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The official **On-Line**
newsletter of the

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RACES NET

Every Monday at 7:30 (Local Time)

All are welcome !



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**The May 7, 2002 meeting
will be held at the EOC at
6:00 pm. (see page 15)**



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



Discussed at the April, 2002 Meeting *Not the minutes Just a Review*

Following the Pizza Party, the April 2, 2002 meeting of the LVARC was held at the Red Cross building. The meeting began at 7:33 pm. The following were discussed at the meeting:

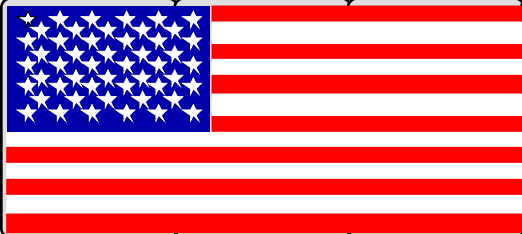
1. There were 15 members present.
2. Carl (KB3GAX) donated a second "Golf-Type" W3OI short in red trim. He requested that it be raffled off at the meeting.
3. The treasurer (Paul - N0KIA) reported a balance of \$868.86 as of March 31, 2002.
4. An order for the "Golf-Type" W3OI shirts will be sent in on May 13, 2002. **Orders must be placed BEFORE that date** (see page 7 of this newsletter for order form).
5. Chris (N3SIG) has volunteered to return to his old position as program chairman (see pages 5 & 16 for proposed activities agenda). Fishing trip TENTATIVELY scheduled for Saturday August 3, 2002.
6. Paul (N0KIA) has agreed to put a "Members Section" to the existing LVARC web site (see page 16 for details).
7. Up coming events include Fox Hunt - Friday April 26 at 6:30 pm. Details to be announced on the Monday Night Net.
8. Paul (N0KIA) showed a very nice personalized mug he received for participating in the PA QSO Party. He encouraged the club to participate in the next event (October, 2002).
9. The 50/50 drawing was won by Paul (N0KIA) for the amount of \$10.00.
10. The Red "Golf" shirt was won by Robin (KB3GZV).
11. **The May meeting will be held at the EOC at 6:00 pm** and will coincide with the Limerick Drill (see page 15 for details)
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.
13. Following the meeting was a presentation of the National Traffic System (NTS) by Greg (KB3CKD).

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$
Balance as of 03/31/02 \$868.86





This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			AGCW QRP Contest			IPA CW Contest
						IND/New Eng QSO Party
			1	2	3	DX Contest 4
IPA CW Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30	LVARC Meeting EOC 6:00				Nevada QSO Party
IND/New Eng QSO Party						Oregon QSO Party
DX Contest 5						
	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nevada QSO Party	ARES RACES Net 7:30					Baltic Contest
Oregon QSO Party						
Mother's Day 12						
	13	14	15	16	17	18
Baltic Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30					CQ WW WPX CW Contest
19		21	22	23	24	25
CQ WW WPX CW Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Memorial Day					May 2002 WELCOME Spring and Daylight Savings
26		28	29	30	31	

June 22-23 - FIELD DAY (Details TBA)

July - 2nd Annual LVARC Picnic - Details TBA



HAMFEST CALENDAR

8 Jun 2002 * Eastern Pennsylvania Section
Convention

Columbia Montour ARC

<http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc>

Contact: George Law, N3KYZ

10 Whitenight Lane

Bloomsburg, PA 17815-8335

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Div: Atlantic

Sect: Eastern Pennsylvania

4 Jul 2002 + Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club

<http://hrac.tripod.com/July4.htm>

Contact: Pete DeVolpi, K3PD

408 Hillside Avenue

New Cumberland, PA 17070

Phone: 717-938-8249

Email: k3pd@arrl.net Harrisburg (Bressler), PA

Div: Atlantic

Sect: Eastern Pennsylvania

7 Jul 2002 + Murgas ARC

<http://www.qsl.net/k3ytl>

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Sect: Eastern Pennsylvania



**Lehigh Valley
Amateur
Radio Club**
W3OI

"Golf-Type" Shirt Order Form



Name (Please **PRINT**) _____

Call _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Size (circle one) **S** **M** **L** **XL**

Number of shirts _____ (\$17.00 per shirt - \$3.00 goes back to the club)

TOTAL \$ _____ ☐ payment enclosed ☐ will pay at the next meeting
(Check one)

Indicate **BLUE** or **RED** Collar and Lettering

*Make checks payable to LVARC and
Send order form with payment to:*

Paul Ryan (NOKIA)
5814 Lindbergh Street
Orefield, PA 18069-2250

Orders MUST BE IN BEFORE MAY 13, 2002 !



Just for Laughs

How To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity



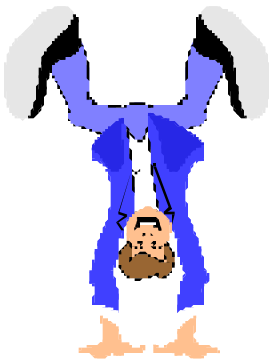
1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hairdryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
2. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.
4. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "in"
5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has Gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
6. In the memo field of all your checks, write "for sexual favors".
7. Finish all your sentences with "in accordance with the prophecy."
8. Don't use any punctuation marks
9. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
10. Specify that your drive-through order is "to go".
11. Sing along at the opera.

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("Just for Laughs" - cont. from page 8)

12. Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.
13. Put mosquito netting around your work area. Play a tape of jungle sounds all day.
14. Five days in advance, tell your friends you can't attend their party because you're not in the mood.
15. When the money comes out the ATM, scream "I won!", "I won!" "3rd time this week!!!!!"
16. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the parking lot, yelling "run for your lives, they're loose!!"
17. Tell your children over dinner. "due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."



And the final way to keep a healthy level of insanity.....

- 18. Send this to everyone in your address book, even if they sent it to you or asked you not to send them stuff like this.**





Web Sites to Visit

The following web sites may be of interest. The first two were **submitted by Bob (KE3AW)**.

For fun with anagrams, visit:

<http://wordsmith.org/anagram/index.html>

Make your own license plate at:

<http://www.acme.com/licensemaker/>



TNX Bob !!



The Allentown Fair will celebrate its 150 year this year. Visit:

<http://www.allentownfair.com>

**TNX to Al Zimmerman
(W3SCT)**



LVARC CONSTITUTION TO BE REVISED



Your Participation Requested

Barry (KB3FMI) has kindly volunteered to head a committee to revise the LVARC Constitution and needs help. He has sent, via e-mail, a copy of the existing Constitution to members and requested that they make any corrections/addition/deletions.

Please take the time to read the text and edit as you see fit..

Barry's plan is to have these revisions complete and have member's approval by June, 2002.

If you would like to comment, contact Barry Mitchneck (KB3FMI) at:

bmitchneck@fast.net .

LVARC MEMBER RECEIVES NEW CALL

**Carl R. Stevenson, formerly WA6VSE,
received his new call. He is now WK3C.**



Chris' Presentation a HUGE Success !!!!!

Chris Post (N3SIG) had a terrific presentation to members of the Lehigh Valley and Delaware-Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Clubs on Wednesday March 20, 2002.

About 50 members from both clubs gathered in the auditorium of the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center (Cedar Crest Blvd.) to hear Chris' 2-hour presentation about life and amateur radio in Antarctica.

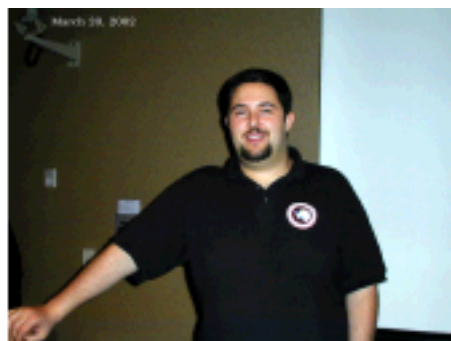
Chris showed a film of the first explorers as well many many still pictures he took depicting his experiences while in "900 South."



Following his talk, Chris gave door prizes including hats and shirts to lucky audience members.

Thanks to Chris, we all have a better understanding of what life in Antarctica is like!

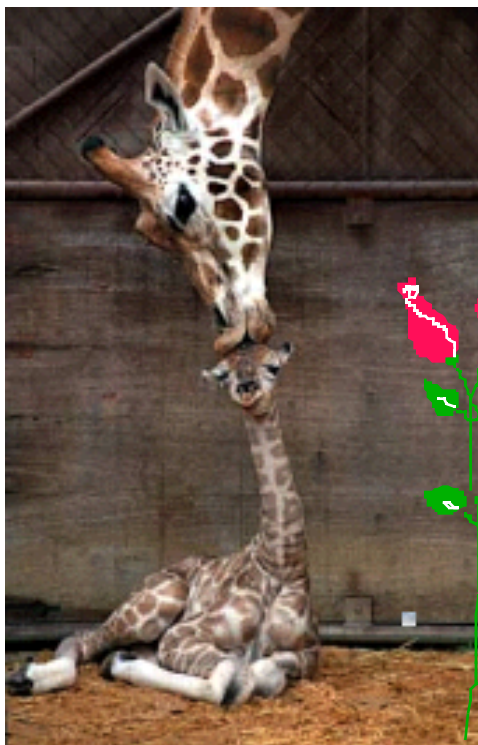
TNX for a great program Chris !!!!!





LEHIGH COUNTY RACES MAKES INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN QST

SECTION NEWS (page 97 - Atlantic Division) from the April, 2002 issue of **QST** has a nice article about the Lehigh County RACES related to the Cedarbook incident.



For All The Mothers!

Happy Mother's Day

May 12, 2002





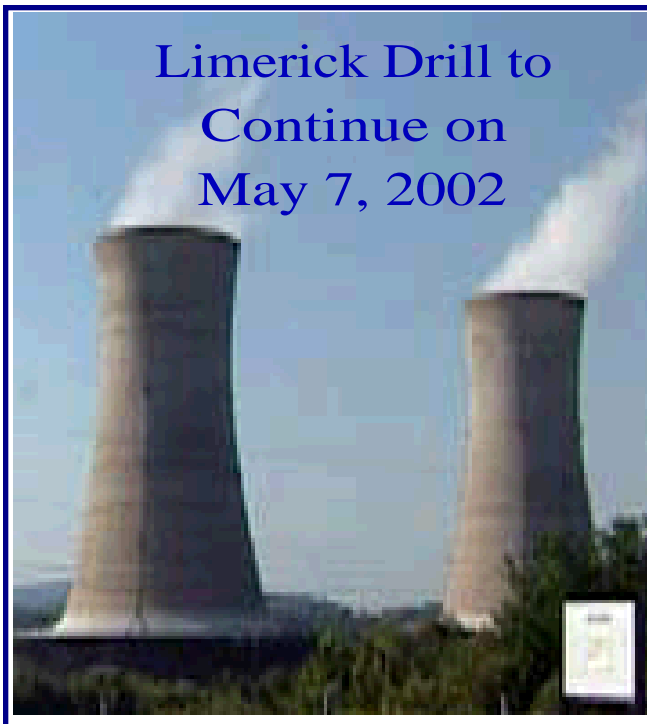
Prior to the April 2, 2002 meeting, LVARC members enjoyed their first pizza party at the Red Cross building.

The club treated 15 members to 5 pizzas. While eating, Chris

kindly showed a video tape of his ham radio exploits in Antarctica which were not previously seen.



The regular business meeting followed the pizza party (see page 4 for minutes of the April meeting).



The Limerick Drill will continue on Tuesday May 7, 2002.

The May LVARC meeting will coincide with the drill. The activity is not expected to require deployment of RACES members as the communications can be managed from the EOC.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. on Tuesday May 7 as the County's participation in the Limerick drill is expected to begin about 6:30 pm. The regular business meeting scheduled for that night will be brief to accommodate the drill activity.



**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME FOR
THE MAY 7, 2002 MEETING**





LVARC Web Site to Contain “Members Section”

**Your
Picture
Here**

At the April 2, 2002 meeting, it was decided that Paul would add a “*Members Section*” to the club’s website (<http://www.w3oi.org>). **At the meeting**, Mark (WA3KIF) took pictures of everyone who wanted their picture included in the new section. **If you missed the meeting and would like your picture added to the website, plan to attend the May 7 meeting at the EOC or send a snapshot to Mark (WA3KIF) at home via US mail or e-mail as a jpg. Pictures sent via US mail, will be returned.**

Chris Volunteers to Return to “Program Chairman” Position

Chris (N3SIG) has not only returned to the Lehigh Valley and the LVARC, but also has volunteered to return to his old position as “Program Chairman.” He has already offered to organize the “Second Annual Deep Sea Fishing Trip.”

Programs for the LVARC include: **May- EOC/Limerick Drill, June- Field Day, July-Picnic and August-Fishing Trip.**

TNX Chris !



Successful Weather Drill

by Ed (KD3NH)

A severe weather drill was held on Thursday March 21, 2002 and RACES was activated. At 0900, an Eastern PA Net was activated on 3.993.5 MhZ with K2KR as net control. The Lehigh County EOC as well as some of us who operated from home had a good copy both ways, with the EPA Net.

At 1030, the EPA moved to 7.250.5 MhZ as propagation was failing on 75 meters. On the Lehigh County level, the EOC was manned by Jeff (N3MFT), Jim (KA3UQP) and Chris (N3SIG) and the [local] net was activated at 1003.

Mobile and base check-ins included Bruce (KA3ONZ), Chris (N3RPV), Ed (KD3NH), Carl (WA6VSE - *now* WK3C), Robin (KB3GZV), Bill (KA3RBH), Carl (AA3IX) and Erik (AI3D).

Several simulated reports were filed including high winds in the route 100 and Macungie area. Also, a tornado touched down in Allentown at Emaus avenue and Mack Blvd. Both areas were checked and damage reported. Mt. Holly [National Weather Service] issued a flash flood watch for Lehigh County.

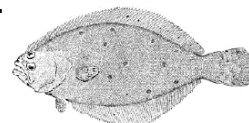
At 1155, the Lehigh County Net closed. At 1157, we secured from the EPA Net.



LVARC AUGUST EVENT IN THE PLANNING



Last year's first annual deep sea fishing trip was so successful, Chris (N3SIG) has promised to arrange another trip.



The **TENTATIVE** date for the **Second Annual Deep Sea Fishing Trip** is Saturday August 3, 2002. Further details to be announced at a meeting and/or on the Monday Night Net.

Night Owl Net to Restart

Chris Kelly (N3PV) has expressed an interest in **restarting the Night Owl Net** which he plans to hold on Friday nights. This will only get started if there is enough interest from members.



If you are interested in seeing the net begin again and want to participate, contact Chris (N3RPV) or Ed (KD3NH).