Delaware - Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

W3OK Corral NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2003

Meeting November 6th at IU20

Emmaus Halloween Parade Report

by Bob, KE3AW

The 2003 Emmaus Halloween Parade was held on Saturday evening, October 18, and went off like clockwork.



I again want to take this opportunity to thank you who helped to make this year's parade a success; that is, the 21 amateur radio operators in the parade and assisting from the sidelines. From all feedback I've received, we did our part superbly.

Bob/N3QZR shadowed the parade marshal and was net control for our group this year. Missy/N3TFG and Dave/KD1GT were "Pedestrian Patrol Rovers." Bruce/KA3ONZ, at home, monitored both 146.70 and 147.135 just in case we needed to coordinate communication between those stations, and Dave/N3LWY was on stand-by in case of a last minute problems of any of the hams scheduled for their posts.

In the parade were: Dick/KA3MOU, Bruce/KB3FIH, Mark/AK3M, Larry/NR3R, Ray/W3TDF, Joe/KE3DZ, Barry/KD3FMI, Glenn/N3ULW, Jill/N3ZSR, Jim/KN3DZY, Bill/KA3RBH, Bob/N3QQ, Jeff/N3QZT, Jeep/WA3DAY, Rich/KB3DEC, and Bob/KE3AW.

After the parade our traditional de-briefing Dutch Treat meeting was held at a local restaurant and enjoyed by the participants who could attend.

The Emmaus Parade Committee has indicated its appreciation to us for the communications service in the parade, not only verbally, but with a generous cash donation to DLARC for our service.

A note of thanks is also in order to the W3OI club for the use of their local repeater during the parade activity.

de Bob, KE3AW

The Prez Sez

by Bryan, AA3WM

First, I'd like to thank Jeff, N3QZT for serving the DLARC as President for the last two years. I'd also like to thank Jill, N3ZSR for her service as club Secretary, as well as Don, KA3JWE, and Glenn, N3ULW for their service on the DLARC Executive Committee. THANK YOU Jeff, Jill, Don, and Glenn!



Next, I'd like to welcome the new officers and director to the Executive Committee: Bill, N2DH as club Vice-President, Charles, KB3DEA as club Secretary, and Al, W3CE as a Director.

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I am also looking forward to continue working with the others that are remaining on the Executive Committee: Dick, KA3MOU as club Treasurer; Joe, W3JD, Barry, N3NVA, Dave, N3EYT, and Bob, N3QZR as Directors; and Jeff, N3QZT who remains on the Executive Committee as the most recent past president.

I would encourage all club members to get to know the 2003-2004 Executive Committee members. We are here to "*exercise supervision and have control of the affairs of the club*", but it is your club too, and we would welcome and encourage your ideas and your participation in club activities. There are many opportunities to participate in DLARC, so come and talk with one of the Executive Committee members and get involved!

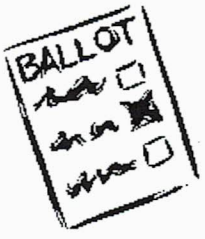
One opportunity that is coming up is being the coordinator for the MS events. As many of you know, Jeff Keller, N3QZT, has done a GREAT job in this position for the last 10 years – **THANK YOU JEFF!** It is now time for someone else to take over this position, as Jeff will not be continuing as coordinator. If there is not a coordinator, then the club will not be able to help in this worthy cause. If you are interested in finding out more, see one of the board members, or Jeff.

I am looking forward to a great year for DLARC!

de Bryan, AA3WM

Election Results

by Bob, N3SNZ



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President- Bryan Williams/AA3WM
Vice President- Bill Twaddell/N2DH
Secretary- Charles Lazarchak/KB3DEA
Treasurer- Richard Dech/KA3MOU

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Blankenship/N3YT - 44 Votes
Joe Chuk/W3JD - 39 Votes
Barry Vogt/N3NVA - 47 Votes
Bob Yankovich/N3QZR - 43 Votes
Al Wiemann/W3CE- 44 Votes
Jeff Keller/N3QZT- most recent past Club President
Tom Slapinsky/KB3IUE- 26 Votes [Did Not win seat on Executive Committee.]

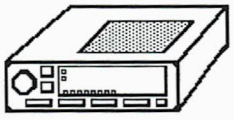
Reporting for the 2003 Election Committee,

de Bob Schuette, N3SNZ

Equipment Needed

by Al, W3CE

The DLARC club station "W3OK" is in need of a TNC to access the DX packet cluster. 9600/1200 dual speed preferred but will accept single 1200 speed. If you have a working TNC that is gathering dust, please consider donating it to the club.



Thanks es 73s Al W3CE

Treasurer's Report

by Dick, KA3MOU

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

Balance 8/31/03	**$5,499.53**
INCOME	
Change Start up money for Hamfest	600.00
Hamfest Income before Expenses	2,022.99
Interest Checking 9/15	4.92
TOTAL INCOME	$2,627.91
EXPENSES	
Award	61.86
Hamfest Start up money	600.00
Hamfest Expense	392.84
Telephone	21.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	$1,075.95
Balance 9/30/03	**$7,051.49**

de, Dick, KA3MOU, Treasurer

Just the Minutes

by Jill, N3ZSR

President Jeff Keller, N3QZT called the October 2nd club meeting to order at 7:30 PM, with 60 members and 4 guests present.



The September minutes were approved with a motion from Ray – W3TDF with a 2nd from Clarence – W3PYF. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for September was approved with a motion from Ed – W3APE with a second from Glenn – N3ULW. Motion passed.

Barry, N3NVA reported that everything was working.

VE session scheduled for October at IU20 had no one registered.

Classes started September 8th. Bob, KE3AW reported that he has 5 to 6 people attending.

Bob, KE3AW said that the Emmaus Halloween Parade will be held on October 18th. Please contact Bob if you are interested in helping.

Sue, KB3IDW, Ham fest Chairperson said that they had a great day. A nice turn out and that she would be willing to do it again next year. Next year's Hamfest will be September 18th.

Club Picnic was held on September 28th. Dennis, KR3U and Pat, KB3IDQ chaired the event.

Jeff welcomed the following guests to the meeting: Dave Mosey Jr., Dave Mosey Sr. – KD1GT, Bob – K3PH and Frank – W3FTU.

Carlos – KB3JQT was voted in as a new member on a motion from Bill – N2DH with a second from Barry – N3NVA. Motion passed.

The following applied for membership and will be voted in at the November meeting:
Dave Mosey Sr. – KD1GT

Ray – W3TDF spoke about the PAQSO Party on October 11 and 12.

We still need a Newsletter Editor.

New Program Chairperson will be Tom – KB3IUE.

The program for the evening was by Ed, W1RFI on BPL.

The nomination committee announced the following results of the elections:
President – Bryan Williams – AA3WM
Vice President – Bill Twaddell – N2DH
Secretary – Charles Lazarchak – KB3DEA
Treasurer – Richard Dech – KA3MOU
Executive Committee:
Dave Blankenship – N3EYT
Joe Chuk – W3JD
Barry Vogt – N3NVA
Bob Yankovich – N3QZR
Al Wiemann – W3CE

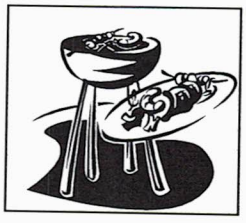
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM on a motion from Bob – N3SNZ with a second from Mike – K7PTL.

Jill, N3ZSR, Secretary

DLARC PICNIC

by Dennis, KR3U

The annual DLARC picnic was held on September 28th in Easton at the Louise Moore Park. Although the rain threatened to cause us a problem, it stopped completely soon after Pat and I got there to unload, and the remainder of the day was moisture free. Between 30 - 40 members and guests attended, and from what we have heard, all enjoyed themselves and the new location. There were even horseshoe pits already there, however, Ray had to install his own, since the original pits were filled with water. There was plenty of food, and all the dishes brought by the attendees were delicious. If you didn't make it, you missed a lot of great food and fellowship. The picnic ended by around 6:00PM, but the horseshoe competition was still going strong as people headed home. We never did hear who won.



73, Dennis, KR3U and Pat, KB3IDQ

DLARC PAQSO SCORE 2003

551,079.5 Total points
29,004.2 Average points
19 Scores entered

By Call Sign		By Score	
K3CP	68,362.0	KA3JWE	109,098.0
K3NZ	51,788.0	K3CP	68,362.0
KA3JWE	109,098.0	NC3P	56,396.0
KB3DEA	4,185.0	K3NZ	51,788.0
KB3HPN	4,600.0	NU3L	43,662.0
KB3JXQ	937.5	KE3AW	41,010.0
KC2ZA	27,648.0	N3SQD	40,588.0
KC3QO	8,788.0	N3MX	34,267.5
KE3AW	41,010.0	KC2ZA	27,648.0
KZ2A	10,326.0	W3FVT	15,956.0
N0KIA	15,610.0	N0KIA	15,610.0
N3EYT	6,032.0	KZ2A	10,326.0
N3MX	34,267.5	W3OK	9,520.0
N3SQD	40,588.0	KC3QO	8,788.0
NC3P	56,396.0	N3EYT	6,032.0
NU3L	43,662.0	KB3HPN	4,600.0
W3FVT	15,956.0	KB3DEA	4,185.0
W3OK	9,520.0	WA2TWS	2,305.5
WA2TWS	2,305.5	KB3JXQ	937.5

If you have not already given your score to Barry, N3NVA, please send them to:
n3nva@enter.net
Enter "PAQSO SCORE" in the subject line

Chair people needed for 2004 Picnic and Hamfest Kitchen

Pat and I, having served as chair persons for the hamfest kitchen and the club picnic for the past two years, will be stepping down this year, and would like someone else to chair these positions for next years events. We are planning on purchasing a boat in the spring and will be spending most our weekend at Lake Wallenpaupack for relaxation, after working our weekday jobs. We would still be willing to help whoever takes the reins for the upcoming year, and will provide information as to what is needed, and would try to make the events to help as much as possible, but we can not "run the show". If you are willing to give it a try, contact the club president, or Pat and myself, and we will make sure you have everything you need to have a successful event. This is a great opportunity for one of the members (new or old) to help out the club. Thank you to all who assisted us during our years as chairpersons. It was greatly appreciated.

73, Dennis KR3U and Pat KB3IDQ

News via the ARRL

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Submitted by Blair Bates, K3YD

TECHNICAL & TECHNIQUE

If you prefer to crimp the terminals for Anderson Power Pole connectors instead of solder them, Chuck NO5W reports that the info at the following link was very helpful and describes how to use a cheap Gardner-Bender crimping tool available at Home Depot.- http://www.westmountainradio.com/.

Here are two links that might be of interest to people contemplating using JT44 for another communications mode on VHF and up. Start with http://pulsar.princeton.edu/~joe/K1JT. A dedicated communications link with links to other sites can be found at http://www.chris.org/cgi-bin/jt44talk.

Amateur Radio Demonstration

by Dick, KA3MOU

A demonstration on Amateur Radio was held October 21, 2003 at Northampton County 911 Center. This demonstration was held for a Girl Scout troop. Mr. Richard Teasdale explained to the girls about the 911 Center and gave them a tour of the 911 Center and the Penn Star Helicopter headquarters.

Ken, N3IYX and Dick, KA3MOU talked to the girls about Amateur Radio. We had an HT and Mobile radio for demonstration. They were told how Amateurs help in Emergency Communications and also with other non-emergency events. We explained how we could talk around the world with an HF radio. We gave them information on the club's

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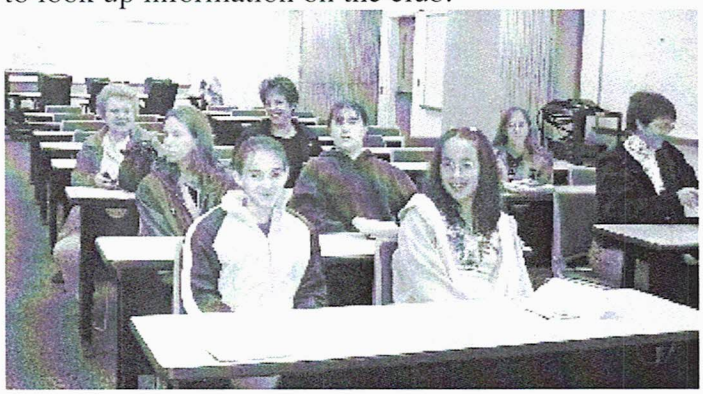
station at the milk house. We told the girls about the availability of classes to help others to become Ham Radio Operators. We gave them the club's web page to look up information on the club.



I would like to thank Ken, N3IYX for coming out to help with the demonstration and the 911 Center for inviting us to give the demonstration.

73, Dick KA3MOU

2003 WX3MAS Update

by Bob, N3SNZ

To all W3OK Hams,

WX3MAS will be held on the weekend of December 13 and 14, 2003 and as in previous years, will be held at the Gracedale Complex in Nazareth. CQ and QST have been notified of the event with thanks to Bob Green, KE3AW.

In light of the current Military situation with multiple engagements in the Middle East and other parts of the world, many of our local families have Sons, Daughters, Fathers and Mothers in service out of the USA. Therefore, we will be instituting the transmission of ARRL Radiograms to our local military folks in service overseas. Hams who have an interest in operating WX3MAS should brush up on traffic handling operations because you may be asked to handle traffic back and forth. I will be in contact with a President of a local Military Family Support Group for added awareness to this service.

Unless we can get a station set up in Room 215 in the Greystone building, the bulk of our operations will be done in the Milkhouse station. I'd like to get set up started at around 9:00 AM with on-air activity beginning at 10:00 AM EST. I am still looking for hams who would like to serve as Station Engineers. Interested hams should be licensed as General Class or higher and have a detailed knowledge of the Milkhouse station equipment and it's operation so if any technical difficulties arise, you can troubleshoot the problem and hopefully correct it. Interested hams please email me direct or consult with me at the next club meeting. I am also starting a written schedule of interested operators for the event, so if you have a preferred time request make sure I receive it. Thank you.

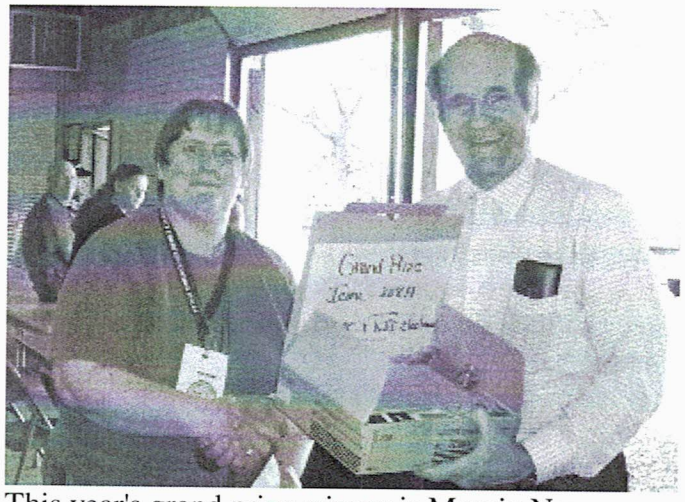
73's Bob Schuette, N3SNZ
Chief of WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT STATION

2003 Hamfest Update

by Sue, KB3IDW

I would like to thank all the club members who pitched in and helped out, making this year's Hamfest come together and turn out to be a very nice event. Also, helping out was Mother Nature giving us a pleasant day.

Also, a big thank you to DLARC and to Gene at KJI Electronics for providing a great grand prize which turned out to be an ICOM 208H dual band mobile radio. (Note: The October 2003 issue of QST magazine has a product review on this radio for those who would like to read up).

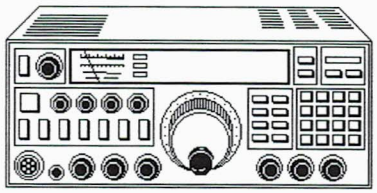


This year's grand prize winner is Marvin Navarre - KA3TEO, a DLARC club member. Marv, we wish you many enjoyable qso's with this radio and hope to hear you transmitting with it soon.
73, Sue - KB3IDW

3rd Annual NBC-10 TechFest

News via the ARRL
Eastern Pennsylvania Section

On Saturday November 8, 2003 and Sunday November 9, 2003 the Third annual TechFest sponsored by NBC-10 is going to be held. This year the Expo. has moved from the Pennsylvania Convention Center in center city Philadelphia to the Ft. Washington Convention Center in Ft. Washington, Pa. (Montgomery County). As in past years we will be concentrating on providing an introduction to Amateur Radio to the general public.



Forms will be provided for interested persons to sign up for additional contact. The information provided by these "Interest Forms" will be forwarded to Amateur Radio Clubs that are closest to the person's home address. Also form these filled in forms we will be selecting three (3) persons from each day's entries to receive a copy of "Now You're Talking".

This event provides the E. Pa. Section with an excellent platform for us to exhibit our great hobby. Although there are only three such events throughout the county (Philadelphia, Washington and Dallas) in the previous two years only the Philadelphia show had Amateur Radio presence. This year the Dallas show involved the NTX Section and their story, with pictures, can be seen at www.arrl.org/sections/NTX.html.

We are still looking for additional personnel to help man the booth during the two day event. Anyone interested should contact me at wb3fpl@arrl.org. In addition any club interested in providing pictorial displays and/or manpower should also contact me there is still a little time to get something into this years show.

73, Eric, WB3FPL
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Amateurs Aid Agencies in California Fire Emergency

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Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) teams are assisting local authorities and relief organizations as fire has burned more than 500,000 acres in southern California. Authorities report 11 separate fires have erupted and more than a dozen people have died.

ARRL San Diego Section Manager Kent Tiburski, K6FQ, estimated that about 100 ham ARES and RACES volunteers are participating in his section, where most of the fatalities took place. Amateurs are supporting the Red Cross and The Salvation Army and staffing six shelters throughout San Diego county. Additional hams have deployed to San Diego-area emergency management offices and hospitals.

Communication is mainly taking place on VHF. The San Diego ARES Net has been activated on 7.233 MHz with 3.905 MHz as a backup. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) also has been using 7.233 MHz as a coordinating frequency.

San Diego-Area SATERN Coordinator Paul Cook, N6RPF, reports that SATERN has helped with communication for a number of busy canteens in the San Diego area.

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In San Bernardino County, Orange SM Carl Gardenias, WU6D, said ARES volunteers have been supporting emergency communication in the county.

ARRL Los Angeles SM Phineas Icenbice, W6BF, reports ARES members from his section have been assisting volunteers in the Orange and San Diego Sections. Los Angeles SEC Dennis Smith, KA6GSE, says ARES volunteers from the section also are helping at Red Cross shelters in LA.
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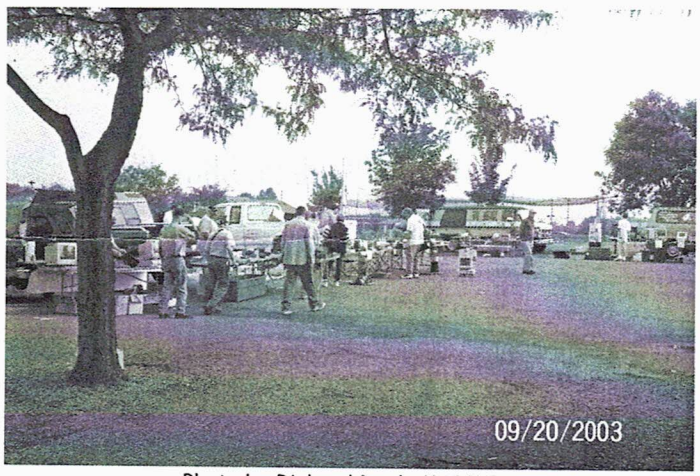
Hamfest 2003 Photos

submitted by Dick, KA3MOU and Don, KA3JWE



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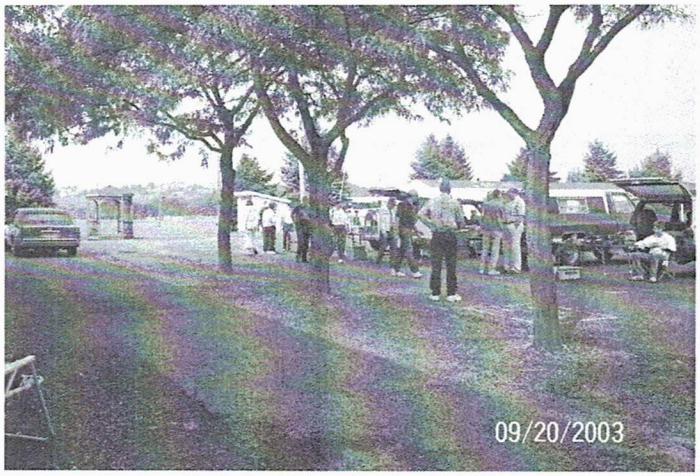

Photo by Richard Dech, KA3MOU



Photo by Don Reamer, KA3JWE

Did You Know ...



Did you know that, starting with the September 2003 issue, archive copies of the W3OK Corral Newsletter will be available in PDF format? Check it out at:
http://www.dlarc.org/News Letters/news_letters.htm

Did you know that if you are going to buy something for DLARC, that you should get permission from the DLARC Board ***before*** you buy it? By doing so, you do not risk the possibility of not getting reimbursed if the DLARC Board does not approve the purchase.

Did you know that the DLARC Board is looking for someone to coordinate rides to and from the meeting for those members that are not able to drive themselves? If interested in helping out in this area, contact a DLARC Board member.

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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All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. are held on the first Thursday of each month
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TALK IN ON 146.70
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