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Repeaters

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)

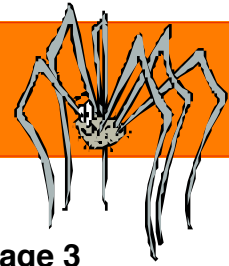
All are welcome !



W3OI Home Page: <http://www.w3oi.org>



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The October LVARC meeting will be held on
October 4, 2005 at the Red Cross Building at 7:30 pm.

Program: APRS
Presenter: Bob Weisman (WB3W)



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 - 2005

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Mondays</u>
January	169	5
February	130	4
March	126	4
April	131	4
May	128	4
June	117	4
July	121	4
August	99	4

**Minutes of the September 6, 2005 Meeting**

de Phil (KB3HMK), - Secretary - LVARC

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1930 Hrs, (EST / EDST).

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

There were a total of 12 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod – N3XG, Paul – N0KIA, Phil – KB3HMK, Frank – W3FTU, Robin – KB3GZV, Mark – AK3M.

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Approved by: Earl – KB3HMY

Second by: Larry – KB3JMS

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$1,181.93

Ending Balance: \$1,189.23

Approved by: Craig – N3TSY

Second by: Jeff – WD3V

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: The 146.940 repeater is getting interference from Cat Country again. Rod e-mailed Jeff Kelly and told him of the problem. The 147.135 repeater was serviced on Aug. 28. A new element was put in and tuned. The repeater cannot be changed from Phase Modulation to Frequency Modulation. This is due to the repeater not being compatible. With the new element the repeater should be more stable and better working.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program will be Paul (N0KIA) doing part 6 of the Elmer 101 Intro to Basic Electronics. He will continue with Part 7 & 8 next year. For Next month's program, Phil will try to Bob (WB3W) to do a presentation on A.P.R.S. He will keep everyone informed.

Volunteer Examiners: Mark reports that the club had 2 people test in the month of August. Cricket Traverson is now KB3MOZ and Larry Buck is now KB3MOY. Congratulations to both. There are people signed up for next month.

Field Day: Rod is looking for a Field Day chairman to get things rolling for next year. If anyone is interested, please contact Rod.

Web Site: Paul has nothing to report. The website was down for about 6 hrs., but then got it up and running.

Education: Nothing to report



OLD Business: Carl (WK3C) is running for the ARRL Atlantic Directors position. Please sponsor him in any way you can. The 2nd annual ARRL Eastern Pa. EmComm Conference will be held on Oct. 22-23 being held in Selingsgrove. The conference is limited to 140 people. So seating is limited.

New Business: The Board of Governors met in August. Mark (AK3M) will be the net manager. He is looking at having many different nets to accommodate the club. There will be VHF net every Thursday starting at 19:30 hrs. on the 94 repeater. If you have any suggestions, please contact him. Nominations for the Pres Shuyler award are now being taken up until the end of November. This award is for any member who has gone above the call of duty for amateur radio. Please let rod know if you would like to nominate someone. Nominations for club officers will be done at the October meeting. The nominations will stay open for the month and close at the November meeting. Elections are held in December. If you have any ?, the information can be found on the website. Bob (WB3W) has taken over as District 2 Emergency Coordinator. Rod asked for a motion to sell the FM element on ebay. The unit is not compatible with the repeater. A motion was made by Paul (N0KIA) and seconded by Frank (W3FTU) with a unanimous vote from the club. If you plan on going down to Louisiana to help with relief efforts from the hurricane, make sure you have a place to stay. Also make sure you have permission to go. If Paul does not have your e-mail address, please let him know.

New members/Guests: Michael Goth – KB3MLN
New Members Motion to Accept by: Larry – KB3MHT
Second by: Mark – AK3M
Carried (Y/N) Y

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2000 hrs, EST.
Motion by: Earl – KB3MHY
Second by: Larry – KB3JMS
In favor: y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance as of August 30, 2005 - \$1,189.23	



This Month In Ham Radio


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: orange;">OCTOBER</h1> 						<p>1 Oceania DX Phone Contest</p> <p>Calif QSO Party</p>
<p>2 Oceania DX Phone Contest</p> <p>Calif QSO Party</p>	<p>3 ARES RACES Net 7:30</p>	<p>4 LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</p>		<p>6 LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</p>		<p>8 PA QSO Party</p>
<p>9 PA QSO Party</p>	<p>10 ARES RACES Net 7:30</p>			<p>13 LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 YLRL Anniversary SSB Party</p>	<p>15 Worked all Germany Contest</p> <p>Emmaus Halloween Parade</p>
<p>16 DEADLINE to register for test this month</p>	<p>17 ARES RACES Net 7:30</p>			<p>20 LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21 LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</p>	<p>22 EPA EmCOMM Conference</p> <p>ARCI Fall QSO Party</p>
<p>23 EPA EmCOMM Conference</p> <p>ARCI Fall QSO Party</p>	<p>24 ARES RACES Net 7:30</p>			<p>27 LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</p>		<p>29 CQ Worldwide SSB DX Contest</p>
<p>30 CQ Worldwide SSB DX Contest</p>	<p>31 ARES RACES Net 7:30</p>	 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: orange;">2005</h1> 				

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday October 4 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.

Test Session - Friday October 21- 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.



LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar PRINT, CLIP and POST 

- Monday October 3 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Tuesday October 4 --- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 PM (Red Cross Bldg.)
- Thursday October 6 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Monday October 10 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Thursday October 13 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Saturday October 15 - Emmaus Halloween Parade

- Sunday October 16 - Deadline to Schedule Test
- Monday October 17 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Thursday October 20 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Friday October 21 --- VE Test Session (7:00 pm Red Cross Bldg.)
- Monday October 24 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
- Thursday October 27 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

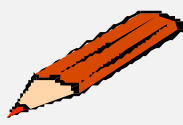
There may be additions and deletions to the above dates. Listen to the Monday Night Net, the newsletter and announcements at meetings for changes.

REMEMBER: The LVARC offers all levels of amateur radio testing. If you want to obtain your entry level license or if you wish to upgrade, the LVARC can help.

Test sessions are given the 3rd Friday of each month.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!! Registration must be made no later than the Sunday before the Friday test session.

To schedule a test or for more information, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or call 610-865-9183.



To have something published in the E-VOX, send your favorite joke, radio related article, review of an item, diagram, etc. to Mark Miller (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or US mail to 5508 Hale Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

ITALY JOINS NO-CODE RANKS

Italy is reported to be the latest country added to the list of those that no longer require Amateur Radio applicants to have passed a Morse code examination to gain HF access.

(Source: The ARRL Letter - Vol. 24, No. 31 - August 12, 2005)



Ima Lid says ...

To avoid the long lines,
I always go to the car
wash on rainy days!

**LVARC
VE
Program**

Congratulations to Cricket Traverson and Larry Buck who received their calls in August, 2005. Cricket sports the call **KB3MOZ** and Larry's call is **KB3MOY**.

The LVARC will hold license test sessions on Friday September 16, Friday October 21, November 18 and Friday December 16.

Monday Night RACES/ARES Net Control Operators

October, 2005

	October 3	KA3UQP	Jim
	October 10	N0KIA	Paul
	October 17	KB3GZV	Robin
	October 24	KB3GZW	Dorian
	October 31	N3MFT	Jeff

**EMMAUS
HALLOWEEN
PARADE**

The Emmaus Halloween Parade will be Saturday October 15 with a rain date of Monday October 17. To participate, contact Bob Green (KE3AW) - bobgre@fast.net



Bob Takes Over as District 2 EC

Bob Weisman (WB3W) will assume the position of District 2 Emergency Coordinator which was vacated by Mark (AK3M). Bob's position becomes effective as of August 29, 2005. **Congratulations Bob !!!**



Kartina Hits Gulf Coast

Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast Monday morning, August 29, 2005. The category 5 storm devastated the gulf coast.

The Hurricane Net (14.300 MhZ) was active and provided information regarding shelters, the storm's position and the management of traffic.



Attention All Amateurs...

Amateur Radio emergency communication volunteers needed! (Sep 2, 2005) -- The ARRL now is seeking experienced Amateur Radio emergency volunteers to help supplement communication for American Red Cross feeding and sheltering operations in Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle--as many as 200 locations in all. Special consideration will be given to operators who have successfully completed the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course training (Level I minimum) to serve as team leaders. These volunteer operators will help to provide communication and equipment for relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. If you're interested and qualified, please send an e-mail message to Katrina@arrl.org, providing name, call sign, contact information and any equipment you're willing and able to take along on a field deployment for an indefinite period. Volunteers may face hardship conditions without the usual amenities and will need to provide their own transportation to the marshaling area. **(See page 12).**



2nd Annual ARRL Eastern PA Section EmComm Conference

**October 22 & 23, 2005
Shamokin Dam, PA**

An ARRL Sanctioned Event

Sponsored by
Snyder County ARES®/RACES
and
Northumberland County ARES®





LVARC Thursday Night Net to Begin in September



The RACES/ARES net held on Monday nights at 7:30 on the "94 machine," is for RACES/ARES only. We are allowed only one hour per week for emergency training. As a result, the LVARC Board of Governors, has decided that a **Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Net** will be held on Thursdays at the same time and frequency as the Monday Night Net.

Net business will include, LVARC business, activities, items for sale etc. The net manager will be Mark (AK3M). He will be looking for net control operators and will help develop the business of the net.

The Thursday night net will begin on Thursday September 8, 2005 so the announcement can be made at the September 6, 2005 meeting.

Listen and participate in the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Net on Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the 94 repeater.

Vanity Call Fee Increase

(From Dick (KA3MOU) - the ARRL)

The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign rose to \$21.90 effective for applications received on or after Tuesday, August 23.

In a Report and Order and Order On Reconsideration (R&O) in the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 released July 7, the FCC raised the vanity application fee for FY 2005 from \$20.80 to \$21.90 for the 10-year license term. The FCC said it had adjusted FY 2004 "payment units" for each service to better reflect expected FY 2005 payment liabilities. The fee went up from \$16.30 to \$20.80 a year ago.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site, www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html.



REMEMBER: Registration for the monthly VE test session, must be made NO LATER THAN THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE TEST!

Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or call 610-865-9183

Statement from ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP



ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP. --- My fellow Amateur Radio Operators: There is no doubt that the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina will be the largest and longest emergency actions that hams have ever undertaken. It will also be one of the hardest, not simply due to the large areas involved, but also because many of us have friends and relatives directly impacted by this catastrophe. For them, and all the people of the Gulf region, we ask divine aid and comfort in this time of sorrows. But we are also hardened and resolved to turn this event into one of the most glorious opportunities to show the unique attributes of ham radio--it works! You know that. We can again show the world that we have the best trained, most ingenious and dedicated ARES and RACES operators

ever in history. We have the attention of the world press, and we will show what ham radio can do. This will not happen in a week, not even in a month. The recovery efforts will be drawn out over numerous states and are expected to go well into the winter. Hams will grow weary and need relief and replacement from all across America. The ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, is already working on strategic plans to make it possible for these volunteers to come. Our goal is to provide the SECs with all the support we can muster and allow them to do their jobs.

There is a curious coincidence in the fact that the United Technologies grant, which allowed the ARRL to train so many thousands of hams in emergency communications, ends this week. Now we are seeing the results of that effort. Disciplined hams, using correct procedures have already saved many lives, and will save hundreds more by providing timely, accurate and critical communications to our served agencies. To the students, mentors, organizers, funders and teachers of those courses we can only say, "Well done!" I know many people would like to move *now*. Please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet. Instead, get yourself ready. Refresh your skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures. Once the agencies are able to complete a preliminary needs assessment, we will know who is needed and where. For now, the area is simply too dangerous and no one is being allowed in. Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion. Information and coordination for such a historically large response is being developed and will be made available soon. But for now, work through your SECs and follow their lead. I would also ask that you be professional and disciplined whenever checking into an HF net. Net control is a difficult job at best, so be respectful. If you have traffic fine, but if not, please stand by.

There is already no doubt that when the history of this event is written, the role of Amateur Radio will be one of honor. Unpaid volunteers who came through for their country and communities when all other systems failed or were overwhelmed. By working together and mutually supporting each other, we can perhaps give these very dark days a small glint of glory. Let these be the days that hams, decades from now, remember with pride. Together we can--and will--make it happen because, after all, we are *hams*

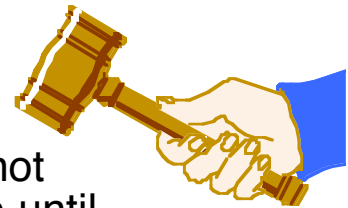


Nominations for the Pres Schuler Award Now Being Accepted

Your nomination for the Pres Schuler Award will be accepted by Rod (N3XG) or any club officer.



Nominations for LVARC officers will be taken at the October 4, 2005 meeting. The second call for nominations will be accepted at the November, 2005 meeting. If nominated and not present at the meeting, the nominee will have until November 15 to accept or decline. Election of officers for 2006, will take place at the December, 2005 meeting.



LVARC Welcomes New Member

At the September, 2005 meeting, the LVARC welcomed new member, Mike Goth (KB3MLN).

Welcome to the club Mike!

REMINDER: Be sure Paul (N0KIA) has your CURRENT email address. He frequently sends out email to all members. He reports many returned emails. If you want to be sure you get his information, send him an accurate email address!

