DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Inc.

DECEMBER 2025

W3OK CORRAL

Club Meeting December 4th, 7 pm at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
No ZOOM.

DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLEASE BRING CHIPS, DIP, COVERED DISH, DESERT OR BEVERAGE – YOUR CHOICE



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Terry, KC3JHT, called the meeting to order at 1900.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry.
President's Report: Terry gave his thoughts on BOD Meeting Etiquette/Curtesy. There was a lot of discussions back and forth, but it all came done to courtesy and respect. If you want to be treated with courtesy and respect, then you have to earn it like everything else in life.
Announcements: None
Guests: Todd Weatherford, KI8CX, Lesa Hines, Tom Lamb, Tom Allen, and Jim Reichenbach.
Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter last month. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Dean, AB3BD and second by (*I apologize for not catching the call of the person who second the motion)*. A vote was taken and motion was carried.
Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the Treasurer's report for the month of September. Dean, AB3BD made the motion to accept. It was seconded by Adam, N3LAG. A vote taken and motion was carried.
Committee Reports:
Membership: There are 9 Life Members and 124 voting members. That brings a total of 133 Voting members. There are 10 Assoc. Members. That makes a total of 143 members.
Club Station: Adam reported that the new Security System has been installed. This is to protect the Club. The Milkhouse is

County property and they have keys to come it. This system will catch anything being done inside. Adam said that there are things that is needed in the Club Station to let him know. He said that sometimes he does not see everything. So, let Adam know.

Tech Committee: No report

Repeater: Barry is doing the final work to the Repeater. Thanks to Service Electric for their help also.

Website: Everything is fine

New Business: None

Old Business: Elections

Election Results:

Officers:

President – Dan Guth, AB3BD
V. President – Jay Reid, KC3ZFR
Secretary – John Holmes, N3IGA
Treasurer – Larry Butler, KC3JTK

Board of Directors:

Adam Gauntz, N3LAG
Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY
Steve Harper, W3NAM
Andrew Parker, WV1B
Henry Adam, KD3AFL
Terry Swinney, KC3JHT (Past Pres.)

Adjournment: It was announced that as soon as the Election results are done the meeting is adjourned.

Program: Elections

John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary



WINTER FIELD DAY 2026

Winter Field Day is sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association. We passionately believe that Ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operational concerns. WFD is formatted to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and improve your operational skills in subpar conditions.

Winter Field Day is a communications exercise. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January. WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to the ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, satellite contacts, and more.

To be clear, WFD is an EMCOM exercise, so do not get too hung up on our rules. At the end of the day, your total points do not matter. What you learn during WFD and your ability to adapt and overcome sudden obstacles will help you during unexpected emergencies. As we continue with another

year of the WFD exercise, we want to encourage participants not to chase the contacts or the points but to evaluate their abilities and equipment. If you want to exchange signal reports, please give each other accurate information so the other station knows how well their station is working.

Winter Field Day is held the last full weekend in January. For 2026, it will be held on January 24th and 25th. The 24-hour operational period starts at 1600 UTC (11 am local) on Saturday, the 25th, and ends at 2159 UTC (4:59pm} on Sunday, the 26th. If you want more information about this, you can go to the website, https://winterfieldday.org and check out with it is all about. If interested, check the rules out at the same time.

The Club Station will open for this event. There will be an announcement about that in the future to all DLARC members by mass email.

DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 17 November 2025

A meeting of the DLARC Board of Directors was at the Milkhouse, with the following in attendance:

Board Members Present:

President, Dean Guth, AB3BD
Vice-President, Jay Reid, KC3ZFR
Secretary, John Holmes, N3IGA
Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK
Adam Gauntz, N3LAG
Bill Carlsen, KD3FLY - ZOOM
Steve Harper, W3NAM
Andrew Parker, WV1B
Henry Adam, KD3AFL

Terry Swinney, KC3JHT (Past President)
Absence:
Treasurer, Larry Butler, KC3JTK
Proceedings:
A quorum being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.
President's Report: Dean explain what he expects from the BOD so that everyone is on the same page.
Secretary's Report: John, N3IGA, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Motion to accept the report was made by Terry. Second, by Adam. Vote was taken, and motion carried.
Treasurer's Report: Since Larry is out of town, Terry said that there was no update information since he gave the report at the General Meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Adam. Second by Henry. Vote taken, and motion carried.
New Business:
There was something said in the beginning of the Meeting about Zoom and having Bill at the meeting on Zoom. Terry said that the Club needs to do something about Zoom. He said that he had paid for it for 2 years in case Larry was not around. The Club needs to make a choice on what to do to make sure there are two members that have Zoom abilities. These needs to be discussed more.
Andrew said that he would like the President to consider nominating an audit committee for the Treasurer. After a brief discussion, it was duly noted. Andrew continues with considering a committee to review and revise the By-laws for 2026. Dean said that is already in motion. Dean said that the revision was in 2020 in the early part of COVID.
Bill said that he checked the website about a file Board Minutes. He told everyone what he found and asked do we need to keep the Board Minutes online since John already has the Minutes in the Newsletter. Bill did say that the weird password did work. He

told everyone that he would clean that file up, set up a new password, and send the new password to all. Adam made a motion that every time we change Board members, we change the password on the Board section. Since there will be a secured information on there for the Executive Committee which includes both Officers and BOD members. Terry second it. A vote was taken by the BOD members present. Motion passed.
Bill asked why the Treasurer's Report not being posted anywhere to show the figures. Terry brought it up that there was an issue with publishing the numbers and someone sued. Cost the Club over $2600 total. Since then, the figures have not shown. Bill said that since the complete report with figures could be put in the Director's section on the Website.
Andrew said the reason he suggested an audit is you can have a written report to the Club that the audit has been completed, no deficiencies were found and will satisfy people.
Andres said he had tone more question. He said he was looking for the Wednesday Night Net preamble on the website. He asked if it was published there somewhere? John asked Andrew why he needed the information. Andrew said that when they do not have a net control and he is sitting at home, he could take the net. John said he could get Andrew a copy of the script. John asked Andrew how he was going to call the names out. Andrew said he would do it just without going through the list. He said that he will just ask for Alpha through India like they do for mobile in the beginning and end of net. John told Andrew that there are always a Net Control sitting in the Club Station to help out. I know of at least 2 that are there every week. So, not having a Net Control is easy to take care of.
Andrew had one more thing go over. He informed the members present that the Trustee for W3OK needs to be renewed next year. John told him that since Barry has been doing this for at least 30

years, he knows what needs to be done and ahead of it already. Then Andrew asked what would happen if a Trustee would die. Dean said that the BOD would choose who to the next Trustee. Then Andrew asked about a database for members to show when their license needs to be renewed. John said that everything that you see about Amateur Radi, it clearly states that it is up to the person to renew his license. He said that in all the years as a Ham, he never heard anyone mention that they forgot to renew their license. He said that the ARRL or W5YI will send reminding Hams that their license needs to be renewed. They have two years to renew which they still get reminders. He said that he has had Club email him on how to get their license from FFC. I wrote a step by step way to download your updated License. Andrew asked Joh for a copy of his roster. John told him that he was not on the Distribution List per the By-laws. Bill came in and told Andrew that he can download the Club Membership off the website. He told Andrew what he had to do. Terry said that people are nervous about having their name and address available to just anybody. People do not need to be scammed or hacked.
Dean asked if there was any more New Business. Alan said that he still had something to say. Adam said that on this Friday, John and He will be changing the locks at the Club Station. Adam said that the new Board members see him either Saturday or next Wednesday he will have your keys. Just a reminder, no copies of the keys will be done. He said that John sent him a list from when we changed the lock back in 2023. The people that were on the Board at that time approved for security reasons that was decided was President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and the other 6 members that are on the Board. Adam said that Dave, N3EYT, Barry, KU3X, and Al, W3CE. Bob Green asked if he could have one for the Classes. The only people that get a key has to go through the Board. Dean said that anyone thinks they should have a key, that person needs to request the keys, and they have to submit it in to

John, so we can put it on the agenda and vote on it. Adam did say that he would appreciate the old keys back. He told John that he would give him a few keys, an assigned sheet, and I can keep it for the records. Adam then explained the reason for the new security system was for insurance reasons. He said that he knows that there are County keys out there where any county guys can walk in. We want to protect our members in case something does happen in the middle of the day. The last thing Adam had to say was that he wanted to start replacing some radios. He went over everything that he wanted to do and why. He said more will be said as soon as he has reasonable prices to bring to the Board.
Terry said that he is still looking for someone to take over programs. He has some for next year, but nothing is confirmed.
Old Business: None
Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1946 hours.

Minutes submitted by
John Holmes, N3IGA
DLARC Secretary

DLARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Christmas Party at the December Club Meeting. Like last year, it will be a Potluck setup. Family members are welcome. Please bring chips, dip, covered dish, dessert, or beverage – your choice.

Let Terry, KC3JHT, know what you are bring so that there will not be too much on one thing and not enough on another.

WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event

We are looking for some wise men and women to journey from afar and join us in celebrating the WX3MAS Christmas City Special Event. Some will be operating from our club station in Nazareth and sharing Season's Greetings with the Amateur community near and far. We are extending the length of the event this year from Thursday through Sunday, December 11 – 14, to promote this special event.

If you are a member of the DLARC you may operate the event from home! To avoid conflicts, we would like to know when you plan to operate from home, along with the band you chose. Please keep a log of your contacts in electronic form, if possible. Contact David / N3EYT to reserve your operating date and time.

We will try to cover operation on the 20, 40- and 80-meter bands with some mix of SSB, CW, and Digital (FT8). Our published phone frequencies are: 3.850 MHz, 7.270 MHz, and 14.265 MHz

Watch for operating announcements on the club website, via email, or the club reflector. Official operating times will be 9 am to 5 pm ET each day but feel free to extend the time if conditions permit. Look for us in the December issue of QST magazine.

For more information, contact David/N3EYT at n3eyt@arrl.net.

ARRL AND RENEWALS

Since there were a few new members at every meeting, I thought it was time to talk about ARRL membership.

All ARRL members need to check their QST mailing slip to see when their membership expires. Now members have to decide on what they want to do.

By now, you should know that the price of membership went up a few years ago. The biggest change is that if you want to continue getting QST or On the Air magazines in the printed form, it will cost you $25 per magazine. If you are willing to get those magazines in digital form, there are no extra cost

You have a choice in how many years you want your membership. One year is $59 and 3 years is $175. You still have to pay $25 a year for the printed form of the magazines.

The Club benefits from ARRL membership by getting a commission on new members and members that renew. It is not much, but every little bit, it helps the Club. In order to be an Affiliated Club, you need to have at least 51% of the voting members be Full members in the Club. At least 51% of the voting members must be licensed radio operators.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at n3iga@ptd.net and I will try to answer your questions.

De John, N3IGA

DLARC ARRL Membership Liaison

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

DLARC membership is due for 2026. The best way to renew is to log in to DLARC.club, click on the "Members" menu item, go to "Renew membership" tab and click the "Join or Renew" button at the appropriate member level. Check that your information is up to date and remit a payment via PayPal. A PayPal account is not required for the transaction. If you need online help, please contact the webmaster via email or at the monthly meetings.

DLARC Membership Dues Rates:
Regular Membership
18-64 years of age Jan through Dec - $25
65 and over or retired from all forms of employment (no age limit) Jan through Dec - $20
Additional Family member each - $5 Please identify who the Family Member is.
Associate Individual Membership - $15.

If you need to pay by checks payable to D.L.A.R.C. and ensure that your callsign appears in the memo field. Paying with cash is discouraged, but it you really, really must, kindly make certain you are prepared with the correct sum according to the rate table shown above.

If mailing, send to;

Lawrence R. Butler
800 Maple Lane
Easton, PA 18045

Enclosing an S.A.S.E. will bring your new membership card back to you as soon as possible via mail. You may write to me anytime with questions regarding DUES, or to discuss issues that you believe are my responsibility at lrbutler@ptd.net include your phone number if you prefer a live reply.

De Larry, KC3JTK, DLARC Treasurer

DLARC NETS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7 pm DLARC NET	4 CHRISTMAS PARTY 7 PM	5	6
7	8	9	10 7 pm DLARC NET	11 WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT	12 WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT	13 WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT
14 WX3MAS SPECIAL EVENT	15	16	17 7 pm DLARC NET	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 7 pm DLARC NET	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30	31 7 pm DLARC NET			

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.

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

Other inputs are the 146.85 repeater, (151.4 PL) and Echolink at K2PM-R.

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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Vice President – Jay Reid / KC3ZFR ---------- vicepresident@dlarc.club
Secretary – John Holmes / N3IGA ---------- secretary@dlarc.club
Treasurer – Larry Butler / KC3JTK ---------- treasurer@dlarc.club

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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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