

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda

Feature Presentation – "3D Printing for Ham Radio", Rich Gopstein, KD2CQBusiness Meeting

- Presidents Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 winner: Barry, KE2BRH
  - Door prize winners:
    - MFJ clock – Cully, N3HTZ
    - CW paddles – Gary, W2LLT
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all operation is nominal
  - W2T and W2P recap – over 2500 contacts were made from the operation at the club station, POTA event and remote operation at members' stations
  - Contesting Subcommittee
    - ARRL DX CW contest - starts Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
    - ARRL DX SSB contest – starts February 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Recent contest results
      - Sweepstakes: 2nd place in our call District , 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division
      - 160m: 3rd place in our call District , 6th in Division
      - 10m: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in our call District , 4th in Division
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
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  - No report.....
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on July 19, 20<sup>th</sup>.... just a reminder that many volunteers are needed
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - No problems with the facilities / grounds
  - Rock salt is available as needed. It is stored under cover, next to the grille
- Program Director, – position is OPEN
  - Volunteer is being sought for the Program Director position
  - February – "POTA Operation", Tobi Massano, AD2CD

- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Next test session – Saturday, January 11th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel
    - Flyers will be available to post at community sites to advertise the testing sessions
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Social Media traffic is UP
  - W2T and W2P article was published in the local Patch “paper”
  - Membership and POTA videos were released on the DVRA YouTube channel
    - Link is on the w2zq.com home page: [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New member introduction
    - John Ottinger, KD2FIH
  - Current member count: 184
  - Dues are now due for 2025
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - Fox Hunt Training, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at W2ZQ station
  - First fox hunt of the year is April 5th
- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Electronics Circuit Seminar in December covered several topics and was well attended
  - Upcoming sessions:
    - HF Operating Seminar, January 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Coax jumper construction & overview of coax and connectors, January 25<sup>th</sup>
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    - Arduino Workshop, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - New ideas are welcomed and encouraged
  - The Antenna Committee can assist members with the planning and implementation of their antenna projects, contact [k3ea.dx@gmail.com](mailto:k3ea.dx@gmail.com)
- Secretary’s Report – Greg, K3EA
  - November and December membership meeting minutes were posted to the “Google Membership” reflector and approved by a vote of the membership
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Treasurers report (attached) was reviewed and approved by the membership
- Old Business
  - Jon Frush thanked all the volunteers who participated in Radio Merit Badge Day
    - Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 is scheduled next event
- New Business
  - DVRA Apparel – will be available thru January 26<sup>th</sup>. New items have been added, go to:  
<https://go.fieldsprintwear.com/dvra/shop/home>
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- Adjourn

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5. W2T and W2P special event stations will run from Dec 26th through Jan 7th

### **New Work:**

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### **Other Work:**

Updated Leadership page (updated by Rich, N2EHL)

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Total Expenses	-943.60
Net Change	2560.84

## Income By Category

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Membership (Income)			3160.20
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Programs			115.00
	Monthly Meetings	115.00	
Treasurer - Income			224.00
	Donations	150.00	
	50/50	74.00	
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Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## January 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize, & 50/50
    - Pizza (6PM)
    - Door prize – SWR / Power meter
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Upcoming contests – links to sign up sheets are on the website calendar
    - ARRL DX CW contest - starts Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
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      - Will run both DX contests as single transmitter, multi-op
  - Updated Station Manual – was added to website
  - Operators Club updates for website – info was sent to Rich/Anthony
  - W2T & W2P wrap up – Incoming QSL cards are dwindling
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Meeting topics:
    - February: POTA, Tobi
    - March – Possible topic: Aeronautical HF radio
    - Future – EME station construction, DXCC / awards, License renewal process
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - Links to DVRA docs sent to Board last week: 2025 budget, Board contact info, membership spreadsheet, monthly program schedule and key holder list
  - January meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - Talk on HF Like a Pro Seminar was well attended by 8+ participants
  - Upcoming projects scheduled:
    - Coax/Connectors construction event, January 25<sup>th</sup> - Greg
    - SWR meter demo, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Saied
    - Ham Clock, 2<sup>nd</sup> session, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rich, N2EHL
      - Registration status.....4 signups, 1 slot remains
    - Arduino Workshop March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rich, KD2CQ
    - Possible soldering project, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Jean
    - QRP day / Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - CW class to start 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May
    - New ideas are welcomed
    - Consider Ewing Library or OLGC for large sessions
  - New ideas are welcome
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - All systems are operational
  - A Netbook computer was purchased for repeater announcements for a more robust setup. Gary was updating software..... It will be installed soon

- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Half of the old fuel tank was hauled away, 2<sup>nd</sup> half to follow
  - Rodent mitigation continues
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL.....no report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members since the January membership meeting: Jeff Griesemer, W2JJJ, Dani DiFlavis, KE2EYH and Vito Vacirca, K2VTO (rejoined)
  - Current member count is now – 187.
  - Dues payment status: 76% of members have paid to date
    - Review of delinquent members status was held
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - January session: 2 test takers, both passed
  - Upcoming testing session – March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Promotion flyers for our Testing sessions are available for distribution in the community / library, etc
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Articles needed:
    - February meeting - Dave
    - SWR meter demo – Saied
    - ARRL DX contests – Dom
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
  - Will attempt to contact Mark Juza for Facebook PW
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
  - 2024 audit committee – in process
  - Monthly report is attached
- Foxhunts:
  - Training March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at W2ZQ
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Fox Hunt on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Past President Report
  - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> POTA recap for W2T – nice wx, 181 contacts: 31 CW, 32 data, 118 phone
  - New Ham Net – attendance has been steady
- OLD BUSINESS
  - DVRA Store – remains open thru the 26<sup>th</sup>, delivery should be approx. 2 weeks
  - DVRA coffee mugs – will be ordered this week, possibly available by the membership meeting
  - Radio Merit Badge wrap up – 30+ Scouts and 6 DVRA volunteers
    - Volunteer needed for Project co-Chair
  - Girl Scouts Get on Air, Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 430pm, Cranbury Library
    - Several members volunteered to assist – Jean, Saied and Tobi
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Next Board meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## Website Report - January OPS Meeting

### **Current Pinned Posts on homepage:**

1. ARRL Membership
2. DVRA online Apparel Store is now open: many New Items added
3. Feedline / Connector Workshop – Saturday, January 25th, 10am
4. 3D Printing in the Ham Shack - Updated

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON WED. 01/22 - Update Station Manual

COMPLETED ON WED. 01/15 - Archive 2024 OPS and Membership meetings on website.

COMPLETE ON WED. 01/15 - Updated Marketplace - Tim Reeg - AD2TR - Removced sold listings.

COMPLETED ON THURS. 01/09 - Posted DVRA Store

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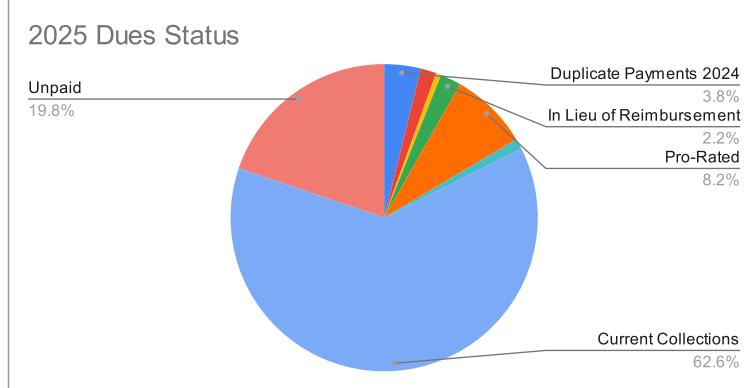
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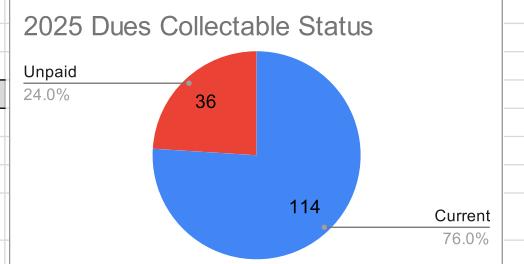
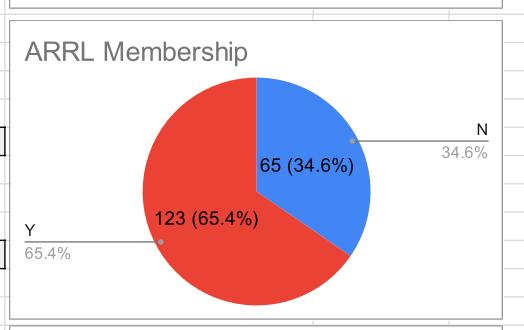
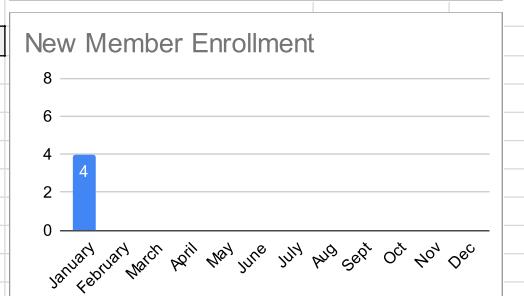
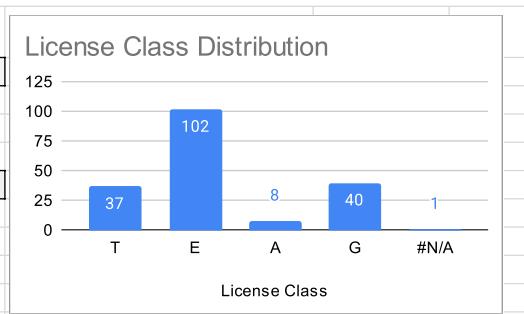
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January 21, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>187</b>	
Dec	183	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>4</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
*John (Jay) Ottinger	KD2FIH	General, returning from hiatus
Jeff Griesemer	W2JJJ	General
Dani DiFlavis	KE2EYH	Tech * 1/11 testing session
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<b>New Member YTD</b>		
January	4	
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
Aug		
Sept		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>0</b>	
Quit	0	
SK	0	
InArrears 2025	0	
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>	<b>128</b>	70.30%
Life	6	
Regular	117	
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>123</b>	
Non Members	65	
<b>2025 Dues Status</b>	<b>146</b>	54.10%
Duplicate Payments 2024	7	
Emeritus	3	Gerry Jurrens, Rory Shafer, Don Wright
Life	1	Gary Long
In Lieu of Reimbursement	4	John Frecks (4 years), Gary, Jill and Pam Wilsom (final year for generator)
Pro-Rated	15	Joined Club Aug - Now
Pre-Paid	2	Tira Mitchell and Mike O'Connor -- Paid membership but were entitled to free year as newly licensed
Current Collections	114	including Cash, CHKs and Money Orders
Unpaid	36	



\* Current Payments Recorded in Forms Log Sheet in Latest DVRA Membership List 01/01/2024

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- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - Presented the SWR meter seminar last weekend
  - Will participate in “Girls Scouts Get on the Air” next Friday with Tobi and Jean at the Cranbury Library
  - Investigating antenna simulation topics for a future workshop / special interest group
  - CW operators are encourage to participate in the upcoming ARRL CW DX contest
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all operation is nominal
  - EME 5 meter dish – additional work will resume with warmer weather
  - W2ZQ qualified and applied for several awards:
    - DXCC Mixed, 275 countries
    - DXCC endorsements for 12 and 17 meters
    - Worked All States, Triple Play
    - VUCC on 6m and 23cm
    - Worked All Zones: Mixed, Phone, Digital and 5 Band
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- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - March 12<sup>th</sup> – “Getting Started With WinLink”, Glen, NK1N
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> – “How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld”, Clint Bradford, K6LCS
  - May - “HF Aeronautical Radio as a DX tool”, Dave, K3DFD
  - Possible future presentation: Dr. Nate Frissel, W2NAF, presentation on HamSci
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3. HamClock DIY Workshop #2 – February 22nd, 2025
4. W2ZQ TO OPERATE IN THE UPCOMING ARRL DX CONTESTS

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON TUES. 02/11 - DVRA has been designated an ARRL Special Service Club - posted ARRL logos on website (updated by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 02/05 - Parks on the Air [ POTA ] – Learn the Ins and outs of this fascinating HAM activity

COMPLETED ON SUNL 02/02 - W2ZQ TO OPERATE IN THE UPCOMING ARRL DX CONTESTS (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 01/22 - Update Station Manual

COMPLETED ON THURS. 01/16 - Posted HamClock DIY Workshop #2 – February 22nd, 2025 (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 01/15 - Archive 2024 OPS and Membership meetings on website.

COMPLETE ON WED. 01/15 - Updated Marketplace - Tim Reeg - AD2TR - Removed sold listings.

### **Other Work:**

Updated Marketplace with new items (Tim Reeg - AD2TR)

- Reply all
- Reply to author
- Forward

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Total Expenses	-796.02
Net Change	1530.15

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Station (Income)			193.00
	W2T / W2P	193.00	
Membership (Income)			1531.97
	Dues	1531.97	
Programs			116.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	116.00	
Treasurer - Income			485.20
	Donations	485.20	
TOTAL			2326.17

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs			-265.90
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-265.90	
Physical Plant			-349.90
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-200.96	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Other (Expenses)			-153.72
	Other	-153.72	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	

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TOTAL		-796.02		

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## **Delaware Valley Radio Association – Internal Financial Audit**

To:

Delaware Valley Radio Association, Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 7024  
West Trenton, NJ 08628

Summary:

The Delaware Valley Radio Association (DVRA) Board of Directors engaged David Doler, K3DFD and Stephen McCann, KC3LPO to conduct an internal audit of the club's checking and Stripe accounts.

Date of Audit: 2/3/2025

Areas Audited: DVRA Club Checking Accounts – CY2024  
Stripe Account – CY2024

Audit Team: Stephen McCann, KC3LPO and David Doler, K3DFD

Persons Interviewed: Richard Freeman, N2EHL – 2/3/2025

Highlights: All bank/Stripe account transactions matched register

Nonconformities: None found

Observations: None

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements provide a true and fair view of the financial transactions of DVRA during the calendar year ending 31 December 2024.

David Doler, K3DFD Stephen McCann, KC3LPO

## February 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize, & 50/50
    - Pizza (6PM)
    - Door prize – Dual band handheld
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Received Worked All Zones (WAZ) certificates for SSB, 5-Band, Mixed and Digital
  - Received VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC) certificates for 6m and 1296 MHz
  - Pi Day operation to be held at W2ZQ by DVRA and Sarnoff members, Friday March 14th, 2-9pm
    - Dom to put an announcement on the Google Group
  - Contests subcommittee
    - ARRL DX CW contest recap.....nine operators participated for 663 Qs resulting in 611,688 points
    - ARRL DX SSB contest – starts February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm thru Sunday at 7pm
      - Will run as single transmitter, multi-op,
      - Operator spots are still available, link to sign up sheet is on the website
    - Still no results have been posted from the 2024 NJQP
  - EME Report – activity will resume with warmer weather
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Meeting topics:
    - March – Getting Started with WinLink, Glen, NK1N
    - April – How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld, Clint Bradford, K6LCS
    - May – Aeronautical HF for better DX – Dave, K3DFD
    - Dr. Nate Frissell confirmed for HamSci talk in September
    - Possible Talks: History / Development of Echolink, VoIP Hurricane Net, Mercer County ARES
    - December: Possibly bring back Pot Luck.....consider Ham Trivia
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - February meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
  - Will add the upcoming HamSci conference to website calendar, March 14, 15
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - The Ham Clock, 2<sup>nd</sup> session had four participants last weekend for another successful workshop
  - Upcoming projects scheduled:
    - Arduino Workshop March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am – Rich, KD2CQ
    - Portable Electric Generator demo/workshop, March 29th – Gary, K2GW
    - Basic Soldering, session 2, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Jean, AD2EK
    - QRP day / Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - CW class to start 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May – in negotiations with Cliff, WA2TMF
    - New ideas are welcomed
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - All systems are operational

- Announcement radio - antenna was upgraded
  - Spare 2m amplifier was troubleshoot and repaired
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Tree pruning near 2m repeater tower was performed
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL.....NJ Triathlon Bike race is July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members since the February membership meeting:
    - Kieran Pillion, KD2ULM, Island Heights, NJ
    - Re-joined: Ashis Banerjee, AB2DB
  - Current member count is now – 191
  - Dues payment status: 88% of members have paid to date
    - Will request delinquent dues at the March meeting before purging the list for 2025
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – March 8<sup>th</sup>
    - 3 candidates signed up for the next test session
    - ARRL VE will not send exam booklets after next year. We will have to print the exams booklets.
    - Andrew will attend More project Tech training session
    - Investigate virtual test sessions for DVRA
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Add 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the website masthead - Rich
  - Articles needed:
    - March meeting - Dave
    - Fox Hunt training – was sent to Anthony
    - Generator Workshop – Greg/Gary
    - Soldering Workshop - Jean
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
  - Still attempting to contact Mark Juza for Facebook PW
    - Steve C will attempt to reach Mark by phone
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached
- Foxhunts:
  - Training March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at W2ZQ
- Past President Report
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Girl Scouts Get on Air, wrap up – approx. 10 scouts and 3 volunteers were in attendance. The scouts had an opportunity to talk on 20m SSB and practice morse code keys were made by the scouts.
  - Mugs were sold out – will sell again in the Fall, along with the next apparel ordering
- NEW BUSINESS
  - The Board discussed expanding Shack hours to Saturday mornings that do not have special projects or operating events scheduled. This was approved with the

- provision that these days would be specifically designated for operator training on the station equipment.
- Club Survey – Martin & Dave will collaborate on a survey
- W2H Special Event Station - operation for the Hindenburg to be held again this year from the W2ZQ station. Target dates are May 3 – 11<sup>th</sup>. Martin will apply for call sign
- Open House was moved to August 17th
- Next Board Meeting – March 26<sup>th</sup>

## **Website Report - February OPS Meeting**

Current Pinned Posts on homepage:

1. ARRL Membership
2. Parks on the Air [ POTA ] – Learn the Ins and outs of this fascinating HAM activity - Updated
3. Fox Hunt Training Session – March 15, 2025 9:00 ET
4. W2ZQ TO OPERATE IN THE UPCOMING ARRL DX CONTESTS

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON WED. 0226 - Posted March Fox Hunt Training.

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Removed ARRL DX post from home page

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Updated POTA presentation

COMPLETED ON WED. 02/05 - Parks on the Air [ POTA ] – Learn the Ins and outs of this fascinating HAM activity

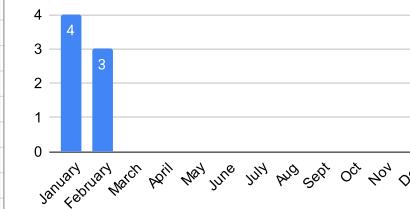
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February 26, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>191</b>	
Jan	187	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>4</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Kevin McHugh	WA2KM	*Advanced
Adam Friedman-Selsley	KD2EMW	*Extra
Kieran Pillion Jr	KD2ULM	Technician
BANERJEE, ASHIS	AB2DB	*renewed -- lapsed 2024
<b>New Member YTD</b>		
January	4	
February	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
Aug		
Sept		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>0</b>	
Quit	0	
SK	0	
InArrears 2025	0	
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>		65.60%
Members	126	
Non Members	66	
<b>2025 Dues Status</b>	<b>159</b>	
In Arrears	<b>23</b>	
2025 Renewals	127	
Duplicate Payments 2024	7	
PrePaid 2024	2	
Life/Emeritus	4	
ProRated Membership	15	
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<b>Year Comparison</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
In Arrears	32	23
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Retention Rate	85.25%	87.96%
Loss Rate	17.49%	12.04%
Growth Rate Difference		<b>2.71%</b>

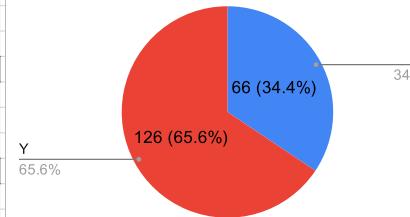
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New Member Enrollment



ARRL Membership



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Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
- Feature Presentation – “ Getting Started with WinLink”, Glen Johnstone, NK1N

Business Meeting

- Presidents Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Kevin, KD2WCY
  - Door prize drawing (dual band handheld) winner: John, N3JAM
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - Hindenburg Special Event Station, W2H to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> at W2ZQ station
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  - ARRL DX contests preliminary results:
    - CW contest: 663 QSO's for 611,688 points
    - SSB contest: 756 QSO's for 652,320 points
  - NJ QSO party results were posted, W2ZQ came in third place in the club station category
  - Contesting Subcommittee, upcoming :
    - ARRL Digital Contest, June 7-8<sup>th</sup>
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeater / WinLink / APRS status – all operation is nominal
  - Members are encouraged to put a “good” signal into the repeater. Also turn off any beeps, etc. on your transmissions
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on July 20<sup>th</sup>.... just a reminder that many volunteers are needed
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - Spring Cleanup Day will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9am. Volunteers are needed
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
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  - Nov – Mercer County ARES

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  - Last month's test session: 2 new techs and 2 upgrades to General
  - Next test session – Saturday, May 10th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel
  - Andrew will attend More project Tech training session
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  - See attached report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New member introduction.....welcome to the new members!
    - Kieran Pillion, Jr., KD2ULM - Tech of Island Heights, NJ
    - Bob Cunningham, KD3ATT , Newtown, PA
    - Brian Clarke - New Technician, Hamilton, NJ
    - Robert Rizzo, KD2EAW, Flemington, NJ
    - Steve Levine, NK1W, Hopewell, NJ
  - Current member count: 195 (20 unpaid )
  - Final call for payment of members' dues for 2025 was made
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - Fox Hunt Training, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at W2ZQ station. Send email to [foxhunts@w2zq.com](mailto:foxhunts@w2zq.com) for more information
  - First Fox Hunt of 2025: Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This will be a mobile Hunt, starting at the Chapin School
- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Special Projects / Workshops are generally held at the W2ZQ station on Saturday mornings. See the articles on the W2ZQ home page for details. Near term upcoming events:
    - Arduino Workshop, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, registration is limited – Rich KD2CQ
    - Portable Generator workshop, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Gary, K2GW
    - Soldering Workshop, April 5<sup>th</sup>, registration is limited – Jean, AD2EK
    - QRP Day & Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm
    - CW class to start 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May – Cliff WA2TMF
    - A number of Saturday morning training sessions will be added to the schedule throughout the remainder of the year. These sessions will provide operator training for the W2ZQ HF and EME station equipment. Details are in the works. Look for the first session to occur in May.
    - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed
  - Antenna Committee:
    - Periodically holds construction projects
    - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
    - To request assistance send an email to: [k3ea@arrl.net](mailto:k3ea@arrl.net)
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The February membership meeting minutes were posted to the "Google Membership" reflector and approved by a vote of the membership
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Treasurers report (attached) was reviewed and approved by the membership
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Stay tuned in:

- **Club Website:** [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) Upcoming events are featured on the home page and the 2025 calendar is always up to date, with clickable links.
- **Club Station:** the W2ZQ station is staffed by members who are involved in club activities and can offer operating and technical advice. **Station hours:** Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm.
- **Membership Google Group:** Join the group for up to date information on club activities, last minute cancellations, and informative posts.....or to ask a question.
  - To join the group, send an email to [w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **DVRA Contesters Google Group:** Join the group to follow discussions on upcoming contests in which the DVRA and W2ZQ club station will be participating.
  - To join the group, send an email to [dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **Nets** –held on the DVRA repeaters:
  - **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
  - **New Ham Net**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL131.8
- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Station Hours:** every Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm - operator training is available.
- **Fox Hunt Training**, Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at W2ZQ station
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- **Fox Hunt**, Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am, mobile hunt starts at Chapin School, Lawrence Twp.
- **Soldering Workshop**, Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am at W2ZQ station
- **New Ham Net**, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Membership Meeting**, April 9<sup>th</sup>, "How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld", Clint Bradford, K6LCS
- **Station Clean Up Day**, Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am
- **QRP / Portable Day & Swap Fest**, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm, W2ZQ station
- **Hindenburg Special Event Station, W2H**, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at W2ZQ station

## **Website Report - March Membership Meeting – March 2025**

### **Current Pinned Posts on homepage:**

1. ARRL Membership
2. DVRA designated an ARRL Special Service Club
3. Fox Hunt Training Session – March 15, 2025 9:00 ET
4. Beginner Arduino Workshop
5. Winlink Global Radio Email - Meeting Post
6. Portable Electric Generator Workshop
7. DVRA Mobile Fox Hunt – April 5, 2025

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON SUN. 03/09 - DVRA Mobile Fox Hunt – April 5, 2025

COMPLETED ON WED 03/05 - Portable Electric Generator Workshop

COMPLETED ON WED. 03/05 - Winlink Global Radio Email - March Meeting presentation

COMPLETE ON WED. 02/26 - DVRA designated an ARRL Special Service Club  
(Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 02/26 - Posted March Fox Hunt Training.

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Beginner Arduino Workshop (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Removed ARRL DX post from home page

### **Other Work:**

Updated Marketplace

## Social Media / PIO Report

February 2025 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 12 March 2025

### February 2025 Summary

- Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media
- All social traffic is nominal

### Details

#### Greatest hits/Facebook:

Girl Scouts radio day photos

Feb 26

482 views

<https://tinyurl.com/mtpa5933>

AT&T Archives/Shive Wave Machine

Feb 24

248 views

<https://tinyurl.com/3ydkkxv8>

A Tribute to Joe Taylor K1JT from PY6CJ

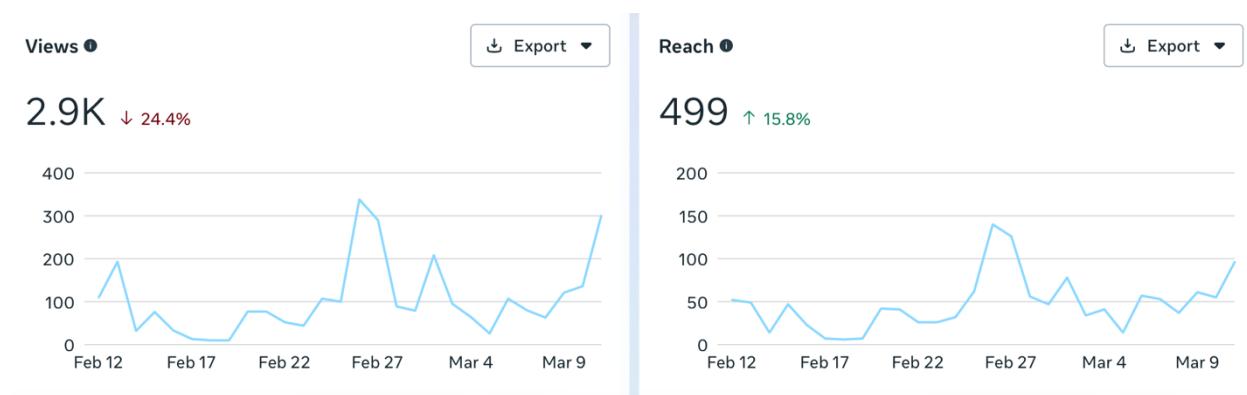
Feb 15

131 views

<https://tinyurl.com/3kbnazzu>

#### Facebook/Instagram Traffic:

Reach/view numbers are nominal



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Membership (Income)	Dues	579.30	579.30
Treasurer - Income	Donations	250.00	250.00
Other (Income)	merchandise sales	180.00	180.00
Programs (Income)	Monthly Meetings (Income)	136.00	256.00
	Programs (Other Income)	120.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1323.30</b>

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-105.56
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-105.56	
Special Events (Expense)			-511.20
	Special Projects	-296.90	
	Other	-214.30	
Physical Plant			-515.96
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-218.09	
	Phone (MagicJack)	-49.98	
	Toilet	-197.90	

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Station (Expenses)			-275.11
	Station Misc	-275.11	
Treasurer - Expense			-339.25
	Insurance & Taxes	-339.25	
Public Information			-115.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
	Website	-89.00	
Membership (Expenses)			-50.00
	Dues Refunds	-50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-1912.58</b>

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  - Contests subcommittee
    - Next Contest ARRL Digi, June 7-8
    - NJ QSO2024 - revised score places us in 2<sup>nd</sup> place
      - Will strategize for a higher score next year
    - Field Day, June 28-29
      - Need chair – Jon Frush
  - W2H, May 3rd thru the 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Call sign has been obtained
    - Need to promote
    - generate sign-up sheet - Greg
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - Antenna modelling seminar every other Thursday at 7pm
  - EME Report – trenching for the cabling was performed this week. Cable selection is in process.
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
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    - May – How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld, Clint Bradford, K6LC
    - June – tentative: VoIP Hurricane Net, Rob Macedo, KD1CY
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    - CW class to start 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May – in negotiations with Cliff, WA2TMF
    - Saturday training sessions, (Not counting August, only 7 Saturdays w/o activities already scheduled or on a Holiday weekend)
      - W2ZQ HF equipment training session material is being assembled
      - EME material is currently available
      - First HF session to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>

- After that, six more sessions, including at least 2 EME sessions. Dates are \*June 21, \*July 26, Sep 27, Nov 8 and Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and \*Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Three of these would work for EME, denoted with \*
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- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Spring Clean up day is April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am
  - Installed lock guard on workshop front door.
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - NJ Triathlon Bike race is Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers needed on Saturday is TBD
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members since the March membership meeting:
    - Paul Hetherington, K3PJH, Levittown, PA
    - Anthony DelleChiaie, KE2FLG, Robbinsville, NJ
    - Daniel Arena, KC2RQT, Pennington, NJ
    - Lloyd Mathis, KE2BKM (RENEWAL from 2023) Trenton, NJ
  - Current member count is now – 199 (18 unpaid)
    - Will delete the 18 unpaid from the roster
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – May 10th
    - Last session – 2 new techs and 2 upgrades to General
    - Virtual test sessions for DVRA are being investigated
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Articles needed:
    - Clean up Day - Steve
    - SwapFest – Greg
    - W2H - Martin
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
  - Steve contacted Mark Juza for Facebook PW, meeting scheduled in July to sort out the PW
  - Field Day video was uploaded to YouTube channel
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached
- Foxhunts:
  - First Fox Hunt, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Chapin School, 9am
- Past President Report
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Membership Survey
    - Review of survey was conducted with the Board
    - Will have ready for April meeting
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Field Day, June 28-29
    - Jon Frush will chair the event

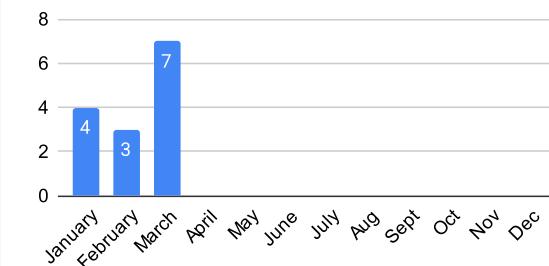
- April 21<sup>st</sup>: virtual tour of the W2ZQ shack for the current MORE class - Jean
- Next Board Meeting – April 23rd

March 26, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>199</b>	
Feb	191	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>8</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Bob Cunningham	KD3ATT	*Technician - March Test Session
Brian Clarke	KE2FHQ	*Technician - March Test Session
Robert Rizzo	KD2EAW	Extra
Steve Levine	NK1W	Extra
Paul Hertherington	K3PJH	General
Anthony DelleChiaie	KE2FLG	Tech -- New Licensee
Daniel A. Arena	KC2RQT	Tech
Lloyd Mathis	KE2BKM	Returning member / did not pay 2024
<b>New Member YTD</b>		
January	4	
February	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
March	7	*excludes lapsed renewal
April		
May		
June		
July		
Aug		
Sept		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>18</b>	
Quit	0	
SK	0	
InArrears 2025	18	
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>		63.32%
Members	126	
Non Members	74	
<b>2025 Dues Status</b>		
In Arrears	18	

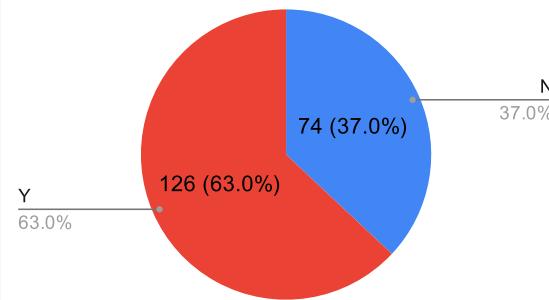
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New Member Enrollment



ARRL Membership



## **Website Report - March OPS Meeting**

Current Pinned Posts on homepage:

1. ARRL Membership
2. DVRA designated an ARRL Special Service Club
3. Fox Hunt Training Session – March 15, 2025 9:00 ET
4. Beginner Arduino Workshop
5. Winlink Global Radio Email - Meeting Post
6. Portable Electric Generator Workshop
7. DVRA Mobile Fox Hunt – April 5, 2025
8. Using World-Wide Aeronautical Weather and HF Air Traffic Control for DXing - April's Presenation

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON WED. 03/26 - Posted April's presentation - Using World-Wide Aeronautical Weather and HF Air Traffic Control for DXing

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COMPLETE ON WED. 02/26 - DVRA designated an ARRL Special Service Club (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 02/26 - Posted March Fox Hunt Training.

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Beginner Arduino Workshop (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON FRI. 02/21 - Removed ARRL DX post from home page

Other Work:

Updated Marketplace

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for February 2025

The beginning balance for February 2025 was \$15251.68

The ending balance for February 2025 was \$14662.40, a net decrease of \$589.28

### Cash Flow for February 2025

Starting Balance	15251.68
Ending Balance	14662.40
Total Income	1323.30
Total Expenses	-1912.58
Net Change	-589.28

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Station (Income)			58.00
	W2T / W2P	58.00	
Membership (Income)	Dues	579.30	579.30
Treasurer - Income	Donations	250.00	250.00
Other (Income)	merchandise sales	180.00	180.00
Programs (Income)	Monthly Meetings (Income)	136.00	256.00
	Programs (Other Income)	120.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1323.30</b>

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-105.56
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-105.56	
Special Events (Expense)			-511.20
	Special Projects	-296.90	
	Other	-214.30	
Physical Plant			-515.96
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-218.09	
	Phone (MagicJack)	-49.98	
	Toilet	-197.90	

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Station (Expenses)			-275.11
	Station Misc	-275.11	
Treasurer - Expense			-339.25
	Insurance & Taxes	-339.25	
Public Information			-115.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
	Website	-89.00	
Membership (Expenses)			-50.00
	Dues Refunds	-50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-1912.58</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
- Feature Presentation – “Aeronautical HF for better DX”, Dave Doler, K3DFD

Business Meeting

- Presidents Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Jack, K2WLD
  - Door prize drawing (DX Engineering gift certificate) winner: Jon, W2ANZ
  - Jack and Jon donated their prize winnings back to the club....Thank You!
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME report – trench dug for cabling, needs to be deepened – possibly at Clean Up day
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all operation is nominal
  - 2024 NJ QSO Party - scoring was adjusted, we ended up in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the club competition
  - Upcoming operating activities at the station:
    - QRP day April 26th
    - W2H Special Event Station, May 3-11th
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary added to the website masthead
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS status – all operation is nominal
  - Repeaters – are getting more use
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.... just a reminder that many volunteers are needed
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - Lawn tractor tune up was performed
  - Spring Cleanup Day will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 945am. Volunteers are needed. Bring work gloves and wear work clothes. Bring shears and pruning tools, if possible.
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - Upcoming programs, (presentation dates/topics may change):
  - May – “How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld”, Clint Bradford, K6LCS
  - June – VoIP Hurricane Net, Rob Macedo, KD1CY
  - July – History & Development of Echolink, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
  - Aug – No presentation this month, Open House, Aug 17th
  - Sept – HamSci, Dr Nathaniel Frissell
  - Nov – Mercer County ARES
  - Possible future presentation on Ham Sci / meteor scatter
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Next test session – Saturday, May 10th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel

- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Greatest hits on social media – Generator seminar, Move Disaster Van and Arduino workshop.
  - New videos posted on the YouTube channel: Antenna Committee and Field Day
  - EME station video will be posted next month
  - See attached report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New member introduction....welcome to the new members!
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    - Marcos Sanchez, KE2FMS, Riverside, NJ
    - Victor Cushman, KD3AZI, Wilmington, DE
  - Membership roster was adjusted after the final appeal for 2025 dues payment, making the current member count: 185
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - 7 participants at last weeks Fox Hunt. Winner was K1JT with the shortest distance to find the fox
  - Next Fox Hunt, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This is an IARU style fox hunt (on foot) in Veterans Park, Hamilton...find 5 foxes, all on the same frequency
- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Special Projects / Workshops are generally held at the W2ZQ station on Saturday mornings. See the articles on the W2ZQ home page for details.
  - An Arduino Workshop, Generator Workshop and a Soldering Workshop were recently held. All three events were very successful and were well received.
  - Near-term upcoming events:
    - QRP Day & Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm
    - Antenna Workshop, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am
    - CW class to start May 13<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Contact Cliff at [wa2tmf@gmail.com](mailto:wa2tmf@gmail.com) to register
    - W2ZQ HF Station training, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am
      - This is the first of several Saturday morning training sessions that will be added to the schedule throughout the remainder of the year. These sessions will provide operator training for the W2ZQ HF and EME station equipment. Watch the club calendar for additional sessions
  - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed
  - Antenna Committee:
    - Periodically holds construction projects
    - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
    - To request assistance, send an email to: [k3ea.dx@gmail.com](mailto:k3ea.dx@gmail.com)
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The March membership meeting minutes were posted to the “Google Membership” reflector and approved by a vote of the membership
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Treasurers report (attached) was reviewed
- Old Business - none

- New Business
  - Membership Survey – survey will be sent shortly. Will be sent to the google group and thru Mail Chimp. Ranked question – explanation
  - Hindenburg Special Event Station, W2H to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> at W2ZQ station. An operator sign-up sheet can be accessed by clicking on the event on the club calendar at w2zq.com
  - Field Day, June 28-29<sup>th</sup> – Jon, W8JRF@arrl.net
    - The operating start time is 2p Sat.... to about noon on Sunday
      - Operators are needed. An online operator signup sheet will be created
    - Antenna setup on Friday, 3pm
    - Questions? Contact Jon
- Adjourn

Stay tuned in:

- **Club Website:** [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) Upcoming events are featured on the home page and the 2025 calendar is always up to date, with clickable links.
- **Club Station:** the W2ZQ station is staffed by members who are involved in club activities and can offer operating and technical advice. **Station hours:** Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm.
- **Membership Google Group:** Join the group for up to date information on club activities, last minute cancellations, and informative posts.....or to ask a question.
  - To join the group, send an email to [w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **DVRA Contesters Google Group:** Join the group to follow discussions on upcoming contests in which the DVRA and W2ZQ club station will be participating.
  - To join the group, send an email to [dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **Nets** –held on the DVRA repeaters:
  - **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
  - **New Ham Net**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

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- **Fox Hunt**, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am
- **VE Testing Session**, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- **Antenna Workshop**, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station
- **CW class, 1<sup>st</sup> session**, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, register with Cliff at [wa2tmf@gmail.com](mailto:wa2tmf@gmail.com)

- **New Ham Net**, Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Membership Meeting**, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, “How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld”, Clint Bradford, K6LCS
- **W2ZQ HF Station Training**, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station

## **Website Report - April Membership Meeting**

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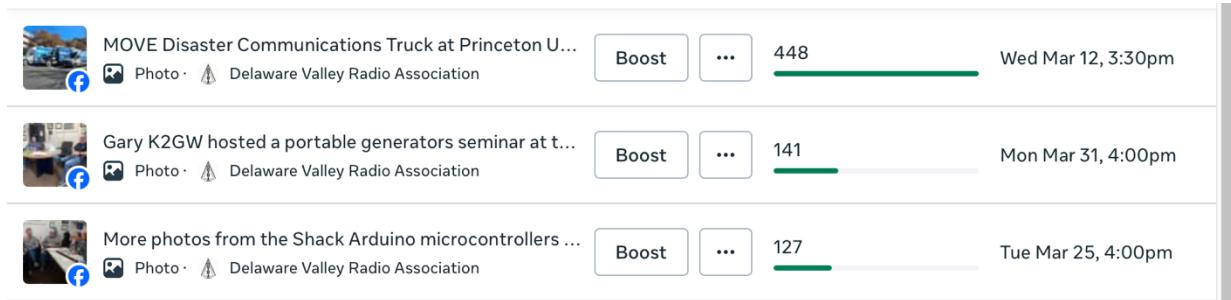
## Social Media / PIO Report

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### March 2025 Summary

- Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media
- All social traffic is up

### Greatest hits/Facebook:

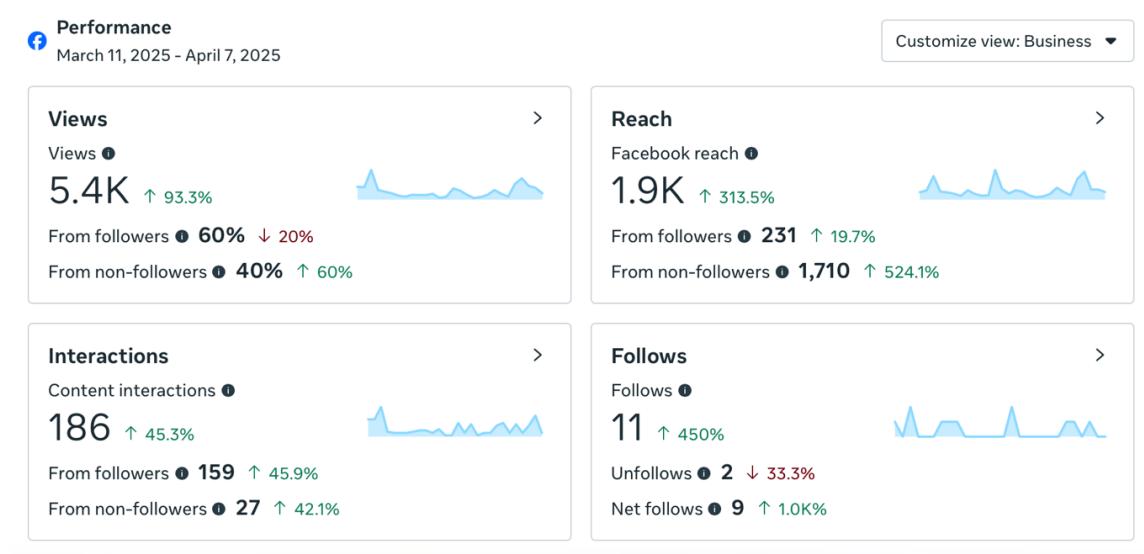


Post links:

1. <https://tinyurl.com/3a33hbmz>
2. <https://tinyurl.com/52cs3n6p>
3. <https://tinyurl.com/vut4sst6>

### Facebook/Instagram Traffic:

Reach/view numbers are up



### YouTube

New videos were posted on the YouTube channel:

1. Field Day: [https://youtu.be/rUXI-zfv\\_JE?si=i3BQQR1eGowd1qDP](https://youtu.be/rUXI-zfv_JE?si=i3BQQR1eGowd1qDP)
2. Antenna Committee: <https://youtu.be/QQ8cvzg2q3o?si=vvve2UfA8Wy8TYS8>

The EME video is complete and will be posted next month.

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for March 2025

The beginning balance for March 2025 was \$14662.40

The ending balance for March 2025 was \$14897.33, a net increase of \$234.93

Cash Flow for March 2025	
Starting Balance	14662.40
Ending Balance	14897.33
 Total Income	757.75
Total Expenses	-522.82
 Net Change	234.93

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			580.75
	Dues	580.75	
Station (Income)			5.00
	W2T / W2P	5.00	
Other (Income)			50.00
	merchandise sales	50.00	
Programs (Income)			122.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	92.00	
	Programs (Other Income)	30.00	
 TOTAL			757.75

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-108.73
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-108.73	
 Physical Plant			-372.99
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-213.28	
	Phone (MagicJack)	-10.77	
	Toilet	-98.95	
 Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
 Treasurer - Expense			-14.60

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Total
	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-14.60		
TOTAL				-522.82

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## April 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

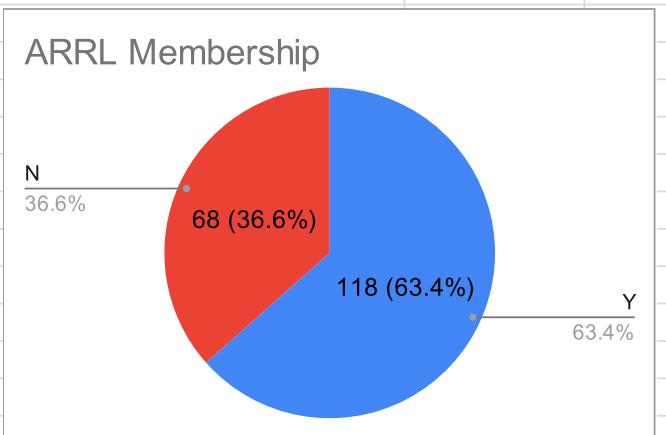
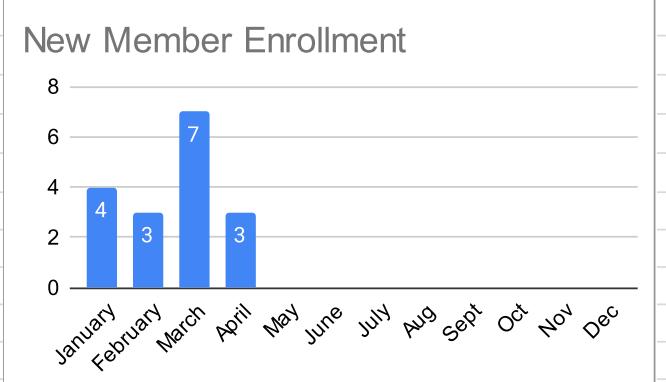
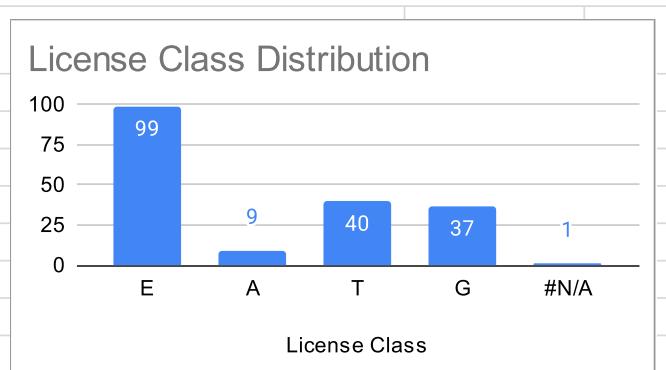
- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize, & 50/50
    - Pizza (6PM)
    - Door prize – ARRL Handbook
    - May 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to be run by Saied
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - W2H, May 3rd thru the 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Need to post an announcement on the Google Group requesting operators
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME Report – trenching for the cabling was finished last week. Thanks to Matt, N2LFD. Conduit and PVC cement were procured. Cable installation is next.
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - May – How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld, Clint Bradford, K6LC
    - June – tentative: VoIP Hurricane Net, Rob Macedo, KD1CY
    - July – History and Development of Echolink, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
    - Aug – Open House, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Sept “HamSci”, Dr Frissell
    - Oct – DVRA EME dish – Paul, Saied
    - Nov – Mercer County ARES
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - April meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Completed projects
    - Portable Electric Generator demo/workshop, March 29th – Gary, K2GW
    - Basic Soldering, session #2, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Jean, AD2EK
  - Upcoming projects scheduled for Saturdays, no projects in August
    - QRP day / Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup>
      - Info sent to SNJ section clubs and other local clubs
      - Will cancel by Friday if need to postpone due to weather
    - Antenna Workshop, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Half Square Antenna for 40m
    - CW class to start 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May with Cliff, WA2TMF
    - W2ZQ training sessions
      - First HF session to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>
      - Saied to run EME session on July 26th
      - Remaining dates are \*June 21, Sep 27, Nov 8 and Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and \*Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Possible EME days denoted with \*
    - Antenna Modelling sessions continue, run by Saied
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - All systems are operational
  - APRS and WinLink is operational
  - Wires X is operational

- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Spring Cleanup day recap – A/C installed, trench dug for water drainage near tool room
  - Lawn mower tune up was performed
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
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  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
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  - Virtual test sessions - status
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
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    - May 14<sup>th</sup>, Membership meeting - Dave
    - May 31<sup>st</sup> HF station training - Greg
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached
  - Donation from Exelon, 3 checks for a total of \$896
  - We want to send new website articles via Mail Chimp – Rich and Jean to work out details
- Foxhunts
  - Next Fox Hunt is Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Veteran's Park. This is an on-foot Hunt
- Past President Report
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Membership Survey – 38 surveys completed
  - April 21<sup>st</sup>: a virtual tour of the W2ZQ shack was held for the current MORE class – attended by approx. 40 students. Thanks to Jean, AD2EK
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Field Day - Jon
    - Planning meeting tonight
    - Saied agreed to arrange for the food
    - Set up on Saturday morning for antennas, instead of Friday afternoon
  - Possible partnership with Martin County Amateur Radio Assoc (FL club). We will invite them to our zoom meetings
  - POTA will be scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, possibly Wash Crossing State Park, NJ
  - New Ham Net has increased attendance, possibly due to Google announcements and an increase in new members

- Consider posting the topics prior to both the New Ham Net and the Tech Net

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March 26, 2025 Membership Report	
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>186</b>
March	183
<b>New Members</b>	<b>3</b>
	*announced at Member Meeting
Marcos Sanchez - Riverside, NJ	KE2FMS
Victor Cushman - Wilmington, DE	KD3AZI
Joshua Shterenberg	KJ5GNL
Jon Costanza	Paid - Student Rate
Robert Evans	Paid
<b>New Member YTD</b>	
January	4
February	3
March	7
April	3
May	
June	
July	
Aug	
Sept	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>17</b>
Quit	0
SK	0
InArrears 2025	17
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7. ANTENNA WORKSHOP – MAY 10th, 2025

Website Header added: "Celebrating our 95th Anniversary 1930 - 2025

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON WED. 04/23 - Posted May 4th Fox Hunt

COMPLETED ON THURS. 04/17 - Posted W2H - Special Event Station to commemorate 1937 Hindenburg Disaster

COMPLETED ON TUES. 04/15 - Posted ANTENNA WORKSHOP – MAY 10th, 2025  
(Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

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	Monthly Meetings (Income)	92.00	
	Programs (Other Income)	30.00	
TOTAL			757.75

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-108.73
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-108.73	
Physical Plant			-372.99
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-213.28	
	Phone (MagicJack)	-10.77	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
Treasurer - Expense			-14.60

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Total
	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-14.60		
TOTAL				-522.82

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda

Feature Presentation – “How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your Handheld”, Clint Bradford, K6LCSBusiness Meeting

- Presidents Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Phil, KE5L
  - Door prize drawing (ARRL Handbook) winner: Greg, KC2POL
  - Membership survey ends tomorrow.....please participate with your feedback
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME report –
    - Trenching and cable installation was completed.
      - RF cable installed to the new dish
      - Ethernet cable installed to the new dish
    - Working on a solution to connect the rotator to the station over Ethernet
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all operation is nominal
  - W2H SES wrap up report: 452 contacts, QSL cards are being received
  - Station training on May 31st
  - Upcoming operating activities at the station:
    - ARRL Digital Contest: starts Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ends Sunday at 8pm
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS status / Wires-X – all operation is nominal
    - Users are reminded to refrain from digital operation during the analog nets
  - Repeaters –all operation is nominal.
    - Announcements are on the half-hour from 8am to 11pm unless there is traffic on the repeater. Announcements commence after 30 seconds with no carrier.
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> ....  
Just a reminder that many volunteers are needed. See announcement on Google Group for additional information.
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - All operations are nominal, no problems
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - Upcoming programs:
    - June – VoIP Hurricane Net, Rob Macedo, KD1CY (tentative)
    - July – History & Development of Echolink, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
    - Aug – No presentation this month, Open House, Aug 17th
    - Sept – HamSci, Dr Nathaniel Frissell
    - Oct – New EME dish, Saied / Paul

- Nov – Mercer County ARES
- Dec – Polt Luck Dinner
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Test session held May 10th
  - Next test session – Saturday, July 12th, 10am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All social media traffic is normal
  - thanks to all the members who provided photos and news
  - See attached report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New member introduction.....welcome to the new members!
    - Marcos Sanchez, KE2FMS, Riverside NJ
    - Victor Cushman, KD3AZI, Wilmington DE
    - Robert Erenburg, no callsign, Wilmington, DE
    - Joshua Shterenberg, KJ5GNL, Plainsboro, NJ
    - Liz Cooper, new General Licensee
  - current member count: 188
- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Special Projects / Workshops are generally held at the W2ZQ station on Saturday mornings. See the articles on the W2ZQ home page for details.
    - Recently held events
      - 6<sup>th</sup> annual QRP day and Swap Fest .....Six stations participated for a successful event on the grounds of W2ZQ
      - Antenna Workshop – a 40m Half Square antenna was discussed and antenna modelling software was used to compare with a dipole and a full wave loop. The antenna was erected and tested with results matching the antenna model.
    - Near-term upcoming events:
      - CW class to start May 20<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. See the article on the website and contact Cliff at [wa2tmf@gmail.com](mailto:wa2tmf@gmail.com) to register
      - W2ZQ HF Station training, Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am
        - This is the first of several Saturday morning training sessions that will be added to the schedule throughout the remainder of the year. These sessions will provide operator training for the W2ZQ HF and EME station equipment.
        - Watch the club calendar for additional sessions
          - The next HF training session is scheduled for June 21st
          - An EME session is planned for July 26<sup>th</sup>
      - A POTA event is planned for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12pm at Washington Crossing Park (NJ), Knox Picnic Area
      - VHF activity day – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm. Operations are planned for 6m, 2m and 440. The intent is to introduce members to operation on the VHF bands prior to the VHF contest that weekend
    - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed
  - Antenna Committee:
    - Periodically holds construction projects
    - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
    - To request assistance, send an email to: [k3ea.dx@gmail.com](mailto:k3ea.dx@gmail.com)

- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The April membership meeting minutes were posted to the "Google Membership" reflector and approved by a vote of the membership
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Treasurers report (attached) was reviewed and approved by a vote of the membership
- Old Business
  - Field Day, June 28-29<sup>th</sup> – Jon, W8JRF@arrl.net
    - The operating start time is 2pm Saturday.... to about noon on Sunday
      - Setup at 11am on Saturday
      - Operators are needed. An online operator signup sheet will be created
    - Questions? Contact Jon
- New Business
- Adjourn

Stay tuned in:

- **Club Website:** [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) Upcoming events are featured on the home page and the 2025 calendar is always up to date, with clickable links.
- **Club Station:** the W2ZQ station is staffed by members who are involved in club activities and can offer operating and technical advice. **Station hours:** Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm.
- **Membership Google Group:** Join the group for up to date information on club activities, last minute cancellations, and informative posts.....or to ask a question.
  - To join the group, send an email to [w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **DVRA Contesters Google Group:** Join the group to follow discussions on upcoming contests in which the DVRA and W2ZQ club station will be participating.
  - To join the group, send an email to [dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **Nets** –held on the DVRA repeaters:
  - **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
  - **New Ham Net**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

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- **W2ZQ Parks On the Air**, Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, details at [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com)
- **Fox Hunt**, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am
- **Digi Contest**, starts Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, ends Sunday at 8pm, W2ZQ station
- **New Ham Net**, Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8

- **Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, June 11th, 7pm, Topic is TBD
- **VHF Activity Day**, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 1pm, W2ZQ station
- **Field Day**, setup on Saturday, June 28th, 11am. Operation goes from 2pm on Saturday to 12pm on Sunday

## **Website Report - May Membership Meeting**

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COMPLETED ON WED. 04/23 - Posted May 4th Fox Hunt

COMPLETED ON THURS. 04/17 - Posted W2H - Special Event Station to commemorate 1937 Hindenburg Disaster

COMPLETED ON TUES. 04/15 - Posted ANTENNA WORKSHOP – MAY 10th, 2025 (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

### **Other Work:**

Updated Marketplace

## Social Media / PIO Report

April 2025 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 14 May 2025

### April 2025 Summary

- Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media
- All social traffic is normal

### Greatest hits/Facebook:



**DVRA-TV**

**Check out the DVRA YouTube channel**  
[youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)

**New video on the channel - Greg K3EA...**

Thu Apr 3, 4:00pm

👁 1.1K    ❤ 15  
💬 0    ⚡ 1



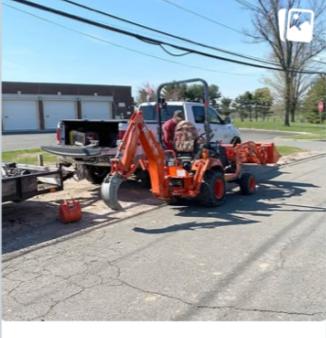
**Remembering the Hindenburg**

**W2H Special Event Station • May 3 - 11**  
In memory of the zeppelin Hindenburg disaster at Lakehurst, NJ, 1937  
[qrz.com/db/W2H](https://qrz.com/db/W2H)

**<https://www.qrz.com/db/W2H>**

Sat Apr 26, 4:00pm

👁 570    ❤ 13  
💬 1    ⚡ 7



**After attempts to dig a cable trench by hand...**

Thu Apr 24, 4:00pm

👁 193    ❤ 14  
💬 0    ⚡ 0

### Post links:

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2. <https://tinyurl.com/2p2x54sj>
3. <https://tinyurl.com/53nwt2zj>

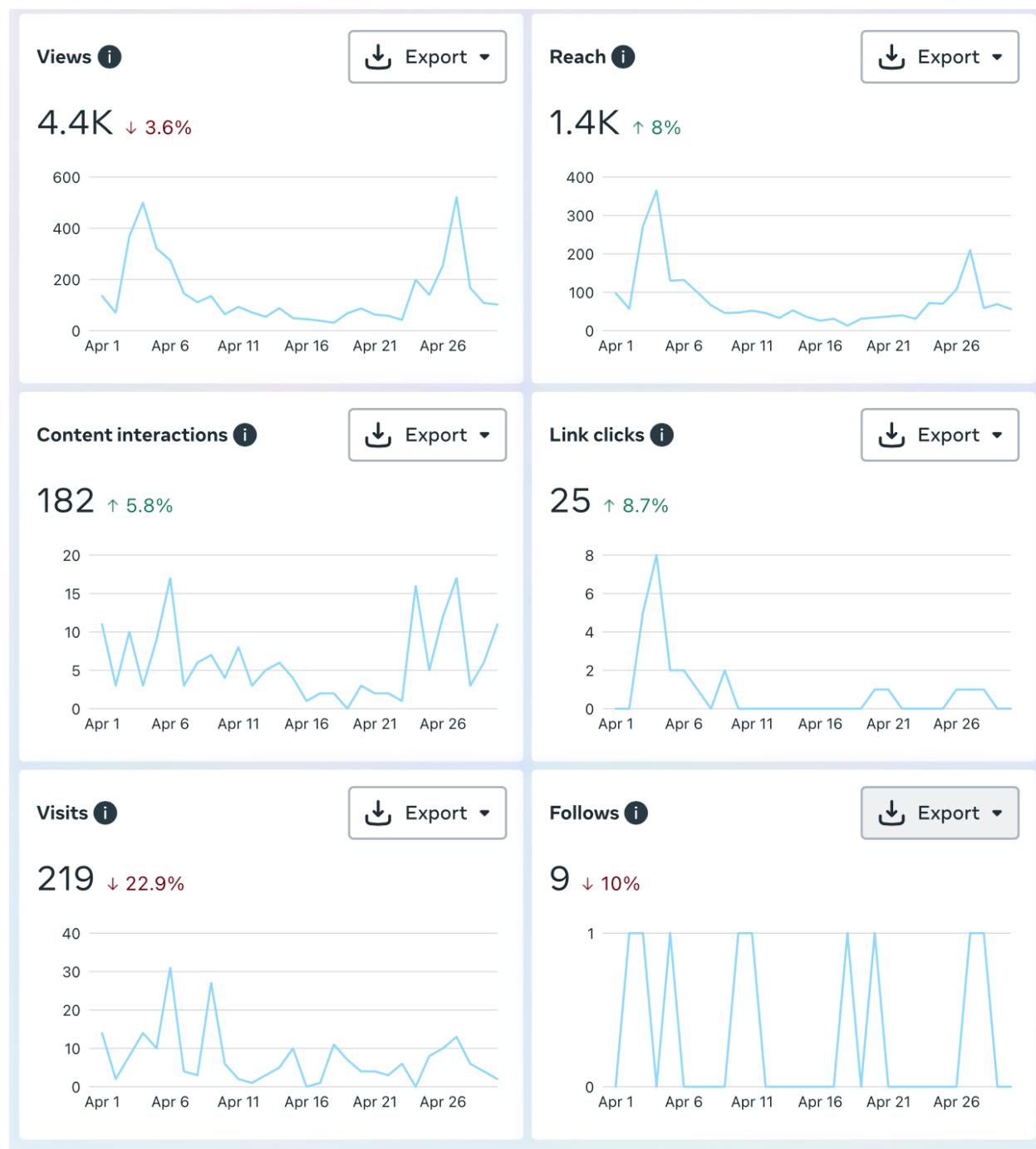
### External publicity:

The License Testing and QRP Day events were publicized via the online newspaper, Patch. See attached.

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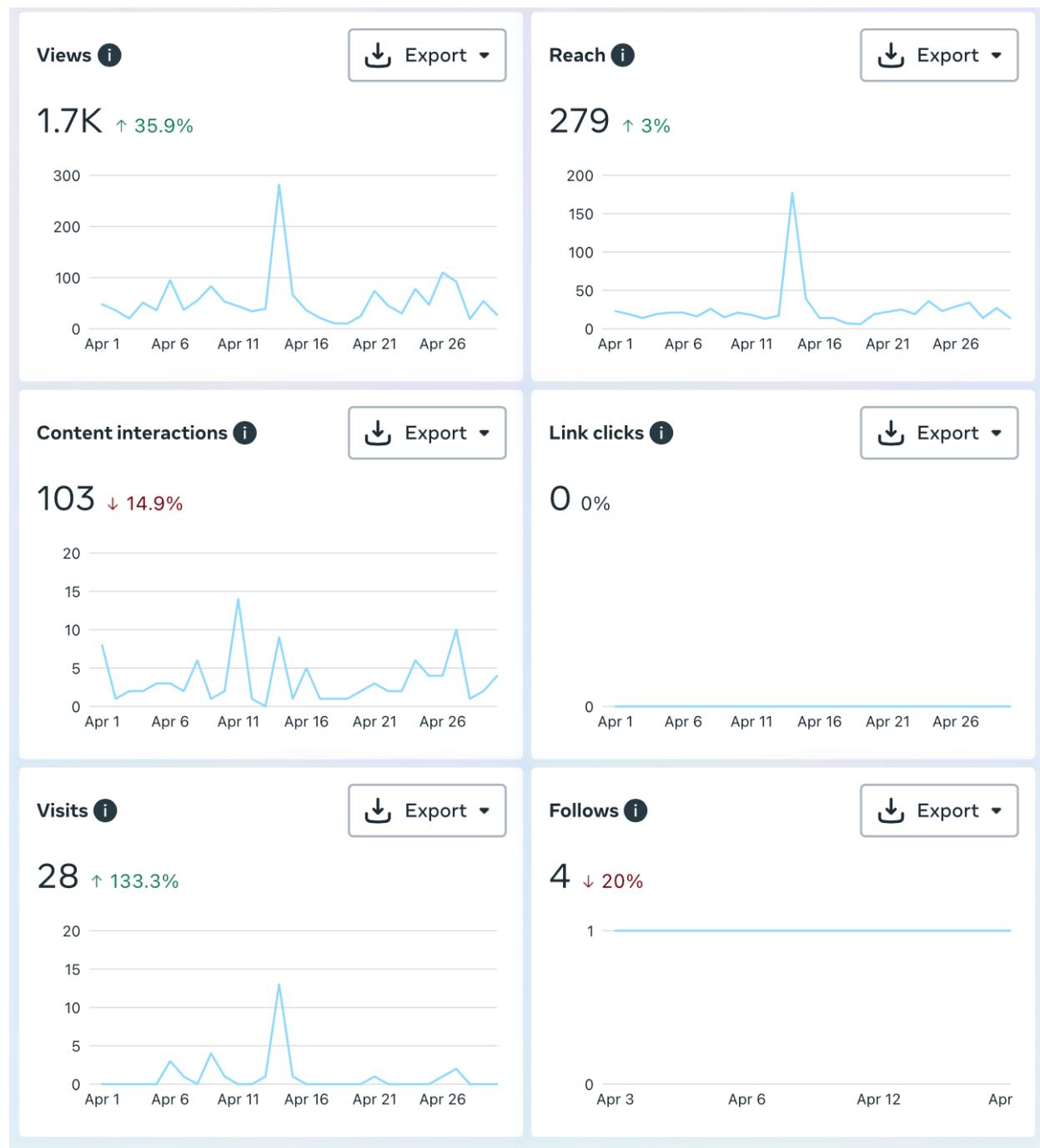
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[Neighbor News](#)

## QRP Operating Day and Ham Radio Swap Meet

Rescheduled: Sunday, April 27, 10 am - 2 pm in West Trenton

**Salvatore Emma, Neighbor**

Posted Sat, Apr 19, 2025 at 3:26 pm ET Updated Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 2:43 pm ET | [Edit](#)



Amateur radio operator Greg Mauro, K3EA, assembles an antenna at a prior year's DVRA QRP Day event. (Image by DVRA)

*This article has been edited to indicate the new date, due to expected rainy weather in the area*

The Delaware Valley Radio Association will hold its annual QRP Operating Day and Swap Meet, Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the club's radio station at 798 Bear Tavern Road in West Trenton, Ewing Township, N.J. The event is free and open to the public.

“QRP” is radio code meaning “low power operation.” Although federal regulations allow amateur operators to use as much as 1500 watts of power, when operating QRP, they use only five watts or less.

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“Why? A couple of reasons,” said Sal Emma, KB2DMU, DVRA public information officer. “First, it puts your operating skills to the test. Limiting power makes communicating with other operators, especially over long distances, a challenge that a lot of hams get a real kick out of,” he said.

“It’s also a way to get the best out of antenna design, generally the most important part of the amateur’s setup. And the transmitting and receiving equipment needed can be a lot smaller than average. Some QRP operators put everything in a backpack and hike it up a mountain, using batteries and solar panels to power the station once it’s assembled. It’s a lot of fun,” Emma said.

DVRA members will be on hand to demonstrate their QRP gear and answer questions.

Visitors can also rummage radio and technical-related items for sale at the annual swap meet.

To learn more, visit [W2ZQ.com](http://W2ZQ.com).

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## Get Your Ham Radio License



Salvatore Emma, Neighbor

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### Event Details

Edit

Sat, May 10, 2025 at 9:45 AM

[Add to calendar](#)

137 W Upper Ferry Rd, Ewing Township, NJ, 08628

[More info here](#)

Become a ham radio operator at Delaware Valley Radio Association's next license testing

session.

Saturday, May 10

9:45 a.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

137 West Upper Ferry Rd., West Trenton, N.J.

The exam fee is \$15. Successful candidates will also pay an additional \$35 license fee to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), renewable every 10 years.

Pre-registration is required. To learn more or to register visit [w2zq.com/exams](http://w2zq.com/exams).

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### Housing Initiative of Princeton's Spring Gathering

 Sunday, 12:00 am  Princeton, NJ

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### Steps Together's 100 Laps of Healing

 Sunday, 9:00 am  Hillsborough, NJ



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Local Event

### Celebrating Frank Sinatra & Sammy Davis, Jr.

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for April 2025

The beginning balance for April 2025 was \$14897.33

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### Cash Flow for April 2025

Starting Balance	14897.33
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Total Income	801.47
Total Expenses	-627.68
Net Change	173.79

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			120.47
	Dues	120.47	
Treasurer - Income			500.00
	Donations	500.00	
Other (Income)			10.00
	merchandise sales	10.00	
Programs (Income)			171.00
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TOTAL			801.47

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Physical Plant			-398.45
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-178.18	
	Toilet	-98.95	
	Maintenance	-71.33	
Station (Expenses)			-94.00
	W2T/W2P	-94.00	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	

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TOTAL		-627.68		

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## May 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize, & 50/50
    - Pizza (6PM)
    - Door prize – \$30 DX Engineering Gift certificate
      - We have Tram 2m/440 base station antennas for future door prize
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Station carpets were cleaned
  - Digi Contest – starts Saturday June 7 at 2pm and goes thru Sunday at 8pm
    - Will send info to Anthony, Sal and post a message on the Google Groups - Dom
    - Setup an WSJT log for contest – Greg
    - determine how to convert ADI to Cabrillo – Saied
  - NJ QSO party –
    - Need NJ members to operate from home
    - Need PA members to operate from W2ZQ
    - Will operate low power, < 150W
  - Create / issue a contest calendar for the rest of the year – Greg/Saied
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME Report, next steps
    - Working on a solution to connect the rotator to the station over Ethernet
    - Move RF deck to new dish.
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - June – VoIP Hurricane Net, Rob Macedo, KD1CY and Dennis Dura, K2DCD
    - Remainder of schedule for 2025 is booked with....
      - W2ZQ EME dish presentation tentatively booked for October
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - May meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Completed projects
    - QRP day / Swap Fest, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Six portable stations setup and a few vendors
    - Antenna Workshop, May 10<sup>th</sup> , Half Square Antenna for 40m – explained theory and modeling. Erected and tested the antenna.
    - CW class started May 20th with Cliff, WA2TMF
  - Upcoming projects scheduled for Saturdays (no projects in August)
    - POTA at Washington Crossing Park, NJ, 2 – 5 pm, May 31st
    - W2ZQ training sessions
      - First HF Training session to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> HF Session to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm
      - Saied to run EME session on July 26<sup>th</sup>
    - VHF activity Day June 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm
  - Talk like a Boss seminar – pick some possible dates in the fall – Greg/Dave
  - Antenna Modelling / Theory for future seminar – Saied

- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - All systems are operational
  - APRS and WinLink is operational
  - Wires X is operational
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Picnic table delivered this week
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support for the NJ Triathlon Bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - 13 people signed up. New people will be paired with experienced operators.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in May:
    - Robert Erenberg, KD3BGJ
    - Liz Cooper, KD3BGN
    - Loren Rogers, KE2FDB
  - Current member count is now – 189
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLG
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Articles needed:
    - June 7<sup>th</sup>, ARRL Digi contest – Dom
    - June 11<sup>th</sup>, Membership meeting - Dave
    - June 14<sup>th</sup>, HF station training – Greg
    - June 14<sup>th</sup>, VHF activity day – Greg
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Ewing Twp. Proclamation for Field Day to be presented at Township meeting on June 9th
  - All operations are nominal
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership mtg)
- Past President Report
  - POTA Activation – W2ZQ at Washington Crossing Park, NJ, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2p. Setup at 1p, info on [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com)
- Foxhunts
  - Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Veteran's Park. This is an on-foot Hunt
- OLD BUSINESS
  - W2H wrap-up.....453 Q's made
    - Need to order new cards - Dom
  - Membership Survey – results to be reported when Martin returns
  - Field Day Status - Jon
    - Set up on Saturday morning at 11am will include antennas.
    - One of the three stations will be GOTA station during designated time periods
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Next Board Meeting, June 25th

## **Website Report - May OPS Meeting**

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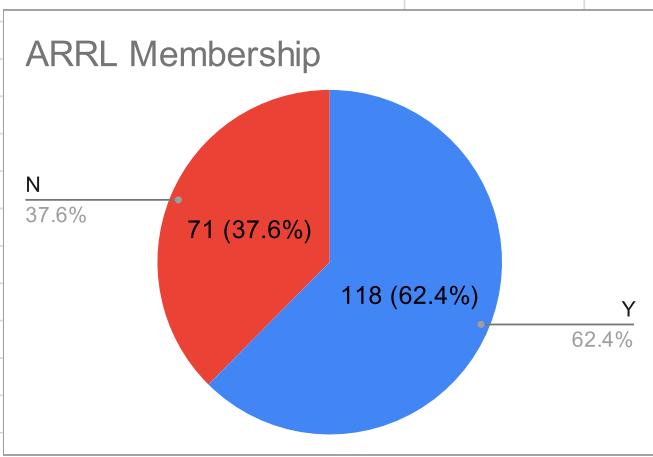
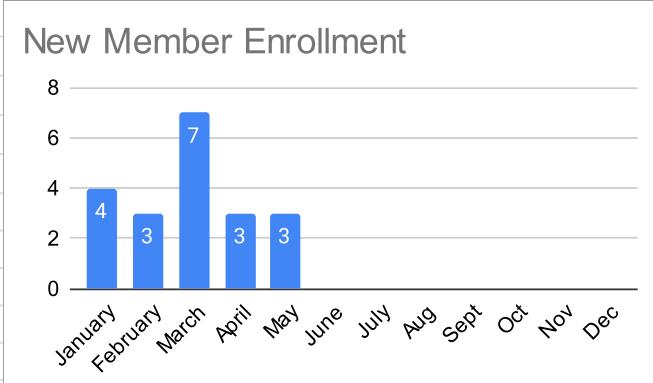
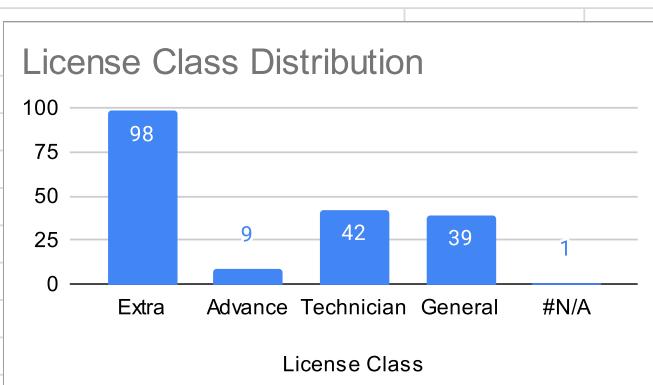
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### **Other Work:**

Updated Marketplace - Tim Reeg AD2TR - Reduced equipment price.

May 28, 2025 Membership Report	
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April	186
<b>New Members</b>	<b>3</b>
*announced at Member Meeting	
Robert Erenburg *	KD3BGJ
Liz Cooper *	KD3BGN
Loren Rogers	KE2FDB
<b>New Member YTD</b>	
January	4
February	3
March	7
April	3
May	3
June	
July	
Aug	
Sept	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>
Quit	0
SK	0
InArrears 2025	16
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      - We enter in the Club, Multi-operator Category - this allows us to combine the score from our NJ club members' stations with the W2ZQ station score
      - In order to be competitive, we need:
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        - Other members to operate from W2ZQ
        - CW operators
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- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS status / Wires-X – all operation is nominal
  - Repeaters –all operation is nominal.
    - The upgrade to the 2 meter repeater antenna feed was updated one year ago and has worked flawlessly
    - Interference was observed on the June New Ham net
      - Work thru any interference problems and don't call unnecessary attention to the interference
      - Report any observations of interference to the repeater Director

- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.... At least 5 or 6 more volunteers are needed. See announcement on Google Group for additional information.
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - All operations are nominal, no problems
  - A new picnic table was procured and delivered
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - **Upcoming programs:**
    - July – History & Development of EchoLink, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD (tentative)
    - Aug – No presentation this month, Open House, Aug 17th
    - Sept – HamSci, Dr Nathaniel Frissell
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    - Nov – Mercer County ARES
    - Dec – Polt Luck Dinner
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Next test session – Saturday, July 12th, 10am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All social media traffic is normal
  - Notice of Field Day was published in two local outlets
  - Ewing Township issued a proclamation for Amateur Radio Day on June 28th
  - Members and project coordinators are reminded to provide photos and news from our events to Sal
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New member introduction.....welcome to the new members!
    - Loren Rogers, KE2FDB, Pennington, NJ
    - Michael Damiano, KD3BER, Morrisville, PA
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- Fox Hunts – upcoming:
  - Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am
  - Hunts are held : 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in even months, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in odd months

- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Special Projects / Workshops are generally held at the W2ZQ station on Saturday mornings.  
Keep an eye on the website calendar, as events are added
  - Recently held events
    - CW class started in May with over a dozen participants - thanks to Cliff WA2TMF
    - W2ZQ HF Station training, was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> with 7 members in attendance
  - Upcoming events:
    - W2ZQ HF Station training, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am
      - This is the second of several Saturday morning training sessions that have been added to the schedule throughout the remainder of the year. These sessions will provide operator training for the W2ZQ HF and EME station equipment.
    - VHF activity day – June 14<sup>th</sup>, noon. Operations are planned for 6m, 2m and 440. The intent is to introduce members to operation on the VHF bands prior to the VHF contest that weekend
    - An EME station training session will be held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM
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    - Periodically holds construction projects
    - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
    - To request assistance, send an email to: k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The May membership meeting minutes were posted to the “Google Membership” reflector and approved by a vote of the membership
- June 1<sup>st</sup> POTA – Bob, KB3BB
  - Despite poor band conditions, 7 operators made 110 QSOs from Washington Crossing State Park (NJ) as W2ZQ. Thanks to Bob, KB3BB for organizing the event
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Treasurers report (attached) was reviewed and approved by a vote of the membership
- Field Day, June 28-29<sup>th</sup> – Jon, W8JRF@arrl.net
  - The operating start time is 2pm Saturday.... to about noon on Sunday
    - Setup at 11am on Saturday
    - Food and Beverages will be available during the event
    - Three stations – Voice, CW and Digital will be operated throughout the event
    - Operators are needed. The link to the operator signup sheet can be found by clicking on the event in the calendar at w2zq.com
- Old Business - none
- New Business - none
- Adjourn

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- **Membership Meeting**, Wednesday, July 9th, 7pm, “The History and Development of EchoLink”, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
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## **Website Report - June Membership Meeting**

### **Current Pinned Posts on homepage:**

1. Voice Over Internet Protocol Weather Net
2. W2ZQ HF STATION – EQUIPMENT TRAINING and VHF/UHF DEMONSTRATION
3. 2025 ARRL INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL CONTEST
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COMPLETED ON WED. 06/04 - Posted ARRL Digital Contest

COMPLETED ON WED. 04/28 - Posted POtA event for May 31st.

COMPLETED ON MON. 04/26 - Posted DVRA IARU-Style Fox Hunt – June 7, 2024

COMPLETED ON MON. 04/26 - Updated May meeting presentation

COMPLETED ON MON. 04/12 - W2ZQ HF STATION – EQUIPMENT TRAINING

### **Other Work:**

Updated Marketplace

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for May 2025

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	Electric (PSE&G)	-161.49	
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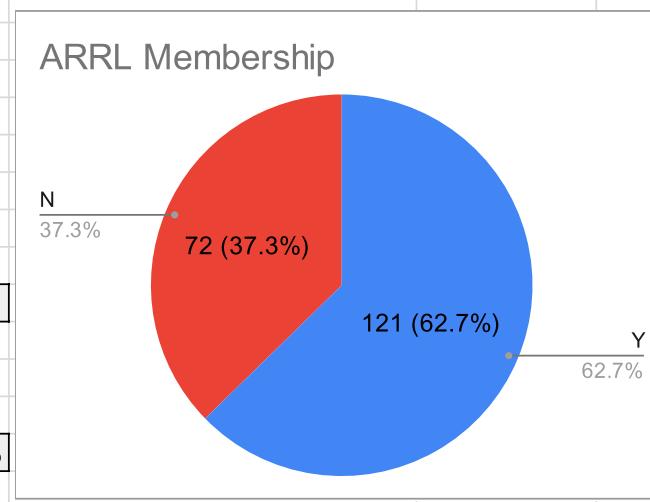
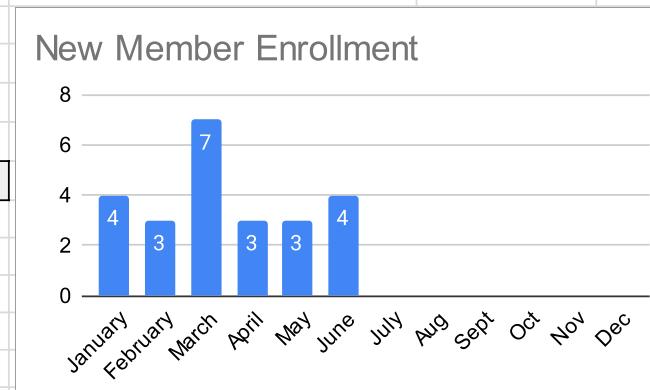
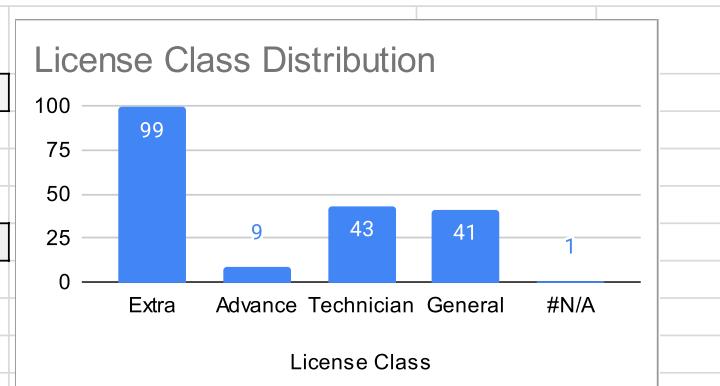
Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## June 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize, & 50/50
    - Pizza (6PM)
    - Door prize – VHF/UHF antenna
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Digi Contest wrap up....score was submitted
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - July – History & Development of EchoLink, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD
    - Aug – Open House, Aug 17th
    - Sept – HamSci, Dr Nathaniel Frissell
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - June meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Completed projects
    - Station training and VHF/UHF activity wrap up –
      - Five members attended the HF Station training session
      - VHF activity followed the HF training, with no attendees – scheduling may have been confusing
    - Upcoming projects scheduled for Saturdays (no projects in August)
      - Possible POTA in mid-July
      - W2ZQ training sessions
        - Saied to run EME session on July 26<sup>th</sup>
      - Projects will resume in September with an antenna construction event and another HF Station Training session
      - Talk like a Boss seminar – pick some possible dates in the fall – Greg/Dave
      - Antenna Modelling / Theory for future seminar – Saied
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - APRS and WinLink is operational
  - Wires X is operational
  - VHF announcements were noisy – the announcement radio was repaired
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Mouse proofing is ongoing
  - screen door latch is under repair
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Communication support will be provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.... At few more volunteers are needed. See announcement on Google Group for additional information.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in June:
    - Michael Damiano, KD3BER, Morrisville, PA
    - Dennis Dura, K2DCD, Mansfield, NJ
    - Nirav Shah, KB3TQA, E. Windsor, NJ

- Richard Wallace, KD2ZIW, Toms River, NJ
  - Current member count is now – 193
  - New / beginner's emails for DVRA events – coordinate with Special Projects
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLGC
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
  - Replacement for Web Director – will solicit members with possible experience
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Ewing Twp. Proclamation for Field Day was presented at the Township meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Field Day notices have been pushed to local media outlets
  - Sal to get with the Facebook expert after July 4<sup>th</sup> to sort out the password issue
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership mtg)
- Past President Report
  - POTA Activation – possible activation on July 19
- Foxhunts
  - Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This is a mobile Fox Hunt starting at the Chapin School.
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Membership Survey – results, initial analysis were reviewed
    - Discussion followed on the need to optimize our communication methods:
      - Website
      - Mail Chimp
      - Google Group Participation
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    - 95<sup>th</sup> celebration
    - Need a food chair
    - Will buy a sheet cake
    - Rain date will be the following Sunday
  - NJ QSO party –
    - Will consider issuing Operator awards for NJ ops, PA ops, first timers, etc
  - Next Board Meeting, July 23

June 25, 2025 Membership Report	
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>193</b>
May	189
<b>New Members</b>	<b>4</b>
	*announced at Member Meeting
Michael Damiano	KD3BER
Dennis Dura	K2DCD
Richard Wallace	KD2ZIW
Nirav Shah	KB3TQA
<b>New Member YTD</b>	
January	4
February	3
March	7
April	3
May	3
June	4
July	
Aug	
Sept	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>
Quit	0
SK	0
InArrears 2025	16
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Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
  - 50/50 and door prizes

Feature Presentation – “The History and Development of EchoLink”, Jonathan Taylor, K1RFDBusiness Meeting

- President's Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Joe, K1JT, who donated the winnings to the club
  - Door prize (dual band VHF/UHF antenna) winner: KD2NXE, Bruce
  - Membership survey results are posted on the website
- VP Report – Saeid, N2VY
  - Contest report –
  - NJ QSO party – club participation will be held at the W2ZQ station and member's home stations on September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - EME project status - TBA
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all operation is nominal
  - The Club Station can be operated by any class licensee, if necessary, under the supervision of higher class licensees with the appropriate privileges.
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeater / WinLink / APRS status
  - Wires-X capability provides access to the DVRA's UHF repeater from and to remote/distant stations via the internet.
  - Noisy repeater announcements were due to a faulty radio, which was repaired.
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - NJ Triathlon Bike Race, communication support, Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Thanks to the volunteers who will participate.
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  - See attached report for additional information
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    - Jeanne Audino of Westfield, NJ, KE2GBP new Technician
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  - 507 QSOs were logged
  - "broken" Kenwood radio was repaired
- Old Business - none
- New Business
  - W2ZQ Open House / 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration - Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12-5pm
    - Rain date is Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Sussex Hamfest – this Sunday at Sussex County Fairgrounds
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## **Website Report - July Membership Meeting**

### **Current Pinned Posts on homepage:**

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2. Amateur Radio License Testing Session conducted by the DVRA is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th
3. DVRA seeks additional volunteer amateur radio operators for July 20th NJ State Triathlon
4. Results of the DVRA Member Survey

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/09 - Results of the DVRA Member Survey

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/02 - Amateur Radio License Testing Session conducted by the DVRA is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/02 - DVRA seeks additional volunteer amateur radio operators for July 20th NJ State Triathlon (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 06/25 - Posted Fox hunt - July 7th

### **Updated VE Page:**

Form to become a VE will be submitted to the following emails:

[k2afo@andors.net](mailto:k2afo@andors.net),[info@w2zq.com](mailto:info@w2zq.com),[webmaster@w2zq.com](mailto:webmaster@w2zq.com)

## **Social Media / PIO Report**

July 2025 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 9 July 2025

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### **Greatest hits/Facebook:**

EME dish motor activation photos and video (thanks Dave)

June 9

Over 2,000 views (definitely record territory)

<https://tinyurl.com/37erdvhj>

POTA activation

June 6

548 views

<https://tinyurl.com/4xnfrfzn>

Ewing Field Day Proclamation

June 10

282 views

<https://tinyurl.com/4p6xkw6d>

### **External publicity:**

Ewing Proclamation

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/princeton/calendar/event/20250712/13408a70-fa0e-43ae-9045-2b110a73a566/get-your-ham-radio-license>

License Testing

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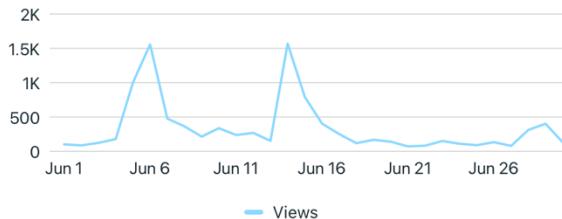
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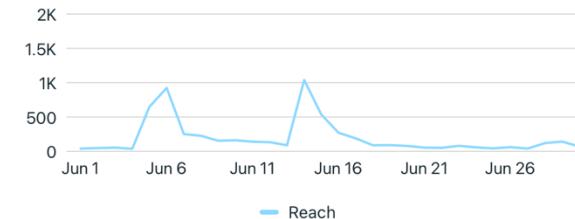
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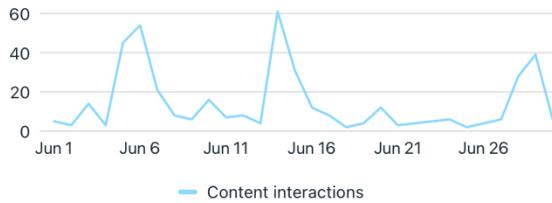
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3,880 ↑ 968.9%



#### Content interactions ⓘ

427 ↑ 115.7%



#### Link clicks ⓘ

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## DVRA Treasurer's Report for June 2025

The beginning balance for June 2025 was \$15456.03

The ending balance for June 2025 was \$14933.37, a net decrease of \$522.66

<u>Cash Flow for June 2025</u>	
Starting Balance	15456.03
Ending Balance	14933.37
Total Income	359.00
Total Expenses	-881.66
Net Change	-522.66

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			243.00
	Dues	243.00	
Station (Income)			5.00
	QSL	5.00	
Programs (Income)			111.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	111.00	
TOTAL			359.00

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-129.00
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-129.00	
Special Events (Expense)			-298.90
	Field Day	-298.90	
Physical Plant			-185.80
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-135.81	
Station (Expenses)			-241.46
	Capital Improvements	-137.55	
	Station Misc	-103.91	
Public Information			-26.50

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	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50		
TOTAL				-881.66

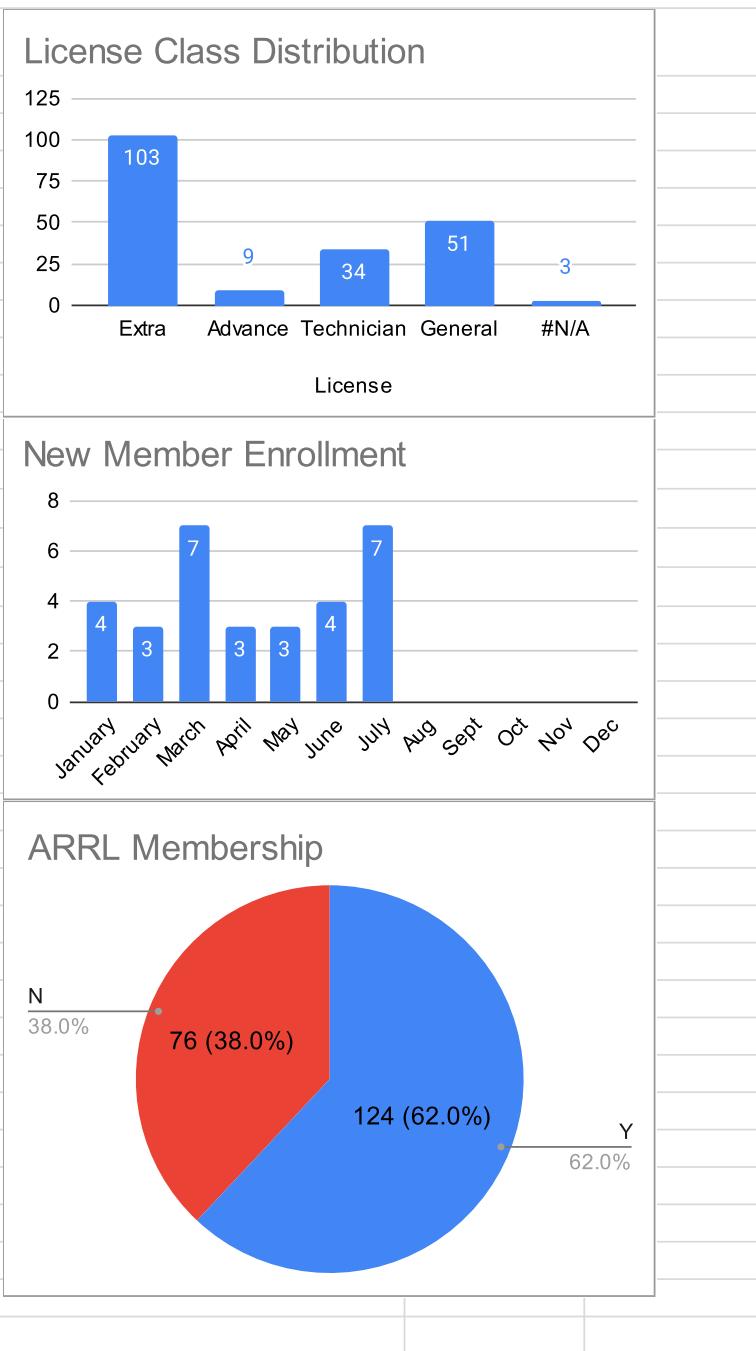
Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## July 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

- President's report – W3PR
  - No August meeting – open House on the 17th
  - Need door prize ideas for Sept, Oct..... meetings
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - NJ QSO party is on September 20th
    - Publicize event and strategy to encourage participation and increase our score – Dom to put a notice on the Google Group message board and send to Anthony, Rich and Sal for the website and social media
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME demo wrap up from last weekend - Packrats attended with about 8+ participants
  - EME construction status
    - Need to run a separate cable for the dish controller
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - Aug – Open House, Aug 17th
    - Sept – “Ham Sci”, Dr Nathaniel Frissell confirmed
    - Oct – “Pioneering of Audio Systems for Broadcasting”, Robert Phillips (tentative)
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - July meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - W2ZQ training sessions
    - Saied to run EME session on July 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Upcoming projects scheduled for Saturdays (no projects in August):
    - Antenna construction project on September 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Next HF training session in September, tentatively Sept 13<sup>th</sup>
    - Talk like a Boss seminar – pick some possible dates in the fall – Greg/Dave
    - Antenna Modelling / Theory for future seminar – Saied
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Some recent interference occurred during the Pepper net. The Net successfully “worked thru” the interference
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - Miscellaneous item: maintenance was performed on the Kenwood TS570 as a result of the failure during Field Day
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - All operations are normal
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Triathlon wrap-up - communication support was provided for the NJ Triathlon bike race on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. 25 volunteers participated. No major issues. Thanks to all who helped.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in July:
    - Jeanne Audino | Westfield, NJ | KE2GBP | New Technician

- Cindy Gerbavac | Cream Ridge, NJ | WA2GZT | General
  - Don Fritz | Cream Ridge, NJ | KE2EWH | General
  - Daniel Babcock | Columbus, NJ | KE2GJH | New Technician
  - Earl Stannard | Pennington, NJ | KE2GJI | New Technician
  - Mark Lopez | Trenton, NJ | KE2GJJ | New Technician
  - John Marshall | Philadelphia, PA
- Current member count is now – 200
  - E-mails are being sent to the new hams and new members from the past two months to see if it encourages attendance in our beginner friendly activities
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLG
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - 2-part authentication will be needed for [webmaster@w2zq.com](mailto:webmaster@w2zq.com) – Rich to work this issue
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Collection of photos – need captions / identification of members
  - Sal is encouraging new members to show up at the station on Tuesday and Thursday to operate the HF station
  - Sal is attempting to get with the Facebook expert this month, to sort out the password issue
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership mtg)
- Foxhunts
  - Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, August 2nd, 9am.
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Open House / Picnic, August 17th – planning for 95<sup>th</sup> celebration
    - Set up time at noon
    - Volunteers:
      - Food – Steve C
      - Drinks/Cooler/Ice - Greg
      - Grill: propane and grilling tools - Greg
      - 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake – Martin
      - Welcome table – Will ask Jean of her availability
      - Head Chef – will ask Steve McCann
    - Message to area clubs / Website article - Greg
    - Rain date will be the following Sunday, August 24th
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Next Board Meeting, August 27th

July 21, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>200</b>	
June	193	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>7</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Jeanne Audino	KE2GBP	New Ham - MORE Project
Cindy Gerbavac	WA2GZT	General
Don Fritz	KE2EWH	General
Daniel Babcock	KE2GJH	New Ham - Test Session
Earl Stannard	KE2GJI	New Ham - Test Session
Mark Lopez	KE2GJJ	New Ham - Test Session
John Marshall		GMRS License - WRXU242
<b>New Member YTD</b>	<b>31</b>	15
January	4	
February	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
March	7	*excludes lapsed renewal
April	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
May	3	
June	4	
July	7	
Aug		
Sept		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>	
Quit	0	
SK	0	
InArrears 2025	16	
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>		<b>62.00%</b>
Members	124	
Non Members	76	



## **Website Report - July OPS Meeting**

### **Current Pinned Posts on homepage:**

1. EchoLink and VoIP Linking for Amateur RadioGeneral: Membership Meeting – July 9th - Updated
2. Results of the DVRA Member Survey
3. Results of the DVRA Member Survey

### **New Work:**

COMPLETED ON SUN. 07/13 - EME Training: July 26, 2025

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/09 - Results of the DVRA Member Survey

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/02 - Amateur Radio License Testing Session conducted by the DVRA is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

COMPLETED ON WED. 07/02 - DVRA seeks additional volunteer amateur radio operators for July 20th NJ State Triathlon (Posted by Rich, N2EHL)

### **Updated VE Page:**

Form to become a VE will be submitted to the following emails:

[k2afo@andors.net](mailto:k2afo@andors.net),[info@w2zq.com](mailto:info@w2zq.com),[webmaster@w2zq.com](mailto:webmaster@w2zq.com)

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## August 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

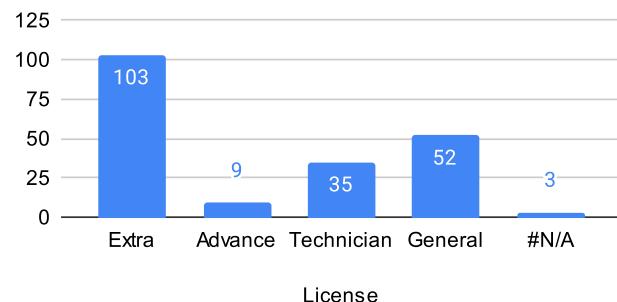
- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize & 50/50
    - Pizza 6pm
    - Door prize - Hamclock
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Shack closed for Labor Day Sunday
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - NJ QSO party is on September 20th
    - Dom to put an additional notice on the Google Group message board
    - Notify participants of strategy by email and other contest and logging details
    - N1MM training is available on Tuesday nights at the shack
  - Consider shack insurance for equipment replacement.... approximate cost would be \$700/yr. More detailed information to be reported at next Board Meeting
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME construction status
    - Controller is now functional with the dish rotors
    - Sun measurements will be next
    - Counterweight design is underway for shorter arm
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - Sept – “Ham Sci”, Dr Nathaniel Frissell confirmed
    - Oct – “Engineering the Magnetic Revolution”, Robert Phillips
    - Nov – DVRA Fox Hunt review - Glen / W2ZQ 4.5m dish EME Station – Paul, Saied, Joe
    - Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - July meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Antenna construction project – 20/40m trapped dipole, Sep 6th
  - Next HF training sessions are Sept 13<sup>th</sup> & Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Talk Like a Boss seminar – Dave, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am
  - EME training, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Saied / Joe(?)
  - Raspberry Pi Pico SSTV decoder – Jean, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Open dates are Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, possible topics are:
    - Antenna Modelling & Theory
    - Maxwell's equations made easy
    - Complex math for antenna and feedline work
    - How to use your Nano VNA
  - New ideas for projects / seminars are welcomed
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - Intermittent interference is occurring during the Pepper Net
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - All operations are normal

- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in July:
    - Peter Fierro, Belle Mead, NJ, KD2ARB
    - Photios Pantzo, Trenton, NJ, KD2MXH
  - Current member count is now – 202
  - 33 new members have joined year-to-date
  - 61.4% of total members are ARRL members
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLGC
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Need to solicit Web Services director for 2026
  - Need email blast for NJQSO party two weeks prior to event
  - Need articles for:
    - September meeting - Dave
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are normal
  - W0W info will be added to ARRL site
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report was reviewed and is attached
  - The 2025 Budget vs actuals-to-date and estimated end-of-year balance were reviewed
    - The end-of-year balance is expected to be within the approved budget, with a surplus
  - Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Park, Hamilton
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Open House / Picnic, Wrap Up – 50 to 60 attendees
    - Need to check the grille for proper operation

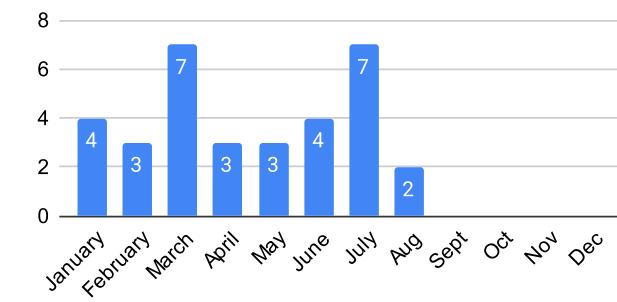
- NEW BUSINESS
  - A \$20K anonymous donation was made to the club
    - A discussion was held on how much to save, spend or invest.
    - The decision was made to invest the entire amount. A committee of two was designated to investigate options and present them to the board
  - Ideas for any potential new projects or equipment will be discussed at the next meeting
  - Donated items
    - A link on the website will be created to will provide information on acceptable donations and guidelines, along with a form to fill out for the donated items – Greg / Martin
    - Due to an influx of recently donated equipment, the items will be inventoried and listed for sale or give-away, with club members having priority.
    - As a final effort to dispose of the equipment, an exhibition day for members may be held to view and possibly test the equipment for sale. Depending on continued receipt of donations, this could turn into an annual event.
  - War of the Worlds, W0W special event station
    - October 26, 12-5pm at Van Nest Park in Grover's Mill
      - Operators are needed
      - Frank Palecek to obtain permit
      - Bob, KB3BB to bring IC7300
  - Nominating committee to be appointed in October and report at November meeting
  - New Ham net will be moved to the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm on the 440 repeater. This change starts on September 3rd
  - Next Board Meeting, September 24<sup>th</sup>

August 25, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>202</b>	
July	200	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Peter Fierro	KD2ARB	General
Photios Pantzos	KD2MXH	Technician
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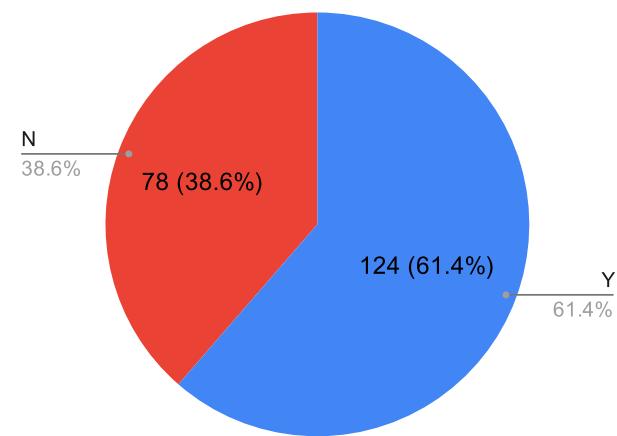
### License Class Distribution



### New Member Enrollment



### ARRL Membership



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<u>Cash Flow for July 2025</u>	
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Ending Balance	14495.21
Total Income	280.75
Total Expenses	-718.91
Net Change	-438.16

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			144.75
	Dues	144.75	
Programs (Income)			136.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	136.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>280.75</b>

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-128.50
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-128.50	
Physical Plant			-563.91
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-217.07	
	Toilet	-296.85	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-718.91</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
  - 50/50 and door prizes

Feature Presentation – “HamSCI ”, Dr. Nathaniel A Frissell, W2NAFBusiness Meeting

- President's Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Jeff, AA4JB
  - Door prize (Ham Clock computer) winner: Paul KE2AVB
  - Nominating committee - will be announced at the October meeting. The committee will report at the November meeting, at which time nominations will be closed. Elections are held in December.
  - December meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner, elections and a Year End Review
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - No report
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Operators Club newest members: Carl, KB2FA and Robert, K2KEM
  - NJ QSO party – club participation will be held at the W2ZQ station and member's home stations on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional operators are needed.
    - Details of contest were placed on the Membership Google Group
    - W2ZQ will be run as a low power station, along with at least six home stations in NJ
    - N1MM is the preferred logging station, be sure to indicate DVRA if you are submitting a log from your home station in NJ
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - A new Web Master is needed, preferably with website experience, duties include:
    - Post content as needed
    - Word Press knowledgeable
    - Send Mail Chimp (email) meeting notifications
    - Send periodic email notices with website content
    - Google Group administrator
    - Attend monthly board meeting and report at membership meetings
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS / Wires X status – all operation is nominal
  - Repeaters
    - Be aware that tropospheric ducting this time of year may cause interference on the 2m repeater
    - Occasional interlopers appear on the 2m. Attempt to use the repeater during the interference and ignore them.
    - The announcement machine, on both repeaters, will transmit if there is no activity for 30 seconds.

- Special Events –Steve, KC2VDL
  - NJ Triathlon Bike Race, wrap up - 26 volunteers participated. Thanks to all who helped.
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - All operations are nominal
  - County maintenance created a new parking spot and cleared the 2m tower guy wire
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Programs
    - Oct – “Engineering the Magnetic Revolution”, Robert Phillips
    - Nov – DVRA Fox Hunt 2025 review / W2ZQ 4.5m dish EME Station construction/testing
    - Dec – Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Next test session – Saturday, September 13th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - See attached report for additional information
  - Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media.
  - Social traffic up, driven by record interest in the Open House/Picnic.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members August - September
    - Peter Fierro, Belle Mead, NJ, KD2ARB
    - Photios Pantzo, Trenton, NJ, KD2MXH
    - Ed Robinson, Churchville, PA, WB3JYW
  - This brings our total membership to **203**
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - Next Fox Hunt – Saturday, October 4th, 9am. This is an IARU, on-foot event
  - Hunts are held : 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in even months, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in odd months
- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - This past weekend's 20/40m dipole construction event saw each participant successfully build and test an antenna
  - Upcoming Special Projects / Seminars
    - W2ZQ HF Station training, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am
    - Talk Like a Boss, HF Operating Seminar, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Dave, K3DFD
    - Nano VNA Workshop, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Saied, N2VY
    - Raspberry Pi Pico SSTV Decoder, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Jean, AD2EK
    - EME station training, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Saied, N2VY
    - Watch the club calendar for additional projects, dates & times
  - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed, send ideas to k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Antenna Committee:
  - Periodically holds construction projects
  - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
  - To request assistance, send an email to: k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The membership approved the July meeting minutes as posted online.
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - The membership approved the Treasurers report as read.

- Old Business
  - Open House wrap up – 50 to 60 attendees, with many first time visitors
- New Business
  - Donations to DVRA
    - An anonymous donation of \$20k was made to the DVRA. The Board has decided to invest the donation in a conservative investment fund.
    - A formal process for equipment donations is being developed with plans to have an online form that can be accessed from the website
    - Existing donated equipment will be made available for club members as give-aways or a donation to the club....details to follow
  - New Ham Net – now held on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7pm on DVRA 442.650 MHz repeater
  - War of the Worlds Special Event – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 12-5p, Van Nest Park, Grover's Mill, setup at 11am. This will be a two station event. Operators are needed
  - A Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event, will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the DVRA station
- Adjourn

Stay tuned in:

- **Club Website:** [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) Upcoming events are featured on the home page and the 2025 calendar is always up to date, with clickable links.
- **Club Station:** the W2ZQ station is staffed by members who are involved in club activities and can offer operating and technical advice. **Station hours:** Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm.
- **Membership Google Group:** Join the group for up to date information on club activities, last minute cancellations, and informative posts.....or to ask a question.
  - To join the group, send an email to [w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **DVRA Contesters Google Group:** Join the group to follow discussions on upcoming contests in which the DVRA and W2ZQ club station will be participating.
  - To join the group, send an email to [dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **Nets** –held on the DVRA repeaters:
  - **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
  - **New Ham Net**, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL131.8
- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Station Hours:** every Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm - operator training is available.
- **VE Testing Session**, Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- **W2ZQ HF Station Training**, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station
- **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **NJ QSO Party**, Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 10pm
- **HF Operating Seminar**, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station
- **New Ham Net**, Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Fox Hunt**, October 4th, 9am. Details to be released on [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com)
- **Workshop / Demo**, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am, “How to use your NanoVNA”
- **Membership Meeting**, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, “Engineering the Magnetic Revolution”, Robert Phillips
- **EME Contest**, October, 10-12<sup>th</sup>, starts Friday, 8pm
- **Jamboree on the Air**, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10a-4p, W2ZQ station
- **WOW Special Event Station**, Van Nest Park, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 12-5p, setup at 11am

## **Social Media / PIO Report**

August 2025 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 10 Sept 2025

### **May 2025 Summary**

- Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media.
- Social traffic up, driven by record interest in the Open House/Picnic. See metrics below.

#### **Greatest hits/Facebook:**

Open House/Picnic Announcement

August 3

2,720 views

<https://tinyurl.com/3fcuehzb>

Open House/Picnic photos

August 18

376 views

<https://tinyurl.com/yc25frue>

200 Members Milestone

August 6

265 views

<https://tinyurl.com/ms24bbps>

#### **External publicity:**

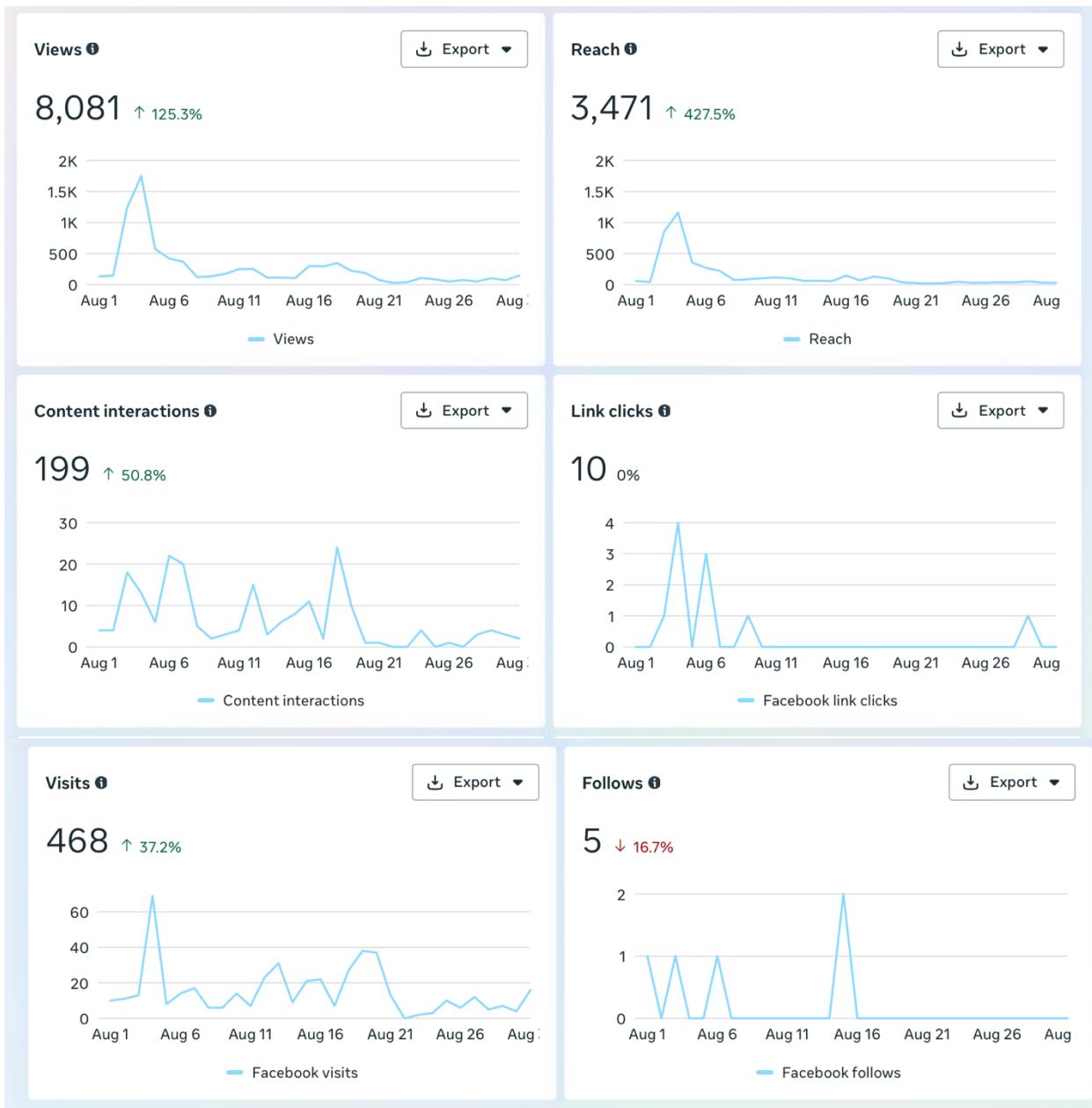
License Testing

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/princeton/calendar/event/20250913/9112adfa-0b6e-4b70-80dd-11628b8377a9/get-your-ham-radio-license>

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### Metrics



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### Cash Flow for August 2025

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Total Income	20973.00
Total Expenses	-836.80
Net Change	20136.20

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			193.00
	Dues	193.00	
Treasurer - Income			20000.00
	Donations	20000.00	
Special Events (Income)			780.00
	Triathlon	780.00	
TOTAL			20973.00

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-375.76
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-226.82	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Treasurer - Expense			-15.60
	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-15.60	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
Membership (Expenses)			-418.94
	Picnic / Open House	-418.94	

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Total
TOTAL				-836.80

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

September 2025

Delaware Valley Radio Association

Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Martin Crabtree , Rich Freedman, Cully Phillips, Dom Di Clementi, Greg Mauro, Saied Seghatoleslami, Steve Costanzo, Sal Emma, Bob Bowden, Jean Consorti, Andrew Orsini, Dave Doler.

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize & 50/50
    - Pizza 6pm
    - Door prize – TYT Dual Band handheld
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Will apply for the ARRL Trident award for W2ZQ
  - NJ QSO party summary – 850 Q's and 169,974 points at W2ZQ, plus 9 home stations – with 5 home stations reporting so far, with an additional 142,355 points
  - shack insurance for equipment replacement
    - purchase?.....will get a quote for insurance thru the ARRL.
    - self insure may be an option
  - Next HF contest is SSB Sweepstakes, weekend of November 15th
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME update
    - Dish is aligned within a half a degree of beamwidth
    - Sun noise is lower than expected past the IF stage, this is being investigated.
    - Counterweight re-design is being considered
    - ARDC funds remaining = \$607
      - Reimburse for items purchased and close the “ARDC funds” bank account
    - Funding required for completion of project:
      - Transverter: \$630
      - PTT multiplier: approx. \$70
      - The Board approved \$750
  - JOTA – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10a to 4p, volunteers needed for:
    - Fox Hunt
    - CW key demonstration
    - Article will be posted on the website
  - EME contest – October 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Operators are needed. An Operator signup sheet can be found on the website calendar
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - October – “First Hand: Bing Crosby and the Recording Revolution”, Robert Phillips

- November – DVRA Fox Hunt review - Glen / W2ZQ 4.5m dish EME Station – Paul, Saied, Joe
  - December - Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
  - January – “DXCC and other Awards”, Greg Mauro
  - Possible future presentations:
    - ARES and RACES
    - QRP and Low Power
    - History of Heathkit
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - September meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Antenna construction project held Sept 6th – 4 participants built 20/40m trapped dipoles
  - HF equipment training session held Sept 13<sup>th</sup> with 3 participants
  - Upcoming seminars/workshops
    - Talk Like a Boss seminar – Dave, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am
    - Nano VNA seminar – Saied, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
    - HF equipment training session – Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Open date: Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Raspberry Pi Pico SSTV decoder – Jean, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
    - EME training, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Saied
  - possible topics for future sessions are:
    - Antenna Modelling & Theory
    - Maxwell's equations made easy
  - New ideas for projects / seminars are welcomed
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - The announcement computer's transmit inhibit was malfunctioning – an error message was cleared, this may solve the problem
  - Intermittent interference on the 2m repeater – no recent problems
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - All operations are normal
  - Tree stumps were removed in new parking spot
  - Fall Clean Up day, Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in September
    - Ed Robinson, Churchville, PA, WB3JYW
    - Kendall Farmer, Brooklyn, NY, KE2GNK
    - Michael KD3BUO, on hold until November
  - Member count will be 205 on November 1st
  - 60.8% of members are ARRL members
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Last exam session had 4 examinees: 2 Tech, 2 General
  - Per the ARRL, starting in November, all exam sessions will use the Electronic Submission method

- Upcoming testing session – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLGC
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - Appointment of new Web Services Director, Matt Held, KC3RLG, was approved by the Executive Board
  - Need articles for:
    - October Fox Hunt - Glen
    - Nano VNA seminar - Saied
    - October meeting – Dave
    - EME contest – Saied
    - JOTA – Saied, to send info to Rich
  - Send articles as text in email, with attached pictures to the email
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are normal
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership mtg)
- Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This is an IARU on-foot event
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Investing \$20K donation
    - Recommendation, Vanguard money market fund – Rich/Saied
      - Current yield is 4-5%
      - Will open a trading account with Vanguard and invest in the Vanguard Federal Money Market fund (VMFXX)
    - A motion was made and seconded to pass a resolution approving the investment with Vanguard
    - The attached resolution was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors
  - Donated equipment update
    - Website was updated with an “Equipment Donation” button on the home page linked to a form and instructions for equipment donations
    - A list of excess equipment has been compiled. This will be released to the members with an announcement of an “Equipment Sale Day”, most likely during the winter months.
  - Potential new projects/equipment were discussed
    - 1: Shack equipment upgrades
      - Upgrade radio on B station – Icom IC-7610
      - Upgrade tuner on A station – Palstar HF-AutoTuner
    - 2: Driveway improvements – possible in next year's budget
    - 3: Awning for porch – possible in next year's budget
    - 4: New chairs for shack

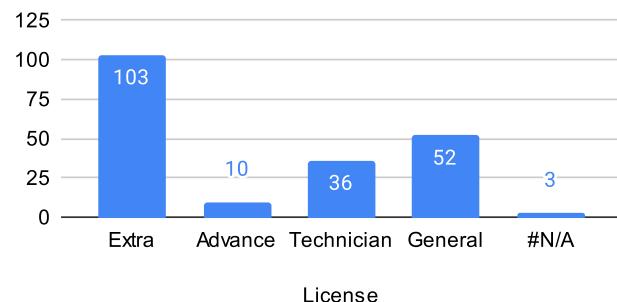
These items will be revisited at a future meeting
  - WOW, War of the Worlds Special Event station – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 11a setup, operation: 12 to 5pm. Operators are needed
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Nominating Committee – Jon Frush, W8JRF, Bob Bowden, KB3BB + possibly one other member
  - Allen Katz call sign and equipment
    - Preliminary discussion with the Katz Family included the following items

- Transfer Allen's K2UHY call sign to the DVRA as an "in memoriam" call sign
- DVRA to sponsor an annual EME contest or event memorializing Allen's contribution to the hobby and EME operators
- Donation of Allen's EME equipment to DVRA
- create an education center at W2ZQ
- Document storage – investigate a fireproof box for important documents - Rich
- Promote the HamSCI meteor shower event for possible operation at the club station and at members' stations. - Dave
- Next Board Meeting, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm
- Adjourn – 9:00 pm

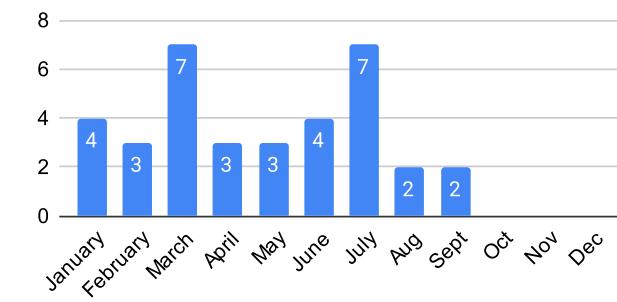
Submitted by Greg Mauro, DVRA Secretary on 9/24/2025

September 18, 2025 Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>204</b>	
August	202	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Edwin Robinson	KB3JYW	Advanced
Kendall Farmer	KE2GNK	New Technician
<b>New Member YTD</b>	<b>35</b>	19
January	4	
February	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
March	7	*excludes lapsed renewal
April	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
May	3	
June	4	
July	7	
Aug	2	
Sept	2	
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>	
Quit	0	
SK	0	
InArrears 2025	16	
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>		60.80%
Members	124	
Non Members	80	

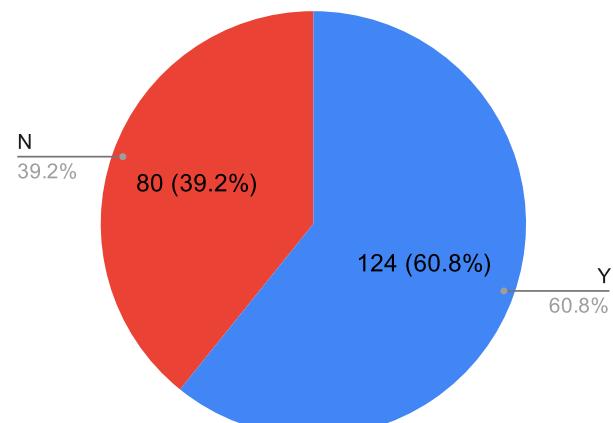
### License Class Distribution



### New Member Enrollment



### ARRL Membership



## DVRA Treasurer's Report for August 2025

The beginning balance for August 2025 was \$14495.21

The ending balance for August 2025 was \$34631.41, a net increase of \$20136.20

### Cash Flow for August 2025

Starting Balance	14495.21
Ending Balance	34631.41
Total Income	20973.00
Total Expenses	-836.80
Net Change	20136.20

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			193.00
	Dues	193.00	
Treasurer - Income			20000.00
	Donations	20000.00	
Special Events (Income)			780.00
	Triathlon	780.00	
TOTAL			20973.00

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-375.76
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-226.82	
	Toilet	-98.95	
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Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer



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### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

#### **Authorization to Open Securities Trading Account with The Vanguard Group, Inc.**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Delaware Valley Radio Association** (the "Association"), held on 24 September, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interests of the Association to open and maintain a securities trading account with **The Vanguard Group, Inc.** ("Vanguard") for the purpose of investing and managing funds of the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Vanguard requires authorization from the Board of Directors as to which officers or representatives of the Association are empowered to act on behalf of the Association in connection with such account;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association is authorized to open and maintain a securities trading account with Vanguard in the name of the **Delaware Valley Radio Association**; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following officers of the Association are hereby authorized, individually, to act on behalf of the Association with respect to the account, including but not limited to executing agreements, giving instructions for trades, transferring or withdrawing funds, and otherwise managing securities held in the account:

- **Richard Freedman, Treasurer**
- **Gregory Mauro, Secretary**

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Vanguard may rely upon this resolution until written notice of its revocation is delivered to Vanguard by an authorized officer of the Association; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officers of the Association are authorized and directed to take such further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, President of the Delaware Valley Radio Association, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association on 24 September, 2025, and that said resolution has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Crabtree, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
  - 50/50 and door prizes

Feature Presentation – “First-Hand: Bing Crosby and the Recording Revolution ”, Robert PhillipsBusiness Meeting

- President's Report – Martin, W3PR
  - 50/50 prize winner: Adam, KD2EMW
  - Door prize (TYT dual band handheld) winner: Adam, KD2EMW
  - Nominating committee – The following members were appointed to the nominating committee: Jon Frush, W8JRF; Bob Bowden, KB3BB and Josh Koslov, NG2V. The committee will report at the November meeting, at which time nominations will be closed. Elections are held in December.
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME project status – the new dish is ready and will be used for the EME contest
  - EME contest – October 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Starts on Friday night at 9pm. Operators are needed. A link to the Operator signup sheet can be found on the website calendar
  - JOTA – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10a to 4p, additional volunteers needed for:
    - CW key demonstration
    - Mini Fox Hunt
    - Assist scouts operating the radios
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - NJ QSO party wrap up: 850 Q's and 169,974 points at W2ZQ, plus 9 home stations, for an additional 163,002 points, totaling 332,976 points. Thanks to all who participated.
  - Next HF contest is Phone Sweepstakes, weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup> – watch for an article on w2zq.com
  - Other upcoming contests:
    - 160m contest weekend of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
    - 10m contest weekend of Dec 12th
  - W2ZQ qualified and submitted for the ARRL's Trident award at the 200 level, i.e. 200 countries confirmed on each of three modes: CW, Voice and Digital
  - See the ARRL request to send a letter to your congressman for HOA legislation – the information was posted on the Membership Google Group
  - New operator club member, all three modes: Karl, KB2FA
- Web Services – Matt, KC3RLG
  - Webmaster transition is underway
  - Send articles and information to [webmaster@w2zq.com](mailto:webmaster@w2zq.com)

- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS / Wires X status – all operation is nominal
  - Repeaters
    - Wires-x, APRS and WinLink are all operational
    - The 2 meter repeater locked up last Friday night
      - A smart plug was installed to provide remote capability for AC power cycling
    - The repeater announcement system was malfunctioning – a wiring error was discovered and remedied
    - Interference on the 2m repeater – no recent problems
- Special Events –Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - All operations are nominal
  - Fall Clean Up day – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am. Volunteers are needed
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Programs
    - Nov – DVRA Fox Hunt 2025 review / W2ZQ 4.5m dish EME Station construction/testing
    - Dec – Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Next test session – Saturday, November 8h, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
  - FCC is not processing applications during the government shutdown. We are still testing and submitting the paperwork
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
  - Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members this month
    - Kendall Farmer, Brooklyn, NY, KE2GNK
    - Daniel Domina, East Windsor, NJ, KE2GSD
    - This brings our total membership to 205
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - Next Fox Hunt – Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. This is a mobile Hunt starting at Chapin School
  - Thanks to Jean AD2EK for running the most recent fox hunt
  - The annual training session and antenna build will be held in March prior to the 2026 Fox Hunt season

- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Recently held, and well received, Saturday programs were an
    - HF Operating seminar
    - Nano VNA demonstration, with 8 participants in attendance.
  - Upcoming Special Projects / Seminars
    - W2ZQ HF Station training, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am
    - EME station training, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Saied, N2VY
    - Workshops on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - topics are TBD.
      - A digital mode seminar is a possible topic.
    - Ham SCI meteor scatter event – possible operation at the shack....details to be announced
    - Watch the club calendar for upcoming projects, dates & times
  - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed, send ideas to k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Antenna Committee:
  - Periodically holds construction projects
  - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
  - To request assistance, send an email to: k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The membership approved the September meeting minutes as posted online.
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - The membership approved the Treasurer's report as read.
  - Monthly report is attached
- Old Business
  - Equipment donations to DVRA can now be made via a link on the website homepage
    - A list of donated equipment will be released to the members with an announcement of an "Equipment Sale Day", during the winter months.
  - Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual War of the Worlds Special event station / operation will be held on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm, setup is at 11am at Van Nest Park in Grover's Mill. Operators are needed. See the article on the website homepage with a link to the operator signup sheet
- New Business - none
- Adjourn

Stay tuned in:

- **Club Website:** [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) Upcoming events are featured on the home page and the 2025 calendar is always up to date, with clickable links.
- **Club Station:** the W2ZQ station is staffed by members who are involved in club activities and can offer operating and technical advice. **Station hours:** Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm.
- **Membership Google Group:** Join the group for up to date information on club activities, last minute cancellations, and informative posts.....or to ask a question.
  - To join the group, send an email to: [w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:w2zq-membership+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **DVRA Contesters Google Group:** Join the group to follow discussions on upcoming contests in which the DVRA and W2ZQ club station will be participating.
  - To join the group, send an email to: [dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dvracontesters+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- **Nets** –held on the DVRA repeaters:
  - **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
  - **New Ham Net**, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL131.8
- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Station Hours:** every Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm - operator training is available.
- **EME Contest**, October, 10-12<sup>th</sup>, starts Friday, 9pm.
- **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **Jamboree on the Air**, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10a-4p, W2ZQ station
- **WOW Special Event Station**, Van Nest Park, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 12-5p, setup at 11am.
- **Fall Clean Up Day**, W2ZQ station, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am
- **Fox Hunt**, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am, details TBD
- **New Ham Net**, Wednesday, November 5th, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **EME Contest**, November, 7-9<sup>th</sup>, starts Friday, 7pm
- **VE Testing Session**, Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- **W2ZQ HF Station Training**, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station
- **Membership Meeting**, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, “DVRA Fox Hunting and EME Update”
- **ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Contest**, W2ZQ station, starts Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for September 2025

The beginning balance for September 2025 was \$34631.41

The ending balance for September 2025 was \$34239.86, a net decrease of \$391.55

### Cash Flow for September 2025

Starting Balance	34631.41
Ending Balance	34239.86
Total Income	144.00
Total Expenses	-535.55
Net Change	-391.55

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Income)		144.00	
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	144.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>144.00</b>

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-124.76
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-124.76	
Physical Plant			-384.29
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-235.35	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-535.55</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## October 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Bob Bowden, Steve Costanzo, Martin Crabtree, Dom Di Clementi, Dave Doler, Sal Emma, Rich Freedman, Matt Held, Greg Mauro, Cully Phillips, Saied Seghatoleslami

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pre-meeting pizza, door prize & 50/50
    - Pizza 6pm
    - Door prize – TBD
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - Next contest is SSB Sweepstakes the weekend of November 15/16. Starts at 4pm on Saturday, until 10pm Sunday. This is a multi-operator, single transmitter event. Exchange is Serial #, M, W2ZQ, 30, SNJ. Signup sheet is online.
  - shack insurance for equipment replacement
    - ARRL estimate: \$802/yr for \$57K equipment valuation (rate is \$1.40/\$100)
    - Board decided to self-insure and may revisit the topic in the future
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME October contest results – 115 QSOs, 21 QSOs ahead of our best previous total
  - EME contest, second weekend, starts Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Signup sheet can be found on the website calendar
  - EME project update
    - Working some sensor issues. Equipment was successfully used during the recent contest
    - The funding that was approved by the board last month, for the completion of the project, was disbursed for:
      - Transverter: \$630
      - PTT multiplier: approx. \$70
      - Other equipment
  - JOTA Recap – 2 scouts visited. Thanks was given to the volunteers
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - November – DVRA Fox Hunt review - Glen / W2ZQ 4.5m dish EME Station – Paul, Saied, Joe
    - December - Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
    - January – “DXCC and other Awards”, Greg, K3EA
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - October meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Upcoming seminars/workshops
    - HF equipment training session – Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Digital mode seminar – Greg, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
    - TBD seminar, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Saied
  - New ideas for projects / seminars are welcomed

- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - Intermittent interference on the 2m repeater – most likely from All Star node in S. Jersey. Possibly contact the ARCC?
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - Screen door lock malfunctioned. The locking mechanism was removed
  - The seat back on one of the shack chairs was repaired
  - Fall Clean Up day, Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am
    - General cleanup, brush removal and minor painting
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in October
    - Daniel Domina, KE2GSD, E.Windsor, NJ
    - Dima Ostrenko, KY2T, Suffern, NJ
  - Current member count is now – 206
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am at OLGC
- Web Services – Matt Held, KC3RLG
  - Need articles for:
    - Clean up Day – Steve (Nov 1)
    - November Fox Hunt – Glen (Nov2)
    - HF Station Training – Greg (Nov 8)
    - VE Testing – Andrew (Nov 8)
    - EME contest – Saied (Nov 7-9)
    - November meeting – Dave (Nov 12)
    - SSB Sweepstakes – Dom (Nov 15-16)
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are normal
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership meeting)
  - Vanguard account is being set up for investment fund
- Next Fox Hunt is Saturday, November 2nd, 9am. Starting point is Chapin School
- OLD BUSINESS
  - War of the Worlds WØW – October 26
    - Frank Palecek is getting the permit, sent insurance documents
  - Al Katz, K2UHY: Call sign and equipment, have written call sign request from Al's family, awaiting FCC reopening to apply.
    - We may need to set up an account with the FCC to pay the vanity fee - Dom/Martin
  - A fireproofed folder was purchased for important club documents
  - Nominating committee – Committee is contacting potential nominees

- Potential new projects/equipment
  - Shack equipment upgrades
    - Upgrade tuner on A station – Palstar HF-AutoTuner, \$1700 + tax
      - A discussion was held that focused on the possible improvement to station operation with this tuner. A consensus was not reached.
      - Will attempt to borrow a tuner for trial to determine suitability for use in the station environment with multiple operators at all levels of experience
    - Upgrade radio on B station – Icom IC-7610 (tabled)
  - Awning for porch – possible in next year's budget. Dave to provide details
- NEW BUSINESS
  - A document is being put together which spells out the process for reimbursement. Rich will circulate to the board
  - A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a sign that could be put out by the road during events at the shack. This would help newer members locate the shack. - Martin to investigate
  - December potluck dinner/membership meeting agenda:
    - Set-up, bring food 6- 6:30PM
      - Disposable tablecloths, utensils, plates, cups supplied by DVRA
      - DVRA supplied drinks
    - Begin serving food/eating/continue bringing in food 6:30PM
    - Election of 2026 officers 7PM
    - 2025 DVRA year in review, W3PR – 7:05PM
    - Finish eating, socializing, cleanup done by 9PM
    - Need to identify door prize(s)
  - Are we servicing the results of the survey? The survey revealed remote station operation as a desired topic. Bob, KB3BB previously conducted a workshop seminar on this topic.
    - Consider this for a membership meeting presentation – Dave D.
  - DVRA merchandise – will open the store again next month
  - Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Adjourn – 820pm

Submitted by Greg Mauro, DVRA Secretary on 10/22/2025

October 17, 2025 Membership Report	
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>206</b>
September	204
<b>New Members</b>	<b>2</b>
	*announced at Member Meeting
Daniel Domina *	KE2GSD General - new ham East Windsor NJ
Dima Ostrenko	KY2T Extra - Suffern, NY
<b>New Member YTD</b>	<b>37</b>
January	4
February	3
March	7
April	3
May	3
June	4
July	7
Aug	2
Sept	2
Oct	2
Nov	
Dec	
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>
Quit	0
SK	0
InArrears 2025	16
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>	<b>60.70%</b>
Members	125
Non Members	81



## DVRA Treasurer's Report for September 2025

The beginning balance for September 2025 was \$34631.41

The ending balance for September 2025 was \$34239.86, a net decrease of \$391.55

### Cash Flow for September 2025

Starting Balance	34631.41
Ending Balance	34239.86
Total Income	144.00
Total Expenses	-535.55
Net Change	-391.55

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Income)		144.00	
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	144.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>144.00</b>

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-124.76
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-124.76	
Physical Plant			-384.29
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-235.35	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-535.55</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Welcome – Martin, W3PR

- Announcements / Upcoming Events / Nets
  - Club Communication info and Upcoming Events are listed on back of agenda
  - 50/50 and door prizes

Feature Presentation

- “DVRA Fox Hunting” – Glen, NK1N
- “DVRA EME Project Update” – Joe, K1JT and Paul, W2HRO

Business Meeting

- President’s Report – Martin, W3PR
  - no 50/50 tonight
  - Door prize (DX Engineering Gift Certificate) winner: Barry, KE2BRH
  - December Meeting – Potluck Dinner and Elections
    - A signup sheet will be used for food volunteers. Watch for an article at [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com)
    - Agenda:
      - Set-up, 6- 6:30PM
      - Serve food, 6:30PM
      - Election of 2026 officers 7PM
      - 2025 DVRA year in review, Martin, W3PR – 7:05PM
      - Socializing, cleanup done by 9PM
  - Nominating committee – The committee reports the following slate of nominees:
    - President, Saied, N2VY
    - Vice President, Jean, AD2EK
    - Secretary, Greg, K3EA
    - Treasurer, Rich, N2EHL
    - Nominations were closed by a vote of the membership
- VP Report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME contest results - 165 valid QSOs (156 Q65, 9 CW) in 139 different locators, for a claimed score of 2,293,500. This is the DVRA’s best score in this contest
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - All equipment is operational. HRD logging program has been updated
  - The next HF contest is ARRL Phone Sweepstakes, weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup> – see the article on [w2zq.com](http://w2zq.com) which includes the link for the operator signup sheet. This is a multi-operator, single transmitter event. Exchange is Serial #, M, W2ZQ, 30, SNJ.
  - Other upcoming contests:
    - 160m contest weekend of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, this is a CW only, nighttime contest
    - 10m contest weekend of Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Phone and CW
- Web Services – Matt, KC3RLG
  - All operation is nominal
  - Send articles and information to [webmaster@w2zq.com](mailto:webmaster@w2zq.com)

- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - WinLink / APRS / Wires X status – all operation is nominal
  - Repeaters
    - UHF repeater, operation is nominal
    - The 2-meter repeater's recent problems have been isolated to an internal failure of the antenna. The antenna will be replaced.
- Special Events –Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve, KC2VDL
  - All operations are nominal
  - Fall Clean Up Day wrap up – brush removal and other cleanup was performed. Thanks to all the volunteers.
- Director of Programs, – Dave, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Programs
    - Dec – Potluck Dinner & Year End Review
    - January – “DXCC and Awards Programs”, Greg, K3EA
    - Feb – What’s new with ARES in Mercer County”, John Pugh, WJ3P
    - March – WARC bands presentation
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - November testing session was cancelled.
  - Next test session – Saturday, January 10th, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
  - FCC is not processing applications during the government shutdown. We are still testing and submitting the paperwork
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are nominal
  - The WOW event was picked up by Amateur Radio Newsline.
  - Thanks again to all the members who provided photos and news for social media.
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - Welcome to the new members this month:
    - Dima Ostrenko, KY2T, Suffern, NY
    - Michael Harris, KD3BUO, Smyrna, DE
    - Chris Hoffman, WA2SEM, Brick, NJ
    - This brings our total membership to 208
- Fox Hunt Committee – Glen, NK1N
  - Next Fox Hunt – If there is interest, a mobile fox hunt will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Contact Glen, NK1N
  - The annual Fox Hunt training session and antenna build will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, prior to the 2026 Fox Hunt season

- Special Projects Committee/Antenna Committee Report – Greg, K3EA
  - Recently held, Saturday programs were an
    - HF Equipment Training session last Saturday
  - Upcoming Special Projects / Seminars
    - HF Digital mode seminar, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am @ W2ZQ station
      - Contact k3ea.dx@gmail.com if you have a topic request for this seminar.
    - The RF Toolkit: Smith Charts, Tuners, and VNA Validation Workshop, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am at the W2ZQ station
      - Watch the club calendar for upcoming projects, dates & times in the New Year
  - New ideas for workshops / seminars are welcomed, send ideas to k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Antenna Committee:
  - Periodically holds construction projects
  - Can assist members with the design and implementation of their antenna projects.
  - To request assistance, send an email to: k3ea.dx@gmail.com
- Secretary's Report – Greg, K3EA
  - The membership approved the October meeting minutes as posted online.
- Treasurers Report – Rich, N2EHL
  - The membership approved the Treasurer's report as read.
  - Monthly report is attached
- Old Business
  - War of the Worlds Special event station wrap up – two stations garnered 159 QSO's on CW, SSB and digital modes. Thanks to all the volunteers and operators for a successful event.
- New Business
  - Apparel store will be open this week. Look for the link on the website home page.
  - Radio Merit Badge will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at TCNJ. Volunteers should contact Jon Frush.
- Adjourn

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- **Facebook**, <https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra>
- **Instagram**, #dvra\_w2zq
- **You Tube Channel**, [https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA\\_Video](https://www.youtube.com/@DVRA_Video)
- **Mercer County ARES net** - on W2MER repeater (147.105, PL 123) every Thursday at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

- **Station Hours:** every Su/Tu/Th, 1-4pm and Tu/Th, 6-8pm - operator training is available.
- **ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Contest**, November 15-16<sup>th</sup>, W2ZQ station, starts Saturday at 4pm
- **Tech Net**, every Sunday night at 9pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **New Ham Net**, Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **160m Contest**, December 5-7<sup>th</sup>, starts Friday at 5pm
- **Fox Hunt**, December 6th, 9am, details TBD
- **HF Digital Modes Workshop**, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am, W2ZQ station
- **Potluck Dinner / Elections**, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- **10m Contest**, December 12-14<sup>th</sup>, starts Friday at 7pm
- **The RF Toolkit: Smith Charts, Tuners, and VNA Validation Workshop**, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am
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Membership (Income)			96.50
	Dues	96.50	
Treasurer - Income			526.00
	Donations	500.00	
	Misc	26.00	
Other (Income)			150.00
	merchandise sales	150.00	
Programs (Income)			118.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	118.00	
Uncategorized			0.00
	Other	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>890.50</b>

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	Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-267.00		
Public Information				-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-1555.58</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

## November 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jean Consorti, Steve Costanzo, Martin Crabtree, Dom Di Clementi, Dave Doler, Sal Emma, Rich Freedman, Matt Held, Greg Mauro, Cully Phillips, , Josh Koslov

- President's report – W3PR
  - Pot Luck Dinner, December Meeting
    - Board approved \$350 expenditure for the dinner
    - Will promote/encourage attendance after Thanksgiving
    - Agenda:
      - Set-up, 6- 6:30PM
      - Serve food, 6:30PM
      - Business meeting, 7PM
        - Election of 2026 officers
        - Announce upcoming events
        - Introduce new members
      - 2025 DVRA year in review, Martin, W3PR – 7:05PM
      - Door prize(s) – not this month
  - Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
    - Station status – all equipment is operational
    - Sweepstakes results – 479 Q's, 78,556 points
    - Upcoming contests
      - 160m contest weekend of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, this is a CW only, nighttime contest
        - Operators are needed
      - 10m contest weekend of Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Phone and CW
    - W2T and W2P
      - QRZ - Dom
      - Dates & signup sheet are on the Website calendar
      - Need website article and Google group announcement
      - QSL cards – Dom to check and order if needed
    - New Operator Club members
      - Anthony DiClementi, W2ADC
      - Matt Held, KC3RLG
  - VP report – Saied, N2VY – No report
  - Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
    - Upcoming Meeting topics:
      - December - Pot Luck Dinner & Year End Review
      - January – “DXCC and other Awards”, Greg, K3EA
      - Feb – What's new with ARES / RACES in Mercer County”, John Pugh, WJ3P
      - March – “Exploring the WARC bands” – Dave, K3DFD
  - Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
    - November meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
    - Preliminary 2026 calendar was sent for review. Inputs due by 12/19. Final review at December Board meeting
  - Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
    - Upcoming seminars/workshops
      - HF equipment training session on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – 2 attendees

- Digital mode seminar – Greg, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
  - The RF Toolkit Seminar, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Saied
  - SSTV decoder project not ready for, January, 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Will find alternate project
  - HF station training and excess equipment sale / demo, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- New ideas for projects / seminars are welcomed
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - 2m repeater antenna –
    - Antenna was ordered; total cost with tax and shipping was ~\$3000
    - Delivery date will be known when the antenna is shipped.
    - Work party to install after delivery
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL / Ray, KD2JBM
  - brush removal was recently performed near parking lot
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - No report
- Membership – Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in November:
    - Michael Harris, KD3BUO, Smyrna, DE
    - Chris Hoffman, WA2SEM, Brick, NJ
    - William G. Valeriano, KC3JEH, Langhorne, PA
    - Richard Brandel, KA3ZBA, East Stroudsburg, PA
  - Current member count is now – 210
  - Notice of dues renewal – week after Thanksgiving
    - Mail Chimp
    - Web article - done
    - Google Group
  - Handoff to Josh, NG2V is underway
  - See attached membership report
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – January 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 2026 dates to be confirmed with OLGC
- Web Services – Matt Held, KC3RLG
  - Need articles for:
    - Pot Luck reminder - Matt
    - 160m contest, December 5-7<sup>th</sup> – Dom
    - 10m contest, December 12-14<sup>th</sup> – Dom
    - RF Toolkit Seminar, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Saied
    - W2T / W2P SES, December 26<sup>th</sup> – January, 8<sup>th</sup>
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are normal
  - All upcoming events are scheduled
- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached (same as presented at Membership meeting)
  - A review of 2025 budget and actuals was given
    - Net budget is on target vs the approved budget at the beginning of the year, by < \$100

- Donation to OLGC will be sent
- Vanguard account, for investment fund: with some difficulty, is still in process of being setup. May reconsider a different type of account. Will present options/details at next Board meeting.
- 2026 budget inputs due by 12/19. Final review at December Board meeting.
- Fox Hunt Training session & antenna building – will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 9am at W2ZQ station
- OLD BUSINESS
  - K2UHY vanity call sign for DVRA - Dom/Martin
    - This is still being investigated
  - DVRA merchandise – store is open thru November 30th
  - Road sign(s) for use during events at the shack. – Martin
    - Will bring a metal sign frame - Dom
- NEW BUSINESS
  - DVRA new officers
    - Add Josh to Leadership Group - Rich
    - Board members to website in January - Matt
    - Transfer [@w2zq.com](mailto:@w2zq.com) email accounts to new officers: President, VP, Membership
    - Update ARRL club account info in January - Greg
  - Need new Ham net control operator....volunteer needed
    - Ask Bob to put out a message on Google Group
  - Proposed HamSci space weather station – add to 2026 budget proposal - Dave
  - Consider sending QSL cards to recent licensees, data comes from Section Mgr
  - Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm
- Adjourn – 820pm

Submitted by Greg Mauro, DVRA Secretary on 11/25/2025

Membership Report		
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>208</b>	
October	206	
<b>New Members</b>	<b>2</b>	*announced at Member Meeting
Michael Harris	KD3BUO	Technician - Symra, DE
Chris Hoffman	WA2SEM	Extra - Brick, NJ
<b>New Member YTD</b>	<b>39</b>	
January	4	
February	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
March	7	*excludes lapsed renewal
April	3	*excludes lapsed renewal
May	3	
June	4	
July	7	
Aug	2	
Sept	2	
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Dec		
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>	
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SK	0	
InArrears 2025	16	
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Members	126	
Non Members	82	



# Category Summary YTD

This Year: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025  
All Accounts, All Categories, All Tags, All Payees

Category	1/1/25 - 12/31/25
<b>Income</b>	
Membership (Income)	
Dues	\$4,070.49
Other (Income)	
merchandise sales	\$1,635.00
Programs (Income)	
Monthly Meetings (Income)	\$1,204.70
Programs (Other Income)	\$150.00
Total Programs (Income)	\$1,354.70
Special Events (Income)	
Triathlon	\$780.00
Station (Income)	
QSL	\$10.00
W2T / W2P	\$256.00
Total Station (Income)	\$266.00
Treasurer - Income	
Donations	\$21,880.87
Misc	\$26.00
Total Treasurer - Income	\$21,906.87
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,013.06</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Membership (Expenses)	
Dues Refunds	-\$50.00
Picnic / Open House	-\$418.94
Total Membership (Expenses)	-\$468.94
<b>Other (Expenses)</b>	<b>-\$153.72</b>
Physical Plant	
Electric (PSE&G)	-\$2,138.79
Internet (Verizon)	-\$549.89
Maintenance	-\$71.33
Phone (MagicJack)	-\$60.75
Toilet	-\$1,187.40
Total Physical Plant	-\$4,008.16
Programs (Expense)	
Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-\$1,382.21
Public Information	

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<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/25 - 12/31/25</b>
Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-\$291.50
Website	-\$89.00
Total Public Information	-\$380.50
<b>Special Events (Expense)</b>	
Field Day	-\$298.90
Special Events (Expense) (Other)	-\$214.30
Special Projects	-\$296.90
<b>Total Special Events (Expense)</b>	<b>-\$810.10</b>
<b>Station (Expenses)</b>	
Maintenance	-\$3,080.79
Station Misc	-\$1,157.14
W2T/W2P	-\$94.00
<b>Total Station (Expenses)</b>	<b>-\$4,331.93</b>
<b>Treasurer - Expense</b>	
Insurance & Taxes	-\$339.25
Postage / P.O. Box / Bank Fees	-\$297.20
<b>Total Treasurer - Expense</b>	<b>-\$636.45</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$12,172.01</b>
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- Welcome and Announcements – Martin, W3PR
  - Upcoming Events, Nets and Shack Hours (see below)
  - 2026 dues are now payable
- Introduction of New Members – Jean, AD2EK
  - Welcome to the new members this month:
    - William Valeriano, KC3JEH, Langhorne PA
  - Total membership count is now 210.
- Elections – Nominating Committee
  - The following candidates were elected to the 2026 Executive Board by a vote of acclamation:
    - President, Saied Seghatoleslami, N2VY
    - Vice-President Jean Consorti, AD2EK
    - Secretary, Greg Mauro, K3EA
    - Treasurer, Rich Freedman, N2EHL
- A Year End Review was given by Martin, W3PR. The review was a recap of the numerous club activities offered by the DVRA, as well as notable milestones and accomplishments. The club extends a big “Thank You” to Martin for his service and stewardship over the last two years.
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- **Operators are needed** for the following events, Click on the event in the w2zq.com calendar for the operator signup sheet:
  - **10m Contest**, starts Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and ends Sunday at 7pm, W2ZQ station
  - **W2T, Battle of Trenton Special Event Station**, December 26-31, W2ZQ station
  - **W2P, Battle of Princeton Special Event Station**, January 1-8, W2ZQ station
  - **W2T/W2P POTA**: watch the “W2ZQ Membership” Google group for possible activations
- **Radio Merit Badge Day**, Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @TCNJ. Email W8JRF at [jon@frushyou.com](mailto:jon@frushyou.com) to volunteer
- **New Ham Net**, Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, 70cm repeater, 442.650 MHz, PL 131.8
- **VE Testing**, Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
- **Membership Meeting**, January , 14<sup>th</sup>, “ DXCC and Awards Programs” by Greg Mauro, K3EA

## December 2025 DVRA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jean Consorti, Steve Costanzo, Martin Crabtree, Dom Di Clementi, Dave Doler, Sal Emma, Rich Freedman, Matt Held, Greg Mauro, Saied Seghatoleslami, Josh Koslov

- President's report – W3PR
  - Next month's meeting
    - Pizza – Martin will pickup pizza for January's meeting
    - 50/50 – will discontinue for 2026
    - Door prize(s) – TBD for January
- VP report – Saied, N2VY
  - EME project update
    - Will make plans for station completion, etc when weather gets better
    - Working on the details on moving the dish & equipment from Al Katz's station – Paul / Saied.
    - All prospective Directors are being contacted for 2026. Executive Board to approve Directors - Saied
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Station status – all equipment is operational
  - HF Noise problem was reported to PSE&G, waiting for service
  - W2T and W2P
    - QRZ – Dom will configure the web page
    - Dates & signup sheet are on the Website calendar
      - Operators can work the event from home, use signup sheet to operate from home
    - Need Google group announcement - Dom
- Programs Director – Dave Doler, K3DFD
  - Upcoming Meeting topics:
    - January – “How to Achieve DXCC and other Awards”, Greg, K3EA
    - Feb – What's new with ARES / RACES in Mercer County”, John Pugh, WJ3P
    - March - An evening with Phil Karn KA9Q - ARDC & SDR
    - April - Q&A With Fred Lloyd, founder and CEO of QRZ.com
    - May - Exploring the WARC Bands, Dave K3DFD
- Secretary's report – Greg, K3EA
  - December meeting minutes to be issued to membership next week
  - Preliminary 2026 calendar items were reviewed. Updates will be posted on the website
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Upcoming seminars/workshops
    - Basic Electronic Circuits and Test Equipment, January 17<sup>th</sup>
    - HF station training, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am
    - Excess equipment sale / demo, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 12pm
    - Need a hands-on workshop for February
  - New ideas for projects / seminars are welcomed

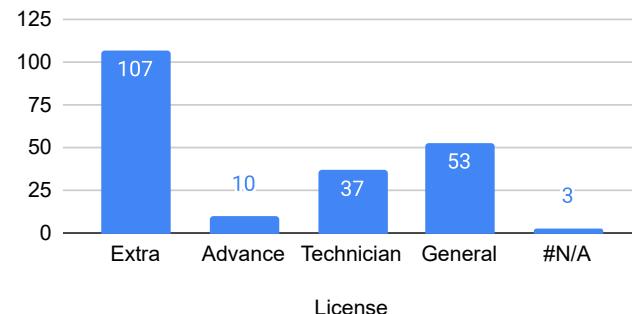
- Repeater Operations – Cully, N3HTZ
  - Repeaters, APRS and WinLink are all operational
  - 2m repeater antenna –
    - Antenna was delivered and is in storage
    - Work party will be scheduled after the holidays
- Physical Plant – Steve, KC2VDL
  - No activity
- Special Events – Steve, KC2VDL
  - Triathlon is on July 19th
- Membership – Josh, NG2V, Jean, AD2EK
  - New members in December:
    - Colin Friedlander, KE2GMO, Franklin Park, NJ (pending)
  - Current member count is now – 210
  - Notice of dues renewal went out the week after Thanksgiving and a second one a week later.....on Mail Chimp. Next one on or about December 29th
    - Will send a Membership Google Group post reminder today
  - See attached membership report
    - 85 members paid to date for 2026
- Training and Examinations – Andrew, K2AFO
  - Upcoming testing session – January 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Remainder of 2026 dates are confirmed with OLGC
- Web Services – Matt Held, KC3RLG
  - New Board Listing to go on the website in January
  - “About Us” updates – inputs from Greg
  - Need articles for:
    - Membership meeting – Greg
    - Workshop Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Greg
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - All operations are normal
  - All upcoming events are scheduled
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Monthly report is attached
    - 85 paid renewals, ~\$4000 in dues since October....YTD total \$7518
  - Porta Potty cost will go up 30% for 2026
  - A review of 2025 budget and actuals was given
  - 2026 budget inputs were reviewed, the proposed budget will be updated and approved by the 2026 board prior to the next membership meeting
    - The following item was tabled for a splinter meeting - HamSci space weather station
  - Vanguard account: for investment fund has become too difficult to establish. Will consider a different type of account or other options.
- Fox Hunt Training – March 21st

- OLD BUSINESS
  - K2UYH vanity call sign for DVRA - Dom/Martin
    - This is still being investigated
  - Road sign(s) for use during events at the shack. – Martin
    - Sign support/frame needed
    - Sal knows a sign vendor – get sign information to Sal
  - 2026 transition
    - Select Directors / Executive Board to approve Directors - Saied
    - Board to approve Budget and Calendar in early January - Saied
    - New Board listing to website in January – Matt
    - Update Google Leadership group - Rich
    - Transfer [@w2zq.com](mailto:@w2zq.com) email accounts
      - Membership – done
      - President – Martin/Saied
    - Update ARRL club account info – Greg
  - DVRA merchandise – apparel was delivered last week
  - New Ham Net – Tobi volunteered to be the new net control
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Adjourn – 849pm

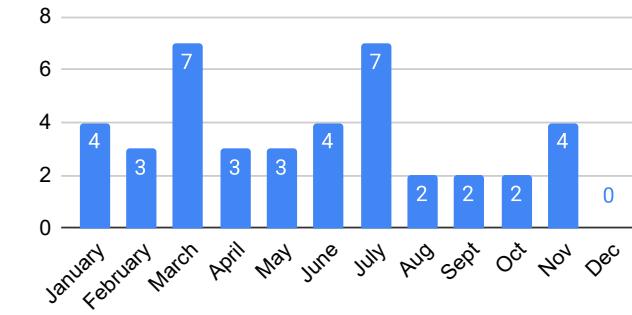
Submitted by Greg Mauro, DVRA Secretary on 12/23/2025

Membership Report	
<b>Member Count YTD</b>	<b>210</b>
November	210
<b>New Members</b>	<b>0</b>
	*announced at Member Meeting
<b>New Member YTD</b>	<b>41</b>
January	4
February	3
March	7
April	3
May	3
June	4
July	7
Aug	2
Sept	2
Oct	2
Nov	4
Dec	0
<b>Member Loss YTD</b>	<b>16</b>
Quit	0
SK	0
InArrears 2025	16
<b>ARRL Member Number</b>	<b>61.00%</b>
Members	128
Non Members	82

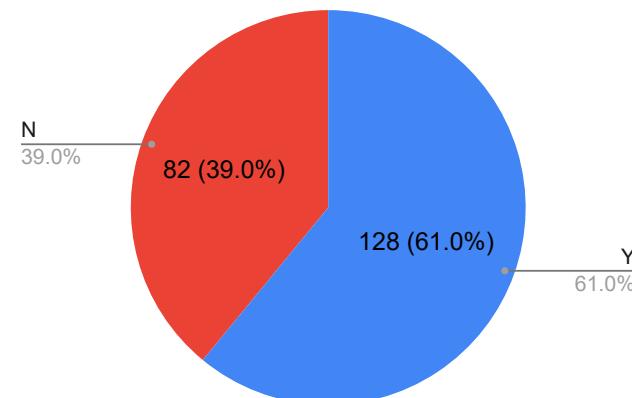
### License Class Distribution



### New Member Enrollment



### ARRL Membership



Date/Time Stamp	12/22/2025	3:24 PM			
<b>Total Collectable Memberships Due</b>		<b>Collected</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Amt Collected</b>	<b>Amt Outstanding</b>
Student	4	0	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Family	5	0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Individual	176	80	\$50.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,800.00
	185	80		\$4,000.00	\$5,400.00
		105	outstanding		
<b>Total Projected Membership Income</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>				
Student	\$100.00				
Family	\$500.00				
Individual	\$8,800.00				
<b>Received to Date:</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>				
<b>Outstanding to Date:</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>				
<b>Uncollectable Dues</b>					
Emeritus	3	\$50.00	\$150.00		
Life	1	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Duplicate Payments	7	\$50.00	\$350.00		
In Lieu	1	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Late Year Member	5	\$50.00	\$250.00		
Late Year New Ham	1	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	18		\$850.00		
<b>Family</b>	<b># of Members</b>	<b>Surplus</b>			
Brucks	2	1			
Georges	2	1			
Huston	3	2			
Massano	2	1			
Wilson	3	2			
		7			

## DVRA Treasurer's Report for November 2025

The beginning balance for November 2025 was \$33574.78

The ending balance for November 2025 was \$31803.83, a net decrease of \$1770.95

### Cash Flow for November 2025

Starting Balance	33574.78
Ending Balance	31803.83
Total Income	1666.75
Total Expenses	-3437.70
Net Change	-1770.95

### Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			773.75
	Dues	773.75	
Other (Income)			800.00
	merchandise sales	800.00	
Programs (Income)			93.00
	Monthly Meetings (Income)	93.00	
TOTAL			1666.75

### Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Programs (Expense)			-168.75
	Monthly Meetings (Expense)	-168.75	
Physical Plant			-299.21
	Internet (Verizon)	-49.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-150.27	
	Toilet	-98.95	
Station (Expenses)			-2943.24
	Maintenance	-2943.24	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Total
TOTAL				-3437.70

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer