

DVRA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes - 2019

January 2019

DVRA Membership Meeting Wednesday January 9, 2019

Called to order promptly at 6:30 pm

Introductions were made and visitors were greeted – we were proud to have New Section Manager Tom Preiser, N2XW and Tom Devise, WB2ALJ as guests

Incoming President Dom N3DD extended his special thanks to Steve KC2VDL for his service as Past President of DVRA

The following were announced as the heads of the following responsibilities:

- Cliff – Programs
- Tullio – Membership
- Dom – Radio Station
- Rory – Repeater
- Matt – PIO
- Martin – Training
- Hy and Mario – Physical Plant
- Anthony – Website
- Steve – Special Events
- TBD – HamFest

President's Report –

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- Cliff started his report by thanking Gary Wilson for his past work as Program Director and the many great presentations that DVRA has enjoyed at the past membership meetings during his tenure.
- Cliff reported on the recent DVRA survey to members which sought to understand the interests of its memberships in order to best structure programs going forward. The top interest of members is in Digital Modes and Ops. Additionally, antenna construction, CW learning, kit building, satellites, fox hunting and general operations of radio received many votes and Cliff will consider them as he decides on speakers and programs going forward.

Repeater Report: Rory NJ3U

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Physical Plant: Hy AB2VG

- Ready to replace steel door of furnace room
- Will soon fix bottom of workshop door
- Purchasing of Shovels for snow removal – members are encouraged to shovel snow if they are first person to shack

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Special Events: Steve KC2VDL

- March of Dimes – April 28 Sunday at Mercer County Park
- Triathlon – Date TBD – members are encouraged to assist as the club earns \$\$ for each participant from club

Old Business: NONE

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Health concerns:

- Don Wright has some minor health concerns
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K2WLD

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February 2019

DVRA Membership Meeting Wednesday February 13, 2019

Called to order at 6:33 pm
Introductions were made and visitors were greeted

Treasurer's Report: Greg K3EA

- Club has \$8,510 in bank account
- New revenue (Last month was \$7,808) was due to paid dues and special event - Battles of Trenton & Princeton which garnered \$740
- Membership Dues collected from 76 members (73 renewals & 3 new); 22 are due (18 outstanding & 4 moved)
- Reminder – Members were reminded to sign up for Amazon Smile program as percentage will go to DVRA
- Treasurer's Report submitted and approved

Membership Committee: Tullio
Seven new members were approved
We are currently at 88 members

Physical Plant report - Dom reported
Mario continues his yeoman efforts at the shack and grounds as he has cleaned the furnace room and other activities that needed to be done - Thanks for Mario and Hy for their efforts
Additional cleanup is planned as members will be bringing extra equipment to upcoming Cherryville Ham Fest to sell and gain additional revenue for club
Special thanks to Gary for donating a "modesty panel" for the "facilities" at the Shack

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March 2019

Special Thanks to Greg Mauro K3EA for filling in for Jack K2WLD as Secretary at the March 13, 2019 DVRA Membership meeting!

DVRA March Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Feb balance was \$8510, Mar balance is \$8742. Cherryville Hamfest and surplus sales for the month totaled \$350. Members who order from Amazon.com were reminded to use Amazon Smile and designate DVRA as the charity of their choice. DVRA will receive 0.5% of your purchase total from Amazon. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Tonight's program is a presentation by club member Mike Rauch, K2VPX, on the FT8 digital mode. Testing of a remote video connection was performed this evening and was successful. Next month's presentation will be given remotely by Dennis Vernacchia, N6KI, who served in Vietnam during the war. The presentation will focus on his Military Amateur Radio Service (MARS) operation from Vietnam and is titled: "Calling Home from the Vietnam War – Ham Radio's Role".

The CW training class will start on March 18th at 7PM.

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

- Completed ARRL "PR 101" course and passed exam; aligns our club PIO roles/responsibilities with that of ARRL
- Joined ARRL PR reflector; grants us access/support from other ARRL PIOs
- Continuous building our public contact list with area news outlets
- Will leverage our upcoming CW course and Field Day as relevant content to get out to public (non-ham community)
- Continuing to solicit members to write content for our website as discussed last month; see more details on homepage of website
- DVRA email subscribers grew by +14 since last month, Twitter followers grew by +8, and FB followers dropped by -7 (perhaps my miscount from month earlier)

Facilities (Hy Gold, AB2VG / Mario Filippi, N2HUN)– Driveway project: waiting on a quote for gravel.

Web Services (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG)–

An email blast to our members are now being sent out on a regular basis a day before our monthly membership meeting which includes information on the following:

1. New HAM net

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2. This month's membership meeting topic presentation.

Also including:

1. Call to members to submit stories and photos.
2. Story of Emily, age 9 making a QSO with her father.
3. DVRA participation of the ARRL DX contest.

Website Updates:

- Updated the exam and driving directions page per Martin's request to clarify building location at Red Cross.
- Membership roster was updated

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – The Technician training class was concluded on March 1st. The most recent testing session, held on March 9th at the Princeton Junction Red Cross, yielded four Technician licensees, four Generals and one Extra. The next testing session will be held on May 11th.

The next New Ham Net will be held on April 9th at 7PM on the DVRA 2 meter repeater. 146.67Mhz, PL131.8, FM analog mode

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

2 meter and 440 Both on line and working for FM and C4FM.

Approximately 2 weeks ago the 2 meter machine had static noise on signal that wiped out Coms – Simplified number of components that are part of the system to isolate suspect component. No noise noticed since that change - continuing to monitor.

440 WiresX link has been up and down over the last weeks - we are in process of moving the system from KC2TGM, Mark's QTH. Steve W2SRH is planning to host and manage link as soon as we can make the hardware swap.

Thnx to Greg, Gary, Dom, Steve for helping out with machines.

A regional C4FM digital net is being held on Thursday nights at 7PM. The net is being held on the W3SK repeater in Southampton, PA on 448.225Mhz and various Wires-X connections/rooms.

Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – Two new members were approved: Steve Willans, KB3ORG and Daniel Walsh, waiting for Tech call sign. Current membership total is 91.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) –

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Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

The club station participated in the ARRL DX contest the weekend of March 2nd/3rd. We garnered 461 QSO's and 277K points. Thanks to all who participated.

An emergency repair was made to the 160 meter and the 80 meter dipoles during the contest due to mechanical failure. The repair to the 160 meter dipole will be made permanent in the spring.

Stations A, B and C are all functional. Operational restrictions are noted at each station. The internet is operational. Digital modes are installed on Station B (including FT8).

Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) is installed on Stations A and B. All contacts must be logged.

Antenna Committee (Greg Mauro, K3EA) - The newly formed antenna committee has two goals:

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The first construction project will be held on Saturday, April 13 at the DVRA shack at 1pm. Rain date is the 14th at 1pm. We will construct and test wire antennas for Field Day. Any ideas for future projects are welcomed.

New Business

- The Trenton Computer Festival is being held on Saturday, March 23rd at The College of New Jersey. See <https://tcf-nj.org> for program details. An exhibitor/sales area and Sarnoff Museum tours will be held.
- The ARRL has started a new Podcast targeting newly licensed hams, titled: "So Now What".
- The new EmComm training courses from ARRL and FEMA are now available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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April 2019

DVRA April Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – March balance was \$8742, April balance is \$8880. Income was from dues and sales of surplus goods. Expenses were for electric bill and postage related to W2T and W2P events. Upcoming expense of approx. \$800 for shack driveway gravel and approx. \$500 electric bill are upcoming. Members who order from Amazon.com were reminded to use Amazon Smile and designate DVRA as the charity of their choice. DVRA will receive 0.5% of your purchase total from Amazon. The Treasurer's report was approved.

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Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

PIO Update for April:

- Promoted last Saturday's direction-finding workshop to 31 outlets (3 television, 2 radio stations, 23 newspapers, 3 colleges)
- Continuing to solicit members to write content for our website as discussed last two meetings; members may see more details on website
- Continue to see growth/interest in our organization: +2 FB followers, +6 Twitter followers, +14 email subscribers
- Email list grew +35 in Q1 of this year
- Next month's focus is on advertising our 2 upcoming fox hunts and working with Joy on Field Day promotions

Website - Updated membership roster; plan to limit e-mail blasts to 1-2 / month

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG / "Super" Mario Filippi, N2HUN (not in attendance) – Driveway project: gravel installed; Saturday work party scheduled (weather permitting)

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – The next testing session will be held on May 11th ; The New Ham Net held on April 9th at 7PM on the DVRA 2 meter repeater. 146.67Mhz, PL131.8, FM analog mode, had 5 check-ins.

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Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – Six new members were approved:

- Joel Tennison KC3MZJ-General, Feasterville PA
- Richard Freedman KD2SRC-Tech, Lambertville NJ
- Frank Pypcznski-KD2RRG-Tech, Lawrenceville NJ
- Brian Hagen KR3LAX-General, Doylestown PA
- Michael S Daly-KC2SBR-Tech, Bayville NJ
- Rick Snyder WB2KNY -Extra, Highland Park, NJ

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Two upcoming public service events will be supported by DVRA:

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Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

Some members participated in the CQ WW WPX contest at the shack.

The club station participated in the 2018 CQWW DX contest and we finished 2nd in 2 call district! Thanks to all who participated. (see attached photo)

Stations A (IC 7600 Tokyo Hy Power linear), B (Icom 756 Pro II) and C (Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and FTM 400) are all functional. Operational restrictions are noted at each station (use only 80 or 160m antennas at one time). The internet is operational; investigating permanent solution for Fioa/Cable. Digital modes are installed on Station B (including FT8). Panadapter with HDSDR now functional on Station, WSJT is now installed on Station B.

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First antenna construction project by committee was done for Jack K2WLD on his G5RV dipole, which is working well. Thanks to Greg for his help!

New Business

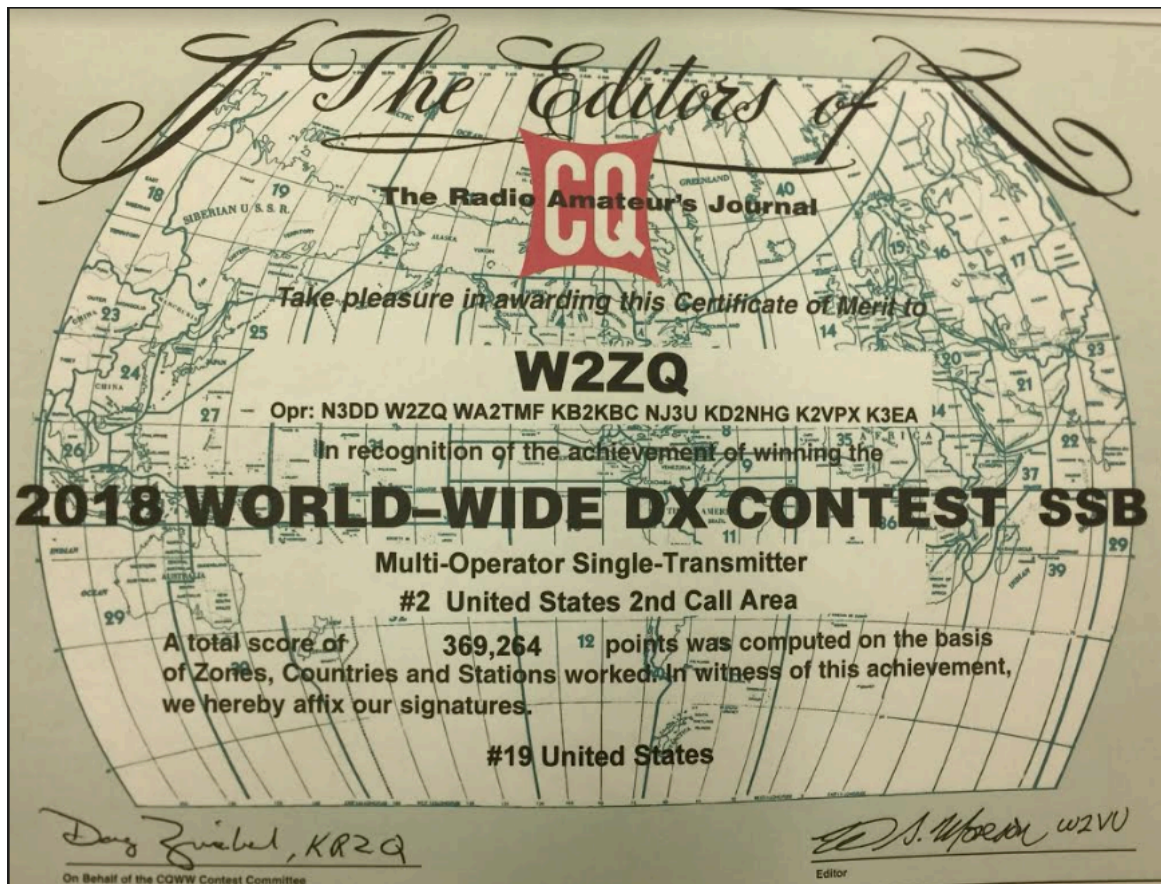
- Warminster Ham Fest is on Sunday May 5.
- May 4 QRP event at Core Creek park, Pavillion 5 from 8-5.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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May 2019

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Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector.

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Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

PIO Update for May:

- Participated in the Field Day 2019 kick-off meeting on Thu.18-Apr hosted by Joy N2JOY
- Promoted Field Day and May 18 foxhunt to the public via 31 outlets (3 television, 2 radio stations, 23 newspapers, 3 colleges)
- Added new club members to the MailChimp email roster
- Distributed instructions and email to members on how to join the Google Membership group if they are not currently a member
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Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

2 meter - repeater running and "troubleshooting" continues to isolate suspect component creating "noise".

440 - currently running; the WiresX link is down and has been sent to service repair.

Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – No new members were added this month.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Two public service events are supported by DVRA:

- March of Dimes Walk was done on April 28 at Mercer County Park. Steve wants to thank those who volunteered for the March for Babies Walk at Mercer County Park on April 28th:

Martin W3PR,
Andrew K2AFO,
Bob KB2GBQ,
Jack K2WLD,
Tullio K2PCG,
Joy W2JOY,
Rich N2EHL.

Rob KC2ODT (West Windsor Public Safety / East Windsor Fire / Rescue).

We had 0 injuries and an uneventful walk thanks in part to all of our volunteers.

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Antenna Committee (Greg Mauro, K3EA) - The first construction project was held on Saturday, April 13 at the DVRA shack at 1pm - Dipole construction. Plans to have another project on June 8 (1 pm tentative) focusing on vertical antenna construction.

Field Day (Joy N2JOY) - Joy continues to move the club's Field Day activities forward. She has submitted application and will continue necessary bureaucratic duties to secure our space at MCP.

Other Business

- Warminster Ham Fest on Sunday May 5 was a "wash out". There's a HamFest upcoming on July 14 in which we can sell surplus equipment. Interest in club's Collins equipment is sought.

Submitted by Jack Tatar, K2WLD, DVRA Secretary

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· May 4 QRP event at Core Creek park, Pavillion 5 from 8-5 went well. 7 antennas noted and good attendance. "Fun day". "Could use more room next time."

June's membership meeting will be on June 12 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

Submitted by Jack Tatar, K2WLD, DVRA Secretary

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June 2019

DVRA June Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – June balance is \$7713, May balance was \$7907. Some revenue was earned by sales at Dayton and from 50/50 at membership meeting. Expenses were for electric bill/cable, new gas grill, radio fix for WiresX and MagicJack. Had donation of Verizon router and 500 watt dummy load. Members who order from Amazon.com were reminded to use Amazon Smile and designate DVRA as the charity of their choice. DVRA will receive 0.5% of your purchase total from Amazon. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG / "Super" Mario Filippi, N2HUN – Walkway under construction. Lawn looks great and mower operating properly. Garden shed and furnace room being cleaned out.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Tonight's program is a presentation from Glen NK1N on "The Six Ws of Amateur Radio Satellite Analog Operation." Next month is a Cliff presentation on "DX Chasing". August is our Open House and Picnic (8/18). September will be a presentation on WiresX/440

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

- May Accomplishments
 - Wrote and issued instructions and emailed members on how to join the Google Membership group
 - Began promoting Field Day 2019 to members and general public; issued press release to local news outlets
- June Focus:
 - Follow-up additional Field Day 2019 promotion to general public
- Metrics:
 - Facebook is up +2 followers since this time last month
 - Twitter is up +6 followers since this time last month
 - Instagram is up +22 followers since this time last month
 - Email subscriber list is up +5 (1 member, 4 prospects) since this time last month

DVRA Website Report (Anthony Giancarli - KD2NHG) -

- Email Blast sent out on June 11th.
 - a. Monthly Meeting Announcement. b. New Ham Net Announcement. c. Included Martin's General Class Survey. d. Wires-X Announcement. e. Upcoming Events.

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- New Posts
 - a. Field Day b. Wires-X c. Operator's Club d. Antenna Construction Event e. New Members Post
- Calendar Updates
 - a. DVRA Open House & Picnic (8/12) b. SNJ ARRL Convention (9/15) c. NJ QSO Party (9/21)

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – The always dapper director of training was clad in his "Jimmy Buffett" shirt and reported that the next New Ham Net will be held on July 10 at 7PM on the DVRA 2 meter repeater -146.67Mhz, PL131.8, FM analog mode. Martin looking into a General license class and will seek input and survey members. Martin put out a call for additional trainers and assistance with testing. Next testing session will be July 13 at 10 am.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Upcoming public service events are supported by DVRA

- Field Day - June 22 at Mercer County Park. 2 HF stations will be set up.
- New Jersey State Triathlon – July 20 and 21st, Mercer County Park. A high participation by DVRA members is requested. This a fundraiser for the club - we are compensated by the number of volunteers we bring to the event (\$50 per member who helps).

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- Stations A (IC 7600 Tokyo Hy Power linear), B (Icom 756 Pro II) and C (Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and FTM 400) are all functional. Operational restrictions are noted at each station (use only 80 or 160m antennas at one time). The internet is operational; FIOS installed. Digital modes are installed on Station B (including FT8). Panadapter with HDSDR now functional on Station, WSJT is now installed on Station B. Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) is installed on Stations A and B. All contacts must be logged.
- November sweepstakes - DVRA was first place in Southern NJ - thanks to all who participated!
- W2ZQ Operator's Club has been launched. To gain acceptance, members must log 25 contacts at the shack. Initial club members are Greg - phone, Mike (K2PVX) - phone, Cliff - phone and CW. Congrats to Greg, Cliff and Mike!

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

2 meter - repeater running and "troubleshooting" continues to isolate suspect component creating "noise". Options include repair of approx. \$600-\$700 or buy new unit 440 - currently running.

Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – One new membership application (Jeff) received this month.

Antenna Committee (Greg Mauro, K3EA) - The second construction project was held on Saturday, June 8 (1 pm tentative) focusing on vertical antenna construction. Project was a success and a detailed article about it was placed on the website. Special thanks to Greg for this!

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Field Day (Joy N2JOY) - Joy continues to move the club's Field Day activities forward. We look forward to a great day.

July's membership meeting will be on June 10 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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July 2019 Meeting Cancelled

DVRA July 10th monthly meeting CANCELED DUE TO MEETING SPACE RENOVATIONS

WEST TRENTON, NJ – July 4, 2019

Please note that the Wednesday, July 10, 2019 monthly meeting of the Delaware Valley Radio Association is canceled due to renovations at the meeting space in the church basement of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. We apologize for the short notice.

The Delaware Valley Radio Association does not annually hold a meeting in the month of August, so we are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Please update any social media posts, community calendars, or individuals whom you may have notified regarding the meeting.

The Delaware Valley Radio Association is one of the nation's oldest radio clubs, having been founded in 1930, and is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to the promotion and preservation of the amateur radio hobby.

For more information, please visit w2zq.com.

August 2019 Meeting – BBQ

Submitted by Jack Tatar, K2WLD, DVRA Secretary

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September 2019

DVRA September Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD.

Meeting was held at the new location (until further notice) - Incarnation - St. James Church, 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08618 (Basement) -

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Sept balance is \$4515; Last reported balance was \$6548. Expenses were due to the repeater repair (approx. \$1600), utilities and Open House - \$2265 in expenses and \$232 in dues. Members who order from Amazon.com were reminded to use Amazon Smile and designate DVRA as the charity of their choice. DVRA will receive 0.5% of your purchase total from Amazon. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Hy continues his assault on weeds at the Shack. A discussion about the lighting at the shack took place with follow ups to see if the detection capabilities of the outside lights are working or if the bulb is dead or that people are actually not registering as such to the detector. We'll await a full report at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Tonight's program is a presentation from Cliff on "DX Chasing with Solar Propagation". Next month is a "surprise" and November will be a presentation on WiresX/440 from Rory.

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

PIO Update for Sept:

Jul/Aug Accomplishments:

- Promoted the August Open House & Club Picnic
- Promoted the September monthly meeting
- Developed a club proposal for attracting more youth to amateur radio; more work to be done here; if you're interested in getting involved, please let me know
- Started promoting our meetings within community groups on Facebook – not just ham radio groups, but local “about town” groups; could use your assistance if you are active on Facebook

September Focus:

- Drive next steps on club proposal for attracting more youth to amateur radio
- Encourage club members who use FB to do so in their local town FB groups, add “personal touch” inviting members to come check out hobby (Matt to provide samples like below)

Metrics:

- Facebook is up +16 followers since this time last month
- Twitter is up +1 followers since this time last month

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- Instagram is up +19 followers since this time last month
- Email subscriber list is up +27 since this time last month

DVRA Website Report (Anthony Giancarli - KD2NHG) -

- A new module has been added to the website to subscribe to the newsletter. ALL members are encouraged to subscribe.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – The New Ham Net will be held on October 10 at 7PM on the DVRA 2 meter repeater -146.67Mhz, PL131.8, FM analog mode. Martin has a General license class with 6 techs signed up. Next testing session will be Sat, Sept 14 at 10 am.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Nothing to report at this time and special thanks to all who participated in 2019 events.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- Activities : Successful Open House and Picnic in August. Thanks to all who helped and attended. NJO QSO Party is Sept 21. Noon to Midnight. FT8 is acceptable and need 3 other entries from members. Looking for new Operator Club members. Will stage mock CW contacts for new code class.
- Stations A (IC 7600 Tokyo Hy Power linear), B (Icom 756 Pro II) and C (Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and FTM 400) are all functional. Operational restrictions are noted at each station (use only 80 or 160m antennas at one time). The internet is operational; FIOS installed. Digital modes are installed on Station B (including FT8). Panadapter with HSDR now functional on Station, WSJT is now installed on Station B. Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) is installed on Stations A and B. All contacts must be logged.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- 2 meter - repeater running and repair of 2M repeater complete with replacement of new cans. BridgeCom shipped and Rory installed. Rory notes that the installation is below the repeater cabinet and members are reminded to be careful not to touch or move them
- 440 - currently running. There was a problem with the "burned out" WiresX laptop that was corrected by Rory and Mike Roush (thanks to both!)

Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – The following were approved as new members:

- Martin Knoblauch, N3BEV
- John Melchor, KC3NDE
- Charles Ancher, KB3YEX
- Patrick Ferry, KD2SIQ
- Sydney Baron, KA1ANW

Congrats to all.

New Business -

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- Fox Hunt scheduled for Oct 5 and Nov 2 - more info will be on Club Reflector
- New Club Net to begin to use the newly upgraded 2M repeater. It will have tech topics covered related to Ham Radio. It will begin on Sunday Night 9/29 at 9PM. More info coming on Club Reflector.
- JOTA - Boy Scout event will be held at Rosedale Park in Hopewell NJ from 8-4 on Sunday Oct, 19. Gary will send around a sign up sheet and club assistance will be appreciated.

Recognition - Attached photo shows Bob Caivano KD2KEM receiving a CW Key in recognition for his CW accomplishments from Bob Hecht N3AAK. Congrats to Bob and thanks to Bob (and vice versa).

July's membership meeting will be on October 2 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary



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October 2019

DVRA October Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD.

Meeting was held at the new location (until further notice) - Incarnation - St. James Church, 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08618 (Basement)

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – October balance is \$4410; Last reported balance was \$4515. Expenses were \$430 and \$325 in dues. We're in Dues Drive mode and members were reminded that they can use PayPal to pay. Financial audit was conducted and reported by Joy. Full report forthcoming but audit revealed no problems. Members who order from Amazon.com were reminded to use Amazon Smile and designate DVRA as the charity of their choice. DVRA will receive 0.5% of your purchase total from Amazon. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Shack work "party" planned for Saturday 11/9 (rain date - Sunday 11/10) Need to clear foliage, brush, weeds and specifically away from guide wires on 2 meter tower. The question of lighting at the shack was answered that there is no problem. Hy is playing the oil market and planning on best time to purchase oil for furnace.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Tonight's program is a fun presentation- "DVRA Jeopardy". Thanks to all who were involved in the set up of this fun time, especially Judge Mike, who could hear a pin drop (but had problems with the buzzers). Next month November will be a presentation on WiresX/440 from Rory.

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –
Aug/Sep Accomplishments:

- Right-hand column of website asks for your email address. Use this if you want to get alerted anytime a new article is posted to website. (1-2 weekly)
- Now using Constant Contact to manage our email list; limiting emails to once or twice monthly. Highlights important upcoming activities, time-sensitive notices
- Promoting our club's new 2M Tech Net on Sunday evenings at 9pm; had 10 operators participate in our first session this past Sunday
- Started promoting our meetings within community groups on Facebook – not just ham radio groups, but local “about town” groups; could use your assistance if you are active on Facebook.

October Focus:

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- Drive next steps on club proposal for attracting more youth to amateur radio; looking for members who feel strongly about this objective and want to get involved shaping new programs and ideas
- Promoting upcoming contests: CQ Worldwide late October, and Sweeps in November

Metrics:

- Facebook is up +20 followers since this time last month
- Twitter is up +4 followers since this time last month
- Instagram is up +14 followers since this time last month
- Email subscriber list is up +641 since this time last month; due to inclusion of an uncovered, previous DVRA mailing list

DVRA Website Report (Anthony Giancarli - KD2NHG) - Website calendar and member roster updated. Reminder - A new module has been added to the website to subscribe to the newsletter. ALL members are encouraged to subscribe.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Martin reporting from Vermont -

1. The general license class are underway and will continue into mid- November. We have 8 participants, 6 techs looking to upgrade and 2 generals wanting to learn more. Thanks to Earl, WA3DX, who will be taking over tomorrow's class in my absence along with Greg, K3EA. Also, thanks to Greg for helping teach 2 more classes coming up.

2. The new ham net held on the DVRA 2 meter repeater will be running at 7PM on Tuesday, October 8th. Topic TBD

3. The next licensing testing session will be on Saturday, November 9th at 10AM. Andrew K2AFO will be running this session. I will be calling around to line up the other VEs for this session in November.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Nothing to report at this time and special thanks to all who participated in 2019 events. We await payment on March of Dimes event - should be here this month.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- Activities : NJ QSO held and W2ZQ achieved score of 40,000. Thanks to all who helped and participated. Next contest - [CQWW DX SSB Oct 26/27](#). Gary Wilson (K2GW is new member of W2ZQ Operators Club. Will stage mock CW contacts for new code class.
- Stations A (IC 7600 Tokyo Hy Power linear), B (Icom 756 Pro II) and C (Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and FTM 400) are all functional. Operational restrictions are noted at each station (use only 80 or 160m antennas at one time). The internet is operational; FIOS installed. Digital modes are installed on Station B (including FT8). Panadapter with HDSDR now functional on Station, WSJT is now installed on Station B. Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) is installed on Stations A and B. All contacts must be logged.

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Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- 2 meter - repeater running and repair of 2M repeater complete with replacement of new cans. BridgeCom shipped and Rory installed. Rory notes that the installation is below the repeater cabinet and members are reminded to be careful not to touch or move them
- UPDATE on 2 meter - there was additional noise on 2m after setup and replacement. Work was done on loose components and bad connections, but there was a need for a new amplifier, which was approved by Exec Committee for \$625 (with shipping). Expect delivery mid October.
- 440 - currently running. Improved performance due to FiOS and new PC.

Membership (Tullio Dellaquila, K2PCG) – We're at 106 members and no new members this month.

New Business -

- Nominating Committee - Cliff and Martin named to committee and will report at next meeting on slate of candidates.
- Fox Hunt will be re-scheduled. Stay tuned for further info.
- Antenna committee organizing an activity to build a 2m antenna to highlight new 2m activities such as Tech Net on Sunday nights at 9pm.
- JOTA - Boy Scout event will be held at Rosedale Park in Hopewell NJ from 8-4 on Sunday Oct, 19. Gary will send around a sign up sheet and club assistance will be appreciated.
- Rory announced that Don Fields W2U8E who was a Past President of DVRA is a Silent Key. This spurred discussion about interest in exploring club history - if interested, please indicate at next meeting.
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Recognition - Attached photo shows Gary Wilson K2GW receiving his certification in the DVRA Operator's Club from Club President Dom. Congrats to Gary.

November's membership meeting will be on November 13 at 6:30pm. It will be at the Church, NOT TCNJ as we've done in the past. We're still planning the location for December meeting / Holiday Party - stay tuned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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November 2019

SPECIAL THANKS TO GREG MAURO (K3EA) FOR COMPILING MINUTES IN MY ABSENCE - JT K2WLD

DVRA November Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD.

Meeting was held at the new location (until further notice) - Incarnation - St. James Church, 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08618 (Basement)

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – 11/1 balance: \$4989. Past month income: \$1401; expenses: \$822. Dues are now due and can be paid online from the Paypal link on the W2ZQ.com website, check or cash. To date, 30 out of 105 members are paid for 2020. Treasury report was approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Heating oil will be delivered this week. The fall cleanup work party last Saturday was a success - thanks to all who participated.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Next month's program will be the Holiday pot luck party at Incarnation St James on December 11th at 630PM

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –
October Accomplishments:

- Usual operational website updates; nothing of significance to report
 - Anthony is working to create higher-res images of our existing DVRA logo; one detailed for print/web, one with fine lines removed for silkscreening (ie, clothing)
- November Focus:
- Getting out in front of our W2T/W2P event at year-end; raising awareness and promotion inside/outside of our club
 - Misc holiday party preparations, particularly creating and distributing a pot-luck sign-up form
- Metrics:
- Facebook is up +2 followers since this time last month
 - Twitter is up +3 followers since this time last month
 - Instagram is up +10 followers since this time last month
 - Email subscriber list is up -2 followers since this time last month

Submitted by Jack Tatar, K2WLD, DVRA Secretary

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DVRA Website Report (Anthony Giancarli - KD2NHG) - Website calendar and member roster updated. Reminder - A new module has been added to the website to subscribe to the newsletter. ALL members are encouraged to subscribe.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – VE testing session was held last Saturday. Next VE session will be at 10AM on January 11th at the Red Cross on Alexander Road in Princeton Junction. A Technician training class will be held starting in late January, dates to be announced.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Nothing to report at this time.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- The club station recently participated in the CQ World Wide SSB contest
- ARRL Phone Sweepstakes contest is this coming weekend, operators are needed
- A 1296Mhz EME station is in the process of being installed under the direction of Paul, W2HRO
- The club station will, once again, be operating the Special Events stations W2T and W2P commemorating the Revolutionary War battles of Trenton and Princeton. Operation starts on December 26th and runs through January 5th. All DVRA members are encouraged to participate.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- New Henry amp was installed on 2 meter repeater
- Troubleshooting continues on the 2 meter repeater “noise” problem. The repeater was swapped with the spare repeater as a troubleshooting measure. Repeater firmware will be updated as well.
- Nets on the DVRA repeaters were mentioned:
 - Nightly Pepper Net at 10PM on 2 meter machine 146.67 (-), PL131.8
 - Weekly Tech Net on Sundays at 9PM on the 2 meter machine
 - Weekly Digital Fusion regional net on the 442.650 (+) Fusion machine on Thursdays at 9PM
- The Digital Fusion net may be moving to a monthly net on the last Thursday of the month

Nominating Committee –

- The nominating committee presented the following names for the 2020 ballot
 - President, Dom DiClementi, N3DD
 - Vice President, Rory Shaffer, NJ3U
 - Secretary, Jack Tatar, K2WLD
 - Treasurer, Greg Mauro, K3EA
- No further nominations were made and the nominations were closed. The election will be held at the December meeting

New Business -

- The DVRA will be celebrating its 90th anniversary next April

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- During the month of April the station will sign as W2ZQ/90
- New QSL cards will be ordered
- The April meeting will be held as a banquet celebrating the anniversary
- Radio Merit Badge Day will be held at the College of New Jersey on January 4th. Members interested in being instructors should contact Gary Wilson, K2GW

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December's membership meeting / Holiday Party will be on December 11 at 6:30 at Incarnation Church basement. Please look out for announcements and signup on the Reflector. Hope to see you there!

The meeting was adjourned at the end of the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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December 2019

DVRA December Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD.

Meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual DVRA Holiday Party at Incarnation - St. James Church, 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08618 (Basement) \. Thanks to all who attended and especially to those who made the wonderful food and desserts for all to enjoy. It was great to see so many members and those members who we don't see that often.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN 2020 - WE LOVE SEEING YOU AND YOU ARE WHAT MAKES THE CLUB SO GREAT!!

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Update will be provided at Directors Meeting and reported at next membership meeting.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Special thanks to Hy for making his special deviled eggs!

Secretary's Report – Minutes from last meeting were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Membership - 3 new members were approved for membership:

Bill Michaelson KD2SYX

Jeff Clarke N3GEX

Bob Needleman K3AC

2020 Officers –

- The nominating committee presented the following names for the 2020 ballot
 - President, Dom DiClementi, N3DD
 - Vice President, Rory Shaffer, NJ3U
 - Secretary, Jack Tatar, K2WLD
 - Treasurer, Greg Mauro, K3EA
- The election was held and the full slate was elected for 2020.

New Business -

- The DVRA will be celebrating its 90th anniversary next April. Plans for the event are being formulated and an update will be provided to members at next meeting.
 - During the month of April the station will sign as W2ZQ/90
 - New QSL cards will be ordered
 - The April meeting will be held as a banquet celebrating the anniversary
- Radio Merit Badge Day will be held at the College of New Jersey on January 4th. Members interested in being instructors should contact Gary Wilson, K2GW

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December's membership meeting / Holiday Party will be on December 11 at 6:30 at Incarnation Church basement. Please look out for announcements and signup on the Reflector. Hope to see you there!

The meeting was adjourned but the party never stopped....

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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