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RACES NET

Every Monday at 7:30 (Local Time)
All are welcome!

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The January, 2002 meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8 at The Red Cross Building at 7:30 pm.

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Don't forget to check into the Monday Night LVARC/RACES Net on 146.94 (PL 71.9) with an alternate frequency of 147.735/147.135 (PL 167.9) The Net begins at 7:30 pm local time.

Many club announcements will be heard there!

Lehigh County RACES Net Check-In Summary 2001

Month Number Check-In's

November, 2001 72 (4 Mondays)



Discussed at the December, 2001 Meeting Not quite the minutes, just a review

The December 4, 2001 meeting was held at the Red Cross building. There were 18 members/guests present.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.
- 2. Treasurer Paul (NOKIA) reported a balance of \$664.73.
- 3. There was one guest, Eric (N3PVD)
- 4. Jeff (N3MFT) reported that the LC photo ID cards will be made at a later date.
- 5. Mark (WA3KIF) reported that the February meeting will be held at the Parkland Restaurant at 6:30 pm. The membership agreed on the \$11.95 family style dinner.
- 6. The membership also agreed to inviting former members or "Old Timers" to the dinner meeting although the cost of the dinner would be the responsibility of each person and not the club.
- 7. Mark said that the W3OI QSL would cost \$.21 to mail without an envelope. Carl will mail the cards.
- 8. The January meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8th due to the New Year's holiday.
- 9. Jeff (N3MFT) made a motion to donate \$20 to the Joseph HF Fund. The motion was passed by the membership.
- 10. Dues were voted to change to \$17.00 per year per member which includes autopatch.
- 11. 2002 dues are due. Send new/re-newal form along with payment to Paul (NOKÎA). The new/re-newal form can be found on page 28 of this newsletter. Checks can be made out to LVARC.
- 12. The 50/50 drawing was won by Mark (WA3KIF) for the amount of \$6.00.
- 13. Voting results revealed the following:

President - Mark Miller (WA3KIF) Vice President - Jeff Kelly (N3MFT) Secretary/Treasurer - Paul Ryan (N0KIA)

Board of Governors

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14. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm and was followed by the Holiday Party.

\$\$\$ W30I Finances \$\$\$
Balance as of 11/30/01 \$664.73



This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hap 200		NEW YEAR'S OF THE NEW YEAR'S O	2	3	4	AGCW QRP Winter Contest
AGCW QRP Winter Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30	W3OI Meeting Red Cross 7:30				Japan Intl. DX Contest 160-40 m N. Amer.
Kid's Day 6	7	8	9	10	11	QSO Party CW 12
N. Amer. QSO Party -CW Mid-winter Phone Contest DARC 10 m Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30					MI QRP CW Contest N. American QSO Party SSB
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
MI QRP CW Contest N. American QSO Party SSB	ARES RACES Net 7:30					UBA DX Contest SSB Kansas QSO
ARRL January VHF 20	21	22	23	24	25	Party 26
UBA DX Contest SSB Kansas QSO Party	ARES RACES Net 7:30					
27	28	29	30	31		

The **January** meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8, 2002 at **The Red Cross Building at 7:30.**

The February meeting will be February 5 at the Parkland Restaurant at 6:30 pm (see page 21 for details)

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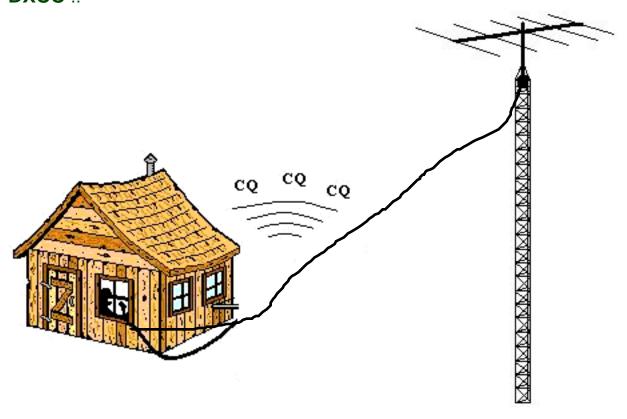
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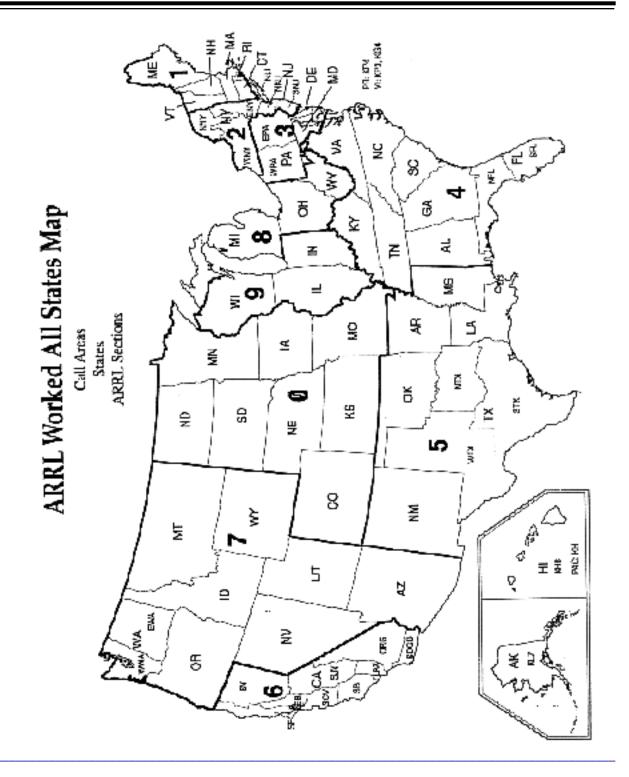


Start Your New Year Off Right!

On the following pages, you will find a W (worked) A (all) S (states) map. Print this map and keep a record of the states you have worked.

Following the WAS map, is a list of countries which you can use to track the countries you have worked which will put you on your way to your **DXCC**!!







Countries Checklist

Administration in East Timor

Afghanistan

Ağalega & St. Brandon

Alandis. Alaska Albania Algeria

American Samoa

Amsterdam & St. Paul Is. Andaman & Nicobar Is.

Andorra Angola Anguilla Antarctica

Antigua & Barbuda

Argentina Armenia Aruba

Ascension I. Asiatic Russia

Auckland & Campbell Is

Austral I. Australia Austria Aves I. Azerbaijan Azores Bahamas Bahrain

Baker & Howland Is.

Balearic Is.

Banaba I. (Ocean I.)

Bangladesh Barbados British Virgin Is.

Brunei Bulgaria Burkina Faso Burundi

C. Kiribati - (Brit. Phoenix Is.)

Cambodia Cameroon Canada Canary Is. Cape Verde Cayman Is Central Africa Ceuta & Melilla

Chad

Chatham Is.

Chile China Christmas I.

Clipperton I. Cocos I.

Cocos-Keeling Is.

Colombia Comoros Congo

Conway Reef

Corsica Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire

Crete Croatia Crozet I. Cuba Cyprus



Belarus

Belgium

Belize

Benin

Bermuda

Bhutan

Bolivia

Bonaire, Curacao (Neth. Antilles)

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Botswana

Bouvet

Brazil

Egypt

El Salvador

England

Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea

Estonia

Ethiopia

European Russia

Falkland Is.

Faroe Is.

Fed. Rep. of Germany

Fernando de Noronha

Fiji

Finland

France

Franz Josef Land

French Guiana

French Polynesia

Gabon

Galapagos Is.

Georgia

Ghana

Gibraltar

Glorioso Is

Czech Republic

Dem. Rep. of Congo

Denmark

Desecheo I.

Djibouti

Dodecanese

Dominica

Dominican Republic

E. Kiribati (Line Is.)

East Malaysia

Easter I.

Ecuador

Ireland Isle of Man

Israel

Italy

ITÚ HQ

Jamaica

Jan Mayen

Japan

Jersey

Johnston I.

Jordan

Juan de Nova, Europa

Juan Fernandez Is.

Kaliningrad

Kazakhstan

Kenya

Kerguelen Is.

Kingman Reef

Kure I.

Kuwait

Kyrgystan

Laccadive Is.

Laos

Latvia



Greece Greenland Grenada Guadeloupe

Guam

Guantanamo Bay

Guatemala Guernsey Guinea

Guinea-Bissau

Guyana Haiti Hawaii Heard I. Honduras Hong Kong Hungary Iœland India

Indonesia

Iran Iraq

Marshall Is.
Martinique
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mayotte
Mellish Reef
Mexico

Micronesia Midway I.

Minami Torishima

Moldovia Monaco Mongolia Montserrat Morocco Lebanon Lesotho Liberia Libya

Liechtenstein Lithuania Lord Howe I. Luxembourg

Macao Macedonia Macquarie I. Madagascar Madeira Is. Malawi Maldives Mali

Malpelo I.

Malta

Malyj Vysotskij I. Mariana Is. Market Reef Marquesas I.

Pitcairn I. Poland Portugal Pratas

Prince Edward & Marion Is.

Puerto Rico

Qatar Reunion I. Revilla Gigedo Rodrigues I. Romania

Romania Rotuma I. Rwanda S. Cook Is. Sable I.



Mount Athos

Mozambique

Myanmar

N. Cook Is.

Namibia

Nauru

Navassa I.

Nepal

Netherlands

New Caledonia

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Niger

Nigeria

Niue

Norfolk I.

North Korea

Northern Ireland

Norway

Ogasawara

Oman

Pagalu I.

Pakistan

Palau

Palestine

Palmyra & Jarvis Is.

Panama

Papua New Guinea

Peru

Peter II

Philippines

Saint Martin

Samoa

San Andres & Providencia

San Felix & San Ambrosio

San Marino

Sao Tome & Principe

Sardinia

Saudi Arabia

Scarborough Reef

Scotland

Senegal

Seychelles

Siberia

Sierra Leone

Singapore

Slovak Republic

Slovenia

Solomon Is.

Somalia

South Africa

South Georgia I.

South Korea

South Orkney Is.

South Sandwich Is.

South Shetland Is.

Sov. Mil. Order of Malta

Spain

Spratly Is

Sri Lanka

St. Helena

St. Lucia



St. Paul I.

St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks

St. Pierre & Miquelon

St. Vincent

St.Kitts & Nevis

St.Maarten,Saba, St.Eustatius

Sudan

Suriname

Svalbard

Swaziland

Sweden

Switzerland

Syria

Taiwan

Tajikistan

Tanzania

Temotu Provinœ

Thailand

The Gambia

Togo

Tokelau Is.

Tonga

Trindade & Martim - Vaz Is.

Trinidad & Tobago

Tristan da Cunha & Gough I.

Tromelin I.

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Turks & Caicos Is.

Tuvalu

U.N. Transitional

Uganda

UK Sov. Base Areas on Cyprus

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

United Nations HQ

United States of America

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Vatican

Venezuela

Vietnam

Virgin Is.

W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)

Wake I.

Wales

Wallis & Futuna Is.

West Malaysia

Western Sahara

Willis I.

Yemen

Yugoslavia

Zambia

Zimbabwe





*** Just for Laughs ***

A third grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by third graders. Their insight may surprise you.

Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader. Strike while thebug is close. It's always darkest before......Daylight Savings Time. Never underestimate the power of......termites. You can lead a horse to water but.....how? Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty. No news is.....impossible. A miss is as good as a.....Mr. You can't teach an old dog new.....math. If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning. Love all, trust.....me. The pen is mightier than the.....pigs

An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.

Where there's smoke there's.....pollution

Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.

A penny saved is.....not much.

Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.

Don't put off till tomorrow what......you put on to go to bed.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and....you have to blow your nose.

There are none so blind as.....Stevie Wonder.

Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.

If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.

You get out of something only what you...see in the picture on the box.

When the blind leadeth the blind.....get out of the way.

And the favorite

Better late thanpregnant.





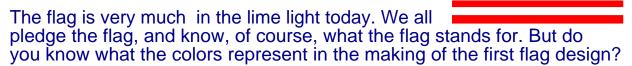
Need Code Practice?

Here is W1AW's code practice schedule.

	W	1 A	W	Sc	he	du	le	
PACIFIC	MTN	CENT	EAST	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM		FAST CCDE	SLOW	FAST CODE	SLCW
7 AN- 1 PN	8 AM- 2 PM	9 AM- 3 PM	10 AM- 4 PM	VISITING OPERATOR TIME (12 PM - 1 PM GLOSED FOR LUNCH)				
1 PM	2 FM	3 PM	4 PM	FAST CODE	SLOW	FAST GODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE
2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM		CCDE	BULLETIN	4	
a PM	4 PW	5 PM	5 PM	T	ELEPRIN'	TER BULL	ETIN	
4 PM	5 PM	8 PM	7 PM	SLOW	FAST CODE	SLOW CODE	FAST CODE	CODE
5 PM	6 PM	7 PW	8 PM		CCD	E EULLET	IN	
6 PM	7 PM	8 PW	эРИ		TELEPRI	NTER BUL	LETIN	
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US Flag Quiz

(de Larry - K3LAR)



<u>Red</u> - means courage and bravery

White Hope and Purity

Blue - is Reverence to God, Loyalty and Justice

A Star- symbolizes Power and Ambition

<u>The Stars</u> in Unison - represent the States Held Together Under the Constitution



DUES ARE DUE

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club is a small club but does need funds to function.

Club funds, for the 2001 year have been used for the first annual picnic, postage for mailing newsletters (although few, there are some who receive the VOX via US mail), plaques and awards and Field Day expenses to name a few. Paul has a complete list of these expenses for 2001.

Please be advised that the club is beginning the new 2002 year with a POSITIVE CASH FLOW!!!

Let's continue to grow financially and with the ham radio and social spirit that made 2001 a tremendous success and pay your dues now!!

* DUES ARE DUE *

Dues for 2002 are now being accepted. See page 28 for a membership form. Use this form for **NEW** or to **re-new** dues for the 2002 year.

Regular Membership - \$17.00

Extra Family Member - \$3.00

Non-ham Associate - \$5.00

At the December 4, 2001 meeting, a motion was made and passed to reduce the dues to \$17.00 per member which includes autopatch.

Please use the fee chart above to determine the amount which is appropriate to you.

You can obtain a membership form (for **BOTH NEW and RE-NEWALS**):

- (1) from the w3oi.org web site
- (2) on page 28 of this newsletter
- (3) Write/e-mail/call Paul or Mark
- (4) See Paul or Mark at a meeting.



Web sites to visit

Amateur Radio Shines During National Public Radio Broadcast

de Robin (KB3GZV and Dorian (KB3GZW)

You canto listen to Amateur Radio Shines During National Public Radio Broadcast at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/11/14/2/?nc=1

Need to Convert Something ??

de Mark (WA3KIF)

Following is a site I found which will allow you to convert such values as temperature, time, pressure, length. volume, etc.

http://www.convert-me.com/en/



2002 LVARC Officers



At the December, 2001 meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2002 year:

President: Mark S. Miller - WA3KIF
Vice President: Jeff Kelly - N3MFT

Secretary/Treasurer: Paul F. Ryan - NOKIA

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H-A-M Radio ??????????

de WA3KIF

Here we go again. That age old question of, "From where did **HAM** come," when referring to amateur radio operators?

I found the following explanation:

The designation of amateur radio operators as "hams" also apparently reflects the old "clumsy" sense of the slang term "ham." According to the American Radio Relay League, in the early days of ship-to-shore radio, commercial operators would often complain of interference from amateur operators, referring to them disparagingly as "hams." Amateur operators eventually adopted "ham" as their own term, and today it has lost its derogatory connotations in the radio field.

From the "Word Detective" at:

http://www.word-detective.com/backidx.html

Perhaps LVARC members can offer other origins of "HAM" when relating to amateur radio operators!



or



or



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Do we want to be related to food, a bad theatrical performance, or a farm animal?



Lehigh Valley Hams Receive Recognition from ARRL



Local hams received recognition from Eric Olena (WB3FPL), Section Manager and the ARRL for volunteering to help in the wake of the September 11, 2001 incident in New York.

See SECTION NEWS on page 123 in the December issue of QST. The article states, "Several members of the Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club who assisted in the in New York were; Don Jennings, K6QDT, Jeff Kelly, N3MFT, Chris Kelly, N3RPV, Barry Vogt, N3NVA, Bruce Bobo Jr., KB3FIH, Mike Stanton, N3OUC, Bob Puharic, WF3H, Dick Dech, KA3MOU, and Cliff Wagoner, W3ZL." We are proud of all these Lehigh Valley hams and are glad to see them recognized in the ARRL's prestigious publication, QST!

In the same section and the same page, Jeff Kelly, N3MFT, received recognition of his appointment as Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Lehigh County. The article reads, "Congratulations to Jeff Kelly, N3MFT, who has volunteered to take over the EC position in Lehigh County. We are in the process of handling the paperwork for Jeff's position. Jeff volunteered shortly after returning from New York. Jeff will be a very valuable addition to the staff." (Please note that all the paperwork has been completed at the time of this issue of the E-VOX and Jeff is now the official EC of Lehigh County)!!

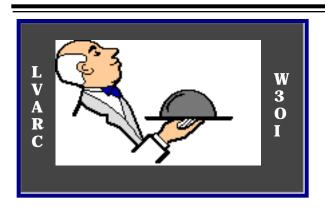


Pilgrims Were HAMS???

This picture appeared in the Morning Call on Monday November 19, 2001. It accompanied an article which described the first year of the Pilgrim's lives and their struggle to survive along with their need to build houses.

A sharp-eyed Ed (KD3NH) wonders if the pilgrims were hams ?? He noticed the person on the left holding what seems to be a yagi !!!!!! You decide! (must be "The Shack" in the background)





LVARC to Host Dinner Meeting with Special Guests

The dinner meeting at the Paddock in September was so well received, we thought we would do it again! This time we will be meeting at the **Parkland Restaurant on Walbert Avenue in Allentown.**

The February 5, 2002 meeting will be held at the Parkland Restaurant beginning at 6:30 pm. Please note the change in time. Since this meeting includes dinner, we will meet one hour earlier than our regular meeting.

The agenda includes a regular business meeting and dinner. *Please note that the each member is responsible for the cost of his dinner.* This is planned for February in order to chase away the winter blues.

Former members or "Old Timers" will be invited !! Notices of this meeting will be sent to approximately 21 former LVARC members inviting them to the dinner meeting. Perhaps we can spark their interest in amateur radio and / or membership in the LVARC!!!

Plan to attend for the meeting, food, good fellowship and renewed friendship!

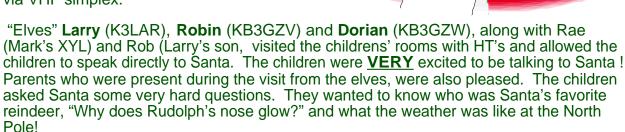


Operation Ho Ho was a <u>HUGE</u> Success !!!!

On Sunday December 16, 2001, children at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center's

children at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center's pediatrics wing got a chance to work the best DX ever!

Several "elves" of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club visited the children and let them talk to Santa Claus! The communications were handled via VHF simplex.



After their conversation with Santa, the children were given a candy cane with an ornament attached, a present and a button that said "I Talked To Santa On Amateur Radio" button !!!

Thanks goes to Larry's (K3LAR) XYL, Robin, for providing the contact information and getting this project going and TNX to Fran Feathers, the hospital administrator in charge of the ward.

Also, a big thanks goes to **Photography by Richard C. Haas** for donating the "I Talked to Santa Claus" buttons. This includes the materials time in their creation!

Everyone who participated agreed that this was one of the best uses of ham radio and will be sure to volunteer next year for what promises to be a successful annual LVARC event!!







"Operation Ho Ho" Pictures







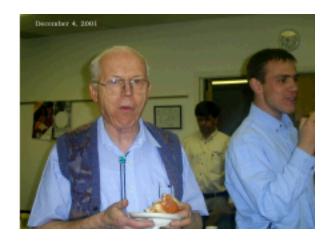
W3OI Enjoys Holiday Party at the December Meeting

The LVARC December 4, 2001 meeting was followed by the annual "Holiday Party." Members' goodies includes pies, cookies, brownies and meatball sandwiches!! The food was excellent and the conversations quickly turned to amateur radio. The meeting was well attended and a slate of officers was selected for the 2002 year.



Lots of food !!





Food

Fellowship





HAM Conversation

EHIGH COUNTY RACES



Lehigh County RACES Activated After Fire Forces Evacuation at Cedarbrook

On Saturday December 15, 2001, Lehigh County RACES was activated due to the evacuation of Cedarbrook, the county's home. A fire at the home forced the need to evacuate almost 500 of the residents. Five "shelters" were setup to temporarily house the evacuees. At least one RACES member was required to be present at each shelter site to provide communications to the EOC.

The following operators participated in the evacuation process:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
AI3D KA3ONZ KA3WSL KA3ZAT KA3ZBE KB3FDM KB3FDN KB3FIH KB3FMI KB3HFZ KA3RBH KD3NH N3MFT N3NVA N3OUC N3QZT N3VTZ N3XRL WA3KIF WA3ZXJ KA3UQP	Eric Geissenhainer Bruce Hull Earl Toland Dan Homan Burton Swayze Charlie Eckhart Mark Withers Bruce Bobo Barry Mitchneck Rodney Wolfe Bill Bigg Ed Romig Jeff Kelly Barry Vogt Mike Stanton Jeff Keller Chris Schafer Malcolm McClay Mark Miller Bill Stewart Jim Kelly	EOC Net Control Net Control Net Control Setronia Bible Fellowship Asbury Command/Net Control LVHCC Springhouse EOC/Bible Fellowship Asbury Mobile/Command CedarView Asbury/O2 Delivery Cetronia LVHCC Cetronia Asbury Bible Fellowship/CedarView Mobile



Lehigh County RACES was once again activated on Tuesday night (December 18, 2001) as the evacuees were returned to Cedarbrook.

Local amateurs from Lehigh and Northampton Counties participated in this activity by once again, providing a communications link from various sites to the EOC and "command" center at Cedarbrook.

The following amateurs were active in the return process of the evacuees:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
AI3D K3LAR KA3ONZ KA3UQP KB3FIH KD3NH KE3SP N3MFT N3QZT WA3KIF N3RPV KB3HHG AA3WM KA3MOU KA3RBH KE3AW N3NVA N3ULR	Eric Geissenhainer Larry Miller Bruce Hull Jim Kelly Bruce Bobo Ed Romig Walt Snyder Jeff Kelly Jeff Kelly Jeff Keller Mark Miller Chris Kelly Robert Barrall Bryan Williams Dick Deck Bill Bigg Bob Green Barry Vogt Mark Staller	Cedarbrook Checkin Net Control Checkin Command/Net Control Net Control Field Mobile/Command/Net Control Staging Checkin Net Control Checkin Field Net Control Field

KUDOS for a job well-done !!!!!!



Membership Form

for the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI)

Clip and mail with check for proper amount

Make checks payable to: LVARC



Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Membership Application Form

Application Data	Item	Cost	Total
Name		Regular Membership	\$17.00
Address		Extra Family Member	\$3.00
City, St. Zip		Phone Patch Access	Included
Home Phone		Non-ham Associate	\$5.00
Business Phone			
Call		TOTAL	\$
License Class		Email Address	outenesses en

Send application and dues to: Paul Ryan (N0KIA) 5814 Lindbergh Street - Orefield, PA 18069 - 2250