



# The **E-VOX**

The Official **On-Line**  
Newsletter of the



**Lehigh Valley Amateur  
Radio Club - W3OI**



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**146.340/146.940 (PL 71.9)**

**147.735/147.135 (PL 167.9)**

## RACES NET

**Every Monday at 7:30 (ET)**

**146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)**

**All are welcome !**

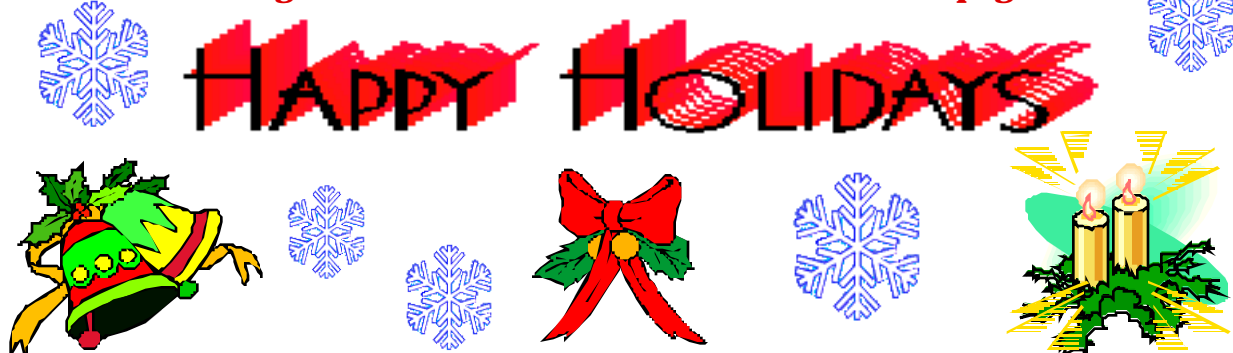


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The December meeting will be held on  
December 7, 2004 at the Red Cross Building at 7:30.

**Program:** (1) Election of 2005 Officers (see pages 21-22)  
(2) Presentation of the Pres Schuler Award  
(3) Annual Holiday Party (see Page 9)



## LVARC / RACES NET

Don't forget to check into the Monday Night  
LC/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 (ET).

Many club announcements  
will be heard there !

### Monday Night RACES/ARES Check In Summary - 2004

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Mondays</u>
January	86	4
February	100	4
March	134	5
April	71	3
May	128	5
June	97	4
July	69	3
August	121	5
September	65	3*
October	107	4

\* Labor Day Holiday



## This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 2004</b> 						ARRL 160 meter Contest  Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
			1	2	3	4
ARRL 160 meter Contest  5	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>  KB3GZV KB3GZW 6	<b>LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</b>  Pearl Harbor Day 7	Hanukkah			
<b>Operation Ho Ho</b>  ARRL 10 meter Contest 12	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>  Paul NOKIA 13				<b>LVARC VE Test Session 7:00 pm</b> 17	Croatian CW Contest  Intern'l Naval Contest 18
Croatian CW Contest  Intern'l Naval Contest 19	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>  Jeff N3MFT 20				 Christmas Eve 24	 Christmas Day 25
DARC XMAS Contest 26	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>  Mark AK3M 27				 New Year's Eve 31	

LVARC Meeting -Tuesday December 7, 2004 7:30 pm at the Red Cross Building  
 Sunday December 12 --- Operation Ho Ho - 10:00 AM  
 LVARC VE Test Session - Friday December 17, 2004 - 7:00 PM

**Minutes of the November 2, 2004 Meeting  
de Rod (N3XG), - Secretary - LVARC****Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/02/2004

President Miller called the meeting to order at 1936 Hrs, EST.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, then a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

There were a total of 17 members and 1 guest in attendance. The following Board Members were present:

President Miller, Vice President Snyder, Secretary Wolfe, Board Member Gable, and Board Member James Kelly. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the November EVOX.

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA) Paul was absent and President Miller noted that although Paul did submit his report, President Miller states that he forgot to bring it along. President Miller apologized, and told the members that an abbreviated report would appear in the December newsletter.

**Committee Reports:****Repeater**

Jeff N3MFT reported that the times were adjusted to EST. The contract to complete the work on the 94 voting system has not yet been awarded by the county. Rod N3XG states that a past member has donated a 2-meter Station Master antenna to the club. The antenna is cut to the ham band, and is of very good quality and high gain. It can be used as a back up in case the primary antenna on 135 becomes unserviceable.

**Program**

Phil KB3HMK noted that the holiday party is on the schedule for December's meeting and in January, Rod N3XG will present an introduction to propagation indices. Tonight Lou N3OL will provide a demonstration of a rare military receiver.

**Volunteer Examiners**

Mark AK3M reports that in October the VE session was held in conjunction with the Technician Class, and that three people were tested. Two from the class and one from Philadelphia. The new hams are: Mike KB3LOD, Andy KB3LOE, and Mike KB3LOF. Congratulations to the new Technicians!

**Field Day**

Lou N3OL will have to step down as Field Day Coordinator. His duties as an adjunct professor at the local community college will tie up his Tuesday and Thursday nights for most of the spring and summer. He regrets that he must hand off the duties as coordinator.

**Web Site**

Paul was not available to provide a report.

**Education**

Rod N3XG reports that the October class at the Allentown Fire Department Mack South Training Site was a success. Two students enrolled and passed the grueling 16 hour Ham Radio Boot Camp. Mike Gower KB3LOD and Mike Abrams KB3LOF have successfully passed their tests.

**OLD Business**

1. President Miller reminded everyone that tonight is the last night to see him to nominate someone for the Pres Schuler award.
2. Jeff N3MFT reported that this past weekend's EmComm conference in Snyder County PA was well attended by W3OI. Seven W3OI members attended the conference.
3. President Miller reminded everyone that the annual Operation HOHO would occur on Sunday December 12.

(Minutes - continued on page 6)



(Minutes - continued from page 5)

### New Business

1. Jim KA3UQP made a motion to allow the president to spend \$60.00 for Operation HOHO. Robin made a second to the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.
2. Jeff N3MFT informed club members that in the near future, Lehigh County RACES members would be required to take the ECC Level 1 course within one year of joining. Existing members will have two years to complete the course. Jeff explained that having a structured training program provides the group with a general knowledge base and basic structure for response expectations.
3. President Miller read a letter he received from a past amateur that has some equipment for donation to the club. Robin KB3GZV put him in touch with the club, after learning of the equipment that was available. After some discussion it was decided to accept the donation of the equipment. The donator wishes a letter of receipt from the club. President Miller and Robin will handle the transaction.
4. President Miller reminded everyone that next month is the annual holiday party. Don't forget to bring something yummy.
5. Frank W3FTU brought a box full of headphones for anyone that wishes to have one.
6. President Miller thanked everyone for their support over the past three years, and again announced that he would not be seeking re-election for 2005.
7. President Miller opened nominations for officer for the year 2005. The following members were nominated for 2005: For the office of President, Rodney N3XG; for the office of Vice President, Walt KE3SP; for the office of Treasurer, Paul N0KIA; for the office of Secretary, Phil KB3HMK; and for the position of Board Member, Frank W3FTU, Willie AB3BS, Robin KB3GZV, Jim KA3UQP, and Lou N3OL.
8. This year the membership will be voting on Four Board Members instead of five. In accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the past President will hold a seat for one-year.
9. The Secretary will accept absentee ballots by email and by US Mail. The Secretary must receive absentee ballots no later than Friday, December 3 2004. Instructions will appear in the December Newsletter.

### New members/Guests

The following applied for membership in the LVARC: Robert KX3W, Barbara KA3OOI, and Mike KB3LOD. Walt KE3SP made a motion to accept the new members. Jim KA3UQP provided a second to the motion. The motion carried with all members in favor.

Jim KA3UQP made a motion to close the meeting. Walt KE3SP made a second to the motion. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 2026 hours EST.

Respectfully Submitted de N3XG, Secretary

**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**  
**Balance as of October 30, 2004 - \$697.19**







## **December Monday Night RACES/ARES Net Control Operators**



<b>December 6</b>	<b>KB3GZV/KB3GZW Robin/Dorian</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>N0KIA Paul</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>N3MFT Jeff</b>
<b>December 27</b>	<b>AK3M Mark</b>



### **Boots Saves the Day (and the House)! de Mark (AK3M)**

At 5:45 on Tuesday October 12, my wife and I were awakened by Boots, the family cat, meowing in a way which we had never heard. It was a desperate, pleading meow. We got out of bed and went into the hall where I immediately smelled something burning. The odor was very strong as I passed the door to the basement.

When Ivan hit the Lehigh Valley, some water seeped into our basement which soaked the carpet we had in a finished room in the cellar. We had sucked the water out as much as possible with a wet/dry shop vac and have been running a dehumidifier to dry the carpet. We also had a large window fan which we set up in the corner to circulate air to facilitate the drying.

After opening the door to the basement, I could smell and see smoke which I discovered was coming from the fan in the corner of the room. Apparently, the electric motor had burned out and was getting hotter by the minute. There were no flames but soon there could have been. After walking through a smoke-filled room, I unplugged the fan and allowed the motor to cool.

I have heard about animals alerting their owners of smoke or fire but never thought I would ever have that experience.

I used to think Boots should have been blonde as she is cute but not too bright. Well, I apologize for that stereotype and have changed my mind about her intellect. I am very glad that "Firefighter Boots" lives in my house!





## LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



**Monday December 6--- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

**Tuesday December 7 --- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 PM (Red Cross Bldg.)**

**Sunday December 12 --- Operation Ho Ho**

**Monday December 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

**Friday December 17 --- VE Test Session (7:00 pm Red Cross)**

**Monday December 20 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

**Saturday December 25 --- Christmas Day**

**Monday December 27 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

There will be additions and deletions to the above dates. Listen to the Monday Night Net, the newsletter and announcements at meetings for changes.

## LVARC 2004 Program/Events Schedule de Phil (KB3HMK) - LVARC Program Chairman

- December -**
- \* **Operation Ho-Ho (Dec. 12 - 10:00 AM) - LVHC)**
  - \* **Election of officers for 2005**
  - \* **Presentation of the Pres Schuler Award**
  - \* **Annual Holiday party**

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005

will be held at the December 7, 2004 meeting prior to the annual holiday party (see pages 21 & 22).

**COME AND VOTE.**

**SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**







# LVARC'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club's annual holiday party will be held the night of the December 7, 2004 meeting immediately following the business meeting.



The party consists of food, food and more food accompanied by plenty of conversation!



If you plan to attend the meeting and party, please **take something to share with the group**. Your contribution can be cookies, something to drink or something hot or cold, homemade or store-bought. Remember to include all necessary accessories such as plates, napkins, cups, spoons, forks etc.

## DON'T FORGET

The LVARC VE program. If you know someone would like to become a ham or if you want to upgrade your license, the LVARC can help!

Contact Mark (AK3M) for details  
(610-865-9183 or AK3M@rcn.com)





## Operation Ho Ho Scheduled for Sunday December 12, 2004

de "Santa" (AK3M)

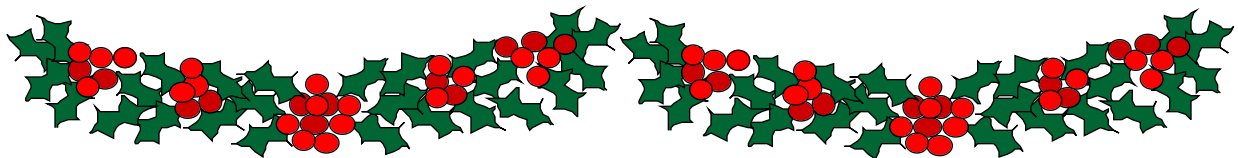


**Operation Ho Ho, 2004 will mark its 4th year this December!** LVARC members or "elves," visit the children's unit at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center on Cedar Crest Boulevard. Armed with 2-meter gear, gifts and the holiday spirit, they prepare to meet the children and have them speak to "Santa!" The "elves" visit the children in their rooms and then call Santa on simplex who is anxiously waiting to speak to them. The children chat with Santa telling him about their families, school and, of course, what they want for Christmas! After their talk with Santa, the children receive a gift.

The event has been very well received with positive comments from the hospital staff and especially the parents!

A big thanks to Dawn Miller of the Pediatrics Child Life Office of the LVHC for arranging our visit!

Experience the joy of the holiday season and volunteer your communications expertise! **If you wish to volunteer for Operation Ho Ho, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).**





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## **The White House Responds!**

**Rod (N3XG) wrote President George W. Bush regarding BPL and received an answer! On the following two pages are Rod's letter and their reply.**



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TO: The President of the United States of America  
George W. Bush

DATE: May 6, 2004

Mr. President,

I must express my concern in your apparent misinformed and misguided support of the technology know as Broad-band Over Power-lines, or BPL. You recently showed your support for this technology, and went as far as suggesting a call to arms to change the technological standards that currently stand in the way of rampant deployment of BPL.

Currently, the technological standards that you speak of are barely enough to filter out most of the noise that assaults the High Frequency Radio Spectrum. The radio spectrum is not only a valuable national resource and has been used extensively for communications during times of national disaster, but is also a global village. All countries share the radio spectrum, and just as no one country would want to see their water supply openly polluted by another country as a matter of standard policy, the radio spectrum should also be protected from blatant pollution.

I cannot fully understand the complexities of your very difficult job, but I do understand that all of your decisions may not be popular with every American and this issue is no exception. Mr. President, I would ask that on behalf of those that depend on radio spectrum for emergency communications, world news, entertainment, and technological exploration, that you direct your staff to explore the true nature of BPL.

When American was in it's time of greatest need, on September 11, 2001, many of the conventional communications were crippled by the events of that day. The country resorted to and used the high frequency radio spectrum for emergency communications, health and welfare checks in and out of New York City, and for the coordination of Emergency Management Agencies. It is this type of activity that occurs daily, but to a much lesser degree, and cannot be disrupted by the intentional injection of noise into the radio spectrum. Even you, Mr. President, used high frequency radio communications when you addressed ham radio operators and gave your personal thanks for their service to the country by providing emergency communications in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks against our great country. If BPL had been in wide spread use at the time of your address, no one would have heard your words of appreciation.

As an honorably discharged veteran, firefighter, paramedic, amateur radio operator, and a registered voter who has not missed an election in over 10 years, I wish to thank you for your most valuable time in consideration of this issue.

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Rodney J. Wolfe Jr.  
Amateur Radio License N3XG



The White House  
Washington  
September 16, 2004

Mr. Rodney Wolfe, Jr.  
1134 4th St.  
Catasauqua, PA 18032

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your letter about the deployment of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) systems. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts on this important issue.

President Bush has set an aggressive goal for all Americans to have universal and affordable access to broadband services by 2007. One way to achieve that goal is to encourage the development and deployment of new broadband technologies and networks. The Administration believes that BPL has the potential of being the "third broadband wire" into U.S. homes, thus accelerating the availability of affordable broadband services to all Americans. For that reason, the President has called for new technical standards to make BPL possible.

The Administration also recognizes the potential interference risks associated with BPL for amateur radio operators and is dedicated to ensuring that BPL systems do not harm radio users. To reduce the potential risks, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is working closely with the Federal Communications Commission to develop mechanisms to mitigate potentially harmful BPL interference. The NTIA recently submitted a Phase 1 analysis of BPL interference based on more than 10 million measurement of currently operating BPL systems. The study, which can be found online at [www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/fccfilings/2004/bpl](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/fccfilings/2004/bpl), proposed specific techniques to mitigate interference from BPL to radio systems. The NTIA intends to examine these proposals in a Phase 2 study that will also consider potential long-distance interference from mature, widespread BPL deployments.

While the Administration supports expeditious deployment of BPL services, we will continue to protect America's radio users. Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Marquez  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Presidential Correspondence.





## Emmaus Halloween Parade A BIG Success (again)!



The Emmaus Halloween Parade was held on Saturday evening, October 16, 2004. Communications support was provided by local hams. With the permission of the LVARC Board of Governors, the LVARC's 135 repeater was used as the primary operating frequency. Sixteen amateurs turned out for the parade.



The WX did not cooperate at first, providing rain at the beginning of the parade but soon stopped and the parade went off without a hitch. TNX to Bob (KE3AW) for his dedication to this annual event. The DLARC extends its appreciation to the LVARC for use of the 135 repeater for this event!

*"But in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." ----- Benjamin Franklin*

IN ADDITION TO THE LVARC  
MEETING, REMEMBER DECEMBER 7  
AS PEARL HARBOR DAY.





## The LVARC Holds Second Round of Technician Classes

The second Technician class, sponsored by the LVARC, was held at the Mack South Side Fire station in October, 2004. The classes started with two students on Friday evening, October 15, continued all day on Saturday and ended late Sunday morning, October 17, 2004. After a break on Sunday for lunch and a review, the exam was administered at 1:00 pm. **VE's in attendance were Larry (NR3R), Walt (KE3SP) and Mark (AK3M).**

**A BIG TNX to Rod for making all the arrangements and providing his marathon of instruction.** Paul (N0KIA) and Mark (AK3M) also added to the instructional staff.

**The paperwork was mailed Monday October 18 and all three received their calls on Wednesday October 20 which were were posted on QRZ.com on Thursday October 21, 2004 !**

The LVARC is proud to present three new amateur radio operators to the amateur radio community and the Lehigh Valley!

Congratulations to **Michael Abrams (KB3LOF)** and **Michael Gower (KB3LOD)** from the class, on passing their Technician licenses and making another LVARC weekend Technician class a HUGE success!!!

Congratulations also , to **Andrew Villanueva (KB3LOE)** who traveled from Philadelphia to test with the LVARC!

**NEW  
MEMBERS**

The LVARC is proud to welcome three new members. **Robert Lulis (KX3W), Barbara Lulis (KA3OOI) and Michael Gower (KB3LOD).** **WELCOME TO THE LVARC!**





## Happy Hanukkah

חנוכה

**That's "Hanukkah" in Hebrew!**

Hanukkah, which means "dedication" and is also referred to as "The Festival of Lights", is a Jewish festival which begins on the Hebrew date of the 25th of Kislev and lasts eight days, through the 2nd of Tevet. This year, that corresponds to November 30th through December 7th. Hannukah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees (led by Judah) over the Hellenistic Syrians in a revolt that took place around 165 BCE (note: Jews use BCE--Before the Common Era and CE--the Common Era instead of BC and AD).

The victory in itself was considered a miracle, but Jewish legend gives an additional explanation for Hanukkah rituals, explained below. Once the Temple Mount in Jerusalem had been reclaimed, the Temple had to be rededicated. According to legend, only one jar of sacramental oil was found, enough for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days, thus the eight days of Hanukkah.

The most important Hanukkah ritual is the candle lighting. Jews light candles in a special candleholder called a "menorah" or a "hanukkiah." Each night, one more candle is added. The middle candle, called the "shamash", is used to light each of the other candles and it is lit every night. Therefore, on the first night of Hanukkah, two candles are lit (the shamash and the candle for the first night) and on the last night, there are nine lit candles.



It is traditional to eat foods fried in oil during Hanukkah. Some common foods are potato latkes and "sufganiot" (jelly doughnuts).



## **PowerPoint Presentation Available from the ARRL**



A PowerPoint presentation on HF mobile is available for download free from the ARRL. Go to the URL below (source: QST, Nov., 2004, page 12).

[www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/materials/videos](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/materials/videos)



Chris (N3SIG) is back in Antarctica as “*Captain Post.*” Chris wants to keep in touch with his friends but will **not** be sending individual emails as before. Please read the following correspondence. It details the way you can keep in touch with Chris (other than ham radio).

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Friend and Family,

As the time to head south to Antarctica approaches for me In about 3 weeks, I want to remind you that this year I will be posting emails and stories to my email group, This is new from the last seasons.. It gets very hard to send a few hundred emails and sort through the address book and choose who gets the emails... The email list is the easiest way to share the adventure.

I love to share weekly stories and photos from my journey.. I invite you to share this years trip with me.. The list below is the GENERAL list, this applies to everyone..

You can subscribe to the Antarctic Adventure group by visiting here,  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/antarcticadventure/join>

This year I also have a special group for the Ham Radio operators that I schedule with, This group is for posting schedules when I will be operating the ham station. If you want to receive these, subscribe to this group, the normal person receiving this email will not need to subscribe to this.. To join click below,

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AntarcticHamRadio>

Another new thing this year is I am planning on posting more photos on the web, My link to the place where you can view photos and even VIDEO clips of this happenings on the ice this year is,  
**<http://www.hazardtrainingassociates.com/ice/>**

Please pass this to anyone whom might be interested in receiving these emails and my invite to them to join is also extended!

Cheer's  
 Chris



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**Hams Remember Children      We need your help !**

Over the past weeks, we have all heard of the devastation in central Florida. Many hams actually heard it first hand through volunteer service or on the HF nets. While many areas of the country were affected to differing degrees, Florida was the worst. Thousands of families are without a place to live and will be homeless over the coming Holiday Season. For a child suddenly living out of a tent, or car, or someone else's home, the 2004 holiday season will be anything but jolly. But hams are coming to their rescue in a new way.



Between now and Thanksgiving, hams across the country are being asked to purchase a new child's toy and send it with a QSL card or 3x5 showing their call sign to:

Ham Radio  
The United Way White Dove Project  
50 Kindred Street - Suite 207  
Stuart, FL 34994



"The storms and their aftermath have been especially traumatic for children. In addition to the frightening experience of going through the hurricanes, youngsters are coping with a great deal of stress felt within their families and at school," writes Carol Hodnett, a Director at the United Way site, who will be handling the distribution end of the program.

"Because of the overall strain on our state, we have been looking outside the area for help in supporting the White Doves Holiday Project this year. We are so incredibly thankful to you and the American Radio Relay League for thinking of the children of our area in planning your toy drive."

The Martin County United Way in Stuart still has the facilities to manage a large toy Drive. They have agreed to serve as the collection point and also coordinate distribution to the surrounding counties whose agencies are no longer capable of managing such a project.

"Just let me know what you need," offered Steve Blary, N1XC, the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Stuart County, Florida. "This is a great idea and we're ready to help at this end."



Those wishing to donate money instead of toys can send a check to:

White Dove, c/o United Way of Martin County  
50 Kindred Street, Suite 207, Stuart, FL 34994

Recent figures from FEMA and the Red Cross showed over 22,000 homes destroyed and over 40,000 severely damaged. Whole families who once had their own home or apartment are now living wherever they can, in vehicles, or tents, or sharing undamaged homes or shelters. It is not simply a shortage of affordable housing; it is a lack of ANY housing.

We are asking all hams to make the coming Holiday Season a little bit brighter for a child by participating in this toy drive. Purchase a new toy and ship it to the Ham Radio/United Way-White Dove address. Maybe it's not a new home to live in, but knowing that someone "out there" remembers you is a start for these children.

What kind of toy?

The homeless children come in all ages, but we suggest thinking of age 1 to 14, both boys and girls.

Should I wrap it?

No, just put it in the box unwrapped.

Why the QSL card?

The cards will be collected and sent to the ARRL headquarters to track results.

Can my non-ham friends join in?

SURE! And if you give them your QSL cards to put in the boxes, your area will get the credit for their generosity.



Can't I just give to something here locally?

Of course you can. We're not saying "don't give" to any other place or cause. We are simply offering this option for hams to show the world that we remember the victims in disasters after the headlines are gone, and to do something good for children in real need.

I know our club can get more people involved than their club....

Club and area and section challenges are encouraged. We'll use the QSL cards as a way to track results.

Can I just give money?

Money is always good. Checks should be made payable to:

White Doves,  
c/o United Way of Martin County  
50 Kindred Street, Suite 207  
Stuart, FL 34994



You can help make the coming Holiday Season a little bit brighter for a child. Maybe it's not a new home to live in, but knowing that someone "out there" remembers you is a start for these children. Buy a toy (or three!) and send them with your QSL card today.



**Subject: ARRL Holiday Toy Campaign**  
**Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2004 11:00:53 -0400**  
**From: "ARRL Field & Educational Services"**  
**<memberlist@www.arrl.org>**  
**To: ak3m@rcn.com**



H.G. Wells

**War of  
the Worlds**  
*by H.G. Wells*  
**October 30, 1938**



The Martian ship

**What Lehigh Valley city was mentioned in the famous radio play, "War of the Worlds"?** (1) Allentown (2) Bethlehem (3) Easton (4) Emmaus (Answer below)



**KB1HGK**

**Radio Operators for Missing Children**

(TNX to Frank (W3FTU) for the information on KB1HGK)

**A ham group that advocates for missing children**

The Radio Operators for Missing Children, KB1HGK, "promotes getting ham operators involved in Amber Alerts and to be available to provide emergency communications in the event that they are requested by law enforcement or legitimate missing person's organizations."



[http://www.codeamber.org/news/HRO052604\\_2007\\_amber\\_alert\\_boost\\_mass.html](http://www.codeamber.org/news/HRO052604_2007_amber_alert_boost_mass.html)

or email Shree L. Greenwood (K1SQ) [kb1hgk@mindspring.com](mailto:kb1hgk@mindspring.com)



**What Lehigh Valley city was mentioned in the famous radio play, "War of the Worlds"?**

**(3) Easton** -- By the way, two ham radio operators were also featured. They operated using the calls **2X2L** and **8X3R**.





## **LVARC Officer Nominees for 2005**

(This is **NOT** a ballot. See page 22 for mail-in ballot)

**President: Rod Wolfe, Jr. (N3XG)**

**Vice President: Walt Snyder (KE3SP)**

**Secretary: Phil Bigg (KB3HMK)**

**Treasurer: Paul Ryan (NOKIA)**

**Board of Governors** (vote for 4 to  
total 5)\*

**Mark Miller (AK3M)\***-Gets seat for one year

**Frank Unger (W3FTU)**

**Willie Robertson (AB3BS)**

**Robin Gable (KB3GZV)**

**Jim Kelly (KA3UQP)**

**Lou Poli (N3OL)**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Nominations for  
officers are  
**NOT** closed.

Nominations can  
still be made at  
the December 7  
meeting.  
Nominations will  
close prior to the  
election.

*\* Departing president gets seat on board for one year*

### **Three Ways to Vote for 2005 Officers**

- 1. Vote at the December 7 meeting**
- 2. Email Rod (N3XG) - [rjwolfe@rcn.com](mailto:rjwolfe@rcn.com)**
- 3. US mail to Rod - 1134 4th St Catasauqua, PA 18032-2746**

**\*\*\* If you are US mailing your ballot \*\*\***

- 1. Complete the ballot on page 22 by checking your choices**
- 2. Print and cut out the ballot**
- 3. Place your ballot in a blank envelope**
- 4. Place the blank envelope in a regular envelope addressed to Rod Wolfe, Jr. (N3XG) at 1134 4th St Catasauqua, PA 18032-2746**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY ROD NO LATER THAN Mondy Dec 6, 2004.**



## OFFICIAL LVARC ELECTION BALLOT 2004

### LVARC Mail-In Ballot for 2005

#### President

☐ Rod Wolfe, Jr. - N3XG

#### Vice President (vote for one)

☐ Walt Snyder - KE3SP

#### Secretary (vote for one)

☐ Phil Bigg - KB3HMK

#### Treasurer (vote for one)

☐ Paul Ryan - N0KIA

#### Board of Governors (vote for four to total 5)

☒ Mark Miller - AK3M (Automatic seat)\*

☐ Frank Unger - W3FTU

☐ Willie Robertson - AA3BS

☐ Robin Gable - KB3GZV

☐ Jim Kelly - KA3UQP

☐ Lou Poli - N3OL

Mail to: Rod Wolfe, Jr.(N3XG) - 1134 4th St Catasauqua, PA 18032-2746



## TNX TO ALL !

de Mark (AK3M)

I sincerely wish to thank all the members of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club for all their support during my three years as president. We have seen the club grow in membership and increased finances, initiated new programs (VE Testing, Technician Classes, the newsletter and "Operation Ho Ho") and established a great Field Day site, all while having fun in the process with pizza and dinner meetings, picnics, fishing trips and the annual holiday party.



As stated in an earlier article, my intention not to run again for office was not made lightly but I believe it is time for another to take my place. One who will continue to help the club grow with new ideas.

I will continue to remain active and support the new administration as I will have a seat on the Board of Governors for the 2005 year. I will also continue as the ARRL VEC contact person and will head the VE testing program as well as continuing to produce the E-VOX if that is the wishes of the 2005 administration.

**Thank you all again for your confidence and support during the last three years! It has been a wonderful experience for me to serve the LVARC!**

Mark (AK3M)



## Did you know ..... ?



The popular holiday story, "***The Night Before Christmas,***" was written by Clement Clarke Moore in 1822.

Clement Clarke Moore was the only son of Benjamin Moore, president of Columbia College and bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York. He was a graduate of Columbia College and earned a Masters Degree from there in 1801.





*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and  
behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.*

**--- Norman Vincent Peale**

*From the officers and members of the LVARC,  
a wonderful holiday season and a happy,  
peaceful, prosperous 2005 to all !*