

1/25/23 DVRA Board Meeting

In attendance: Bob Bowden, Martin Crabtree, Rich Freedman, Greg Mauro, Steve Costanzo, Tobi Massano, Steve Huston, Sal Emma, Dom DiClementi

President's comments – a recap of last month's events was given, which included an EME committee meeting, W2T/W2P operating events and DVRA members participation in Radio Merit Badge Day at TCNJ

- Training
 - The next testing session will be held on March 18th at OLG
 - The next New Ham Net will be on February 14th
 - A licensing class will be held in the Fall - either a General or Extra class depending on club member's interest. Class will be held prior to the November testing session
- Physical Plant
 - Princeton Fuel Oil picked up the loaner tank
 - Fascia board on shack exterior – repair is in process
 - Lawn needs to be repaired - ruts caused by PFO truck
 - Exterior outlet on rear of building is dead and needs to be repaired
 - Motion detector light fixture in rear of building needs to be replaced
 - Overhead light at Station C needs to be replaced with an LED fixture
- Membership
 - Current Membership is 148 + 2 candidates
 - 37 renewals are overdue
- Repeaters
 - Repeaters are working
 - APRS interference problem was solved
 - Winlink interference with 2m repeater was tested. No interference occurs due to Winlink traffic
 - Testing the "old" 2m duplexer is a pending project
 - DR2X repeater move to 440 repeater site – project is in process. Remote control is TBD
 - Possibility of crosslinking the two DVRA repeaters for select events/nets is being explored
- PIO
 - Popular recent posts include:
 - Radio Merit Badge event
 - POTA event
 - W2T/W2P operation – saw the most hits
- Website
 - Articles needed for upcoming events:
 - February meeting announcement - Greg
 - Digital seminar – Greg
 - ARRL DX contest – Dom

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- K9LA presentation from January to be added to website – Rich
- Investigate possible improvements to the website, including:
 - Modify posts with updates after the event
 - Include links to social media posts
- Programs
 - Programs booked:
 - February, Greg Mauro, “Operating for Success”
 - March, Anthony Luscre, “Portable Operating”
 - April, Steve Huston, “DVRA’s APRS and Winlink Capabilities”
 - May, Joe Taylor, “ WSJT-X Innards Exposed”
- Station
 - SteppIR vertical needs to be repaired, parts have been procured to perform the repair
 - NJ QSO party – W2ZQ placed 3rd in club competition. We need more operators and two stations on the air for this year’s contest
 - Tobi to get Shack Key
- Special Projects
 - At least one special project to be held per month, except August
 - Upcoming events
 - Digital Seminar, Greg Mauro, February 25th
 - DMR basics, Jeff Surofsky, Bob Bowden, March 11th
 - Fox Hunt Training, Glen Johnstone, March 25th
 - Portable/QRP, mobile demo & Swap Fest, April 22nd
 - An invitation to other local clubs will be extended for this event
 - Events are scheduled for the rest of the year and are listed on the DVRA website calendar
 - Additional ideas for demonstrations / seminars are always being sought
- Treasurer’s Report – same as reported at January Membership meeting

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME & ID NON-MEMBER GUESTS / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “OPERATING FOR SUCCESS”** - Greg Mauro, K3EA

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - New Director – Programs: Saied Seghatoleslami, AD2CC
 - Audit Committee consisting of Glen Johnstone, Mike Rauch and Gary Wilson was named and has completed their audit. Committee will soon submit their final report to B.O.D. which will be reviewed in 2/22 Board Meeting and attached to minutes.
- Special Projects Cmte. Report – Greg, K3EA
 - Antenna Tuner Seminar @ DVRA Shack was held on 1/21 to a full house
 - Digital Mode Seminar @ Shack will be on 2/25, DMR Seminar and Hotspot Cross-Mode Demo on March 11; Antenna Committee information: site survey & design advice; construction & testing assistance
- Programs- Greg, K3EA or Saied, AD2CC if able to attend
 - March, April Membership Meeting programs announcement
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Fox Hunt Training and mini-hunt @ Shack on 3/25. Next Fox Hunt on April. 1
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Fascia Board repair is in progress
 - Overhead light repaired; Exterior light repair status
 - Springtime cleaning projects will include exterior painting of the shack & shed
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next testing session: March 18th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: Feb. 14 @7pm
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM; key holders needed
 - Operator training / Operators Club available for all members
 - EME Station Update: A \$20k Grant application was submitted to ARDC for 5 Meter Dish and other EME operating improvements
 - Next scheduled contest activity: ARRL DX Contest on March 4th, 5th
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters: Interference test conducted, Winlink gateway, APRS digipeater status
 - DR2X Repeater to be moved to 440 repeater site
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - 4 New member(s) approval by Board (Name/Address/Callsign/Lic. Class, and Board votes)
 - Upon approval of new members, total membership # is now 152 however renewals are due
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - DVRA Website Calendar has been updated with 2023 events, refer to it throughout the year
 - Event announcements on W2ZQ.com home page for events that have occurred will be modified and will include links to Social Media stories of club events, keeping website stories “fresh”
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics
- Secretary’s report – Chris, K2QFA
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report

Other Upcoming Events:

- Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA
- Old Business
- Club apparel – updated DVRA apparel store was open through the Jan. 29th, merchandise to be delivered to W2ZQ shack for pickup next week

- **ADJOURN**

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 8, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME & ID NON-MEMBER GUESTS / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “PORTABLE OPERATING”** - Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - DVRA named Dayton Hamvention 2023 “Amateur Radio Club Of the Year”
 - For those planning to attend or thinking of attending the 2023 Hamvention, Gary Wilson will be available during tonight’s Social ½ Hour at the conclusion of this meeting to present and discuss tips and recommendations for attending a Dayton (Xenia OH) Hamvention
 - Join our Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.” Also subscribe to have the posts emailed
- Special Projects Cmte. Report – Greg, K3EA
 - Digital Mode Seminar @ Shack was held on 2/25. Presentation available on W2ZQ.com
 - DMR How-To (“Set Up a Codeplug”) Seminar and Hotspot Cross-Mode Demo on March 11
 - QRP & Mobile Operating Day / Swap Fest @ the Shack, Apr. 22 @ 10am
 - Antenna Committee info: site survey & design advice; construction & testing assistance
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - April, May Membership Meeting programs announcement
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Fox Hunt Training and mini-hunt @ Shack on 3/25. Next Fox Hunt on Apr. 1
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Fascia Board repaired
 - Outdoor light repaired; No further exterior light additions needed
 - Springtime cleaning project, April 8: exterior painting of the shack & shed. What to bring
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next testing session: March 18th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Martin will also be heading up the license testing after the HamCram at the Trenton Computer Fest also on the 18th at TCNJ, at 3:30PM
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: Mar. 14 @7pm. Topic: "Getting Started in Amateur Radio Public Service". Net Control Gary, K2GW
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM; key holders needed
 - Operator training / Operators Club available for all members
 - EME Station Update: EME operating times to be announced. Sign up to learn to operate
 - Contest activity: ARRL DX Contest on March 4th, 5th: W2ZQ score: ~1 million points!
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters: Repeaters good; The WinLink/APRS machine and WIRES-X Gateway need a couple adjustments which are targeted to be made in the next week
 - DR2X Repeater to be moved to 440 repeater site as we switch our 70cm mode to Auto, date TBD
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - 3 New member(s) approval by Board (Name/Address/Callsign/Lic. Class, and Board votes)
 - Upon approval of new members, total membership # is now 156, however renewals are due
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - DVRA Website Calendar is updated with 2023 events, refer to it throughout the year
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics
- Secretary’s report – Chris, K2QFA
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

NEW BUSINESS

- Greg K3EA proposes we arrange a day bus trip to W1AW in CT.

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March 2023 Board Meeting

- Special Projects
 - Fox Hunt Training, Sat, 3/25, 1st FH on April 1
 - QRP / Mobile event and Swap Fest, April 22nd, rain date Apr 23
 - Field Day antenna building – move to May 6th
 - CW class, tentative start date is Tues, May 16th, on Zoom
 - VHF event, June 10th
- Station
 - Fix SteppIR
 - EME grant – publicity, financials, etc
- Membership
 - Rory, Ron
 - Online spreadsheet updated?
- Repeater
 - 2m repeater Pout problem?
 - Swap 440 machine
 - Other problems with Winlink? APRS? – do we need another computer
- Physical Plant
 - Maintenance Day, Apr 8th
 - Furnace Room Door
- Website
 - Cleanup / web links to calendar
- Programs
 - WB2REM – April
 - Joe Taylor – May
 - Steve H – June
 - OPEN – July
- Social Media
- Training Exams
- Old Business
 - Audit – 2021/22 minutes to website; Bd Meeting info to files at shack
- New Business
 - W1AW/2 operation – weeks of 4/26, 8/9
 - W1AW trip
 - Porta potty
 - Field Day chairman

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 12, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME & ID NON-MEMBER GUESTS / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “DXPeditions Experiences”** - Jim Millner, WB2REM

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - DVRA invited to banquet as Dayton Hamvention 2023 “Amateur Radio Club Of the Year”
 - Planning to attend Dayton (Xenia, OH) Hamvention? Wish to attend Sat. banquet honoring the award winners including DVRA? Limited seating (8) will be available at banquet. If interested in attending banquet, notify Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - Thanks to Gary, K3GW, for arranging to make ID badges available to club members for \$10. See his announcement on our W2ZQ Membership Google Group if you want one
 - 2023 dues deadline passed; Ex-members are always welcome to rejoin the club!
 - Join our Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.” Subscribe to have club posts emailed
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS status
- Special Projects Cmte. Report – Greg, K3EA
 - QRP & Mobile Operating Day / Swap Fest @ the Shack, Apr. 22 @ 10am
 - Antenna Construction Event, May 6th, Noon (this is a new date)
 - CW Classes: May 16th is tentative start date
 - VHF Operating Day, June 10th 10am
 - Antenna Committee info: site survey & design advice; construction & testing assistance
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - May, subsequent Membership Meeting programs announcement
 - Special announcement re: ARDC 5 Meter dish grant!
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Next Fox Hunt this coming Sat. Apr. 15, resched. From April 1
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Springtime cleaning project was April 8: exterior painting of the shack & cleanup done
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: May 9 @7pm
 - Next testing session May 13
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM; new key holder(s)
 - Operator training / Operators Club available for all members
 - EME Station Update: New 5 Meter dish delivered to station grounds
 - ARRL Digital Contest June 3 and 4. Training sessions to be announced
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - New member(s) approval by Board (Name/Address/Callsign/Lic. Class, and Board votes)
 - Membership count is now 143
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics
- Secretary’s report – Chris, K2QFA
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

NEW BUSINESS

- Field Day 6/24-25 to be headed by Jon Frush W8JRF, will be held on W2ZQ grounds again this year
- Potential ARISS application to be considered for 2024, in partnership with a local school

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- Attendees: Bob Bowden, Saied S., Martin Crabtree, Greg Mauro, Rich Freedman, Dom DiClementi, Anthony Giancarli, Tobi Massano, Ray Camp, Steve Huston. Reports submitted by: Sal Emma, Steve Costanzo
- President's comments
 - Recap of recent events was given
 - Chris Tenev resigned as Secretary. The Board of Directors approved Greg Mauro to fill the vacancy subject to approval by the membership, at the next general meeting.
- Programs - Saied
 - Joe Taylor – May, WSJT Innards Explained
 - Steve H – June, DVRA APRS and Winlink Capabilities
 - OPEN – July
 - Open House – August
 - Martin – Sept, Finding Your Ham Roots – Revisited (Martin will be available to present in July if no presenter is secured for July)
 - AK6R – October (RFI presentation)
- Training / Exams- Martin
 - Next testing session is May 13th at OLG
 - New Ham net topic for May is TBD
 - A Ham Camp session (Nashua Area Radio Society) will be reviewed for ideas and possible incorporation into DVRA training material
 - The Red Cross on Alexander Rd has been physically reconfigured. Future access for training, exams sessions, etc. may be limited
- Special Projects - Greg
 - QRP / Mobile event and Swap Fest, April 22nd
 - 7 stations, ~ 6 vendors, no Mobile operations. >20 in attendance, many guests visited W2ZQ. Several club members from PWA. We got one, possibly two new members
 - Field Day antenna building – May 6th, 12p
 - CW class, start date is Tues, May 23, on Zoom
 - Next Fox Hunt, June 3rd
 - VHF Activity Day, June 10th, 10AM, VHF contest at 2PM, will operate on 6m, 2m, 440MHz
 - Packet Seminar in development, date is TBD – Chuck N3LBP and Chris Lance WW2BSA
 - Smith Chart seminar in development, date is TBD – Saied
 - Future seminar: SWR bridge seminar - Saied
- Treasurers report – Rich
 - See report from April Membership meeting (attached)
 - The overcharging problem with Stripe was solved
- Station - Dom
 - 80m dipole is now retuned for a center frequency of 3.7MHz
 - Digi contest: Saturday June 3rd at 2pm to Sunday 8pm,
 - Need to schedule a training session prior to the event
 - Keyholders need to ensure that all operators stay within the appropriate license class band limits

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- Exploratory / proposed project: a 12/17m antenna that is easier to operate and possibly superior in performance to the SteppIR vertical
- EME report
 - ARDC check received
 - Structural design is in engineering review
- Membership - Tobi
 - Current membership is 145
 - The online roster update process has been streamlined
 - Member Emeritus – A new membership category is proposed. An announcement will be made via google group and at the May Membership meeting. Membership approval will be held at the June Membership meeting.
- Physical Plant – Steve C, Ray
 - Annual spring cleanup, held on April 8th.
 - Exterior trim was repainted on our shack building,
 - our storeroom cleaned / reorganized,
 - parking lot was cleared / prepped for expansion, and a
 - group of components moved for our future EME dish installation.
 - Annual maintenance performed on the lawn tractor.
 - Fascia board at rear of workshop was replaced
 - Trim around front door to be repaired
- Website - Anthony
 - Software was developed to arrange articles on the home page by date of event
 - Website has been updated in a timely manner for all upcoming project/programs
 - Member Badge tab / link to vendor was added to Home page
 - A work flow request process is being developed
- Repeater – Steve H
 - 2m repeater – no failures or problems have occurred
 - APRS software has a “glitch” and needs to be occasionally reset
 - Plans are being developed to update the 440 repeater and add command capability
- Social Media, see attached report - Sal
- Old Business
 - Hamvention – award banquet, 1 ticket for a member is still available
 - W1AW trip – this effort is cancelled. ARRL is no longer giving tours
 - Porta potty – is being investigated by Greg
- New Business
 - Field Day, June 24/25 – chairman is Jon Frush,
 - W2ZQ will operate as 3A
 - Antenna setup Friday 23rd, 3pm
 - Field Day setup Saturday, 24th, 9am; operation starts at 2pm
 - Warminster Hamfest, in Bristol, PA, May 7th
 - Planning for July 8th POTA event has started - Bob

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 10, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME & ID NON-MEMBER GUESTS / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “WSJT-x Innards Explained”** - Joe Taylor, K1JT

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - We have a vacancy on the Executive Committee, as Chris Tenev K2QFA notified the Board last month that he’s leaving his role as DVRA Secretary to attend to personal priorities. So at the Board of Directors meeting 2 weeks ago, the Board voted to nominate Greg Mauro to fill the open position of Club Secretary, contingent on an approval vote of the Membership. (Call for Ayes & Nays for Greg Mauro K3EA, as DVRA Secretary.)
 - Join our Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.” Subscribe to keep in touch with fellow members and to be notified by email of messages addressed to the Group
 - DVRA will attend banquet on 5/20 as Dayton Hamvention 2023 “Club Of the Year”
 - We have eight seats, all filled, at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night
 - Among all DVRA members who will be in Dayton/Xenia for Hamvention, let’s use W2ZQ Memb. Google Group as part of a communications strategy for the event
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS status
- Special Projects Cmte. Report – Greg, K3EA
 - CW Class: May 23rd is start date. Will be on Zoom. To sign up, email wa2tmf@gmail.com
 - VHF Activity Day, June 10th 10am at W2ZQ station
 - POTA Event planned for July 8th rain date July 9th, location TBD
 - Upcoming Seminars: Packet Radio, and one on Smith Charts. Dates TBD
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - June Membership Meeting program: Steve Huston on DVRA Winlink and APRS Capabilities
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Next Fox Hunt is IARU-style, on June 3
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Need to re-trim entrance door, other projects
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next testing session May 13
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: June 13 @7pm
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM Operator training / Operators Club available
 - Dom unable to attend this meeting; Bob KB3BB will read Dom’s report
- Membership – Tobj, AD2CD
 - Four new members approval by Board (Name/Address/Callsign/Lic. Class, and Board votes)
 - If all are approved: Membership count is 149
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics
- Secretary’s report
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

OLD BUSINESS

- W1AW trip: Board decided not to proceed on this due to ARRL no longer conducting tours

NEW BUSINESS

- Field Day 6/24-25 is headed by Jon Frush W8JRF, on W2ZQ grounds. W2ZQ will be category “3A”
 - Setup will start on 6/23 @ 3pm. Food and soft drinks available 6/24-25; Join us!

ADJOURN

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES May 10, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “WSJT-x Innards Explained”** - Joe Taylor, K1JT

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - Greg Mauro was approved by a vote of the membership to fill the open position of Club Secretary
 - Members are urged to join our Google Group: “W2ZQ Membership.”
 - Proposed new membership category, “Member Emeritus”, was announced. This will be submitted for approval at the June Membership Meeting.
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - Report is attached
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Report is attached
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters are working.
 - Hardware at the 440 site was inventoried and documented, and tests will have to be done to determine how best to deploy the current backup Yaesu repeater.
 - Winlink and APRS are working, though APRS still occasionally needs restarts due to Windows problems.
 - Users are requested to alert Steve when a problem arises
- Special Projects Cmte. Report – Greg, K3EA
 - A recap was given for the QRP operating event and the Antenna Construction project
 - CW Class: May 23rd is start date. Will be on Zoom. To sign up, email wa2tmf@gmail.com
 - VHF Activity Day, June 10th 10am at W2ZQ station, followed by VHF Contest starting 2pm
 - POTA Event planned for July 8th rain date July 9th, location TBD
 - Upcoming Seminars: Packet Radio, and one on Smith Charts. Dates TBD
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - June Membership Meeting program: Steve Huston on DVRA Winlink and APRS Capabilities
 - July - TBD
 - August – No presentation, OPEN HOUSE
 - September - Martin Crabtree, “Finding Your Ham Roots – Revisited”
 - October – Bob Brehm, Palomar Engineering, “RFI”
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Next Fox Hunt is IARU-style, on June 3. New starting point is Rosedale Park. Details and sign up info can be found on w2zq.com
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Maintenance is being performed as required
- Special Events – Steve C, KC2VDL
 - DVRA will provide communication support for the cycling portion of the NJ Triathlon on July 15th and 16th.....more operators are needed. Contact Steve to participate.
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next license testing session May 13 – participants in the MORE program will be testing at this session
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. – This month’s topic was Field Day. Next New Ham Net: June 13 @7pm
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - Four new members were approved by the Board and welcomed to the club:
Robert Leach, K8VAN
Lloyd Mathis
Howard Rubin, N3FEL
R Dino Rulli, KC2LCE

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Most Hits topics: EME contest, QRP/swap meet wrap-up, Spring cleanup wrap-up
- Secretary’s report, Greg, K3EA – no report
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report was given
- Other Upcoming Events:
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Website Report – May 10, 2023

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year
2. Tonight's Meeting - WSJT-X Innards Explained
3. CW Class to start on May 23rd
4. DVRA IARU-Style Fox Hunt – June 3, 2023
5. DVRA awarded Grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications
6. DVRA Antenna Committee Event – Field Day Antenna Construction held at DVRA
7. DVRA Annual QRP and Mobile Operating Day, and Swap Fest, held on April 22nd
8. DVRA Fox Hunt Report – April 15, 2023
- 9.. April's meeting - Dx-peditions Experiences

Various website updates:

Email blast send out on Sunday for "May Updates" and "Zoom" credentials.

Updated the "License Exams" info page with Martin's requested changes.

Updated "Marketplace" page to remove sold items.

Updated the the "Documents/Archive" page with the Fox Hunt presentation provided by Glen.

SHACK REPORT 5/7/23

- Activities
 - **W2ZQ finished 1st Place in SNJ and 6th place in the Atlantic Div in the ARRL DX Contest!!**
 - ARRL Digital Contest is scheduled for June 3-4. More info to follow
 - Field Day is scheduled for June 24-25
- Stations
 - Station A FTdx 101D has developed a problem with the touchscreen. Radio is still operable. We are working the issue.
 - Station B IC-7600. Fully integrated with Antenna Tuner, Linear and HRD.
 - Station C EME station is Functional!!
- Antennas
 - SteppIR Vertical is operational
 - 80m Dipole has been lengthen for better coverage.
- Internet
 - Operational
- Logging
 - Ham Radio Deluxe is installed and functioning on Station A and B
 - Updated LoTW logs
 - WSJT is now interfaced with HRD on B Station. Contacts will be auto logged in HRD
- Digital
 - Must start HRD before starting WSJT as HRD is now CAT control

Social Media Report

May 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 10 May 2023 (member meeting)

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Thanks to members who supplied info and photos.

1. EME contest results, 337 people reached: <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160510342426138>
2. QRP/swap meet photos, 328: <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160534153806138>
3. Spring clean-up photos, 260: <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160507695516138>

Reach

Facebook Page reach

925 ↓ 84.2%



Instagram reach

118 ↓ 19.2%



Page and profile visits

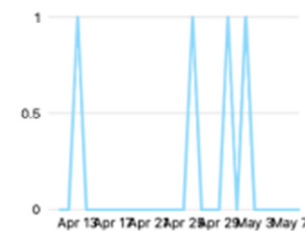
Facebook Page visits

66 ↓ 41.6%



Instagram profile visits

4 ↓ 42.9%



New likes and follows

Facebook Page new likes

7 ↑ 16.7%



New Instagram followers



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DVRA Treasurer's Report for April 2023

The beginning balance for April 2023 was \$9053.67

The ending balance for April 2023 was \$9489.92, a net increase of \$436.25

Cash Flow for April 2023

Starting Balance	9053.67
Ending Balance	9489.92
Total Income	694.80
Total Expenses	-258.55
Net Change	436.25

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			239.80
	Dues	193.00	
	Other	46.80	
Other (Income)			455.00
	merchandise sales	455.00	
TOTAL			694.80

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-232.05
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-112.08	
	Maintenance	-64.98	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-258.55

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Rich Freedman, Dom DiClementi, Steve Costanzo, Saied S., Greg Mauro, Martin Crabtree, Tobi Massano, Bob Bowden, Sal Emma

- President's comments
 - Member Emeritus – proposal will be presented for approval at the next Membership Meeting
- Membership
 - Shared spreadsheet was updated. Method of sharing with Board is TBD
 - Online rosters were updated
 - Current membership is 149, 2 additional members are pending board approval
- Station
 - Digi contest, June 3rd/4th at W2ZQ – Joe T to coordinate signup sheet
 - FTDX101D - touch screen is nonfunctional. Currently, the work around is the use of a computer mouse. The radio will be sent for repair after the NJ QSO party.
 - HRD subscription update was purchased and installed on the HF stations
 - EME report – structural design is in engineering review
 - See attached expenditure discussion: Approval and Procurement for EME Project, Materials and Labor
 - Field Day – 6/24, 25, antenna setup Friday at 3pm
- Repeaters
 - no problem reports
 - no motion on any projects at this time
- Training/Exams
 - May 13th test session recap – 3 test takers (one from the MORE program), 2 passed.
 - New Ham net to be held 6/13, topic is TBD
 - Next Test Session is July 8th at OLG
- Facilities – May activities:
 - Patched hole in furnace room floor grating.
 - Exterior wood trim around front door needs replacing due to insect damage and rot. New trim and awning will need to be flashed properly before installing new material. No termites were spotted during inspection. Infestation appears to be caused by water damage due to improper flashing.
 - Starting to dismantle old furnace when time permits. Removed burner, pump, piping and power supply wiring.
 - Cut back brush surrounding 2 meter tower guy wire at 295 on ramp.
 - Cut back brush / poison ivy along fence bordering I 295 ramp.
 - Performed annual spring maintenance on lawn tractor (Greased bearings, oil and filter change, sharpened blades).
- Special Events
 - Triathlon July 15, 16th, Need 15 volunteers for each day....currently have 10 committed for Saturday and 11 for Sunday
- Programs
 - June - Steve Huston, DVRA Winlink and APRS Capabilities
 - July – Joe Jesson, SDR Wireless Spectrum Server
 - August – No presentation, OPEN HOUSE
 - September - Martin Crabtree, "Finding Your Ham Roots – Revisited"

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- October – Bob Brehm, Palomar Engineering, “RFI”
- November – Open
- December – Cliff
- Secretary Report – Minutes from the May Membership Meeting will be posted on the Google Membership Group and archived on the website
- Special Projects
 - CW classes started on Zoom with 6 participants, there may be some live sessions later in the season
 - Fox Hunt – June 3rd
 - VHF Activity Day – June 10th
 - July 8th POTA – location is TBD, possible three station setup. Team is Tobi, Bob and Greg Tyminski.
 - Smith Chart seminar – Saturday, July 22nd, 10AM
 - Packet Seminar – TBD
 - SWR Meter Seminar – planned for Fall/Winter
- Treasurer
 - April report was given (see attached)
 - Investigation is in process to determine if additional NJ tax documents need to be filed for the ARDC grant
 - Excess equipment sales at Dayton was \$160
- Social Media
 - Facebook has given us an “Active” page status
 - Upcoming press releases: Field Day, Club of the Year
 - Joe Taylor video from May Membership meeting
 - The video was posted on our new You Tube channel. The channel was removed from You Tube due to violation of rules, although no rules were actually violated. Sal and Anthony are working on the appeal process.
 - Subsequently, the video was posted on Vimeo
 - Rich to post video on the w2zq.com website
- Website
 - **Current Pinned Posts on home page:**
 - DVRA Club of the Year
 - “WSJT-X Innards Explained” by Joe Taylor K1JT (New post linking to video presentation)
 - CW Class to start on May 23rd
 - VHF Activity Day - June 10th
 - 2023 Field Day
 - DVRA IARU-Style Fox Hunt – June 3, 2023
 - DVRA awarded Grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications
 - DVRA Antenna Committee Event – Field Day Antenna Construction held at DVRA
 - **Various website updates:**
 - Email blast send out of Sunday, May 7th for "May Updates" and "Zoom" credentials.
 - Updated the "License Exams" info page with Martin's requested changes.
 - Updated "Marketplace" page to remove sold items.

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- Updated the "Documents/Archive" page with the Fox Hunt presentation provided by Glen.
- **Other Requests:** Confirmed that 12 members of the current executive board are on the Google Leadership distribution list.
- **New articles needed:**
 - Digi contest info needed - Dom
 - July POTA - Bob
 - Triathlon – Steve
- Old Business
 - Hamvention Award Banquet report was given
 - Porty Potty quote will be requested this week

DVRA Board - Approval and Procurement for EME Project, Materials and Labor

1. To Review an updated process for purchasing material and handling money:
 - a. For pedestal parts, a bill of material with cost estimates will be produced and approved by two EME committee members that will include Joe Taylor (K1JT) with a copy to the treasurer
 - b. Upon approval, Paul Andrews (W2HRO) and Saied Seghatoleslami (AD2CC), and possibly other club members as requested by the above individuals will purchase the approved material.
 - c. The purchase and payment documents will be presented to the treasurer. The treasurer will reimburse the member by check from the grant account
2. Excavating, framing and pouring of the foundation is estimated to be \$3300. This contractor quote will be submitted for approval. Payment will be made directly to the mason by the treasurer by check upon presentation of the invoice.
3. Welding work estimates will be obtained and submitted for approval. Payment will be made directly to the welder by the treasurer by check upon presentation of the invoice.
4. We may or may not need a crane operator. If required, this contractor will be paid by check.
5. We will be hiring an electrician to install power to the dish once it is installed. The electrician will be paid by check.
6. There are additional items such as 1296 MHz feed and feed support, assortment of cables and connectors, cabinet and its associated cooling, etc. Once the long lead items (steel and concrete) are in place, we will focus on these items.

DVRA Treasurer's Report for April 2023

The beginning balance for April 2023 was \$9053.67

The ending balance for April 2023 was \$9489.92, a net increase of \$436.25

Cash Flow for April 2023	
Starting Balance	9053.67
Ending Balance	9489.92
Total Income	694.80
Total Expenses	-258.55
Net Change	436.25

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			239.80
	Dues	193.00	
	Other	46.80	
Other (Income)			455.00
	merchandise sales	455.00	
TOTAL			694.80

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-232.05
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-112.08	
	Maintenance	-64.98	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-258.55

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES June 14, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
 - Hamvention was attended by three club members who attended the Awards Banquet and accepted the Club of the Year honors
 - A synopsis of recent activities and upcoming events was given
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “DVRA’s Winlink and APRS Capabilities”** - Steve Huston, W2SRH

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - Members are encouraged to join the Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.”
 - A new category of membership was proposed, presented to the members and approved by a vote of the membership: “The membership category of “Member Emeritus” will be conveyed by a simple majority of the DVRA Board of Directors. No dues will be charged for this category. The Member Emeritus status will be granted to those who have shown extraordinary service and dedication to the Association, but are no longer able to participate as an active member. Examples are: relocating too far to participate, health issues, or other reasons as considered and approved by the Board of Directors”
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS are all operating nominally, with some minor outages on APRS
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - CW Classes started on May 23rd. They are held on Tuesday nights, at 7pm on Zoom. Signups still open, Contact Cliff at wa2tmf@gmail.com to register for the class, details are also on the club website home page
 - VHF Activity Day was held on June 10th – Five participants operated on 4 bands: 6m, 2m, 220 and 432 Mhz
 - Field Day – Jon Frush, Chairman
 - Operation will be at the W2ZQ grounds.
 - 3 Stations will operate 10-80m
 - A link to the online signup sheet can be found in the Field Day article at w2zq.com
 - Antenna Setup will start on Friday 6/23 @ 3pm.
 - Station setup will commence at 9AM on Saturday
 - On-air operation starts at 2PM and runs through noon on Sunday
 - Food and drinks will be available during the event, and a Porta Potty will be on site
 - Be sure to join in on the fun!
 - A W2ZQ POTA multi-station, multi-mode event is planned for July 8th (rain date July 9th) in Washington Crossing Park (PA). Details will appear soon on W2ZQ.com. Contact KB3BB if you wish to participate.
 - A seminar on “Smith Chart Basics” will be given by Saied, AD2CC on Saturday July 22nd at 10am at the W2ZQ Station. More details will be available on w2zq.com
 - Summer/Fall Projects: SWR meter seminar, antenna construction project, basic electronics seminar, packet radio seminar - Dates TBD
 - Antenna Committee Report – The antenna committee recently helped two members with dipole antenna projects. The committee periodically holds construction projects, and is available for members to help with their antenna project planning/design, procurement, installation and testing. Contact info: k3ea@arrl.net

- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - June 3rd Fox Hunt was held at Rosedale Park with six Foxes
 - Mobile Fox Hunt planned for August 5, KD2CQ will be the Guest Fox
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - No major issues
 - Front door trim project is in work
- Communications support for NJ Triathlon July 15 and 16 – more volunteer operators are needed – contact Steve KC2VDL to volunteer
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next license testing session is scheduled for July 8th at Our Lady of Good Counsel at 10AM
 - Go to w2zq.com/exams for info
 - Will use new 7/1/23 pool of General class test questions
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: July 11 @7pm
 - June’s topic was Community Service
 - Topic suggestions are welcomed
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Station hours: Sun, Tue, Thu, 1-4pm; Tue, Thu, 6-8pm
 - Open House, Sunday, August 13th, noon to 5pm
 - Yaesu FTdx101D radio: touchscreen not working. Functionality is still available with a computer mouse. Will send unit for repair in the Fall
 - All other equipment is working properly
 - An RF interference problem is being investigated
 - ARRL Digital Contest update (held on June 3rd / 4th):
 - W2ZQ’s participation was highly successful, operators worked around the clock in 2 hour shifts
 - We are waiting for final score results from the ARRL
 - EME 5 meter dish installation project is progressing and on schedule
 - Concrete pad is currently being prepared
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - July – “SDR Wireless Spectrum Server” by Joe Jesson W2JEJ
 - August – Open House (no program)
 - September – “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited”, Martin, W3PR
 - October – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November – “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - One new member approved by the Board
 - Lionel Yearwood, KE2U, Willingboro, NJ
 - Membership count is now 151
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics – see attached report
 - Bob and Dom met a reporter from US1 publication, watch for an upcoming article
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
May meeting minutes were posted on the Google Membership Group and approved by the membership

- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was read and approved by the membership
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA
- OLD BUSINESS – none
- NEW BUSINESS - none

Website Report – June 2023 Membership Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year
2. “DVRA’s WinLink and APRS capabilities” by Steve Huston, W2SRH
3. DVRA Fox Hunt Report – June 3, 2023
4. 2023 Field Day
5. DVRA awarded Grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications
6. “WSJT-X Innards Explained” by Joe Taylor K1JT
7. DVRA Antenna Committee Event – Field Day Antenna Construction held at DVRA

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1. Email blast send out of Sunday for "June Updates" and "Zoom" credentials.
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3. Updated "Marketplace" page to remove sold items.
4. Updated the the "Documents/Archive" page with the Fox Hunt presentation provided by Glen.

Social Media / PIO Report

May 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 14 June 2023

Our Field Day release caught the attention of a US1 news reporter – Dan Aubrey; Bob and Dom gave him a tour of the station June 13. The paper publishes on Wednesdays so if the story makes the cut I expect it will appear in next week's edition.

He was mostly interested in Field Day but also showed a lot of interest in the hobby and the club in general. Bob and Dom spent about two hours with him. (Thanks Bob and Dom!)

Thanks also to Mrs. Emma who spend some hours scouring the Internet to help me update news organization contacts.

Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Joe's meeting announcement 5/9 232 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160568109076138>

Skywarn training announcement 5/1 181 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160549724596138>

Dayton photos 5/30 158 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/625176206311514>

No page reach report this month – Meta has completely reworked the reporting process and I'm at the bottom of the learning curve.

DVRA Treasurer's Report for May 2023

The beginning balance for May 2023 was \$9489.92

The ending balance for May 2023 was \$9616.65, a net increase of \$126.73

Cash Flow for May 2023

Starting Balance	9489.92
Ending Balance	9616.65
Total Income	449.18
Total Expenses	-322.45
Net Change	126.73

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			144.75
	Dues	144.75	
Treasurer - Income			44.43
	Donations	44.43	
Other (Income)			260.00
	merchandise sales	260.00	
TOTAL			449.18

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-295.95
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-240.96	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-322.45

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Notes:

- The PSE&G bill for the month was \$240.96, and the usual monthly bill has historically been around \$100.

The overage (approx. \$140) is due to the fact that PSE&G estimated all of the bills between the time that we installed the new electric heating system and the date of the May 2023 bill.

The \$140 represents the approximate extra cost of operating the heating system for the whole winter season.

June 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Martin Crabtree, Bob Bowden, Rich Freedman, Dom DiClementi, Steve Costanzo, Greg Mauro, Anthony Giancarli, Tobi Massano, Saied Seghatoleslami, Ray Camp

Organizational

- Rory Shaffer, NJ3U and Don Wright, AA2F were approved by the board as Member(s) Emeritus.
 - Tobi will inform Rory and Don, as well as announce them at the next Membership meeting

Repeater Operations

- Repeaters, WinLink and APRS are all operating nominally

Special Projects Committee

- CW Classes are being held on Tuesday nights, at 7pm on Zoom..... contact wa2tmf@gmail.com
- A W2ZQ POTA multi-station, multi-mode event will be held on July 8th in Washington Crossing Park (PA)
- "Smith Chart Basics" Seminar to be held on Saturday July 22nd at 10am @W2ZQ
- No projects in August..... projects start up again in September:
 - SWR meter seminar, antenna construction project, and a basic electronics seminar. Dates: TBD
- Mobile Fox Hunt, August 5

Physical Plant

- Front door trim project is in work
- Driveway – Roundup was purchased
- Bee Spray – a wasp nest in the shed was sprayed
- Need to remind Key Holders to take trash with them, when the garbage cans are full

Special Events

- NJ Triathlon July 15 and 16
 - 13 volunteers are signed up for each day
 - Late additions can sign up, but waiver form is due no later than Saturday morning

Training and Examinations

- License testing , July 8th at Our Lady of Good Counsel at 10AM, Andrew, K2AFO is team leader for the testing
 - New General question pool will be used for the first time

Radio Station

- Field Day Recap – 100 Q's more than last year, >50% were on CW
- Open House, Sunday, August 13th, noon to 5pm
 - Need to promote to local clubs ASAP - Bob/Sal
 - Dom and Martin will coordinate food and beverage
- Yaesu FTdx101D radio - touchscreen is nonfunctional. Will send unit for warranty service in the fall. An FTdx10 will be loaned to the club during the repair.
- An RF interference problem is being investigated by Dom and Steve C.
- 2023 Digital Contest results – W2ZQ finished 2nd worldwide in the multi-op, low power category
- EME 5 meter dish project
 - The concrete pad is curing
 - Engineering structural review is being completed

Programs

- Upcoming Presentations:
 - July 12th – "Brower Based Signal Monitoring" by Joe Jesson W2JEJ
 - August – NO PROGRAM (Open House)
 - September 9th – "Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited", Martin, W3PR
 - October 11th – "RFI", Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November 8th – "DVRA's 5m EME Dish Construction Project", Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO

June 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Membership

- One renewal - Sid Baron, KA1ANW
- 152 total members

Web Services

- Current status of the website was given
- The following new articles are needed:
 - POTA event - Bob
 - July meeting promo - Saied
 - Smith Chart Seminar - Saied
 - August Fox Hunt – Glen, NK1N
 - Open House - Dom

Public Information Officer

- A combination of press releases, social media postings and the US1 article contributed to a larger than usual number of visitors to Field Day

Secretary's report

- June meeting minutes were posted on the Google Leadership Group, and will be posted next week to the Membership Group
- Greg to forward May and June Membership Meeting minutes, to be posted on website

Treasurer's report

- Current monthly budget report was read and approved at the June meeting (attached)

OLD BUSINESS

- Porta potty
 - Received quote of \$165/month for rental with weekly service, slightly less if serviced monthly. Cost of purchase: ~\$600
 - Greg to investigate alternate service options/pricing, and research incinerating toilet options

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation for Girl Scout Troop and/or K-8 school
 - Bob to coordinate with Tobi and Gary , K2GW to obtain appropriate material, volunteers, etc.

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS** –Bob, KB3BB
 - A synopsis of recent activities and upcoming events was given
 - W2ZQ Station hours: are Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “SDR Wireless Spectrum Server” by Joe Jesson, W2JEJ**

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob, KB3BB
 - Members are encouraged to join the Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.” Be sure to subscribe & participate in member discussions
 - We had a successful Field Day, thanks was given to everyone who participated and special thanks to Sal KB2EMU for a strong PR effort
 - Next month there will be no monthly membership meeting, be sure to attend our 5th annual Open House / Club Picnic at W2ZQ on August 13th, noon-5pm
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Yaesu radio FTDX 101d to be sent in for repair under warranty: touchscreen not working
 - Open House / Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13 from Noon to 5pm
 - Field Day Recap –added a digital station this year, logged 386 QSO’s, and scored ~2900 points. Special thanks were given to our 2023 Field Day Chair, Jon W8JRF.
 - EME 5m dish project is progressing on schedule
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - August: No Membership Meeting
 - September Membership Meeting program: “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited” by Martin, W3PR
 - Oct. 11: “RFI” by Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - Nov. 8: “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project” by Saied, AD2CC
- Secretary’s report - Greg K3EA
 - The June meeting minutes had been previously posted on the Google Group and were approved by the membership
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - Signups are now closed for the current CW classes that started on May 23rd. A Fall CW class will be held. Details will be posted on the club website when they become available.
 - Recap of the July 8th Parks on the Air event for W2ZQ – Bob, KB3BB
 - The event was held under the General Greene Pavilion at the Wash Crossing Park (PA)
 - Two station were setup up and 160 contacts were made on CW, phone and digital modes during the 3 hours of operation
 - The POTA event was well attended by club members and several guests
 - Future 2023 POTA events for W2ZQ may be in the works, stay tuned.....
 - A Seminar on “Smith Chart Basics” will be given by Saied held on Saturday, July 22nd at the W2ZQ station at 10AM. You can learn the basics of Smith Charts, what they are and what they can be used for. You will also get some hands-on experience using them.
 - Additional projects will be held on the following Saturdays at the W2ZQ station: (all projects are listed on the club Calendar at W2ZQ.com)
 - Sep 23rd, Antenna Construction project – we’ll build and test an antenna.
 - Nov 11th, Hands-on soldering demonstration and coax jumper construction
 - Dec 9th, Electronics circuit seminar – using test equipment to demonstrate some simple circuits

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2023

- Date is TBD for an SWR meter seminar / demonstration
- Please suggest any additional ideas for workshops/seminars, etc
- Antenna Committee activity report
 - The antenna committee periodically holds construction projects, and is also available to assist members with antenna projects, such as help with site surveys, design, material procurement, construction and testing of antenna systems. The club also has an antenna analyzer that can be loaned to club members. Contact Greg at k3ea@arrl.net if you need any help.

Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N

- Mobile Fox Hunt to be held on August 5
- Starting point is Chapin School at 9am
- Preregistration is no longer necessary
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS status – no update (all stations operational)
 - Winlink station has been reported as having intermittent problems
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - No issues
- Communications Support for Triathlon - Steve KC2VDL
 - Event is this coming weekend, July 15 and 16
 - Meeting point is Hughes and Paxson at 6:30-6:45am both days
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - See attached report
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: Aug. 8 @7pm
- Membership – Tobj, AD2CD
 - One new member was approved by the Board of Directors and welcomed to the club: Paul Vincent, KA3IVN
 - Current membership count is now 153
 - Two members were granted “Member Emeritus” status by the Board of Directors: Rory Shaffer NJ3U and Don Wright AA2F
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics – see attached report
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report – see attached report
 - Monthly budget report was approved, as read, by the Membership
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Training & Examinations:

- DVRA July 8th license testing
 - 8 people took license tests, 5 passed their technician (including my daughter) and one their extra.
 - Thanks to:
 - Andrew, K2AFO for running the testing (as I couldn't this time)
 - Dom, N3DD, Jack, K2WLD, and Glen, NK1N for acting as VEs for the session.
- Next license testing is on Saturday, September 9th, 10 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
- Looking into using the new training room at the Princeton Red Cross for license upgrade classes this fall. Once the Red Cross is confirmed, look for a survey to help decide whether we'll do a series of General or Extra classes. Thanks to Gary, K2GW for his help working with the Red Cross. Stay tuned.

Website Report - July Membership Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year
2. "Browser-based Signal Monitoring" by Joseph Jesson, W2JEJ
3. Workshop: Understanding and Applying Smith Chart Basics – July 22nd at 10AM
3. DVRA Fox Hunt – August 5, 2023
5. POTA Report: "SUCCESSFUL W2ZQ MULTI-MODE "PARKS ON THE AIR" ACTIVATION PERFORMED ON JULY 8"
6. Last month's meeting post: "DVRA's WinLink and APRS capabilities" by Steve Huston, W2SRH

Added May & June's DVRA meeting minutes to the "Documents/Archive" page.

Message to membership from Website Director:

The "Documents/Archive" page under the "DVRA Links" tab contains a plethora of informative and helpful information including the current Testing Question Pool, past meeting minutes, Other helpful documents, and the archived "DVRA Wireless Hill Beacon Newsletters" dating back to 2008. It's worth a look!

Social Media / PIO Report

June 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 12 July 2023

Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos. Thanks also to those who picked up hard copies of the US1 feature.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

13 Colonies 6/27 194 reached
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/642101927952275>

Triathlon announcement 6/16 164
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/635969308565537>

Steve meeting announcement 6/14 150
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/634560582039743>

Reach summary:

Reach is up over the same period last month. I expect the US1 piece drove some visitation as well as our live-blogging the Field Day operation. Thanks to Jon W8JRF for feeding me photos during the event.

Reach

Compare your reach from this period to the previous one.

[See more about your content performance](#)

Facebook reach ⓘ

503 ↑ 4.1%

Instagram reach ⓘ

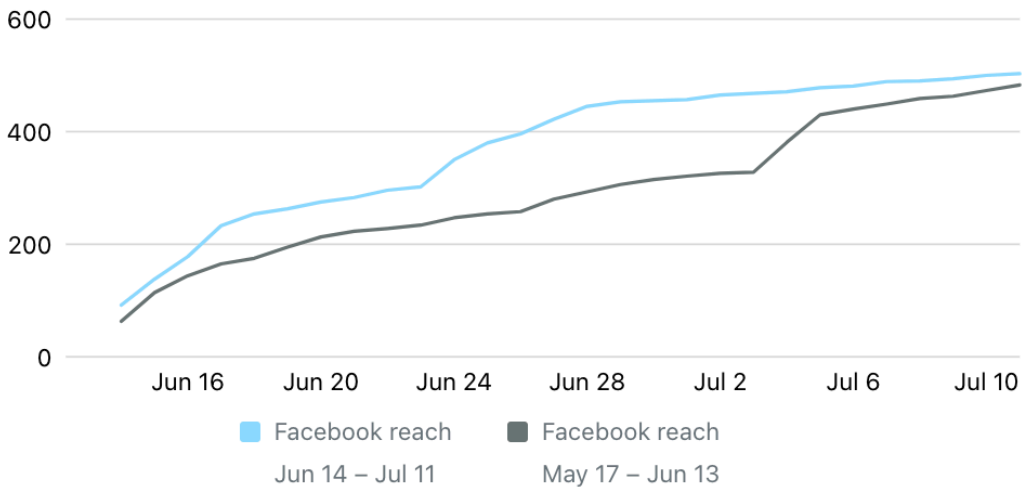
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DVRA Treasurer's Report for June 2023

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Cash Flow for June 2023

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Ending Balance	9478.75
Total Income	53.25
Total Expenses	-191.15
Net Change	-137.90

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			48.25
	Dues	48.25	
Station (Income)			5.00
	W2T / W2P	5.00	
TOTAL			53.25

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-164.65
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-109.66	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-191.15

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

July 2023 Board Meeting

- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open House, Sunday, August 13th, noon to 5pm (Bob to get copy to Anthony for website article)
 - Food: Hot dogs and Hamburgers - Dom
 - Drinks/plates/utensils – ask Chuck
 - Grille - Martin
 - Publicity: local clubs - PWA, Sarnoff, Burlington, Warminster – Sal
 - An RF interference problem is being investigated – Steve C
 - Interference has been reduced recently
 - Steve contacted PSE&G via email regarding pole transformer RFI
 - Received a confirmation notice from them promising a return call.
 - EME 5 meter dish: project update
 - Engineering approval was completed for structure.
 - Components for the tower are being procured.
 - Electrical quote in process

- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - September 13th – “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited”, Martin, W3PR
 - October 11th – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November 8th – “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
 - December – will contact Cliff

- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
 - July meeting minutes posted on the Google Leadership Group, next to Membership Group
 - Forward minutes for website

- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - W2ZQ POTA – next event, tentative Sept 30th
 - Smith Chart Seminar - 8 participants, post deck to website
 - Aug 5, Mobile Fox Hunt,
 - Sep 23, Antenna Construction – 3 band vertical
 - October – EME training, schedule with Saied
 - Nov 11, coax jumper construction / soldering
 - Dec 9, Basic Electronics seminar
 - SWR seminar – January
 - CW classes start again in Fall/Winter
 - War of the Worlds Special Event - Sunday, October 29th, 12-5pm – Martin

- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Winlink status - Down
 - WIRES-x
 - Outgoing audio? Problem – Greg to follow up with Steve
 - 440 repeater dual-mode conversion in process

- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Applied remaining interior trim and first coat of paint to entrance door. Will caulk and apply second coat.
 - Cut back brush along northern fence line and under 2 meter tower guy wire.
 - Sprayed weed / grass killer along patio block “grout lines” at front of shack.
 - Began salvaging old Craftsman riding mower parts that might fit new lawn tractor. Both mowers have similar styles of Briggs & Stratton engine.

- Special Events, NJ Triathlon – 13 volunteers each day.....expected revenue ~\$600

July 2023 Board Meeting

- Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR
 - License testing , Sep 9th at Our Lady of Good Counsel at 10AM
 - Next new Ham Net August 8th
 - Red Cross has a training room we can utilize.
 - General or Extra Class Instruction – Fall/Winter

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - 1 new member application has been received
 - Member Emeritus nominees notified?

- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
- A review of current posts on the home page were reviewed
- new articles needed
 - Open House, Sunday, August 13th, noon to 5pm - Bob
 - September 13th – “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited”, Martin, W3PR
 - NJ QSO party, Saturday, Sep 16th, noon to midnite - Dom
 - Sep 23rd, Antenna Construction – 3 band vertical - Greg

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operation is nominal

- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was read and approved at the June meeting

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Porta potty / incinerator – still under investigation - Greg

- NEW BUSINESS
 - Club Survey to be prepared for review of Board by next meeting - Bob

August 2023 Board Meeting notes

- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Open House, Sunday, August 13th, about 45 attendees
 - RF interference problem. PSE&G replaced equipment on the pole
 - SteppIR is now functional, intermittent connect was re-seated
 - FTDX101D will be sent for service after NJ QSO party
 - NJ QSO party, Sat. Sep 16, noon to midnite
 - Google Group notice to be posted
 - EME 5 meter dish: project update in an email (mast delivery, etc), attached
 - 50% of budget Spent To Date
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - September 13th – “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited”, Martin, W3PR
 - October 11th – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November 8th – “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
 - December –Cliff needs to be confirmed
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA.....no report, no August meeting/minutes
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - Aug 5, Mobile Fox Hunt, recap on website
 - Sep 23, Antenna Construction – 3 band vertical
 - W2ZQ POTA – next event, Sept 30th, location TBD
 - October 23rd – EME training
 - Nov 11, coax jumper construction / soldering
 - Dec 9, Basic Electronics seminar
 - SWR seminar – January
 - CW classes start again in Fall/Winter
 - War of the Worlds Special Event - Sunday, October 29th, 12-5pm – Martin
 - Mike Rauch to setup online certificates
 - Need new QSL cards –Martin/ Dom to coordinate
 - Need permit from West Windsor Twp - Frank Palacek
 - Certificate of Insurance – Rich
 - QRZ page - Dom
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - APRS digipeater is having occasional lock ups, requiring restarts
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Paint estimate for(exterior of building) submitted to Treasurer
 - Approx. \$300 remaining budget covers the required paint
 - New grille cover needed
 - Scrap chairs and mower parts were recycled
- Special Events, NJ Triathlon -expected revenue ~\$600, waiting for direct deposit
- Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR
 - License testing , Sep 9th at Our Lady of Good Counsel at 10AM
 - Will send documentation to ARRL/FCC via electronic method
 - Next new Ham Net September 12th, This will be the 5th anniversary of the Net.
 - General Class Instruction – to start mid September
 - ~10 weekly sessions
 - Monday evenings are available at the Red Cross in Princeton Jct
 - Google Group and website announcements to be released soon
 - Will use ARRL training material / license guide

August 2023 Board Meeting notes

- Membership – Tobj, AD2CD
 - 6 new member applications have been received
 - Jorafarsinh Sarvaiya, N2KJ
 - David Falcone, KB3UBH
 - Jonathan Costanzo, KE2BPQ
 - Barry Clark, KE2BRH
 - Heather Speas, K4DH
 - John Danek, W2JAD
 - With the above six new members, the new total membership count will be.....159
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - Current Pinned Posts on home page:
 1. DVRA Club of the Year
 2. Finding You Ham Roots – Martin Crabtree, W3PRJ
 3. Members, join us to compete in the New Jersey QSO Party Contest on Saturday Sept. 16th
 4. Antenna Workshop: 10/15/20m Vertical Antenna Build – Sept. 23rd at 10am
 5. DVRA Mobile Fox Hunt Report – August 5th

Work Completed this July/August:

DONE ON THURS. 7/27 - August 13th Picnic & Open House.

DONE ON THURS. 7/27 - Post Joe Taylor's May presentation

DONE ON THURS. 8/3 - Post - Saied's Deck from the 7/22

DONE ON THURS 8/3 - September Antenna Building Demo

DONE ON SUN. 8/6 - September QSO Party post

DONE ON THURS. 8/4 - Post July's minutes on Archive page

DONE ON SAT. 8/5 - Updated calendar per Bob - Sept. 30 planned POTA event

DONE on 8/23 - September's Meeting Post - Finding You Ham Roots – Martin Crabtree, W3PR

- New articles needed:
 - POTA, location TBD, Sep 30th - Bob
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations are normal
 - Sal's quiz of the month: Why are barns red? Because that was the cheapest color at the time.
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was reviewed and is attached
- OLD BUSINESS - none
- NEW BUSINESS - none

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2023

- **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Bob KB3BB
 - We begin the 2024 officer elections process for the following positions – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Nominating Committee is appointed by the club President in October.
 - The Nominating Committee makes recommendations at the November meeting.
 - Nominations are closed at the November meeting.
 - Elections take place at the December meeting.
 - A recap of recent events was given.
 - Upcoming events were announced.
 - Station hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM Operator training / Operators Club available
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “Finding Your Ham Roots” by Martin Crabtree, W3PR**

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Special Projects Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
 - The following events are scheduled:
 - Antenna Construction Project: Construction and testing of a 3-Band Vertical – Sat. Sept. 23rd, 10 am at the W2ZQ Station
 - Antenna Committee – provides help with antenna planning and installation. Contact k3ea.dx@gmail.com .
 - W2ZQ POTA – Sept. 30th, at Bowman’s Hill Tower (PA), 10am to 1pm. Setup at 8:30am – contact Bob, KB3BB
 - EME Training will be held on Oct. 23rd, 7pm at W2ZQ Station. W2ZQ will participate in the EME Contest on Oct. 28 and Oct.29
 - War Of the Worlds Special Event Station – Sunday, Oct. 29th Noon to 5PM at Van Nest Park in Grover’s Mill NJ, set up at 1030am – Martin, W3PR
 - Hands-On Coax Jumper Construction / soldering demonstration – Nov. 11th
 - Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
 - Other Upcoming events
 - CW Classes
 - The spring CW class held 17 sessions. All participants made contacts at W2ZQ.
 - Students were presented with a commemorative CW coffee mug.
 - Class to start again in late September.....send email to WA2TMF@gmail.com to request a spot in the class
 - An SWR meter seminar/demonstration - Date in January 2024 to be announced.
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
 - July minutes were approved as published on the Google Membership group
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming programs:
 - Oct. 11: “RFI” by Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - Nov. 8: “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project” by Saied, AD2CC
 - December 13: “Conspiracies in the DVRA”, Cliff Green, WA2TMF
 - January 10: “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches”, Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - March 13: “FreeDV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Heil Headset was replaced.
 - NJ QSO party this Saturday, noon to midnight.....additional operators are encourage to join

- Yaesu radio FTDX 101d to be sent in for repair under warranty after NJ QSO Party: touchscreen not working. FTDX10 will be installed temporarily.
- Jamboree on the Air, October 21st 10a-3pm, need volunteers contact: W8JRF@arrl.net

- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - Mobile Fox Hunt planned for October 7, Rosedale Park, IARU style – on foot.

- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters have been functioning normally.
 - Winlink passed a normal amount of messages.
 - APRS is mostly working with an occasional nudge.

- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - All facilities / operation is nominal.
 - The exterior of the shack will be painted this fall.
 - Front door trim repair is in process.

- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - License testing session Sept. 9 results – 8 persons tested, and all received a new license or upgraded.
 - Nov 11th is next test session.
 - General Class instruction to start early October-watch w2zq.com for details.

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - Seven new members were presented for approval by the Board.
 - Jora Sarvaiya, Ewing, NJ N2KJ
 - Jonathan Costanzo, Hamilton, NJ KE2BQP
 - David Falcone, Horsham, PA KB3UBH
 - Barry Clark, East Windsor, NJ KE2BRH
 - Heather Speas, Summit, NJ K4DH
 - John Danek, Kingston, NJ W2JAD
 - Arnold Feineman, Doylestown, PA KD2WV
 - All New members were approved, membership count is now 160

- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG

Current website posts:

 1. DVRA Club of the Year
 2. September membership meeting presentation: Finding You Ham Roots – Martin Crabtree, W3PR
 3. Members, join us to compete in the New Jersey QSO Party Contest on Saturday Sept. 16th
 4. Antenna Workshop: 10/15/20m Vertical Antenna Build – Sept. 23rd at 10am
 5. W2ZQ PARKS ON THE AIR (POTA) ACTIVATION NEAR BOWMAN'S HILL TOWER ON 9/30/2023
 6. DVRA IARU-Style Fox Hunt – October 7, 2023

Other Updated:

 1. Update POTA event on calendar per Bob's request on Sat. 09.09
 2. Sent monthly email blast on Sat. 09.09
 3. Posted 10/7 Fox Hunt event on Mon. 09.11

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations normal
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics
 - CW class operating at W2ZQ
 - Open House
 - NJ QSO party announcement

- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL

- The current monthly budget report was reviewed and approved by the membership.
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

- Open clothing store for fall apparel

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DVRA Treasurer's Report for August 2023

The beginning balance for August 2023 was \$9061.79

The ending balance for August 2023 was \$9668.94, a net increase of \$607.15

Cash Flow for August 2023

Starting Balance	9061.79
Ending Balance	9668.94
Total Income	893.00
Total Expenses	-285.85
Net Change	607.15

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			193.00
	Dues	193.00	
Special Events (Income)			700.00
	Triathlon	700.00	
TOTAL			893.00

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-201.27
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-146.28	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
Membership (Expenses)			-58.08
	Picnic / Open House	-58.08	
TOTAL			-285.85

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

September 2023 Board Meeting notes

- President's report – KB3BB
 - Nominating committee
 - Spots are open for volunteers
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - NJ QSO party recap – 700 Q's, several home stations contributing to the score
 - FTDX101D shipped to Yaesu for repair on Sept 19th, estimated return week of October 23rd.
 - FTDX10 is temporarily installed
 - EME 5-meter dish project update
 - Electricity was installed at the dish
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - October 11th – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November 8th – “DVRA's 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
 - December 13th – “Conspiracies of the DVRA”, Cliff
 - January 10th – “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches”, Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - February 14th – Open
 - March 13th – “FreeDV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
 - September minutes posted to Google “Membership” Group
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - Antenna Construction Project: 3-Band Vertical – rescheduled for October 14th.
 - W2ZQ POTA – Sept. 30th, at Bowman's Hill Tower (PA), 10am to 1pm. Setup at 8:30am, Bob KB3BB
 - CW class to start again in late September/Early October ? – send email to WA2TMF@gmail.com
 - Greg needs to confirm with Cliff
 - Mobile Fox Hunt October 7th, Rosedale Park, Glen NK1N
 - EME Training will be held on Oct. 23rd, 7pm at W2ZQ Station. W2ZQ will participate in the EME Contest on Oct. 28 and Oct.29, Saied, AD2CC; Joe K1JT – Saied to send article to Anthony
 - War Of the Worlds Special Event Station – Sunday, Oct. 29th Noon to 5PM at Van Nest Park in Grover's Mill NJ, set up at 1030am – contact Martin W3PR
 - Permit in process w/ Twp
 - Certificate of Insurance is being processed
 - Dom is getting QSL cards
 - Mike Rauch is setting up the logging and certificates
 - Hands-On Coax Jumper Construction / soldering demonstration – Nov. 11th
 - Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
 - SWR meter demonstration – January, Saied
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - No significant events to report
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Front door trim project is in process
 - Painting project planning in process
 - Fall cleanup and painting, November 4th
 - Furnace is disconnected and ready to be moved
 - Check if furnace has asbestos
 - Furnace room door – Ray will try to find a surplus door
- Special Events, NJ Triathlon revenue: \$700

September 2023 Board Meeting notes

- Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR
 - Last exam session was held with electronic submittal of paperwork
 - General Class to be held next Spring

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - new member applications have been received from:
 - Sony Stab, KE2BFZ, Avenel, NJ
 - Deven Stab, KE2BFY, Avenel, NJ
 - Wayne J Bruzek, AD2FX, Wrightstown, NJ
 - Ira J. Pitel, W2AAH, Flemington, NJ
 - total membership count is 160 + 4 candidates

- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - A review of the current posts on the home page was given
 - New articles needed:
 - CW classes to start, early October? - Greg
 - October 11th Membership Meeting – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers - Saied
 - JOTA, October 21st – Jon Frush
 - EME Training, Oct. 23rd - Saied
 - War of the Worlds Special Event, Oct 30th - Martin

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations are normal

- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was reviewed at the September membership meeting

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Updated DVRA online store in process – Greg
 - Windbreaker / ladies
 - Waster proof windbreaker
 - Pullover fleece
 - JOTA October 21st, 10a-3p, need volunteers –Dom to follow up with Jon Frush
 - Outhouse options – Greg to investigate

- NEW BUSINESS
 - Bob to purchase a balun for an OCF dipole for POTA

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes October 11, 2023

- **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Bob KB3BB
 - Upcoming activities were announced.
 - Station hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM Operator training
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “RFI: Learn to Identify Root Causes and Remedies” by Bob Brehm AK6R**

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - 2024 officer elections process:
 - Nominating Committee has been appointed: Steve Costanzo KC2VDL, and Saied Seghatoleslami AD2CC
 - This Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for the club’s four executive positions at the November Membership Meeting.
 - Nominations are formally solicited and then closed at that meeting.
 - Elections will occur at the December meeting.
 - A recap of recent activities was given.
- Special Projects Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
 - CW Class, the Fall session has started. Contact Cliff at wa2tmf@gmail.com to join the Tuesday evening CW classes
 - Antenna Construction Project: 3-Band Vertical – is rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14th at 10 am at the W2ZQ Station, rain or shine.
 - Antenna Committee – provides help with antenna planning and installation. Contact k3ea.dx@gmail.com .
 - EME Training, will be held on Oct. 23rd at the W2ZQ Station at 7pm. Contact Joe at K1JT@arrl.net prior to the EME training.
 - W2ZQ will participate in the EME Contest on Oct. 28 and Oct.29
 - War Of The Worlds Special Event – Sunday, Oct. 29, operation from Noon to 5PM at Van Nest Park in Grover’s Mill, NJ – Martin, W3PR
 - A link to a sign-up genius page will be found at w2zq.com.
 - Hands-on coax jumper / soldering demonstration – Nov. 11th at the Club Station
 - Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
 - An SWR meter seminar/demonstration - Date in January 2024 to be announced
 - W2ZQ POTA Results – Sept. 30th, at Bowman’s Hill (PA), 10am to 1pm. - Bob, KB3BB
 - Event was held successfully with no rain! Two stations were setup. Over 200 contacts were made by 5 operators.
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
 - September membership meeting minutes were approved by the membership.
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Nov. 8: “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project” by Saied, AD2CC
 - Dec. 13: “Conspiracies of the DVRA” – Cliff WA2TMF
 - Jan. 10th: “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches” – Walter Holmes, K5WH
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - NJ QSO Party Results – two stations were operated at W2ZQ. 706 QSOs were made.
 - The next contest is the ARRL Sweepstakes Phone Contest on Nov 18-19th....this will be a single station operation....operators and loggers are needed
 - The Yaesu FTDX 101d was repaired and is back in service.
 - All station equipment is functional.
 - The power line noise problem on the HF bands is gone, PSE&G reported that the problem was remedied.
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - 7 hunters participated in last weekend’s IARU fox hunt.
 - Mobile fox hunt planned for December 2, meet at Chapin School

- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS status, all operation is nominal.
- Special Events – received \$700 from CGI racing for NJ Triathlon support
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Front door trim project in progress
 - Our steel storage shed was repainted.
 - Project to remove the old oil furnace is underway.
 - Fall Cleanup and Painting, Nov. 4, 9am
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - License testing session Nov. 11 at OLC
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - Four new members were approved by the Board:
 - Devan Stab, KE2BFY
 - Sony Stab, KE2BFZ,
 - Ira Patel, W2AAH
 - Wayne Bruzek, AD2FX
 - Membership count is now 164.
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - Currently pinned posts on Home Page:
 - SEE ATTACHED REPORT
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Activity is up on social media.
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics – SEE ATTACHED REPORT
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report – SEE ATTACHED REPORT
 - Report was approved by the membership.
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – apparel store will be open in the next few days, for two weeks. Announcement to be made on the Google Group reflector.

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Website Report - October Membership Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year.
2. CW Class to start on October 10th
3. October Membership Presentation: RF Interference: Learn to identify the root causes and remedies
4. Antenna Workshop: 10/15/20m Vertical Antenna Build – Oct. 14th at 10am
5. JOTA Event held at DVRA Shack – Oct. 21st at 10am
6. W0W 2023 – War of the Worlds Special Event Station
7. Another Fun & Successful W2ZQ POTA Event
8. Posting of Last Month's Membership Meeting Presentation : Finding You Ham Roots – Martin Crabtree, W3PR

Work Completed this September/October:

COMPLETED ON TUES. - 10/10 - W0W 2023 – War of the Worlds Special Event Station Posted

COMPLETED ON SUN. 10/8 - Oct. Membership Meeting Post (RF Interference) Posted

COMPLETED ON SUN. 10/8 - Email Blast

COMPLETED ON SAT. 09/30 - CW Class Posted

COMPLETED ON SAT. 09/30 - JOTA Posted

COMPLETED ON SAT. 09/9 - Update calendar with POTA date.

COMPLETED ON MON. 09/11 - 10/7 Fox Hunt Posted

Social Media / PIO Report

September 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 11 October 2023

Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Sal's Marconi station report 9/25

231 reach <https://tinyurl.com/3x84f7vc>

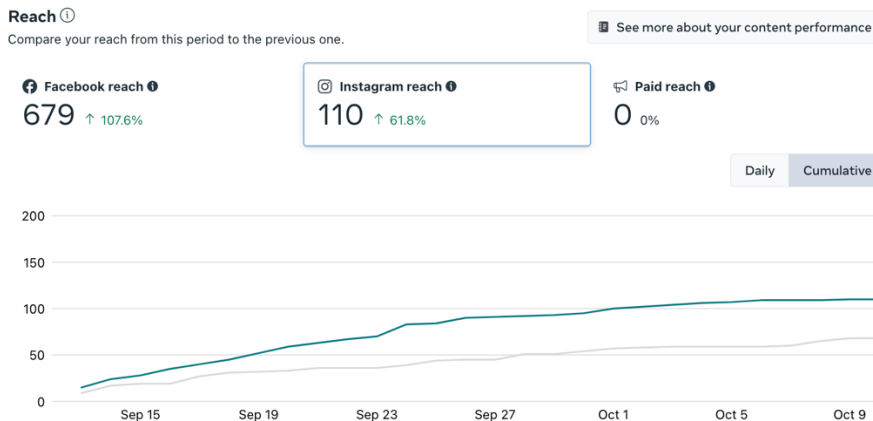
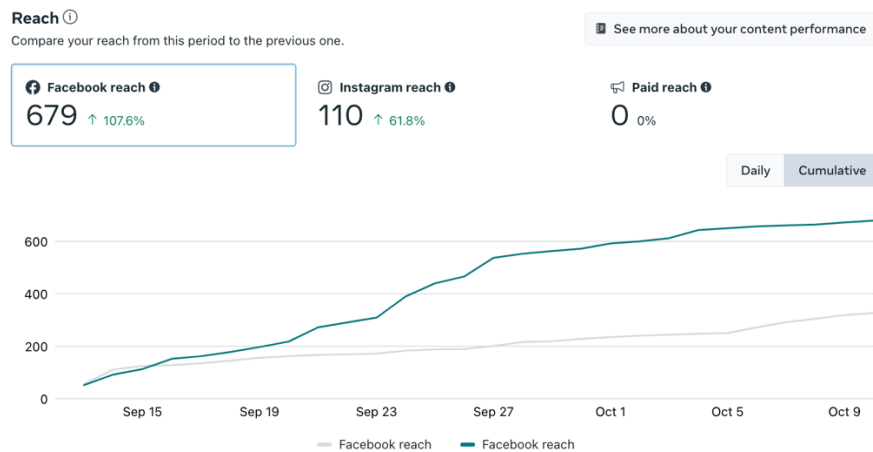
NJQSO photos post 9/20

218 reach <https://tinyurl.com/yc7nreab>

CW class awards announcement 9/22

180 reach <https://tinyurl.com/msps3vcu>

Social activity is up over the past month.



Other activity

The War of the Worlds event release went out to local media it will also be promoted on social media dedicated to special event stations. [Release below]

Social Media / PIO Report

September 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 11 October 2023



News from DVRA

The Delaware Valley Radio Association

For immediate release

October 11, 2023

Media contact:

Sal Emma • sal@bysalemma.com • 609-231-9671

Invaders from Mars land at Grovers Mill!

Special event amateur radio station marks 85th anniversary of iconic radio broadcast

Sunday, October 29, noon to 5 p.m.

Van Nest Park picnic pavilion

218 Cranbury Rd., West Windsor Township, NJ 08550

Visit www.w2zq.com for more information

No Martians, this time. But members of the DVRA, the Delaware Valley Radio Association, will gather at Grovers Mill, New Jersey, to set up a special event radio station, Sunday, October 29, noon to 5 p.m.

A special event station is a temporary amateur radio station set up to publicize or commemorate an event. In this case, the 85th anniversary of the iconic 1938 Halloween radio drama, *War of the Worlds*, created by Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre on the Air.

The station, identifying with the call letters WØW, will be set up at the spot known locally as Grovers Mill, where Welles' fictional Martian invaders landed, in Van Nest Park in West Windsor Township. Visitors are welcome and ham radio operators are encouraged to contact the station via "HF," or shortwave bands. Operating frequencies will vary according to atmospheric conditions.

Special event stations pop up nearly every day, to honor all kinds of events: holidays, battles, anniversaries, lighthouse lightings, fund raisers and many more. Amateur radio operators from

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around the world communicate with the stations, often in exchange for a specially-prepared postcard to confirm the contact.

Based on the H.G. Wells novel, the 1938 CBS radio broadcast was conceived to mimic news reporting of a “live” event, with breathless announcers in the field describing the unimaginable — a large force of alien invaders from the planet Mars wreaking havoc on planet Earth. The radio team chose Grovers Mill, New Jersey, as the site where the belligerents first landed, before launching lethal gas attacks in the New York metropolitan area.

The production was so convincing that some listeners believed aliens had actually landed in rural New Jersey. The following morning, newspaper headlines screamed “mass hysteria” and other hyperbole, flames that Wells and his colleagues happily fanned for the publicity. Mercury Theatre on the Air had garnered only modest attention before that fateful night.

Historians argue the hysteria was anything but mass, but the impact and psychological effect of the broadcast are unquestionable, a good reason it is rebroadcast on Halloween every year around the world. It remains a time capsule, a memento from the golden age of radio, when a handful of creative men and women working in a soundproof room could conjure joy or horror in the minds of their listeners, thousands of miles away.

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DVRA WØW 2023 ADD TWO

PHOTO CAPTIONS

To commemorate the anniversary of Orson Welles' infamous 1938 *War of the Worlds* Halloween broadcast, members of the Delaware Valley Radio Association (DVRA) will gather at Grovers Mill, site of the fictional Martian landing, October 29, to set up a temporary radio station and communicate with other hams around the world.



An unidentified Martian (probably Glen Johnstone NK1N) working the 2022 event. File: glen_NK1N.jpg



Jack Tatar K2WLD at the 2022 event. File: jackK2WLD.jpg



Tobi Massano AD2CD and Martin Crabtree W3PR at the 2022 event. File: tobiAD2CD_martinW3PR.jpg

DVRA Treasurer's Report for September 2023

The beginning balance for September 2023 was \$9668.94

The ending balance for September 2023 was \$9115.53, a net decrease of \$553.41

Cash Flow for September 2023	
Starting Balance	9668.94
Ending Balance	9115.53
Total Income	96.50
Total Expenses	-649.91
Net Change	-553.41

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			96.50
	Dues	96.50	
TOTAL			96.50

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-324.41
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-150.83	
	Maintenance	-118.59	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
Membership (Expenses)			-299.00
	Picnic / Open House	-299.00	
TOTAL			-649.91

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – KB3BB
 - Nominating committee -- Saied / Steve
 - will report at the membership meeting
 - Next month's board meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov 21st
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - JOTA recap – very well attended, a build-a-key project was held along with on-air contacts
 - EME contest this weekend , Oct 28/29
 - VUCC for 50 and 1296 MHz awards will be applied for
 - Sweepstakes contest, Nov 18-19
 - 1 station multi op
 - EME contest, 2nd weekend Nov 25-26th
 - EME 5-meter dish project update
 - Ring and slew drive assembly will be mounted in the next week
 - Cabinet installed
 - Linear has been received
 - Sensor box parts are ordered
 - Septum feed to be donated
 - Feed and wiring to antenna will follow
 - W2T/W2P dates:
 - W2T 12/26 - 12/31
 - W2P 1/1/24 – 1/7/24
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - November 8th – “DVRA's 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
 - December 13th – “Conspiracies of the DVRA”, Cliff
 - January 10th – “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches”, Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - February 14th – Open
 - March 13th – “FreeDV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
 - Clean signal initiative in process
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
 - October membership meeting minutes were sent to the Board, will post on the Membership Google group this week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - W2ZQ POTA – Sept. 30th, at Bowman's Hill Tower recap
 - Attendance was good
 - Log is being compiled
 - CW class re-started October 10th, need to check if still accepting participants
 - Mobile Fox Hunt October 7th, recap on website/Google group
 - Next Fox Hunt is Dec 2
 - Antenna Construction Project: 3-Band Vertical recap
 - EME Training will be held on Oct. 23rd, recap: about 10 people; 2 new members and 1 prospective
 - Practice contacts were made
 - War Of the Worlds Special Event Station – Sunday, Oct. 29th Noon to 5PM at Van Nest Park in Grover's Mill NJ, set up at 10am – contact Martin W3PR
 - Article appeared in Princeton Patch
 - 2 stations will be setup SSB and FT8/CW
 - Permit - with Frank
 - Certificate of Insurance was received
 - QRZ page is up
 - QSL cards – on order
 - Online logging and certificates – K2VPX software is working
 - Station equipment – details to be finalized

October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

- Hands-On Coax Jumper Construction / soldering demonstration – Nov. 11th
- Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
- SWR meter demonstration – January, Saied

- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeater status – no problems reported
 - Bob to report intermittent problem to Steve
 - 440MHz conversion update in process
 - Winlink node status - normal
 - APRS digi-peater status - normal

- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Front door trim project is in process
 - Fall cleanup and painting, November 4th
 - Furnace removal

- Special Events
 - No report

- Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR
 - Next License testing session is Nov 11
 - General Class to be held next Spring

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - new member applications have been received from:
 - Laura Creighton, K2WWF
 - total membership count is 164 +1 candidates

- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - A review of the current posts on the home page was given (see attached)
 - Populate the Jan, Feb, March calendar with known events
 - New articles needed:
 - Fall Cleanup, Nov 4th
 - November 8th Membership Meeting – “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
 - November workshop, coax jumpers/soldering, Nov 11th
 - Sweepstakes contest, Nov 18 – 19th
 - ARRL EME contest, Nov 25 - 26th

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations are normal

- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was reviewed at the October membership meeting

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Updated DVRA online store closes on Sunday, Oct 29
 - Outhouse options – Greg to investigate
 - Bob to purchase balun for POTA OCF dipole

- NEW BUSINESS

Website Report - October OPS Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year.
2. W2ZQ to enter 2023 ARRL EME Contest
3. W0W 2023 – War of the Worlds Special Event Station
4. JOTA Event held at DVRA Shack – Oct. 21st at 10am
5. DVRA online Apparel Store is now open: New Fall Items added
6. RF Interference: Learn to identify the root causes and remedies
7. Another Fun & Successful W2ZQ POTA Event

New Work:

COMPLETED ON SAT. 10/14 - Updated Calendar - EME training on Mon. 10/23

COMPLETED ON FRI. 10/13 - Updated Oct. membership meeting post after presentation.

COMPLETED ON FRI. 10/13 - Posted DVRA online apparel store - opened through 10/29.

COMPLETED ON WED. - 10.25 - Updated JOTA Post after event.

COMPLETED ON WED. - 10.25 - Removed CW Class posting.

COMPLETED ON TUES. - 10.10 - W0W 2023 – War of the Worlds Special Event Station posted.

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES November 8, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME & ID NON-MEMBER GUESTS / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Bob KB3BB
 - Guests were introduced.
 - Upcoming events, meetings and recurring nets were announced.
 - Station hours: Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM
 - Operator training is available
 - Recent events were noted.
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “DVRA’s Advancements in EME” by Saied Seghatoleslami, AD2CC and Paul Andrews, W2HRO**

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - The Nominating Committee (Steve Costanzo KC2VDL, and Saied Seghatoleslami AD2CC) reported the following nominations:
 - Secretary - Greg Mauro, K3EA
 - Treasurer – Rich Freedman, N2EHL
 - Vice President – Tobi Massano, AD2CD
 - President – Martin Crabtree, W3PR
 - Nominations were closed, elections will be held at the December Membership Meeting on December 13, 2023
- Special Projects Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
 - The most recent session of our CW Classes started last month and runs through the fall. Look for future CW classes in 2024. A big thank you to our CW instructor Cliff, WA2TMF
 - The Antenna Committee periodically holds construction projects, and is also available to assist members with antenna projects, such as help with site surveys, design, material procurement, construction and testing of antenna systems. The club also has an antenna analyzer that can be loaned to club members. Contact Greg at k3ea@arrl.net if you need any help.
 - Our most recent Antenna Construction Project was held Saturday, Oct 14th, with 10 attendees– dipole and vertical antenna performance and other topics were discussed along with the construction details of a 3 band vertical. The 15m element of the 3 band vertical was tuned and tested .
 - Coming up in our monthly series of hands-on projects up we have:
 - November: a hands-on soldering demonstration and coax jumper construction - Saturday, Nov 11th at 10AM at the club station.
 - December: an Electronics seminar and demonstration, using test equipment to demonstrate some simple circuits - Saturday, Dec 9, at 10AM at the club station
 - January: an SWR meter seminar and demonstration –TBD Saturday in January
 - We are always looking for ideas and presenters.....let us know YOUR IDEAS
 - War of the Worlds Special event station – recap.....Martin, W3PR
 - The Oct. 29th event was well attended despite the weather, with over 200 QSOs in the log
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
 - October meeting minutes were approved

- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Dec. 13: “Conspiracies of the DVRA” – Cliff WA2TMF
 - Jan. 10th: “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches” – Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - Feb 14th: “Demystifying Programming” - Mike Rauch, K2VPX
 - Mar 13th: “Free DV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
 - April 10th: “Clean Signal Initiative”, Mike Ritz, W7VO
 - Future – “Completion of DVRA 4.7m EME project”
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - All equipment is working properly
 - ARRL SSB Sweepstakes: Nov. 18-19
 - Info and link to sign-up sheet was posted on the “W2ZQ Membership” Google group
 - Operators are needed
 - Bob, N3AAK donated an iambic paddle
 - Chuck N3LPB is the newest member of the W2ZQ Operators Club
 - JOTA recap – approximately 30 scouts attended
 - Upcoming contests:
 - ARRL EME contest, second weekend is Nov. 25-26
 - ARRL 160 Meter Contest Dec. 2-3
 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec. 9-10
- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - A Flash Fox Hunt was held last weekend with new Fox equipment
 - A Mobile fox hunt is planned for December 2, start at Chapin School, 9am...details on website
 - Sunday Fox hunts (in odd months) will be added for 2024
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters – occasional problems have been observed on the Pepper Net
 - Users are encouraged to send trouble reports to Steve H, W2SRH
 - WinLink and APRS status – all operational
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - Front door trim project is near completion.
 - Fall Cleanup took place on Nov. 4: Furnace was removed providing more storage space
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next License testing session Nov. 11, 10AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - One new member approved: Laura Creighton, K2WWF
 - Membership count is now 165
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - Currently pinned posts on Home Page – see attached
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations normal
 - Facebook Reach and Most Hits topics – see attached
 - WOW special event was featured in local media
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report – see attached
 - Budget report was approved.

- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA
 - New Ham Net on Tuesdays, 7PM on the 146.67 repeater. Next Net Tuesday, Nov. 14 @ 7pm
 - November's topic: "Helping Scientific Research and Solar Eclipses"

OLD BUSINESS

- DVRA Apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after store was closed (Oct 29th) and will be available at the shack. A message will be posted on the "W2ZQ Membership" Google Group when the apparel is delivered.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob, KB3BB described the ARISS project for schools and solicited interest and knowledgeable satellite equipment operators

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Website Report - November Membership Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year.
2. Nov meeting post: DVRA's Advancements in EME – Exciting update on the new 4.57m Dish Antenna
3. ANTENNA COMMITTEE CONSTRUCTION EVENT – Nov. 11th
4. Congratulations to Chuck Lenoir, N3LBP – W2ZQ Operators Club Inductee
5. W0W – Another Successful Special Event Station
6. W2ZQ to enter 2023 ARRL EME Contest
7. JOTA Event held at DVRA Shack – Oct. 21st at 10am
8. Past Oct meeting post: RF Interference: Learn to identify the root causes and remedies

New Work:

COMPLETED ON SUN. 11/05 - November email blast.

COMPLETED ON SUN. 11/05 - posted Chuck, N2LBP Operators club new inductee and updated Operators Club page.

COMPLETED ON WED. 11/01 - W0W special event station write-up

COMPLETED ON WED. 11/01 - Remove apparel store post - last day to order - Nov. 29th

COMPLETED ON WED. 11/01 - Posted Nov. 11th Antenna workshop

COMPLETED ON WED. 11/01 - Posted November membership meeting

Social Media / PIO Report

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Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Greg's antenna build workshop 10/19
Over 4K* reach <https://tinyurl.com/3wf3j8bd>

*That number doesn't quite make sense but that's what Facebook is reporting.

WOW announcement 10/27
819 reach <https://tinyurl.com/mr3npra9>

Bowman's Tower POTA report 10/13
497 reach <https://tinyurl.com/mry4cftf>

Traffic:

Facebook activity is up over the past month.

Other activity:

We posted the WOW event to the local Patch news site 10/29, see below.



This post was contributed by a community member. The views expressed here are the author's own.

Princeton | Local Event

War of the Worlds Special Event Station by DVRA

Salvatore Emma, Neighbor

OCT 29



Event Details

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 12:00 PM [Add to calendar](#)

Van Nest Park, 218 Cranbury Rd, West Windsor Township, NJ, 08550

[More info here](#)

Invaders from Mars land at Grovers Mill! | Special event amateur radio station marks 85th anniversary of iconic radio broadcast

Sunday, October 29, noon to 5 p.m.

Van Nest Park picnic pavilion

218 Cranbury Rd., West Windsor Township, NJ 08550

No Martians, this time. But members of the DVRA, the Delaware Valley Radio Association, will gather at Grovers Mill, New Jersey, to set up a special event radio station, Sunday, October 29, noon to 5 p.m.

Visitors are welcome and ham radio operators are encouraged to contact the station via "HF," or shortwave bands. Operating frequencies will vary according to atmospheric conditions.

Pictured - An unidentified Martian (probably Glen Johnstone NK1N) working the 2022 event.

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More Upcoming Events

Add an event

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Local Event

YWCA Princeton's Beyond Pink Art Show

Friday, 6:00 pm Princeton, NJ



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Local Event

Beyond Pink Artshow

Friday, 6:00 pm Princeton, NJ

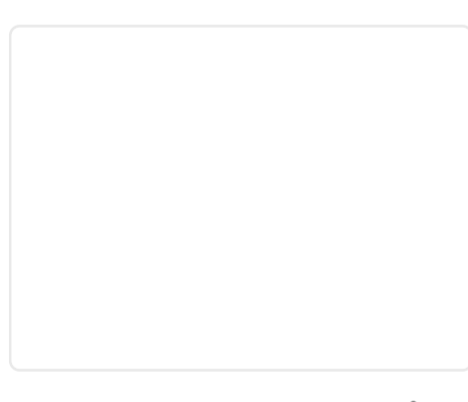


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Featured Event

Tremendous Office Furniture/Soft Seating Warehouse Liquidation Sale

Saturday, 9:00 am East Brunswick, NJ

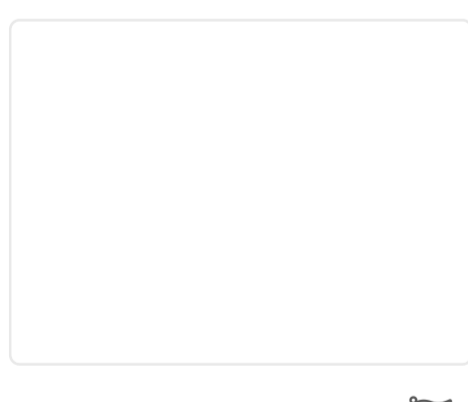


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Local Event

"West Side Story" Meatpacking, Little Island & High Line Photography Class

Saturday, 9:00 am Princeton, NJ

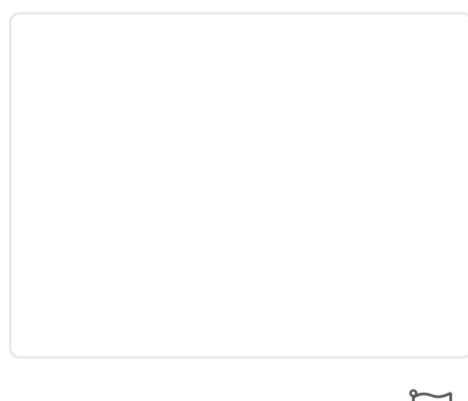


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Featured Event

Open House

Saturday, 9:00 am Newark, NJ

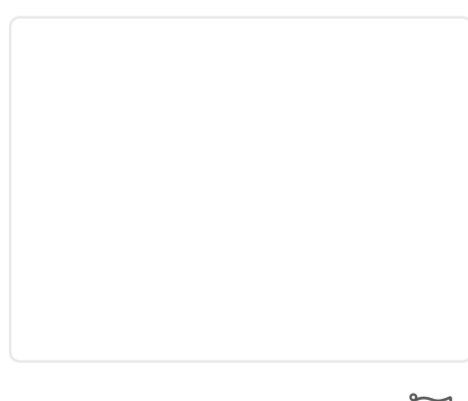


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Local Event

Horses & Foliage Photography Class

Saturday, 10:00 am Princeton, NJ

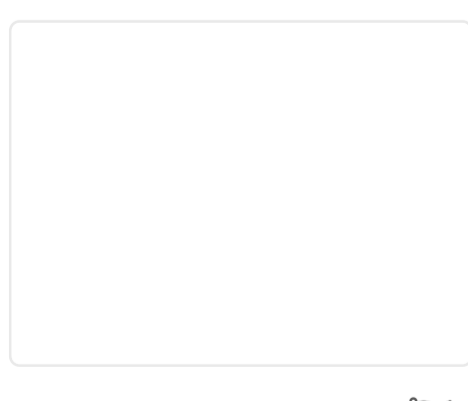


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Local Event

Sensory-Friendly Pumpkin Patch Adventure in Princeton!

Saturday, 10:00 am Princeton, NJ



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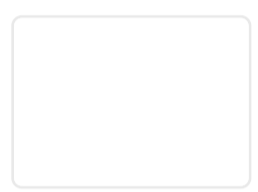
Oct 29, 2023

Swingin' Sinatra Event!



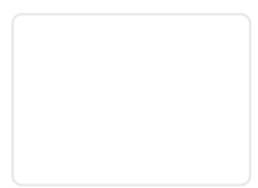
Nov 4, 2023

French American School of Princeton Open House



Nov 4, 2023

Hops & Shops, A Handmade Holiday Experience



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Professional Kitchen Cabinet Painting OR Door & Drawer



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DVRA Treasurer's Report for October 2023

The beginning balance for October 2023 was \$9115.53

The ending balance for October 2023 was \$8755.14, a net decrease of \$360.39

Cash Flow for October 2023	
Starting Balance	9115.53
Ending Balance	8755.14
Total Income	98.25
Total Expenses	-458.64
Net Change	-360.39

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			98.25
	Dues	98.25	
TOTAL			98.25

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-236.39
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-150.52	
	Maintenance	-30.88	
Treasurer - Expense			-194.00
	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-194.00	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
Membership (Expenses)			-1.75
	Other	-1.75	
TOTAL			-458.64

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

November 2023 Board Meeting minutes

- President's report – KB3BB
 - Donation to be given to OLGC – 2022 donation was \$250
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Sweepstakes contest wrap up – over 600 QSOs and a clean sweep
 - WOW QSLs cards – about a dozen received
 - Purchase Hanging File system for QSLs
 - EME contest this weekend, Nov 25/26
 - W2T/W2P dates -
 - W2T 12/26 - 12/31
 - W2P 1/1/24 – 1/7/24
 - EME 5-meter dish project update
 - Ring assembly was delivered
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - December 13th – “Conspiracies of the DVRA”, Cliff
 - January 10th – “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches”, Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - February 14th – “Demystifying Programming” - Mike Rauch, K2VPX
 - March 13th – “FreeDV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
 - April 10th, “Clean Signal Initiative”, Mike Ritz, W7VO
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
 - November membership meeting minutes were sent to the Board, will post on the Membership Google group this week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - Hands-On Coax Jumper Construction / soldering demonstration recap – Nov. 11th
 - Next Fox Hunt is Dec 2nd
 - Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
 - SWR meter demonstration – January 20th??, Saied
 - February seminar – Remote Station operation, 24th
 - March – Fox Hunt Training
 - April – QRP day/Swapfest
 - May – Field Day Antenna Construction
 - CW classes in progress....next session in the Spring
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeater status
 - 440 conversion update
 - 2m troubleshoot – consider input from Cully, N3HTZ
 - Winlink node status
 - APRS digi-peater status
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Front door trim project is in process
 - Fall cleanup and Furnace removal performed at Cleanup Day
 - Check the thermostat programming
 - Painting project will be performed in the Spring
- Special Events
 - No report

November 2023 Board Meeting minutes

Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR

- 3 participants at the last session
- Next License testing session is Jan 13th

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - new member applications have been received from:
 - Richard Jones, KA5Z - need to check status
 - Richard Evans, W3FY - need to check status
 - Jerome Ferri, N2JOV
 - Michael Meggitt, W2ARK
 - total membership count is 165 + 4 ? candidates

- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - A review of the current posts on the home page was given – see attached
 - New articles needed:
 - Basic Electronics Seminar, Dec 9th
 - Membership Meeting – “Conspiracies of the DVRA”, Dec 13th
 - W2T, W2P – Dec 26 to Jan 7
 - W2T POTA – Dec 28

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations are normal

- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report was reviewed at the October membership meeting
 - Renewals are coming in, approximately 25 renewals to date
 - Budget vs Year-To-Date expenditures to be sent within one week to board members....budget inputs are due back one week later. A proposed, balanced budget will be presented at December board meeting for approval in early January.

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Outhouse options – Greg to investigate
 - Bob to purchase a balun for an OCF dipole for POTA

- NEW BUSINESS
 - Radio Merit Badge Day, Jan 6th, 8am. Contact Gary K2GW to volunteer
 - Calendar to be reviewed by Board members for approval in early January – preliminary input is on the website calendar
 - Gerry Jurrens was voted to be Member Emeritus

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes December 13, 2023

- Announcements – Bob, KB3BB
 - A list of upcoming club events, nets and shack hours were announced
 - A reminder that 2024 dues are now payable
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - The Board of Directors recently granted an Emeritus Membership to Gerry Jurrens, N2GJ
 - Six individuals applied for membership and were approved by the Board:
 - Jerome Ferri, N2JOV
 - Michael Meggitt W2ARK
 - Richard Evans W3FY
 - Richard Jones KA5Z
 - Richard Lawn W2JAZ
 - Ernest Schirmer
 - Kevin Robertson, KD2WCY
 - Updated DVRA membership count is now 174
- Club Elections were held and the following nominees were approved by a vote of acclamation:
 - President: Martin Crabtree, W3PR
 - Vice President: Tobi Massano, AD2CD
 - Treasurer: Rich Freedman, N2EHL
 - Secretary: Greg Mauro, K3EA
- Outgoing President's remarks were given – Bob, KB3BB
- Old Business, New Business - none
- Adjournment of Business Meeting
- FEATURE PROGRAM was presented: – “Conspiracies of the DVRA” by Cliff Green, WA2TMF

DVRA Treasurer's Report for November 2023

The beginning balance for November 2023 was \$9115.53

The ending balance for November 2023 was \$9241.23, a net increase of \$486.09

Cash Flow for November 2023	
Starting Balance	9115.53
Ending Balance	9241.23
Total Income	2807.97
Total Expenses	-2321.88
Net Change	486.09

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			2782.97
	Dues	2782.97	
Station (Income)			8.00
	QSL	8.00	
Other (Income)			17.00
	Other	17.00	
TOTAL			2807.97

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-2224.44
	Capital Improvements	-49.98	
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-1905.88	
	Maintenance	-213.59	
Station (Expenses)			-46.02
	Station Misc	-46.02	
Treasurer - Expense			-24.92
	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-24.92	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
TOTAL			-2321.88

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Social Media / PIO Report

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Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Greg's soldering workshop 11/15, 227: <http://tinyurl.com/yc4xjvpu>

Fox Hunt Report 12/4 161: <http://tinyurl.com/dx8cnxj8>

Electronics workshop announcement 12/4, 125 : <http://tinyurl.com/mrmtrweb>

Traffic:

Facebook reach (those who looked at posts) is down but that's normal this time of year. Visits are up.

Other activity:

A release went out on W2T/W2P; will also post to special event station Facebook pages

December 2023 Board Meeting minutes

- President's report – KB3BB
 - Donation given to OLGC for \$300
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Hanging file system installed, separate slots for W2ZQ and EME contacts
 - Dave Doler to assist with W2ZQ QSLs
 - Need assistance with EME QSL-ing
 - W2T/W2P in in process – will send an additional notice on Google group
 - W2T 12/26-12/31
 - W2P 1/1-1/7
 - POTA to be held for W2T on Friday 12/29 at Wash Xing, PA
 - EME 5-meter dish project update
 - Slew drive motors were mounted
 - Need an update from committee, Bob to contact Paul
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - January 10th – “Ham Radio on Balloon Launches”, Walter Holmes, K5WH
 - February 14th – “Demystifying Programming” – Mike Rauch, K2VPX
 - March 13th – “FreeDV Digital Mode”, Mooneer Salem, K6AQ
 - April 10th, Clean Signal Initiative, Mike Ritz, W8VO
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
 - December minutes will be posted to Google “Membership” Group in the coming week
 - Review calendar items for 2024 – sent to link board members
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - Basic electronics seminar / demonstration – December 9th
 - SWR meter demonstration – January 20th, Saied
 - Feb 24th Seminar – Remote Station operation – Bob
 - March – Fox Hunt Training
 - April – QRP day / Swapfest
 - CW classes in progress, next session in the Spring
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeater status – no update
 - 440 conversion to AMS
 - 2m troubleshoot
 - Winlink node status – no problems reported
 - APRS digipeater status – no problems reported
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
 - Oil tank is being cut up
 - Front door trim project is in progress
 - A list of potential future projects will be emailed out by Steve
- Special Events –
 - Triathlon: CGI was bought by a new company. Any changes are unknown at this time
- Training and Examinations, Martin, W3PR
 - Next license testing session is Jan 13th
 - New Ham Net – KB3BB will be new net control, starting in January

December 2023 Board Meeting minutes

- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - new member applications have been received from:
 - Dominic Recchia, KE2CHU
 - total membership count will be 175
 - a listing of unpaid members will be available at the next board meeting
 - will send a membership renewal email in the coming week – Bob to contact Anthony
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
 - A review of the current posts on the home page was given, see attached
 - Suggestion was made to move “Club of the Year” article from “front” page at the end of 2023
 - New articles needed:
 - January Seminar
 - W2P POTA, TBD
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - All operations are nominal
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
 - Current monthly budget report was reviewed for the November reporting period
 - A proposed budget was presented to the board. Board to review and approve budget prior to the January membership meeting
- OLD BUSINESS
 - Outhouse options – committee to be formed next year
 - Bob to purchase/donate a balun for POTA
 - Radio Merit Badge Day, Jan 6th, 8am. Contact Gary K2GW to volunteer
- NEW BUSINESS
 - 2024 Board appointees
 - Membership – Jean Consorti
 - Training and Examinations – Andrew Orsini
 - Updates to be made in mid-January - Greg, K3EA
 - 2024 officers to ARRL web page
 - 2024 officers to w2zq.com
 - Update Leadership Google
 - Distribute 2024 BOD contact list