

# The *E-VOX*

## The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the *Lehigh Valley Amateur* *Radio Club - W3OI*



***Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA***

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### Repeaters

**146.34 / 146.94 (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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Drive Carefully

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Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M)  
at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)

Your submissions can be text or graphics.



The August LVARC meeting will be held on September 5, 2006 **at the Red Cross Building** At 7:30 pm.

Program: "Hardware Night"  
 Presenter: Paul Ryan (NOKIA)



## 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                        |
| July         | 120                         | 4                        |





## Minutes of the August 1, 2006 LVARC Meeting

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



*(The minutes of the August 1, 2006 meeting were taken by President Wolfe (N3XG) due to Phil's (KB3HMK) absence.)*

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Meeting called to order by President Wolfe at 19:35 EDST.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held, followed by a moment of silence for Silent Keys. There were 10 members and 2 guests in attendance. We were joined by Hadrain Gable and by Nick Milkovits. Nick is a college student at ESU and found the club through a web search. Nick became interested in amateur radio after seeing a demonstration at a computer conference / exhibit that he attended. The club welcomes both Hadrain and Nick.

The July minutes were approved as posted in the E-Vox. Larry KB3JMS made a motion to accept and Carl AA3IX provided a second to the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Paul N0KIA reported that the club's treasury ended July with a balance of \$2232.94. Larry KB3JMS made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Don KC3II provided a second to the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

#### Committee Reports-

**Repeater-** There has been some intermittent interference from Northampton County Communications Center; they had a lightning strike and have been getting into much of everything in the valley. They are working to fix that.

**Program** – Tonight's program will be "Hints and Kinks" and Paul N0KIA will moderate it. Paul will also moderate the program for next month, "Hardware Night".

**Volunteer Examiners** – Rod reported that we tested two for General, one passed the written, but there were no upgrades.



**Field Day** – Rod reported that the logs were submitted. We had 32 participants, there were 202 contacts. The surprise band was 6 meters. 6 meters was open into the Midwest and Gulf Coast for a couple of hours and that racked up 26 contacts. Carl will watch for QSL cards and figure out the Grid Square for our operating position, as many 6-meter operators are grid ops.

**Old Business** – The President issued a reminder that club members should bring their old ink cartridges to the meetings for Frank. The club is recycling them and it benefits the repeater fund. The President also reminded everyone that the Technician Question Pool has officially changed, and there are still some new books available if anyone would like to become a ham and study from the ARRL text. There was no other old business.

**New Business** – We are now taking nominations for the Pres Schuler award. Nominations will be taken up until the November meeting and the award is presented in December. The President also reminded members that nominations for Officers will open in October. There was no other new business.

**Good of the Order** - The President pointed out that Ham Radio has been in the news a lot, and has been specifically featured in all the after action reports from Katrina. Ham radio has been hailed as one of the things “that worked”. As a result both the FBI and the DHS have been adding Ham Radio into their interoperability and communications plans. The major communication trade magazines have also had unsolicited mention of ham radio in most of the articles pertaining to emergency preparedness. They have encouraged those in charge of disaster preparedness to contact their local Ham Clubs and find out what can be done. If you are interested in EMCOMM (emergency communications), you do need to have training beyond your license.

There being no other club business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:15 EDST by a motion made by Larry KB3JMS and a second by Craig N3TSY. All were in favor.

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| <b>\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$</b>             |  |
| <b>Balance ending July, 2006 - \$ 2,232.94</b> |   |



# This Month In Ham Radio

| Sunday  | Monday                           | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                                  | Saturday  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|---|---|
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <h2 style="color: blue;">September<br/>2006</h2> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> </div> |                                  |  |           |          |   |   |
| 3<br>All Asian DX Contest   | 4<br><b>NO RACES NET HOLIDAY</b> | 5<br><b>LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</b> | 6         | 7        | 8                                       | 9<br>All Asian DX Contest<br>WAE DX SSB Contest<br>ARRL VHF QSO Party |
| 10<br>WAE DX SSB Contest<br><b>Deadline to schedule test</b>  | 11<br><b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> | 12                                       | 13        | 14       | 15<br><b>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</b> | 16<br>QCWA Fall SSB Contest   |
| 17<br>QCWA Fall SSB Contest   | 18<br><b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> | 19                                       | 20        | 21       | 22                                      | 23<br>Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest<br>Texas QSO Party            |
| 24<br>Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest<br>Texas QSO Party  | 25<br><b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> | 26                                       | 27        | 28       | 29                                      | 30<br>Ark. QSO Party  |

**LVARC Meeting - Tuesday September 5 - 7:30 - Red Cross Bldg.**

**Test Session - Friday September 15 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.**



## LVARC Activities/Events

**Mark your Calendar**

PRINT, CLIP and POST



**Monday September 4 --- NO LC RACES/ARES Net - Labor Day Holiday**

**Tuesday September 5 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Red Cross Bldg.)**

**Sunday September 10 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session**

**Monday September 11 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

**Friday September 15 -- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION NECESSARY)**

**Monday September 18 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

**Monday September 25 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

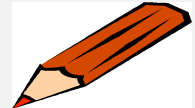
There may be additions and deletions to the above dates. Listen to the Monday Night Net, the newsletter and announcements at meetings for changes.

REMEMBER: The LVARC offers 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



**Reminder:** The Women's 5K Classis will be held on Saturday October 14, 2006. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) or call 610-865-9183

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

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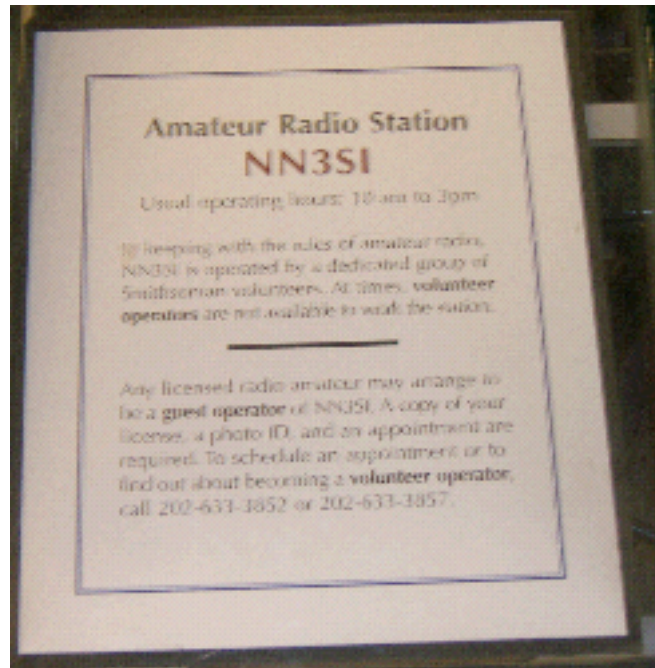


## Smithsonian Institute's Ham Station

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. has an amateur radio station on exhibit. The station operates under the call NN3SI.

Guest amateur radio operators can use the station after making an appointment, showing a photo ID and valid ham license.

To schedule an operating time, call



**There will be a county-wide Disaster Drill in October, 2006. Listen to the Monday Night Net for details !!**

### IMPORTANT

**The deadline quickly approaches!** If you intend to remain a L.C. RACES participant, **you MUST have completed AT LEAST IS 700. Also, EcCOMM Level 1 (EC 001) is strongly recommended !!** IS 700 can be taken on at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>.

The certificate can be earned while you sit in your chair from home!!

**There will be NO exceptions. After October 30, only those who have IS 700 certification will be allowed to participate in RACES activities.**

If you have any questions, contact Jeff (N3MFT) at: [kellyj@ptd.net](mailto:kellyj@ptd.net)





## July 21, 2006 VE Report --- de Mark (AK3M)

At the July 21, 2006 LVARC Test Session, two tested and one passed.

**Congratulations to Alexander Delvers (KC3JRN) who passed his General written test.** Alexander drove from New Jersey with his father (KC2JRM) to the LVARC test session.

A big TNX to VE's **Larry (KN3L)** and **Rod (N3XG)** who re-arranged their schedule to accommodate Alex who registered late.

As of the July 21, 2006 test session, the LVARC has tested 73 applicants since its inception on April 25, 2003.

**A big TNX to all the LVARC VE's who to volunteer their time so this program can continue to be successful!**

## VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COORDINATORS GATHER IN GETTYSBURG

Representatives of 11 of the nation's 14 volunteer examiner coordinators (VECs) met July 14 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) <<http://www.ncvec.org>> conference. NCVEC Chairman Tom Fuszard, KB9PU, presided. The session each year offers an opportunity for VECs to discuss issues facing the volunteer examination program and question pools and to meet face-to-face with FCC staff members.

**"Good news from Riley Hollingsworth was that for the second year in a row there have been no new cases of examination irregularity brought to his attention,"** said ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN.

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What is the maximum output power for hams in Belgium ?

- a) 150 watts                      b) 500 watts
- c) 1,000 watts                      d) 1,500 watts

(Answer on page 10)





## **PIO Wanted** (from an email from Eric Olena EPA Section Manager)

One of the lessons learned (again) from the recent flood situations in EPA is the fact that the Public Information Officer (PIO) field appointment is one of the most vital positions in any emergency operation. At the present time there is a need for persons who are willing to accept this responsibility for their local area. The PIO position should also be a vital part of any Amateur Radio Club.

The PIO should be the person giving out information to Section Leadership as well as any news media. By having a PIO on the staff of a club or an area emergency communications team you lessen the burden of the Emergency Coordinator or other leadership officials who have their hands full direction other parts of the operation.

Persons interested in being a PIO should contact the EPA Public Information Coordinator (PIC) Jim Biddle, W3DCL, at [jamesbiddle@juno.com](mailto:jamesbiddle@juno.com). (Please note that the first letter of the e-mail address is a lower case "L" and not the digit "1".)

You could also contact: EPA Section Manager, Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL at [wb3fpl@arrl.org](mailto:wb3fpl@arrl.org).

Clubs should make an effort to have a PIO on their roster.

73,  
WB3FPL

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(From OP7.com)