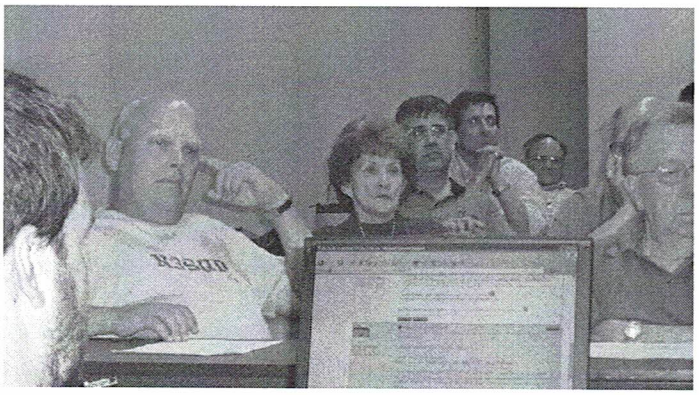
# Photos From Last Month

*By Dick, KA3MOU*

Bob, N3QZR, giving his program on the Echolink system:



Starting from left to right. Bob, N3QZR who gave the program on the link system. Behind Bob is George, N3SQD, Anne, KO3M. The right of George is Lamar, N3AT. Behind Lamar is Bill, K3ANS. Behind Anne, is Louis, N3OL. Behind Louis is Mitch, WA1LLD. And behind Mitch is Larry, KB3JMS.



*De Dick, KA3MOU*

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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10<br>Newsletter Deadline | 11 |
| 12<br>DLARC Picnic | 13 | 14<br>Classes Start | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18<br>DLARC Hamfest & VE testing |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23<br>Executive Committee Meeting | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to
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
W3OK trustee Chris Hornaman, NU3L
The Nets are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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**CLUB MEETINGS**

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