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RACES NET

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



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**The September Meeting will be held at the
Red Cross Building on
Tuesday September 3, 2002 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
July	82	5



**Due to Summer schedules of members
and officers, there
was no meeting in August, 2002.**

HIGHER AMATEUR VANITY CALL SIGN FEE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9

The FCC has officially set \$14.50 as the cost to apply for, renew or reinstate an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. According to a Report and Order adopted July 3, the new fee will become effective for applications received on or after September 9. The current vanity fee is \$12 for the 10-year license term. The FCC had proposed the new, higher fee in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MD Docket No. 02-64) released March 27 to set Fiscal Year 2002 fees.

In its R&O, the FCC took the opportunity to justify its charging the vanity fee for vanity renewals as well as for initial applications. In comments filed in the proceeding, the FCC said, Steven Karty, N5SK, and William J. Hanrahan, W1WH, supported the payment of a regulatory fee to cover the initial administrative cost but questioned having to pay the fee upon renewal.

Hanrahan suggested that the FCC should be able to reasonably adjust the fee it charges initial vanity call sign applicants based upon actual administrative costs and that renewals should not incur any additional overhead. "Further, subsequent to the initial license term, no distinction should be made between vanity calls and systemically assigned calls," Hanrahan commented. The FCC now distinguishes between vanity and sequential call signs in its database as "HV" and "HA" respectively.

The FCC said that because it continues to incur costs related to vanity call signs even after their issuance or renewal, it believes the regulatory fee at renewal is appropriate. "Section 9 of the Communications Act, as amended, provides for the recovery of the Commission's costs associated with its enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities," the FCC said in its Report and Order. "Every day, Commission staff are engaged in activities involving amateur vanity call signs, such as protecting the assignment of vanity call signs, investigating complaints on the improper or illegal usage of call signs, requests for call signs that are already assigned to someone else, and all related research that is necessary to insure the proper assignment of call signs."

The FCC said it must collect nearly \$218.8 million through regulatory fees to recover its costs for FY2002. That's \$18.6 million--or approximately 9.3 percent--more than the amount designated for recovery through regulatory fees in FY2001. Of the total, the FCC estimated vanity fee revenue for FY2002 at \$130,500. The FCC has estimated that 9000 applicants would apply for vanity call signs in FY2002.

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SEPTEMBER, 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ARES RACES Net 7:30 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30				Asian DX SSB Contest
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Asian DX SSB Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30					WAE DX SSB Contest
North American CW Sprint						ARRL VHF QSO Party
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
WAE DX SSB Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30					Wash State Salmon Run
ARRL VHF QSO Party						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wash State Salmon Run	ARES RACES Net 7:30					Texas QSO Party
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Texas QSO Party	ARES RACES Net 7:30	This Month In Ham Radio				
Louisiana QSO Party	30					
29	30					

Tuesday September 3, 2002 - LVARC Meeting - 7:30



**I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places.
He told me to quit going to those places.**

---- Henny Youngman

Good
Grief!



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,

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LVARC CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN REVISED



Thanks to the **hard work** of Barry (KB3FMI), the revisions to the LVARC Constitution have been completed. The revisions were read at the July, 2002 meeting. The revised copy is available for download on the club's web site.

Please download and read the revised version. **Some important changes have been made.** Please download and read the revised version of the LVARC Constitution and By-Laws and offer any changes Barry via email or at the September meeting. *Speak now or forever hold your peace!*

Quote Quiz

Who Said....

"Never eat more than you can lift."

- a. Fatty Arbuckle
- b. Richard Simmons
- c. Miss Piggy
- d. Jenny Craig

(Answer on page 10)



When bad weather hits, make sure your emergency unpreparedness plan is in place.



Don't Let
This Happen
To You !

Are you ready for an emergency? Do you understand the difference between a "watch" and a "warning?" Do you have emergency lighting? Do you have a portable AM/FM radio? Do you have an emergency battery for powering lights, radios etc.? In winter, do you have an alternate heating source? Do you have a "safe room" in the event of severe weather? Do you have ready to eat food available?

Below are some sites to visit related to personal emergency preparedness:

- <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/emergency.html>
- <http://www.readyprep.com/Merchant2/4.10/merchant.mv>
- <http://www.fema.gov/>
- http://www.areyouprepared.com/emergency_guidebook.html
- <http://www.baproducts.com/emereprep.htm>
- <http://www.ccep.ca/>
- <http://www.emprep.com/>
- <http://www.preparedness.com/>



**DLARC TO HOLD ITS
ANNUAL HAMFEST**



Saturday September 21, 2002
Schnecksville Fire Dept. Schnecksville, PA
Open to Public at 7 AM - Vendor Set-Up at 6 AM

Admission \$5.00
Unlicensed Spouse and Children Under 12 Free
Tailgaters - \$7 Indoor Tables - \$11
(Both include one admission)
For more information see our Homepage at
<http://www.dlarc>

Breakfast Starts at 6 AM
Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Roll, Coffee: \$2 - with
Sausage: \$3
Hot Dogs from 9AM, Soda, Coffee, Tea, Donuts also available

ARRL Sanctioned
Hamfest

DLARC 2002 HAMFEST
\$1 DISCOUNT COUPON

Clip this coupon and bring it with you to receive a \$1 discount off
the price of *one* admission, tailgating or indoor table.

Talk in 146.70/R (PL151.4) - 444.90/R (PL151.4)

Limit - One coupon per attendee



Quote Quiz

Who Said....

"Never eat more than you can lift."

c. Miss Piggy

(Question, see page 7)

Chocolate Math de an email from Dick (KA3MOU)

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate. (Try for more than once but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (Just to be bold)
3. Add 5. (for Sunday)
4. Multiply it by 50 I'll wait while you get the calculator.
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1752...
If you haven't, add 1751....
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born. You should have a three digit number....

The first digit of this was your original number (i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are.. YOUR AGE! (Oh YES, it IS!!!!)

THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2002) IT WILL EVER WORK, SO SPREAD IT AROUND WHILE IT LASTS. IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT



Second Annual LVARC Picnic

The second annual LVARC picnic was held on Saturday July 20, 2002 at WA3KIF's QTH.



Although sparsely attended, all had a good time! The weather cooperated and was warm and dry.

The conversation quickly turned to ham radio and aircraft communications.

Guests arrived on time and stayed well into the early evening.





**Chris At Firefighter School
in Salt City, Utah**
de WA3KIF

I received the following email and pictures from Chris in July, 2002.

Hey guys we just got done with the night operations part of our Aircraft Firefighting School.

It was nice and cool weather wise but things got hot inside.. yeah underneath all that fire is a full size mock up of an aircraft..



Someone asked what the fire is.. The simulator is the best in the country,

Its a 13 million dollar propane computer controlled unit that detect how much water we apply to extinguish the fire and shuts the burners down accordingly.. FANCY!!





**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE CLUB'S NEWEST
GENERAL CLASS MEMBER!!**



Rod Wolfe (KB3HFZ) now holds a
GENERAL CLASS license!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS Rod on your
upgrade and we look forward to hearing
you on HF! Just in time to contact Chris
when he leaves for another tour at the
South Pole!

NOTE:

**Due to the vacation schedules
of officers and members, there was
no LVARC business meeting in
August, 2002.**



Second Annual LVARC Deep Sea Fishing Trip

Although only a few attended, the second annual LVARC Deep Sea fishing trip was great!! The weather was perfect and everyone caught fish !!! There were freshly grilled fluke and sea bass to be had for dinner that night.



Rob Miller (K3LAR's) son,
with one of his fluke (left).

Some of the "keeper"
fluke caught (right).



A view of Barnegat Inlet
coming back from the ocean
after a perfect afternoon on the
water (left).