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Newsletter of the



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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 !



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



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Back to School !



The September LVARC meeting will be held on September 6, 2005 at the Red Cross Building at 7:30 pm.

Program: "Intro to Basic Electronics" (cont)
Presenter: Paul (N0KIA)



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	90	3 (Holiday)



Minutes of the August 2, 2005 Meeting

de Phil (KB3HMK), - Secretary - LVARC



Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

President Wolfe called the meeting to order at 1930 hours EDST. The Pledge of Allegiance was held and a moment of silence was observed for silent keys. President Wolfe gave the group a moment to reflect and speak in remembrance of recently departed Clarence W3PYF and Gene N3WMA.

The July minutes were approved as published in the August edition of the Evox newsletter. Carl WK3C made a motion, and a second was made by Walt KE3SP. All were in favor.

Paul N0KIA reported that the balance at the end of July was \$1181.93. A motion was made by Larry KB3JMS and a second by Earl KB3MHY to accept the Treasury Report. Motion carried unopposed.

Committee reports:

Repeater – No new news.

Program – Phil KB3HMK is off tonight and serving another agency for “Night Out”, a community event designed to showcase emergency services to the community. Tonight’s program is Paul and he will also finish the Elmer 101 course next month.

VE Program – 2 tested in July.

Web Site – There are no problems to report.

Education – Paul N0KIA reports that the 2nd annual Eastern PA EMCOM Conference will be held in Snyder County the weekend of October 22 and 23. Register early; there is only enough room for 140 participants.

Field Day – President Wolfe stated it is the perfect time to become the new Field Day Chairman. Anyone interested should contact the president.

Letters were sent to the following people thanking them for their help with Field Day: Jeff Kelly, Lehigh County EMA, and the Township of Whitehall.

Old Business

1. The weekly nets have been augmented with post-nets that have occurred on simplex and on the 135 machines. Rouge operators have been calling additional nets, and there has been a wonderful response to that procedure. A reminder from the President: The FCC will only allow one-hour a week for RACES emergency communications tests. Any additional nets should be identified as ARES if you are a member and have permission to do so, or LVARC upon permission.



2. There will be a board meeting held later this month. If any member has an item that they feel needs to be discussed by the board, please forward that concern to either President Wolfe or any other board member.

New Business

1. The FCC has filed an NPR to eliminate the code requirement. This is a lengthy process, and if you want more information, check on the ARRL web site. President Wolfe states that we will not discuss the ramifications in the formal meeting, as the presence or absence of a code requirement does not affect the business of the club.
2. Mike Goth KB3MLN is a returning ham that was licensed in the past, had expired and is now licensed again through our VE program. President Wolfe welcomed Mike to the club meeting. Mike is considering joining.
3. Paul provided the club with some Red Cross courses and will post a link on the club's website.
4. Paul reports that Jeff N3MFT will be sending the new net control schedule out to the NCS operators.
5. Robin KB3GZV reports that this weekend is national lighthouse / lightship weekend on the air. Not to be confused with the international weekend.
6. Carl WK3C asked President Wolfe for the floor. Carl is seeking nomination for ARRL Atlantic Division Director. Carl is a member of the club and has been very active in the BPL fight and has supported amateur radio on the national and international levels. Carl introduced himself as a candidate and entertained questions from the club. Carl's website <http://home.ptd.net/~wk3c> has more information.

President Wolfe called for any more new business or anything for the good of the order. With no other new business at hand, President Wolfe thanked Robin KB3GZV for taking the notes in Phil's absence.

Carl WK3C provided a motion to close, and Larry KB3JMS provided a second to the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting closed at 2016 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Wolfe de N3XG
President, W3OI

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance as of July 30, 2005 - \$1,181.93	



This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2005 				1	2	3
4	NO ARES RACES NET	LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30	7	8	9	10
11	ARES RACES Net 7:30	13	14	15	LVARC VE Test Session 7:00 pm	17
18	ARES RACES Net 7:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	ARES RACES Net 7:30	27	28	29	30	

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday September 6 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.

Test Session - Friday September 16- 7:00 pm - Red Cross



Mark your Calendar

LVARC Activities/Events

PRINT, CLIP and POST



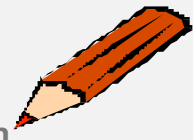
- Monday September 5 --- **NO LC RACES/ARES Net (Holiday)**
- Tuesday September 6 --- **LVARC Meeting - 7:30 PM (Red Cross Bldg.)**
- Monday September 12 --- **LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**
- Friday September 16 --- **VE Test Session (7:00 pm Red Cross Bldg.)**
- Monday September 19 --- **LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**
- Monday September 26 --- **LC RACES/ARES 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.

“You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.”
--- Wayne Gretzky (Hockey great)



CORRECTION - In July's EVOX, three LVARC members names were omitted as attending the Initial Damage Reporting Workshop. Please note the following also attended this workshop but were omitted in the earlier article:

KB3JMQ **Scott**
KN3JMR **Kathy**
KB3JMS **Larry**



CONGRATULATIONS to Mark (AK3M) for
passing his **A**mateur **R**adio **E**mergency
Communications **C**ourse - Level 2
(ARECC) - Level 2 (EC-002)



If anyone is interested in taking the ARECC courses, simply visit the ARRL website and register. The entire course consists of three levels (EC001, EC002 and EC003).

Those interested can visit <http://www.arrl.org/cce/classroom.html>. The fee for each class is \$45.00 for ARRL members or \$75.00 for non-members. **ALL MONEY IS REFUNDABLE** at the successful conclusion of each level. That means, ALL levels are free!

The classes are completed via email with an assigned mentor with an “on-line” final test after the last lesson (or *learning Unit*) of each level.

Registration opens the first Monday of the month for the Level 1 course, the second Monday of the month for level 2 and the third Monday of the month for enrollment in the level 3 course.

The classes are well worth the effort and rumor has it that maybe soon, only level 1 certificate holders may be the only ones to participate in a RACES event. That is **NOT** confirmed but enrollment in these classes is strongly recommended!

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

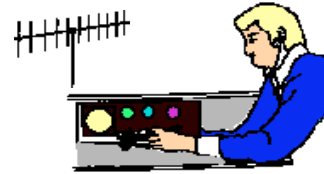
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To have something published in the E-VOX, send your favorite joke, radio related article, review of an item, diagram, etc. to Mark Miller (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or US mail to 5508 Hale Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017.



VHF/UHF Operational Procedures vs. HF Operational Procedures

(A review) de Mark (AK3M)



As more amateurs upgrade to General and Extra, they will be experiencing the thrill of working HF and DX stations! Most, having “cut their teeth” on VHF/UHF, will be surprised to learn the procedures are much different when working the HF bands. I offer some of the following contrasts between VHF/UHF and HF operational procedures.

<u>VHF/UHF</u>	<u>HF</u>
Do not call CQ	Calling CQ acceptable
Phonetics not generally used	Phonetics frequently necessary
“You’re signal is fluttering” or signal “You’re not making the machine”	R (readability) x S (strength) report preferred (RST on CW)
“Q” Signals NOT generally used	“Q” signals acceptable
Generally, “Rag Chewing” is expected	NOT always the case (ie. contesting, net operations)
Can “Time Out” the repeater	No repeater to “Time Out”
Log not mandatory	Log required



Monday Night RACES/ARES Net Control Operators



September, 2005

September 5 NO NET - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

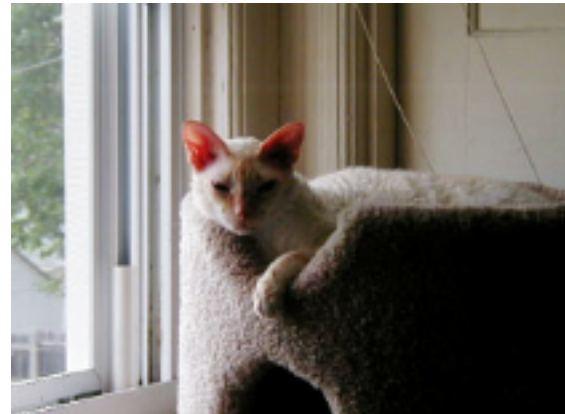
September 12 N3XG - Rod

September 19 KB3MHY - Earl

September 26 AK3M - Mark



Rod's Cat "Zaphoid" Gets His Picture On the Web !!!!



<http://www.universal-radio.comw>

Look down the yellow box marked "updated features" and click on the "welcome ginger and zaphoid" link. That will take you to the photo of Zaphoid.

Have a pet? Want him/her to appear in the newsletter? Send a picture to me (Mark - AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com and it will be published. Send along some text to acquaint the reader with your pet's quirky behavior!

Boots de AK3M - I will start the new "pet submission" segment with my cat **Boots**. She is an eight year old female striped tabby who is very affectionate. She will sit on anyone's lap especially if that person doesn't want her to! Boots once alerted us to a basement full of smoke in time to prevent a disaster.





Silent Key
Clarence Snyder
 W3PYF



On Wednesday July 20, at 2:50 PM, Clarence passed away from complications following a diagnostic procedure at Easton Hospital. His funeral was held Friday, July 22 at 1 p.m. at the Bnai Abraham Synagogue, 1545 Bushkill Street, Easton, PA, where he was a lifelong member. Clarence was buried at Forks Cemetery.

**Overly
Cautious?**

de Mark (AK3M)

Perhaps I am being overly cautious, but I try to be careful about telling my vacation plans on the air. There are those who scan VHF/UHF and can easily find out where we live. By telling our plans for being away, it makes it easy for anyone to know when we will not be home.

Editor's note: I apologize for the abbreviated version of the September E-VOX previously posted but as you know, computer problems prevented me from submitting the issue I had previously prepared. A rescue of my data allows me to submit this edition.



CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Goth who tested at the July 15, 2005 LVARC test session. Michael earned his Technician license and was granted the call **KB3MLN** on July 21, 2005.

At the August 19, 2005 test session, the following earned their Technician licenses:

Cricket Traverson (Wife of Craig - N3TSY)
Larry Buck

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

VE's in attendance were Mark (AK3M), Frank (W3FTU) and Walt (KE3SP)

From the ARRL:

HAM Oval Sticker -- **NEW! Shipping in early September.** -- This Euro-styled oval sticker is a great way to get the word out! Ideal for the bumper or rear window of your car, van or RV (vinyl with adhesive on the back).

#9595 -- \$2.00

