

# 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)  
Club Simplex Freq. - 147.420

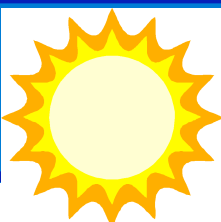
### RACES NET

*Every Monday at 7:30 (ET)*  
146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)

*All are welcome!*

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

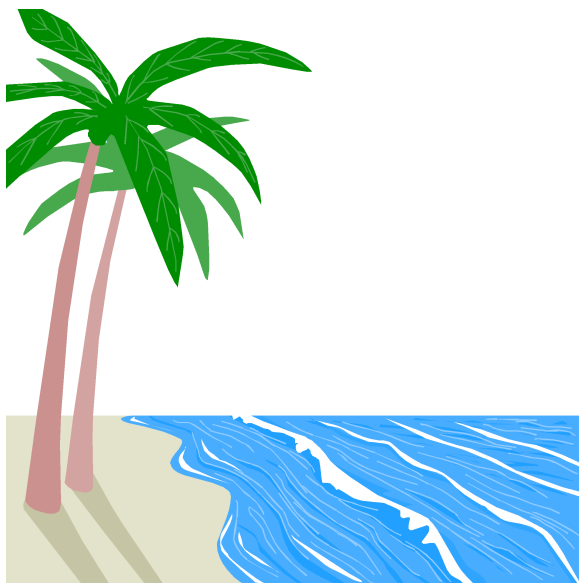




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The August LVARC meeting will be held on August 1, 2006 at the Red Cross Building AT 7:30 pm.

Program: TBA  
Presenter: TBA



## 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 - 2006

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Mondays</u>
January	167	5
February	132	4
March	149	4
April	149	4
May	123	4
June	109	4





## Minutes of the July 11, 2006 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) - LVARC Secretary

### Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1937 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 15 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Mark (AK3M), Frank (W3FTU), Robin (KB3GZV), Larry (KB3MHT).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Approved by: Walt - KE3SP  
Second by: Don - KC3II  
Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)  
Start balance: \$2,213.00  
Ending balance: \$2,256.50  
Repeater fund: \$1,753.84

Approved by: Dave - W3AMC  
Second by: Larry - KN3L  
Carried: (Y/N) Y

#### Committee Reports:

Repeater: At last months meeting, there were questions concerning the new repeater funds. Rod reports that a new repeater will cost around \$3100 from Echo Communications. Rod will look into other places.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program will be Chris (N3SIG). Chris will be doing a talk on a FEMA communications course that he took a couple of months ago. Phil also reports that he is in need of programs for the rest of the year. If anyone has a program or wants to see a certain program, please contact Phil.

Volunteer Examiners: 2 V.E. test sessions were held in June. The regularly scheduled session had 3 test with 2 passing. The session held on Field Day had 4 test with 4 passing. The next session will be July 21.



Field Day: Rod would like to thank everyone who came out to help set up and to tear down for Field Day. The club had a good turn out from both the members and the public. No data is available yet. Rod will finish entering it into the computer and let everyone know. Rod also wants to compliment the people who used the dupe sheets. Rod found a logging program. The screen is big and easy to use. It costs \$30. Rod will let the club know what the website is. Paul would like to suggest separate clip boards the different stations being run. He would also like to use a chip system. If the chip is in front of the station, you can operate it. This would help so we don't work double bands. Another suggestion would be to have training on the county's mobile command post.

Web Site: No report  
Education: No report

OLD Business: Just a reminder, the club is still collecting used ink cartridges. If you have any, please give them to Frank (W3FTU). You must have a minimum of 50 cartridges. Frank reports that the club sent in our first box of 66. We raised \$67. We only got \$1 for the refurbished cartridges. Rod thanked Frank for the time that is being put into this project. The new technician class books are out. There is also a new ? pool. Let people know to study the new book. The club will look into having a tech class sometime in October. Chris (N3SIG) reported that due to lack of sign ups, the fishing trip is canceled for this year. He will try for another one next year. Dave (W3AMC) received a certificate for participating in a weather drill. The club congratulated him for it.

New Business: Carl (WK3C) has military signal generators for sale. Rod is not sure if the members have first chance to buy them or first chance to bid on them in Ebay. Robin (KB3GZV) was wondering about the damage assessment course that the club took. He never received a certificate. Rod suggested calling Lehigh County to see if they have it. No new info on having the club meetings at Tri-Clover Fire Co. Chris (N3SIG) suggested doing a trip to the battleship New Jersey. The ship has a ham station on it. He suggested trying to reserve it for a contest weekend. Rod (N3XG) spent a weekend participating in a wild land forestry course. Rod would like to educate the fire service on how amateur radio works. Have the hams work with fire command and the crews to improve communications. Rod also reports Lehigh County has purchased WinLink 2000 equipment. The club will be notified when it is up and running

#### New members & Guests:

Hadrian Gable - guest  
Jeff Fehr (KX3Q) - new member

New Members Motion to Accept by: The club  
Second by: The club  
Carried (Y/N) Y



The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2015 hrs, EST.  
Motion by: Larry - KN3L  
Second by: Larry - KB3JMS  
In favor: Y

**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**  
**Balance ending June, 2006 - \$ 2,256.50**





## This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August</b> 		<b>LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</b>	10-10 Int. SSB Summer Contest	<b>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</b>		10-10 Int. SSB Summer Contest  European HF Champ. Contest
10-10 Int. SSB Summer Contest  N. Amer CW QSO Party	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>		NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	<b>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</b>		Maryland DC QSO Party
Maryland DC QSO Party  <div>Deadline to schedule test</div>	<b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>			<b>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</b>	<b>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</b>	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest  N. Amer SSB NJ QSO Party
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**LVARC Meeting - Tuesday August 1 - 7:30 - Red Cross Bldg.**

**Test Session - Friday August 18 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.**



## LVARC Activities/Events

### Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



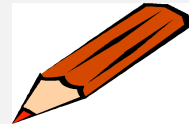
Tuesday August 1 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 pm - Red Cross Building)  
 Thursday August 3 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (147.135)  
 Monday August 7 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Thursday August 10 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (147.135)  
 Sunday August 13 --- Final date to register for August 18 test session  
 Monday August 14 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Thursday August 17 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (147.135)  
 Friday August 18 --- LVARC Test Session (7:00 pm - Red Cross Building)  
 Monday August 21 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Thursday August 24 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (147.135)  
 Monday August 28 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Thursday August 31 --- LVARC Net - 7:30 pm (147.135)

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 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.



## REMINDER

A new Technician pool and exam is in effect as of July 1, 2006. Keep this in mind when ordering study materials.

**New Call** - Jeffrey Fehr WAS N3RVH but after upgrading to Extra with the LVARC VE program, he is NOW **KX3Q**.  
**CONGRATULATIONS Jeff !!!!!**



## Field Day 2006

Pictures courtesy of Mark (AK3M)



Larry (KN3L), Robin (KB3GZV) and Rod (N3XG)



Rod (N3XG)



Paul's (N0K1A) infamous trailer packed with Field Day equipment



The LC Comm van



Larry (KN3L) and Dorian (KB3GZW)



Larry (KN3L)





*Governor's  
proclamation  
declaring June as  
Amateur Radio  
Month!*

Courtesy of Eric  
Olena (WB3FPL)





Created by Tom (K3ARI)





**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](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) or call 610-865-9183**

**NOTICE: The LVARC Thursday Night Net is suspended for the Summer and will resume again in**

**Frank LaBar** passed away on June 27th, 2006.

He was a member of the DLARC and had the call KE3UU. He was employed by Mack Printing, Hughes Printing and NAPA Auto Parts.

He was an Army veteran. An avid musician, he was a member of the Appalachian Fiddle and Blue Grass Association and a member of the



Silent Key

**In which state are you most likely to be struck by lightning?**

- A. Kansas
- B. Florida
- C. Missouri
- D. State of confusion



*From The Channel 69 Weather Channel - Answer on page 12*

The LVARC welcomes new member **Jeff Fehr (KX3Q)**. Jeff's membership was approved at the July 11, 2006 meeting. **Welcome to the club Jeff !!!**



At the June 16, 2006 LVARC test session, four tested and three passed. Congratulations to **Laura** Hughes (KB3NSW) from Fleetwood and **Dave Posavec** (KB3NSX) who earned their Technician licenses and **Jeff Fehr** who upgraded to Extra. **CONGRATULATIONS to all !!!**

Thanks to VE's **Frank** (W3FTU) and **Walt** (KE3SP) for their attendance at this session.

**Walk-In testing was held at the Field Day site** three hours prior to the start of the Field Day event. Four people took advantage of this special test session and all four earned a license or upgrade!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Bridget Hughes** (age 14) for passing her Technician test, earning her the call KB3NTV !!!!!

TNX to VE's **Larry** (NR3R), **Larry** (KN3L), **Rod** (N3XG) and **Tom** (K3ARI) for their assistance with the testing. --- de Mark (AK3M)

In which state are you most likely to be struck by lightning?  
(see page 11)

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- C. Missouri
- D. State of confusion



(See page 11)

