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newsletter of the

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Radio Club - W3OI**

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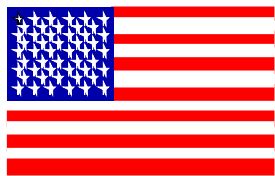
## **RACES NET**

*Every Monday at 7:30 (Local Time)*

**All are welcome !**

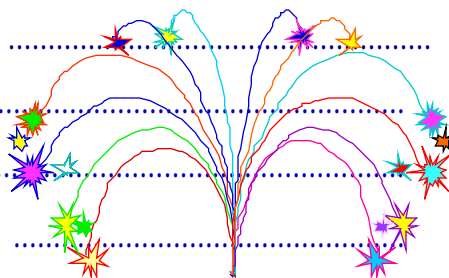


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The July meeting will be held on  
July 2, 2002 at the  
Red Cross Building at 7:30.



## LVARC / RACES NET

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 !**

### Monday Night RACES/ARES Check In Summary 2002

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number Mondays</u>
January	83	4
February	73	4
March	80	4
April	81	5
May	78	4



## Discussed at the June, 2002 Meeting *Not the minutes ..... Just a Review*

The June 4, 2002 meeting of the LVARC was held at the Red Cross Building .


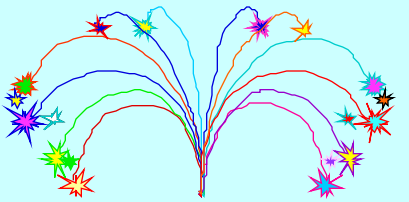
1. The meeting was brought to order at 7:42 pm
2. There were 16 members present.
4. Paul (N0KIA) reported a balance of \$933.24 in the treasury as of end of May, 2002.
5. Correspondence from Toomey's office, AA9UF letter about the "Joseph Fund" and the 1st Annual HAZMAT/EOC Staff picnic was read.
6. Paul (N0KIA) is working to work on "The members section" of the web site.
7. Carl (AA3IX) delivered a Certificate Of Appreciation from director of Emergency Management.
8. The W3OI "Golf" shirts have been ordered.
9. Discussion continued on choosing "communications vests." Several submissions were made by Rod (KB3HFZ), Paul (N0KIA) and Phil (KB3HMK). The decision to select a vest was postponed until we determine if the county will help with the cost.
10. Members are encouraged to "camp out" at the Field Day Site Friday night. Arrival time is 6:00 pm.
11. TNX to Mark (N3ULR) for giving the LVARC Field Day publicity on WGPA !
12. Phil (KB3HMK) donated large "cable ties" for Field Day use.
13. Phil (KB3HMK) is a qualified Fire Police.
14. Carl (AA3IX) will get a cooler of soda for Field Day.
15. Eileen (N3IZG) will make potato and macaroni salads for Field Day.
16. Phil (KB3HMK) and Bill (KA3RBH) will get plates, cups, napkins and plastic utensils.
17. Several members will take small gas grills to Field Day.
- 18. Members must take their own meat (hot dogs, hamburgers etc.).**
19. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.
20. Following the business meeting, was Paul's (N0KIA) presentation about "Logging and Dupe Sheets."

**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**  
**Balance as of 05/30/02 \$933.24**





**July 2002**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>This Month In Ham Radio</b>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	<b>LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</b>		 <b>4th of July Holiday</b>		<b>Kentucky QSO Party</b>
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Kentucky QSO Party</b>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>					<b>IARU HF World Championship</b>
7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>CQ Worldwide VHF Contest</b>
<b>IARU HF World Championship</b>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>					<b>Pacific 160m Contest</b>
<b>CQ Worldwide VHF Contest</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>AGCW QRP Summer Contest</b>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>					<b>Venezuelan Ind. Day CW Contest</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Venezuelan Ind. Day CW Contest</b>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>					
28	29	30	31			

**July 2, 2002 - 2nd Annual LVARC Picnic - July 20, 2002 (see p. 18)**

**Saturday August 3, 2002 - Fishing Trip - Details TBA**



## Another “Fox” Hunt?

de WA3KIF



I have as  
much fun  
as they do !!

Participants had so much fun on April 26 that we decided to have another Fox Hunt. This one was held on Friday May 10, 2002. Hal (WZ3L) and Dan (N3TNO) were the “Foxes” while four vehicles full of hunters tried to find them. Hunting were Rod (KB3HFZ) and Chris (N3SIG) and Mark (WA3KIF) and Larry (K3LAR). We also had in attendance, four visitors. Gene Handwerk (N3WMA and wife) from Schuylkill Haven and in the fourth car, Jim Hogarth (N3DFF) and his son James (KB3GZY) representing the DLARC.

The Winners  
Rod (KB3HFZ) and Chris (N3SIG)  
below



<---- Gene (N3WMA)



Hal (WZ3L)  
“The Fox”  
above



The hunt started at Crest Plaza in Allentown after participants agreed on some basic rules. Chris (N3SIG) and Rod (KB3HFZ) and Gene and his wife tied for first place. Chris/Rod found the “Fox” first but used more miles than did Gene/wife who arrived at the scene after Chris/Rod but used less miles. Mark and Larry once again, had to be talked in as did Jim and James. The fox was in Eagle’s Point at MacArthur Road and route 329. Following the gathering, participants indulged on pizza at a local pizza parlor! Team Miller was heard to vow that they would “never be talked in again!!!” (could they be planning to use a secret weapon next time?) TNX to all participants! We are slowly evolving with this “sport.” **Plan to participate in the next hunt! You won’t be disappointed!**

(Photos, courtesy of Rod (KB3HFZ))



## **A Few Household Hints To Try To Remember**

Budweiser beer conditions the hair

Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish

Cool whip will condition your hair in 15 min

Mayonnaise will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair

Shiny Hair-use brewed Lipton Tea

Sunburn -empty a large jar of Nestea into your bath water

Minor burn-Colgate or Crest toothpaste

Burn your tongue? put sugar on it!

Arthritis? WD-40 Spray and rub in, kill insect stings too

Bee stings - meat tenderizer

Chigger bite - preparation H

Paper cut - crazy glue or chap stick (glue is used instead of sutures at most hospitals)

Athletes feet - cornstarch

Kool Aid can be used as a dye in paint

Kool-Aid in Dannon plain yogurt as a finger paint, "your kids will love it and it won't hurt them if they eat it!"

Peanut butter - will get scratches out of CD's! Wipe off with a coffee filter paper

Sticking bicycle chain - Pam no-stick cooking spray

Pam will also remove paint, and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby

Peanut butter will remove ink from the face of dolls

Tie Dye T-shirt - mix a solution of kool aid in a container, tie a rubber band around a section of the T-shirt and soak

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Preserving a newspaper clipping -- large bottle of club soda and 1/2 cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 min and let dry, will last for many years!

A Slinky will hold toast and CD's!

To keep goggles and glasses from fogging, coat with Colgate toothpaste (caution, toothpaste is an abrasive)

Pampers as an absorbent! Remove stains from the carpet with club soda, and a pampers to absorb.

Wine stains, pour on the Morton salt and watch it absorb into the salt.

To remove candle wax - Take a paper towel and iron it over the wax stain, it will absorb into the towel.

Remove labels off glassware, etc., rub with peanut butter!

Baked on food-fill container with water, get a bounce paper softener and the static from the bounce; towel will cause the baked on food to adhere to it. Soak overnight. Also; you can use 2 Efferdent tablets, soak overnight!

Road tar on car - WD-40 (it's basically kerosene - a petroleum solvent)

Crayon on the wall -- Colgate toothpaste and brush it!

Dirty grout - Listerine

Stains on clothes - Colgate

Blood stains on white cloth - Hydrogen Peroxide

Grass stains - Karo Syrup

Grease Stains-Coca Cola, it will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight. We know it will take corrosion from batteries!

Sweat Stains - Efferdent, or vinegar

Last but not the least:

To Keep FRESH FLOWERS longer Add a little Clorox, or 2 Bayer aspirin, or just use 7-up instead of water.







## \*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*

If you are interested in a **club trip to see the Reading Phillies**, contact Paul (NOKIA) at [n0kia@arrrl.net](mailto:n0kia@arrrl.net) or on the Monday Night Net.



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## E-VOX SUBMISSIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW

**Have an article for the newsletter?  
Have a new radio you want to review?  
Have a story you want to tell? Have a  
picture you want posted? Have something  
to sell?**

Send any articles, pictures (any format, including a snapshot - it WILL be returned intact), stories, articles for sale etc., to:

**Mark S. Miller**  
**WA3KIF**  
**e-mail: [wa3kif@rcn.com](mailto:wa3kif@rcn.com)**



## Field Day Press Release

de WA3KIF

*Below, is the press release which was developed  
to publicize Field Day, 2002.*

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### Field Day Press Release

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI)

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**On Saturday June 22 and Sunday 23, 2002, the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) will be participating in the national Field Day Event. This event is held each June for all licensed amateur radio operators.**

**The purpose of this event is to simulate emergency operating conditions.** Radios will be powered by non-commercial power sources (generators). Antennas must also not be permanent and will be erected and dismantled before and after the event. **Radio operators will attempt to contact as many hams as they can using both voice and Morse code making this an annual emergency communications drill.**

Amateur radio operators provided essential communications following the September 11 event. Many hams from the Lehigh Valley volunteered to go to New York City to ensure that emergency communications remained functional.

**Field Day will be held at Camp Serranova in Seisholtzville, PA.** (six miles South from Mack Truck Macungie and two miles from Bear Creek, formally Doe. Mt. Ski Area). The equipment set up will begin approximately 12:00 noon on Saturday June 22 and the stations will continue throughout the night and conclude about 12:00 Sunday June 23.

**The public and media are welcome to come and see what amateur radio is all about! There is no fee and visitors can even operate under the supervision of a ham in attendance!** Brochures about the LVARC and amateur radio will be available at the Field Day site.

Visit the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club's web site at <http://www.w3oi.org> and read the June issue of the newsletter for directions to the Field Day site.

For additional information about Field Day or amateur radio in general, contact Mark S. Miller (WA3KIF) at [wa3kif@rcn.com](mailto:wa3kif@rcn.com).

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**\*\*\* This press release was sent to the following dignitaries and media \*\*\***

Pat Toomey (Congressman 15th District- PA) [www.house.gov/writerep/](http://www.house.gov/writerep/)  
Channel 69 (WFMZ) [webmaster@wfmz.com](mailto:webmaster@wfmz.com)  
John Conklin [infoema@lehighcounty.org](mailto:infoema@lehighcounty.org)  
WLEV [wlev.diane@citcomm.com](mailto:wlev.diane@citcomm.com)  
Morning Call [lindaconnell@mcall.com](mailto:lindaconnell@mcall.com)  
WAEB [craigstevens@cleachannel.com](mailto:craigstevens@cleachannel.com)  
N3ULR **WGPA and WLVR (Lehigh Univ)**



## A BIG TNX to N3ULR

A BIG TNX goes to **Mark Staller** (N3ULR) for publicizing the LVARC Field Day, 2002. Mark works at **WGPA and WLVR** and has kindly offered to periodically read the Field Day press release (see page 10) on these commercial stations!!



**Here is a wonderful little thing from Paul Harvey**

**We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.**

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

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When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy\girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Hannukah/Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.



## CHRIS and ICOM

Chris (N3SIG) received the following letter from ICOM. With his permission, it is printed below for your review.

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Dear Mr. Post,

I am replying to you on behalf of Mr. Inoue, President of ICOM Inc.

We would like to thank you very much for your mail and photos you sent, as well as the compliments on the IC-706.

We are very happy that you are satisfied with the performance of the IC-706, especially in such a harsh environment as Antarctica. As I am sure you are aware, one of ICOM's philosophies is 'Technology First' at an affordable price, and it makes us proud to know that the time and effort put into the design and engineering of our products is reflected in the satisfaction of performance you speak of.

With your permission, we would like to add a small space on our HQ website in both English and Japanese to share with anyone that accesses it, your experiences and comments about the operation of the IC-706. Therefore, could you please kindly confirm permission of the following.

- 1) Use of your name.
- 2) A small description in English and Japanese based on the content of your mail.
- 3) Use of the jpeg images that you attached. (If you have any captions you would like us to add to better explain the photos, please provide those)

We will add a footnote to say that this information is used with your permission.

Again, thank you very much for your mail, and we look forward to hearing from you again soon.

With kind regards,  
Aaron Camp  
ICOM Inc.

**Check the following  
Icom Press Release at:**



**<http://www.icom.co.jp/world/info/ic-706/index.html>**



# Quote Quiz

Who said the following?

***“My life has no purpose, no direction, no aim, no meaning, and yet I'm happy. I can't figure it out. What am I doing right?”***

- (a) Mark Twain
- (b) Charles Schulz
- (c) Benjamin Franklin
- (d) Bud Abbott

(Answer on page 16)



## Fox Hunting Presentation At LVARC Meeting

Fox Hunts have begun to be popular with the LVARC members. At the July 2, 2002 meeting, Hal (WZ3L and Dan (N3TNO) will have a presentation about Fox Hunting. We have had two hunts this Spring already with more on the way.

Come to the meeting and hear their presentation. Hal and Dan will answer all your Fox Hunt questions! Don't be shy. **If you always wanted to participate in a hunt but didn't know how to get started, this is your chance to learn all about Fox Hunting !!**



**2nd Annual  
LVARC/W3OI  
Picnic**

**The second annual  
LVARC/W3OI picnic will  
again be at Mark's QTH on  
Saturday July 20, 2002.**

**Arrival time is 5:00 pm.**

**Directions:**

1. From Route 22, Exit 512 NORTH (Toward Bath).
2. Follow 512 N., through 5 traffic lights (including the one after exiting 22) at Key Pontiac.
3. TURN LEFT onto CRAWFORD Dr.
4. Next LEFT onto SOUTHLAND
5. Go to end of Southland
6. TURN LEFT onto Hale
7. First house on left ( Gray Cape Cod with Blue Doors 5508).

**Bring your family, your favorite  
dish to share and a lawn chair.**

**Talk-in on 146.94**





## **Answer to Quote Quiz**

(see page 14)

Who said the following?

***“My life has no purpose, no direction,  
no aim, no meaning, and yet I'm happy. I  
can't figure it out. What am I doing right?”***

**ANSWER**

**(b) Charles Schulz**

**(“Peanuts” Cartoon Creator)**

# **Local (PA) Hamfests**

**Pennsylvania** - (Bressler/Harrisburg) **July 4** - 8:00 am. VE sessions, \$5.00 per ham, free to non-hams and spouses or a carload for \$10.00. Contact **[k3pd@arri.net](mailto:k3pd@arri.net)**.

**Pennsylvania** - (Wilkes-Barre/Dallas) **July 7** - 8:00 am. Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door. Contact **[jcaffrey@microserve.net](mailto:jcaffrey@microserve.net)**.



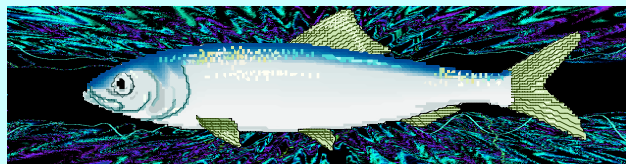
## KEEP SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2002 OPEN FOR PLANNED SECOND ANNUAL LVARC DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP !!!!!!!



Last year's first annual fishing trip was so much fun, Chris (N3SIG) plans to do it again this year !!!!!!! As of this printing, the **second annual deep sea fishing trip is planned for Saturday August 3, 2002.**

We will be sailing out of Long Beach Island. Last year, many hams and guests sailed on a beautiful August afternoon. On that particular day, the Barnegat Amateur Radio Club was holding their annual National Lighthouse Day event and all the LVARC members checked in via 2 meters as "marine mobile."

**Details will be announced.** As of now, the specific boat and time will be announced.





## SkyWarn Training To Be Held at DLARC in September, 2002

**de John Holmes (WX3W)**

There will be a SKYWARN Training Session on September 5th at the DLARC club meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 with the Training Class after.

Directions to the meeting place is on the W3OK webpage. **This will be the ONLY SKYWARN Training Session for the Lehigh Valley for 2002.** Spotters need to be recertified every 2 years.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I would be glad to help you out.

73,

John Holmes, WX3W  
Lehigh Valley SKYWARN Coordinator  
SKYWARN Technical Committee Member,  
NWSFO, Mt. Holly, NJ  
WX2PHI Special Event Chairman

wx3w@skywarn.net



## W3OI “Golf” Shirts

There were 19 W3OI “golf” shirts ordered on June 3, 2002. If you missed the deadline and would like to order one and/or would like to order a yellow “COMMUNICATIONS” T-shirt, contact Paul (N0KIA).