DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

September 2026

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting September 3rd, 7 pm at the Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Zoom will be available

September's Program
Mark Hoffman, KC3BNV
Nescience Ripping of AFCI CB's

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2026

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dean Guth, AB3BD, at 7:00 PM on August 6, 2026, at the Nancy Run Fire Company Social Hall. Attendance consisted of 22 members in person and four members participating via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean.

President's Report

Dean reported that the Club's Field Day scores had been submitted. Final scoring information was not yet available.

Announcements

Wayne Westfield, N3FQ, announced that beginning that weekend he would start adding members to HamClubOnline (HCOL), the Club's new membership management system.

Terry spoke about the upcoming Halloween Parade and advised that a signup sheet was available. The parade is scheduled for October 17, with October 18 as the rain date.

Jay Reid, KC3ZFR, discussed the upcoming amateur radio training classes and asked members to help distribute class flyers.

Guests

Dan Longo attended the meeting as a guest.

Secretary's Report

Wayne Westfield, N3FQ, presented the Secretary's Report and requested a motion to approve the previously published June meeting minutes, subject to several notes, additions, and clarifications.

A clarification was provided regarding the discussion of voice keying equipment. The computers were being used for voice keying through N1MM. When a station has both an operator and a logger, however, it is impractical for the operator to use the computer keyboard for voice-keyer functions because the keyboard is being used by the logger. A macro keyboard had therefore been purchased by Wayne as a proof-of-concept solution. Wayne indicated that he would discuss the matter with the Station Manager to determine whether continued use of the equipment should be brought before the General Membership.

A question was also raised regarding what would happen to the Club's Groups.io account when the current donation funding the paid service expires. Wayne explained that the account would revert to the free version, resulting in the loss of certain features, including calendar and event reminder capabilities. Wayne indicated that he would continue paying for the service after Bob's donation expires.

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated clarifications. Tim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Larry Butler, KC3JTK, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of June. Jay made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by George. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: The Club reported a total membership of 133, including 123 voting members.

Club Station: No report.

Technical Committee: No report.

Website: Wayne provided a website report.

Repeater: No report.

New Business

Dean raised the issue of the Nominating Committee. Because the committee had not previously been discussed or impaneled, it would need to be established during the current meeting so that nominations could be developed and presented at the September General Membership Meeting in preparation for the October election. The timing of the next Board meeting, which occurs after the September General Membership Meeting, would not allow the committee to be established through the Board in sufficient time. Wayne agreed to speak with Dave Blankenship regarding the Nominating Committee. Ken agreed to assist George in reaching out to Dave.

Old Business

Jay reported on planning for a future Hamfest. He had met with W3OI, and they expressed interest in working with DLARC on a joint Hamfest next year. The event is tentatively being considered for some time between July and September.

New Members

A motion to accept new members was considered. The names of the mover and seconder, and the disposition of the motion, were not recorded in the submitted notes.

Adjournment

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Tim. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Program

Following the business meeting, Ken, WB2LNO, presented an update on ARES.

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club
Special Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2026

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC) held a Special Board Meeting on August 13, 2026, at the Milkhouse. President Dean Guth, AB3BD, called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Attendance

Present were Dean Guth, AB3BD, President; Jay Reid, KC3ZFR, Vice President; Wayne Westfield, N3FQ, Secretary; Larry Butler, KC3JTK, Treasurer; Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY, Director; Andrew Parker, WV1B, Director; and Terry Swinney, KC3JHT, Past President. Tom, KD3BZF, attended as a guest. Directors Adam Gauntz, N3LAG; Henry Adams, KD3AFL; and Steve Harper, W3NAM, were absent.

Purpose of the Special Meeting

Vice President Jay Reid, KC3ZFR, requested the Special Board Meeting for the purpose of discussing a proposed joint Hamfest. The special meeting was requested because Jay would not be available for the regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 17, 2026.

Old Business

Proposed Joint Hamfest

Jay Reid, KC3ZFR, opened discussion regarding a proposal for DLARC and the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (LVARC) to jointly sponsor and operate a Hamfest. Jay distributed a proposed Joint Sponsorship and Operating Agreement for Board review. Jay explained that a hall previously being considered for the Hamfest was no longer available because it had been rented before the clubs were able to finalize and present an agreement. Matt from LVARC assisted in developing the proposed agreement based on his experience with other Hamfests.

The target date for the proposed Hamfest is September 4, 2027. Once the joint agreement is approved by both clubs, the planning committee will be able to begin actively pursuing potential venues.

The proposed organizational structure calls for two Board members from each club to serve on the Hamfest committee, with one representative from each club providing financial oversight, preferably the Treasurer or another person designated for that responsibility.

A potential venue in Schnecksville was discussed. If that location is selected, food service would be handled by the venue's food-service operation. The clubs would not incur costs for operating the food service, and venue personnel would staff the operation and collect food-sale proceeds.

Jay reported that Matt has already spoken with numerous vendors and has received significant interest, creating optimism for strong vendor participation and attendance.

Jay has also contacted the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) regarding support for the event, including door prizes, advertising, and other promotional assistance.

The clubs would also like to conduct a Volunteer Examiner (VE) testing session during the Hamfest.

The representatives of both clubs believe planning should begin now to provide adequate time to organize and promote the September 2027 event.

Larry Butler, KC3JTK, asked whether the Tamaqua amateur radio club might be interested in joining the effort. Jay responded that the intention is to keep the Hamfest as a joint project between DLARC and LVARC.

Andrew Parker, WV1B, asked how many volunteers would be needed. Jay estimated ten volunteers from each club.

Wayne Westfield, N3FQ, asked for clarification that signing the agreement at this stage would commit DLARC to establishing the committee, beginning the planning, and budgeting process. Wayne also recommended establishing a regular meeting and reporting cadence so that the Board remains informed of the committee's activities and planning progress.

Larry Butler, KC3JTK, made a motion for DLARC to enter into the Joint Sponsorship and Operating Agreement with LVARC for the proposed Hamfest. Dean Guth, AB3BD, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jay indicated that he would like the Board to discuss the Hamfest and its planning progress further at the October Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Submitted by,
Wayne Westfield, N3FQ
Secretary
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Summary
August 17, 2026

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Dean Guth at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Present: Dean Guth, Jay Reid, Terry Swinney, Bill Carlsen, Andrew Parker, and Henry Adam. No members attended via Zoom.

President's Report

Dean reported that the Field Day scores had been submitted, although he had not yet received all of the details from Adam.

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Bill Carlsen and seconded by Henry Adam. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted via email by Larry Butler. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bill Carlsen and seconded by Henry Adam. Motion carried.

Old Business

Coolers and Grills

Dean shared information received from Adam concerning the purchase of new coolers. A 55-quart Igloo cooler was available from Amazon for $54.98 each, with a stated cost of $108.96 for two, plus applicable tax and shipping.

No information was available yet regarding grills.

Discussion followed.

New Business

Carbon County Fair

Terry reported that Diane Lambert had attended the Carbon County Fair and suggested that it might be a good location for the Club to set up a display booth. Terry expressed concern that participation might not be worthwhile. During the discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter and revisit it in the future.

Jay noted that similar community festivals have not been pursued because participation fees made them cost-prohibitive.

Elections and Nominations

Bill asked whether a slate of candidates for the upcoming Club election had been prepared. During the discussion, Bill reviewed the applicable provisions of the Club By-Laws. It was noted that Bill Carlsen and Andrew Parker would not be running in this election.

The normal election process was discussed. Typically, the Nominating Committee announces the slate in September, after which nominations from the floor are accepted.

Andrew noted that the By-Laws do not contain a requirement for members to present their membership cards in order to participate in the election.

The Board also discussed emailing the nominations to the membership. It was noted that this should not present a problem provided the membership roster is current and accurate.

Dean expressed a desire to see greater member participation in the election. The Board also discussed the importance of encouraging more members to attend the Club's regular monthly meetings.

Website, HamClubOnline, and Club Archives

Bill raised several issues concerning the Club website and HamClubOnline, which led to a general discussion.

Following the discussion, the Board agreed that Club photographs and newsletters should be placed on discs and provided to Barb for inclusion in the Club archives.

A motion to proceed with this plan was made by Jay Reid and seconded by Andrew Parker. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held concerning HamClubOnline, including the need to establish a policy regarding how long information and materials should remain online before being deleted or archived.

Emmaus Halloween Parade

Terry Swinney reported that the Emmaus Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 17, 2026.

Planning meetings for the parade will begin in September.

Adjournment

Dean asked whether there was any further business for discussion. Hearing none, Jay Reid made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Terry Swinney.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay T. Reid

2026 Emmaus Halloween Parade

Looking for some HAMS to participate in the Annual EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE with like-minded HAMS.

The Parade will be on Saturday October 17, 2026 with RAIN DATE Sunday October 18, 2026 at 6:30.

It is a fun and worthwhile endeavor and the City of Emmaus truly appreciates our participation this fun event

Please CONTACT Terry KC3JHT at 480-262-2387 or LDOCAPT@GMAIL.COM

Thank you.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HAMFEST

Presented by Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

www.clearfieldcountyarc.net/hamfest

Swap Meet | Meet n Greet | Rag Chew | Exam Session

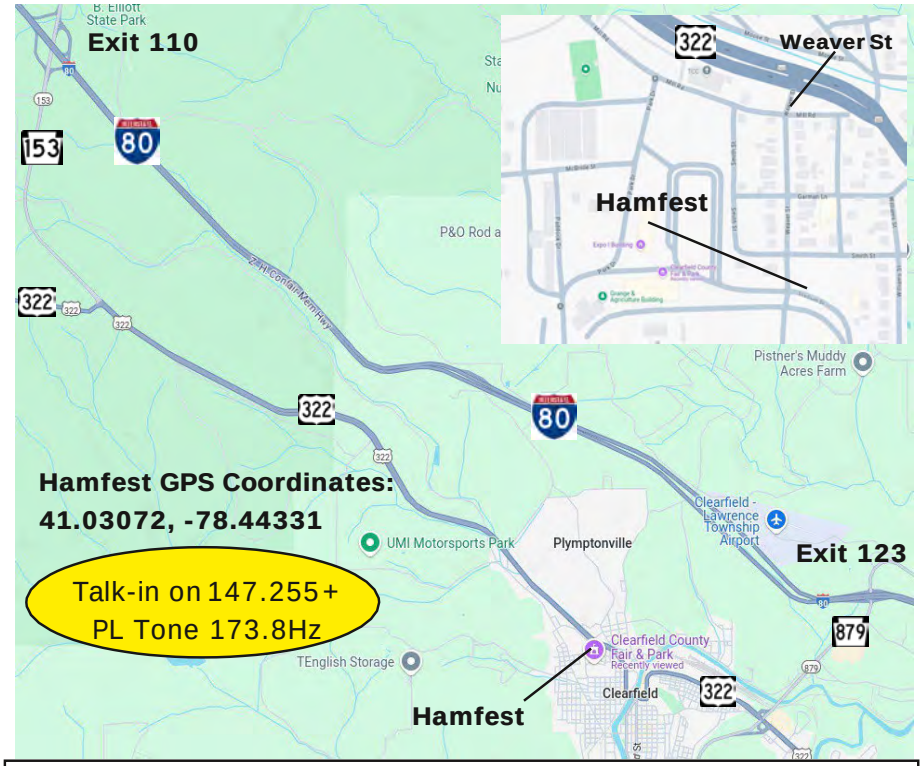
WHEN

Sunday September 13 2026
8AM to 12 PM

WHERE

DOOR PRIZES

Clearfield County Fair Grounds
Community Hall Building and surrounding grounds
Use Weaver Street Exit on US 322 at Clearfield



FEES

Parking: FREE
General Admission: $5*
Inside Vendor Table: $10
Tailgate Spaces: $5
***Active Duty Military/Emergency in uniform/ under 12 free.**
Reserve and pay for your table ahead of time: hamfest@clearfieldcountyarc.net

EXAM SESSION

~~NO FEE FOR EXAM~~
Begings at 11 AM
(Reservations preferred but not requred)

Contact: Mary Lewis N3UDN
E-mail: jlms@windstream.net
Sponsor: Ridgeway ARC/Laurel VEC

You will need:
•Your FRN
•Photo ID or student ID
•Email adress
•Nonprogrammable calculator (optional)
*****If testing for General or Extra bring your curent license card issued by the FCC*****
NOTE: Reasonable accommodations honored. Advance notice is appreciated.

EVENT SCHEDULE

6 AM Set-up Dealers & Tailgating
8 AM Hamfest opens
8 AM ARES® Meeting
9 AM SKYWARN Spotter Training
10 AM ARRL Atlantic Division Director & Section Manager
11AM VE Testing
11:30AM Prize Drawings
12 PM Close

CONCESSIONS

Food - Drinks - Snacks

CLEARFIELD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST COMMITTEE

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES & DLARC net. If we have enough interested operators, it will only be necessary for each operator to have only one net session in each three-month period. 13 weeks in a period, then 13 net controls would be ideal, and some extras to fill in if needed.

This would give us a pool of experienced controls, for any emergency which would arise. Interested operators should contact George, N3SQD at george@bioserv.com. The NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 courses are not needed to be a net control, but should the need arise, and we do supply controls and operators for real emergencies, then the courses requirement will be in effect and EMA issued IDs will need to be on the scene of an emergency.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ARES, RACES AND DLARC NET

All Radio Amateurs are welcome to take part in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net. This net meets Wednesday at 1900 hours local time, on the W3OK Repeater 51.76, 146.70 and 444.90 (pl 151.4). With an alternate frequency of 147.135 + DPL 315) W3OI Repeater. Other inputs are the 146.85 repeater, (151.4 PL) and Echolink at K2PM-R.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evening at 7:30 PM On 3958 +/- depending on conditions.

Mid-Atlantic D-Star Net meets each Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The following repeaters Dstar repeaters are available in the Lehigh Valley. W3OK -145.11000MHz -0.600 Port C – W3OI -147.16500MHz +0.600 Port C, – W3OI - 445.02500MHz -5.000 Port B

All repeaters on the net are linked through **Reflector 020 port A**, so all stations checking into the net should make sure that they have *their local repeater call sign followed by the letter "G" in the eight positions of the RPT2 field***.** Otherwise, you will only be heard locally and not over the Reflector. Dongle users wishing to check into the net should Log On by connecting directly to Reflector 20, port A, rather than through your local repeater to conserve local bandwidth.

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Steve Harper / W3NAM
Andrew Parker / WV1B
Henry Adam / KD3AFL
Terry Swinney / KC3JHT (Past Pres.)

PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DLARC CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING CLUB MEETINGS.

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4) Club Station Telephone Number **484-291-1527** Email Address – W3OK@arrl.net

THE W3OK TRUSTEE---- Barry Vogt / N3NVA

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