Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

October 1997

PA QSO PARTY OCTOBER 12 & 13

PA-QSO PARTY & D.L.A.R.C.

by Ray, W3TDF

I cannot believe it has been almost a year since the last Party! My portable operation in Fayette County will remain as a highlight in my hamming memoirs. If you haven't tried portable operation then you don't know the satisfaction that can be had. `I have been doing it for 9 years, and have held 8 different county records. Enough of the reminiscing.

We, the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club have won the state trophy for 7 of the last 8 years. Will we win it this year? That depends on YOU, the DLARC member.

The contest runs for 13 hours on Saturday, and for 9 hours on Sunday. Could you put in 11 of the 22 hours?

How about 7 hours (1/3rd of the allowable)? With only a little effort anyone can make 30 QSO's per hour, that's 200 total QSO's. The Nittany ARC, which sponsors the QSO Party, is offering a memento to anyone working all 67 counties. There will also be some kind of memento to new participants who make a concerted effort. Check out the forthcoming announcement, from Nittany, or be at the next DLARC meeting on **October 2nd in Kiva Hall at NCC** to learn all about it.

This is my swan song in this roll as PA-Party agitator, so give yourself a chance to experience the enjoyment of being a part of a contest that is REALLY fun. Would I lie to you? Of course not. How many PA Counties can YOU work in a weekend?

de Ray, W3TDF

October's Program

by Don, KA3JWE

Would you like to operate in the PA QSO Party but hate the idea of hand logging? Do the big contest logging programs intimidate you? Does your current logging program support the PA QSO Party or do you have to fight with it to make it work? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you should definitely attend the next D.L.A.R.C. meeting. The program will be a live demonstration of a logging and dupe checking software program written especially for the PA QSO Party. It is a Windows program which runs under Windows 3.1 or Windows 95.

It is very user friendly and requires almost no learning curve. It allows you to enter stations on multiple county lines and scores the QSO and multipliers correctly. It is easy to enter mobiles and dupe checks on the call and the county. It also informs you when you work the special event station and adds the bonus points to your score. And it does all the paperwork for you after the contest.

Even if you have never operated a contest before, you can easily work the **PA QSO Party**. It is really a FUN contest.

So, be sure to attend the October 2nd D.L.A.R.C. meeting and check out

"PA QSO PARTY for WINDOWS".

de Don, KA3JWE

DLARC Meeting October 2nd
KIVA HALL, NCC 7:30 PM

CW ban remains in effect

MARS members can put those bugs, paddles and keys away again. The head of the MARS program, Joseph Frizzell, says the ban on the use of CW on MARS frequencies remains in effect. Frizzell said a "miscue" led to an erroneous announcement within the Navy-Marine Corps MARS program to the effect that CW would again be permitted for informal use on MARS frequencies (see The ARRL Letter, Vol 16, No 32). Some Navy-Marine Corps MARS members had already resumed using the mode in the wake of that announcement.

Frizzell said that while he personally has no objections to the use of CW, he must follow the policy dictates now in effect. CW was banned from MARS frequencies as of last October 1 as a result of the policies of former Assistant Secretary of Defense Emmett Paige. "The policy has not changed," Frizzell emphasized this week. "That's a fact."

Both Frizzell and Paige are hams. Frizzell said a change in policy is always possible, but he added that "there's nothing on the horizon" to indicate that CW will again be authorized for use on MARS frequencies. Frizzell said Congress has asked for a report on the MARS program by year's end. Among other things, the report will look into possible changes in the MARS mission.

The ARRL Letter

Free Magazines

by Bill, K3ANS

Collected from other hams who intended to discard them. I prefer to see them made available to new hams, just learning about ham radio. They are perfect to read the technical evaluations and reports of used gear you are contemplating buying. Remember they were once knew, the latest and greatest on the market. Read the old ads. Also read the technical and operating articles. Most of them are still valid and educational.

There is more to ham radio than operating your HT on 2 meters! Learn about sophisticated antennas, station building and design, contests, rag chewing, traffic nets and handling, the ARRL, DX, grounding, procedures, history, protocol, organization, QSLing, emergency communication, far out space, and pit hole antennas.

Most new hams are hungry to learn as most as they can. Here is the opportunity.

My only request is that you share the magazines with other new hams. Read them and pass them around. They really belong to DLARC, but we have not convenient no convenient library location yet. As I hear of other hams discarding old magazines I shall, and you should, rescue them for DLARC use.

de Bill, K3ANS

ARRL RFI expert

And speaking about perfect call signs, how about this one.

ARRL Lab Supervisor Ed Hare, the League's point on issues dealing with radio frequency interference, recently took advantage of the vanity call sign program to obtain an apropos new call. He is now known as **W1RFI.** Under his former call sign, KA1CV, **Ed** has been well known among members of the QRP community.

The ARRL Letter

Famous quotes***

"It's not that I'm afraid of dying...I just don't want to be there When it happens
- *Woody Allen*

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window!
- *Steve Bluestone*

Have you ever noticed...Anybody going slower then you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?
-George Carlin

You have to stay in shape. My grandmother, she started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is.
-Ellen DeGeneres

via Larry, N2OCW



Amateur radio aids in biker's rescue

by Amy, KD3TI

Mountain biker Tom Thompson is grateful for ham radio, which played a vital role August 3 in getting him prompt medical attention after he was injured during a ride in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Gorge. Ham and paramedic Joe Cummings, N3SQR, of Warrington, Pennsylvania, was biking with his daughter in the area when they came upon Tom, seriously injured with broken bones and facial injuries. Joe used his H-T and the Carbon Amateur Radio Club repeater to reach Ann Keiser, KO3M, who called 911 and got help on the way. Tom was especially fortunate that a ham found him, since the area where he was injured is outside the normal range for cellular telephones.

via The ARRL Letter.

Hillybilly Cybernetics

How the Backhill Boys Interpret Your Conversations.

supplied by Darrel, N3NNI

Hard drive -- Trying to climb a steep, muddy hill with 3 flat tires and pulling a trailer load of fertilizer.
Keyboard -- Place to hang your truck keys.
Window -- Place in the truck to hang your guns.
Floppy -- When you run out of Polygrip.
Modem -- How you got rid of your dandelions.
ROM -- Delicious when you mix it with coca cola.
Byte -- First word in a kiss-off phrase.
Reboot -- What you do when the first pair gets covered with barnyard stuff.
Network -- Activity meant to provide bait for your trot line.
Mouse -- Fuzzy, soft thing you stuff in your beer bottle in order to get a free case.
LAN -- To borrow as in, Hey Delbert! LAN me yore truck.
Cursor -- What some guys do when they are mad at their wife and/or girlfriend.
Bit -- A wager as in, I bit you can't spit that watermelon seed across the porch longways.
Digital control -- What yore fingers do on the TV remote.
Packet -- What you do to a suitcase or K-Mart bag before you take a trip

Contest calendar

by Barry, KU3X, Contest editor

Oct 4-5 Simulated Emergency Test
California QSO Party
VK/ZL SSB Contest
Oct 10 10-10 October Sprint
Oct 11 BARK Wire Antler Contest
Oct 11-12 VK/ZL CW Contest
Oct 11-12 **Pennsylvania QSO Party**
Oct 17-19 Jamboree on the Air
Oct 18-19 ARRL International EME Competition
Oct 19-20 Illinois QSO Party
Oct 25-26 CQ WW DX SSB Contest
10-10 Fall CW QSO Party
Nov 1-3 ARRL CW Sweepstakes

Exchanges:

Illinois and PA QSO Party = RS(T) + QTH
CQ WW DX Contest = RS + Zone

de Barry, KU3X

SILENT KEY
Charles W. Dietrich W3OLO

Charlie Dietrich, W3OLO became a Silent Key on August 25th..

Charlie was one of the early members of the DLARC, aiding in the communications during the Flood of 1955.

He was born and lived in Pen Argyl, but in later years moved to Reading.

Member goes up the line

Who says there isn't a doctor in the house?



Member, **Jeff, KB2EVB** has been elected Secretary of the **NJ Academy of Family Physicians.** he has been a county rep for 10 years and on the board of trustees for 8 years. But, just got elected as an officer

Good chance he will be elected President in a few years. ***Pretty scarey, huh?? :***

FCC revises RF safety "threshold levels"

from the ARRL Letter

The **FCC** has revised the power level thresholds to trigger a routine Amateur Radio station RF exposure evaluation, and the changes will be welcome news for most hams. When the FCC first decreed a year ago that ham radio stations would have to comply with RF exposure guidelines, it set a 50-W threshold level. The updated guidelines, announced August 25, increase that threshold level on all HF bands except 10 meters, where it remains at 50 W. The FCC made no changes in the RF exposure limits it announced last year.

The new RF safety guidelines are scheduled to become effective January 1, 1998, for Amateur Radio stations.

The FCC went along in part with a request by the ARRL to establish a sliding scale for threshold levels, depending upon frequency. The revised thresholds are 500 W for 160 through 40 meters, 425 W on 30 meters (where the maximum legal power is 200 W), 225 W on 20 meters, 125 W on 17 meters, 100 W on 15 meters, 75 W on 12 meters and 50 W on 10 meters. The threshold for all VHF bands is 50 W. On UHF, the threshold level is 70 W on 70 cm, 150 W on 33 cm, 200 W on 23 cm, and 250 W on 13 cm and above. Stations operating at or below these respective power levels are categorically excluded from having to perform a routine RF radiation evaluation. However, all stations, regardless of power level, still must comply with the RF exposure limits.

Along with its August 25 Second Memorandum Opinion and Order announcing the changes, the FCC released the "core" text of its long-awaited Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Bulletin 65, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields. The bulletin contains generic equations that can be used to analyze fields due to almost all antennas, although the FCC warns that "the resulting estimates for power density may be overly conservative in some cases." Hams leery of formulas might opt to wait for the easier-to-use Supplement B to OET Bulletin 65, which will include information designed specifically for evaluating Amateur Radio installations. The supplement promises to detail how hams can determine more simply if their individual stations comply with the new regulations. The FCC says the supplement will contain "information on projected minimum exclusion distances from typical amateur antenna installations."

The FCC said it would issue Supplement B "as soon as a review of the current draft is complete." When it's ready, Supplement B will be available to download from the FCC's Web site, **http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety**. The FCC directed inquiries as to the availability of the supplement and other RF-related questions to its RF Safety Program, 202-418-2464;

e-mail rfsafety@fcc.gov.

Last year, the FCC established time-averaged maximum permissible exposure (MPE) limits for RF fields in two tiers--for controlled environments (ie, a ham's immediate household, including visitors) and uncontrolled environments (ie, neighbors, the general public). If a routine evaluation of a ham station indicates that human exposure to RF fields could be in excess of the FCC's MPE limits, the licensee must act to correct the problem and ensure compliance. This could include changing operating patterns, relocating antennas, restricting access, changing frequency, output power or emission type or any combination of these and other remedies.

The FCC says that ham radio facilities "represent a special case for determining exposure, since there are many possible antenna types that could be designed and used for amateur stations."

The revised regulations categorically exclude most mobile installations, including those in the Amateur Radio Service, from having to comply with the RF-exposure or station evaluation guidelines. Since the FCC issued its guidelines, additional questions on RF safety have been added to the Amateur Radio examination question pool..

The ARRL Letter

DELAWARE-LEHIGH PA QSO PARTY Amateur Radio Club Inc

PA QSO PARTY

October 11 and 12

Do your part. Work them all.

Just the Minutes

by John, N3IGA, Secretary

The September meeting of the **Delaware-Lehigh ARC** was called to order by Tom, N3LLL, the club's President, at 7:30pm in Kiva Hall. There were approximately 70 guests and members present.



Clarence, W3PYF, made the motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Mark, K3MP.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dick, KA3MOU. Starting balance as of July 31 is $3,207.31. Expenses for the month are $629.69. Ending balance, as of August 31, is $2,733.62. Carl, AA3IX, made the motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Ed, W3APE.

The Repeater Committee's report was given by Barry, N3NVA. The parts finally came in for the .70 repeater. Barry will be taking the repeater off the air to make the updates. When finished, the repeater will be ready for the PL and linking with the 440 machine.

Novice-Tech Classes will start on September 15 and run for about 10 weeks. If you know anybody who is interested, contact Chris, NU3L, or send a postcard to the Club's address.

Bob, KE3AW, informed the members and guest present about the upcoming DLARC activities. Bob is looking for help with the Emmaus Halloween Parade, which will be held on October 18. He also announced that the Nazareth Science Fair will be be held on October 12. There is a slight problem with the Fair. It is going on the same time as the PA QSO Party Weekend. Bob is looking for input from club members if there will be any interest in participating in this activity.

The DLARC Nominating Committee (Blair, K3YD; Bob, KE3AW; and Jeff, N3QZT) proposed the following slate of Officers and Executive Committee members to be voted on at the October meeting:

President: Joe Chuk, W3JD
Vice President: Don Reamer, KA3JWE
Secretary: John Holmes, N3IGA
Treasurer: Dick Dech, KA3MOU

Executive Committee (5 to be elected)

Barry Vogt, N3NVA
Al Krensavage, WO4H
Clarence Snyder, W3PYF
Danny Roth, W3ZF
Glenn Brodt, N3ULW
Mark Petruno, K3MP
Gary Hudson, N3PNT

Glen, K3MGP, made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by **Norm, N3GXW.**

New members were brought into the club. **Ray, W3TDF**, made the motion and **Van, K3CP**, seconded that the following individuals be approved for membership:

Jonathan C. Mordosky, N3ZIL
Jonathan M. Mordosky, N3ZUI
Dennis S. Hockstrasser, N3JNV
William E. Twaddell, N2DH
Guy Ennis, KA3YGF
Michael J. Arnold, N3ZSP
Victor Laczo, WB3ACH
Mark S. Farrell, N3XLN

The speaker for the night was our illustrious **Atlantic Division Director of the ARRL, Kay Craigie, WT3P**. Kay talked about the PA QSO Party.

She gave an excellent talk on the ARRL. She explained what ARRL is doing now and what to look for in the future.

de John, N3IGA

VE test Session Sept 5

by Mark, K3MP, team liason

A Test session was held at Greystone Building on Sep. 5, 1997 with 8 candidates taking a total of 15 elements. Three (3) new Techs, two (2) Tech Plus, one (1) General Upgrade.

VES in attendance were, **K3MP Mark, K2YIY, Cary, WV3M, Joe, WZ3L, Harold, N3EBH, Tom, KE3AW, Bob and AA3IX, Carl.** Was a busy night. Very enthusiastic bunch of candidates, looks like a good new bunch of hams for the RF airwaves.

de K3MP Mark

Membership in ARRL is not just a Magazine Subscription.. Join now, contact KA3MOU

The Prez Sez

This should be it !!!

by Tom, N3LLL, President

It is hard to believe it has been two years since I have become president of the **Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club..**



It has been a busy two years for me, major changes at my place of employment as well as my oldest daughter getting married and last two children graduating from High School. In my short career in Amateur radio I have made many friends. It is amazing how diverse our hobby is and how many opinions the persons practicing the hobby have, some good some not so good.

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to be your president. It was a great learning experience for me. Over the past two years we had some great programs as well as the clubs 50th anniversary banquet. We won the PA QSO party two times and presented a new award for the highest average score. DLARC's score ranked within the top 15 in the country for field day both years. The club members participated in many hours of public service sponsorship in the greater geographic area that the club is comprised of. You all should be proud of yourselves without your individual participation none of this would have happened. As I leave office I would be remiss in not thanking the executive board for providing support and assistance with the matters of the club. Their professional attitude and great teamwork created a powerful coalition to get things done the right way. I pledge my support to Joe / W3JD the clubs new president he is a great supporter of our club an d hobby, I look forward to leadership.

I would like to thank **Kay Craigie WT3P** and her husband Carter we appreciated her insight into the **ARRL** and her explanation of current events in the hobby. I will be rooting for her reelection to **Atlantic Division Director.** Do not forget to send your ballot back.

de Tom, N3LLL

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

8/1/97 Through 8/31/97

Balance 7/31/97	$3,207.31
INCOME	
Dues Arrl Misc	156.00
TOTAL INCOME	156.00
EXPENSES	
Field Day	25.00
Memory Of Jim Littich KA3QOM	36.04
Newsletters	127.20
Picnic	116.49
Postage	125.00
Renewal ARRL	32.00
Repeater Programmable ENC-DEC	61.34
Supplies	48.07
Telephone	58.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	629.69
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-473.69
Balance 8/31/97	**$2,733.62**

Total Membership 365

de Dick, KA3MOU Treasurer

Emmaus Holloween Parade

by Bob, KE3AW

Interested in helping the club in a public service activity?



On **Saturday, October 18,** the annual Emmaus Halloween Parade will be held. **DLARC** will provide communication throughout the parade route with a vehicle and 2-meter operation, in communication with authorities by having an operator with each division in the parade.

This is an opportunity to help the club and have a fun time. If you are available for this event, contact **Bob/KE3AW** as soon as possible.

Use the telephone, 70 repeater or use email, **ke3aw@juno.com**

So you think you have computer problems.?

supplied by Mike AA0AO

Actual dialog of a former WordPerfect Customer Support employee:



"Ridge Hall computer assistant; may I help you?"

"Yes, well, I'm having trouble with WordPerfect."

"What sort of trouble?"

"Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away.",

"Went away?"

"They disappeared."

"Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?"

"Nothing."

"Nothing?"

"It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type."

"Are you still in WordPerfect, or did you get out?"

"How do I tell?"

"Can you see the C:\ prompt on the screen?"

"What's a sea-prompt?"

"Never mind. Can you move the cursor around on the screen?"

"There isn't any cursor: I told you, it won't accept anything I type."

"Does your monitor have a power indicator?"

"What's a monitor?"

"It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?"

"I don't know."

"Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that?"

....."Yes, I think so."

"Great! Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall."

....."Yes, it is."

"When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one?"

"No."

"Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable."

....."Okay, here it is."

"Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer."

"I can't reach."

"Uh huh. Well, can you see if it is?"

"No."

"Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?"

"Oh, it's not because I don't have the right angle-it's because it's dark."

"Dark?"

"Yes-the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window."

"Well, turn on the office light then."

"I can't."

"No? Why not?"

"Because there's a power outage."

"A power... A power outage? Aha! Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff your computer came in?"

"Well, yes, I keep them in the closet."

"Good! Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from."

"Really? Is it that bad?"

"Yes, I'm afraid it is."

"Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?"

"Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer."

author unknown

Remember, EMA, RACES, DLARC, Drills on Sunday morning at 9:30am and Wednesday at 7:00 PM..... 147.70.

The Microsoft Automobile

Top Ten Ways Microsoft Would Change The Auto Business

by Ralph, WA8GDT.

10. New seats would require everyone to have the same butt size.

9. We would all have to buy Microsoft Gas.

8. The U.S. government would be forced to rebuild all of the roads for Microsoft cars; they would still drive on the old roads, but they would run very slowly.

7. The oil, alternator, gas and engine warning lights would be replaced by a single "General Car Fault" warning light.

6. Sun Microsystems would make a car that was solar-powered, twice as reliable and five times as fast, but would run on only 5% of the roads.

5. You would be constantly pressured to upgrade your car.

4. You could have only one person in the car at one time, unless you bought a Car95 or CarNT - but then you would have to buy ten more seats and a new engine.

3. Occasionally, your car would die for NO apparent reason and you would have to restart it. Strangely, you would accept this as normal.

2. Every time the lines of the road were repainted, you would have to buy a new car.

1. People would get excited about the new features of the latest Microsoft cars, forgetting that these same features had been available from other car makers for years!

I hope that this offends all the right people.

de Ralph - WA8GDT

SAREX

Future Shuttle missions will mainly be dedicated to bringing parts of the International Space Station into space.

Therefore, we anticipate that there will most likely be one SAREX mission in 1998, and one in 1999. Details on any possible SAREX missions in those years will be posted here on the ARRLWeb as soon as they become available.

via ARRL Letter

Why are we called Hams?

by Gord, VE7TJR

Have you ever wondered why we radio amateurs are called **HAMS?**

Well it goes something like this - the word ham was applied in1908 and was the call letters of one of the first amateur wireless stations operated by some of the members of the Harvard Radio Club. They were Albert **Hymen**, Bob **Almy** and Peggie **Murray**. At first they called their station **Hyman-Almy-Murray**. Tapping out such a long name in code soon called for a revision, and they changed it to **Hy-Al-Mu,** using the first two letters of each name. Early 1909 some confusion resulted between signals from **HYALMU** and a Mexican ship named **Myalmo**, so they decided to use only the first letter of each name and identified their station as **HAM**. In the early pioneer and unregulated days of radio, amateur operators picked there own frequencies and call letters.

Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interferance finally came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington, DC and they gave much thought to proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur activity. In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulations Bill as the topic of his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David Walsh, a member of the commitee hearing the Bill. The Senator was so impressed that he sent for Mr. Hyman to appear before the committee. Hyman was put on the stand and described how the little amateur station, HAM, was built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill went through, they would have to close up the station because they could not afford the license fees and other requirements which were set up in the bill. The debate started and the little station **HAM** became a symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country that were crying out to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations who did not want them around. Finally the Bill got to the floor of Congress and every speaker talked about the poor little station, **HAM.**

That's how it all got started. You can find the whole story in the Congressional Record. Nationwide publicity identified the station HAM with amateurs. From that time to this, and probably to the end of time, in radio, **"Every amateur is a HAM"....*de Gord VE7TJR***

1x1 call sign rules

***via ARRL Bulletin 48** (thanks to N3ET)*

New FCC rules to obtain one-by-one call signs for special events have been implemented, and four coordinators have been authorized to handle call sign requests. The first special event call sign, W3W, was coordinated August 20 at the request of the Scranton Pocono Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK) of Scranton, Pennsylvania. W3W will be activated October 11-12, 1997, during the Steamtown Marathon.

On August 18, the FCC authorized the ARRL, The W5YI Group Inc. of Arlington, Texas, the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society/VEC Inc. of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the Laurel Amateur Radio Club Inc. of Laurel, Maryland to "coordinate, maintain and disseminate a common database of amateur station special event call signs." The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) maintains a shared database so that both requesters and coordinators will know which call signs are available at any given time.

The FCC says that special event 1x1 call signs are authorized for use "in conjunction with an event of special significance." This suggests an event with high public visibility, as opposed to a routine ham radio contest or other operating event. However, a special event call sign could be used in conjunction with a contest if one were to occur within the call sign reservation period.

The four special event call sign coordinators have the authority to determine if a request is in keeping with the intent of the special event call sign system. Any licensed amateur may request a special event call sign. Call signs may be requested up to one year in advance of their use on the air. Call signs normally will be granted for periods of 15 days or less. Because of the limited number of call signs available, requesters are encouraged to limit their requests to the duration of the special event.

A block of 750 call signs is available for use in the special event call sign system. The format of each 1x1 call sign consists of a single letter K, N or W prefix followed by a single numeral, 0 through 9, followed by any single letter except the letter X, which is not available to amateur stations.

For more information on the special event call sign system, call **860-594-0300** or e-mail **vec@arrl.org**. You also can contact any of the other special event call sign coordinators..

Jock or Nerd?

In answer to the eternal question "Is it better to be a jock or a nerd?" I submit the following:

Michael Jordan will make over $300,000 a game: $10,000 a minute, assuming he averages about 30 minutes per game.

Assuming $40 million in endorsements next year, he'll be making $178,100 a day (working or not)!

Assuming he sleeps 7 hours a night, he makes $52,000 every night while visions of sugar-plums dance in his head.

If he goes to see a movie, it'll cost him $7.00, but he'll make $18,550 while he's there.

If he decides to have a 5 minute egg, he'll make $618 while boiling it.

He makes $7,415/hr more than minimum wage (after the wage hike).

He'll make $3,710 while watching each episode of Friends.

If he wanted to save up for a new Acura NSX ($90,000) it would take him a whole 12 hours.

If someone were to hand him his salary and endorsement money, they would have to do it at the rate of $2.00 every second.

He'll probably pay around $200 for a nice round of golf, but will be 'reimbursed' $33,390 for that round.

Assuming he puts the federal maximum of 15% of his income into his tax deferred account (401k), he will hit the federal cap of $9500 for such accounts at 8:30am on January 1st, 1997.

If you were given a tenth of a penny for every dollar he made, you'd be living comfortably at $65,000 a year.

He'll make about $19.60 while watching the 100 meter dash in the Olympics. He'll make about $15,600 while the Boston Marathon is being run.

While the common person is spending about $20 for a meal in his trendy Chicago restaurant, he'll pull in about $5600.

Next year, he'll make more than twice as much as all of our past Presidents for all of their terms combined.

Amazing isn't it?

BUT: JORDAN WILL HAVE TO SAVE 100% OF HIS INCOME FOR 270 YEARS TO HAVE A NET WORTH EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF BILL GATES.

submitted by Bill Armstrong of the Lehigh Valley Computer Group.

Executive Committee Candidates

After the announcement of the nominating committee at the September meeting, each nominee was asked to submit to the editor a biography of their amateur radio life.Follows those which were received by the editor by the deadline.

WO4H, Al Krensazvage

I was first licensed in the late 70's as WB3IPM through the Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association's training classes while living in Harrisburg, PA. I subsequently became an Instructor for CPRA. In 1980 I transferred to Columbia, SC and joined CARC. The club needed membership and I initiated a recruiting and training program with the Richland County Adult and Continuing Education Department. As membership grew, I was elected President of CARC. I transferred to Atlanta and belonged to the Roswell ARC and Atlanta Radio Clubs. Assignments in Detroit and Burbank along with extensive travel briefly limited my HF operations; I did, however, manage to upgrade to Extra. New Jersey was my next assignment in 1989 when I became a member of DLARC. From the outset I have been active in GM's worldwide Firebird ARC.

My education includes Penn State, General Motors Institute, and the J. L.Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University. I retired from the Financial-Insurance Services Division of General Motors after a 33-year career where I gained extensive experience in marketing, motivation, leadership, teamwork, diversity and Human Resources Management.

I know that my background and exposure to other clubs will enable me to make a worthwhile contribution to DLARC and I solicit your support and vote in the forthcoming election of Officers.

W3ZF, Danny Roth

Yessiree!! I'm your man, oops, person (got to be politically correct- especially when running for political office). If elected, I promise to clean up the polluted airwaves, double our gross national output (in watts), cut back on needless SWR, and balance the feedline.

Seriously, I enjoy our hobby tremendously and am drawn to the traditions, history, and equipment of the past. Although I don*,t consider myself a technical ham, I have built at least one station accessory entirely from scratch (a Terminal Unit for my Teletype 28ASR). I consider myself a'ragchew' ham and have recently discovered the thrill of stateside contesting. I just wish I could find more time to actually operate. Some of the activity of the HF bands concerns me; I don't like to hear 'discord'amongst amateurs - there,s too much fun to be had!! We need to help and appreciate each other when we can and keep rekindling that friendly manner and cooperation that marked amateur behavior in years past. Yes, if elected to the Board of Directors, you can count on me to be: **H**onest, **E**nthusiastic, **A**rticulate, **T**rustworthy, **H**ardworking, **K**ind, **I**ntelligent and **T**enacious. (If you put the 1st letter of all those words together, then you,ll really know what I stand for).

N3NVA, Barry Vogt

Hello fellow DLARC members, my name is Barry Vogt, N3NVA from Pen Argyl, PA. I am running for a third term on the board of directors for the DLARC.

For the past 2 yrs I have been repeater coordinator for our club repeaters. I have also been DLARC Hamfest Talk-in Chairman for the last 5 yrs. I also help out with special events that the Club runs. My occupation is in commercial radio install and repair.

I have been active for the past 11 yrs as a volunteer on the Wind Gap Ambulance and a volunteer Fireman in Pen Argyl for 26 yrs for 3 of which I servedas Fire Chief.

I wound like to continue serving as a Board member of the DLARC, to do want I can to keep W3OK DLARC the best Amateur Club in the area.

Thank you to all for your support. My hope is that who ever is elected will have the Club in their best interest.

W3PYF, Clarence Snyder

If there is anyone in our club who does not know who I am, I guess the guy who has put together the **W3OK Coral** for the past ten years or so, has done a lousy job. As a past president, former Section Communications Manager for EPA and active on the Board for many years in the by gone days, I feel that I can again contribute to the club.

As most know, I have been the Radio officer and Emergency coordinator of Northampton County for over 40 years, and hope that my past experience will help move the club into it's second 50 years.

Huh?

A man driving on the highway is pulled up by a police officer on a bike. The officer says, "Pull over", and the driver pulls over to the side of the road. He says, "I'm sorry, officer, was I speeding?".

The police officer says, "No, mate, but your wife fell out of the car a mile back".

The man replies, "Oh, that explains it. I thought I was going deaf."

submitted by Dick, KA3MOU

All vanity applications to require new form

The **ARRL** has learned that when the vanity application fee jumps to $50 on Monday, September 15, the FCC also will start requiring everyone filing a paper Form 610V Amateur Station Vanity Call Sign Request to include FCC Form 159, FCC Remittance Advice, with their application--no matter the method of payment. Applications received on or after September 15 and lacking a Form 159 will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

Previously, the FCC only required an Form 159 with a hard-copy Form 610V if the applicant was paying with a credit card or money order--or for a single remittance to cover multiple applications.

The change came on very short notice, and the FCC has yet to issue a formal public notice to address it. But the FCC appears ready to stand firm on the requirement starting September 15. A spokesperson at the FCC in Gettysburg said that on or after September 15, Mellon Bank--the FCC's fiscal agent--will not cash or deposit any fees which are not accompanied by a Form 159. Applications received at Mellon Bank that lack a Form 159 will be forwarded to Gettysburg for handling (the fee will not be deposited), and Gettysburg will return the entire application and the fee to the applicant with a blank Form 159 and instructions to refile.

When completing Form 159, all applicants must include a taxpayer ID number (your Social Security number) in Item 1 (FCC Account Number). In Items 14A and 14 B, Payment Type Code, applicants should write "WAVR."

FCC Form 159 can be obtained by writing ARRL/VEC, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. An SASE is appreciated.

Form 159 also is available from the FCC via the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html or ftp://ftp.fcc.gov/pub/Forms/Form159/. You can also get the form by return fax by calling 202-418-0177 and requesting Form 000159. The FCC Forms Distribution Center also accepts orders at 800-418-3676.

If you need assistance completing Form 159 or need filing information contact the FCC National Call Center at 888-225-5322.

The FCC still has given no indication of when it will begin processing Gate 3 vanity call sign applications. It's estimated that more than 1000 applicants filed on the opening day, August 6. The FCC also has not said when it plans to open vanity Gate 4.--Bart Jahnke, W9JJ.***The ARRL Letter***

N4XKG Plugs Ham Radio On The Today Show

Persistence paid off for **Jackie Forbes, N4XKG**, of Punta Gorda, Florida, who wanted to top off her visit to New York City by getting a chance to plug ham radio, the ARRL, and--not incidentally--her 70th birthday on NBC Television's The Today Show. She succeeded. Forbes wrote to the show's director and even pulled a trump card, sending along a photo of herself and Bill Miller, who worked on Today in the early days, when Dave Garroway was the host.

Still not knowing if she'd be granted a few fleeting seconds of fame on national TV, Forbes arrived outside NBC on the morning of her birthday, August 4.

Only then did she learn that Today personality Al Roker would give her a live shot at 7:35 AM. During her interview, Forbes greeted ham radio operators. The Tech Plus licensee also told a Punta Gorda newspaper that she wanted to be on The Today Show to draw attention to the ARRL's efforts to protect ham radio frequencies from incursions by commercial interests.--thanks to Larry Brown, KD4KVE ***The ARRL Letter***

Who is who?

Once upon a time, there were four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Nobody** and **Anybody.**

When there was an important job to be done **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. When **Nobody** did it, **Everybody** got angry because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought that **Somebody** would do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Nobody** would do it, so it ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done in the first place.

All Amateur Radio Operators are invited to
Participate to the DLARC, RACES & ARES nets
on 146.70 W3OK/RPT with an alternate of W3PYF/RPT 145.11
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