



The **E-VOX**

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



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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 !

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Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M)
at AK3M@rcn.com

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The December, 2007 LVARC meeting will be held on December 4, 2007 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

Program: Election of Officers, Presentation of Pres Schuler Award and Annual Holiday Party



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 !

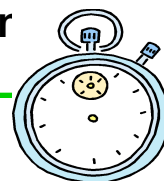
Monday Night RACES/ARES Check-In Summary - 2007

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Number of Check-In's</u> | <u>Number of Mondays</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| January | 131 | 4 |
| February | 128 | 4 |
| March | 129 | 4 |
| April | 158 | 5 |
| May | 96 | 3 |
| June | 91 | 4 |
| July | 132 | 5 |
| August | 106 | 4 |
| September | 104 | 3 |
| October | 173 | 5 |



**Minutes of the November 6, 2007 LVARC Meetir**

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) -- Recording Secretary



The meeting was called to order by Vice President Traverson 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 20 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Craig (N3TSY), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Mark (AK3M), Frank (W3FTU), Robin (KB3GZV) and Walt (KE3SP).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: Larry – KN3L

Second by: Carl – AA3IX

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Paul – N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,489.51

Ending Balance: \$3,518.24

Approved by: Mike – KB3LOD

Second by: Walt – KE3SP

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Jeff reports that the repeaters are working. The new 147.135 repeater project is moving forward.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program is Jeff (N3MFT). He will be doing a presentation on Lehigh County RACES. Next month is the annual holiday cookie cruncher. Bring your favorite food or dessert for everyone. He also has programs lined up for the first quarter of the year. He will also make reservations at the Old Country Buffet in Whitehall for our annual dinner meeting. More info to follow.

Volunteer Examiners: No one tested for October. There will be three people testing in November.

Old Business: Rod thanked the members who helped out with the Women's 5k run in October.

Vice President Craig asked for any new nominations for elections. The only new one was Walt Snyder for a board position. He accepted the nomination. Craig then asked for motion to close the nominations. Walt (KE3SP) made the motion and it was seconded by Larry (KN3L). The motion passed.

New Business: Rod would like to have a motion made to give Operation Ho-Ho some spending money. The motion was made Mark (AK3M) to a lot up to \$200. It was seconded By Bruce (KB3FIH). The motion passed. Rod also would also like a motion to a lot \$150 for door prizes for the Christmas party. The motion was made by Ike (N3IK) and seconded by Jeff (N3MFT). The motion passed. Ike (N3IK) is offering to teach morse code after the holidays. If you're interested, please contact him. Jeff (N3MFT) said that there was a district 2 ARES / RACES drill in October. He feels it went well and the club members did a great job. He thanked Bob (WB3W) for his efforts in coordinating the event. The fundraiser was held last night. It went well. More info to follow.

Good of Order: Paul received the paperwork saying we are incorporated. This is what the \$24 was last month.

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 1953 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Larry - KN3L

Second by: Walt - KE3SP

In favor: Y








Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$
Balance ending October, 2007 - \$ 3,518.24





THIS MONTH IN HAM RADIO

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---------------|---|--|
|  <h1>December</h1>  | | | | | | 1 Wake UP! QRP Sprint |
| 2 | 3 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Mark - AK3M | 4 Hanukkah LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30 | 5 Hanukkah Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255 | 6 Hanukkah | 7 Hanukkah | 8 Hanukkah ARRL 10-m Contest |
| 9 Hanukkah ARRL 10-m Contest | 10 Hanukkah ARES RACES Net 7:30 Rod - N3XG | 11 Hanukkah | 12 Hanukkah Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255 | 13 | 14 | 15 Croatian CW Contest International Naval Contest |
| 16 Deadline to schedule test | 17 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Jeff - N3MFT | 18 | 19 Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255 | 20 | 21 LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm | 22 |
| 23 | 24  No Net Xmas Eve | 25  Christmas | 26 Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255 | 27 | 28 | 29 RAC Winter Contest Original QRP Contest |
| 30 RAC Winter Contest Original QRP Contest | 31  No Net New Year's Eve |  <h1>2007</h1>  | | | | |

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday December 4 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co.

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



LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday December 3 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
 Tuesday December 4 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co.)
 Monday December 10 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
 Sunday December 16 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month
 Friday December 21-- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION NECESSARY)
 Monday December 24 --- NO LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
 Monday December 31 --- NO 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.

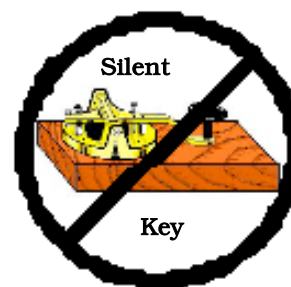


To schedule a test or for more information, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or call 610-865-9183.

Silent Key - W3HHC

Paul W. Fritsch, long time member of the LVARC.

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

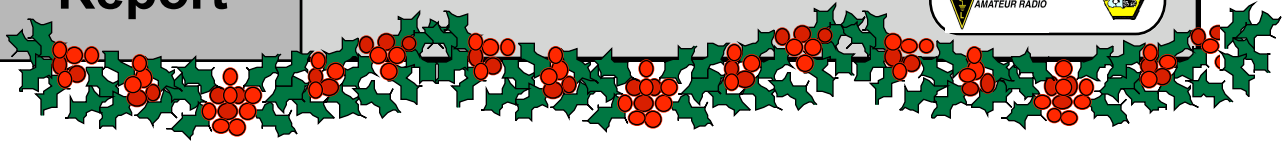
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LVARC VE Report

No one was scheduled to test
at the October test session.

LVARC
VE
Program



Operation Ho Ho This Month



Details will be available on the Monday Night Net and/or at the
December meeting. To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M).

Looking to Give or Get A Holiday Gift?

from *World Radio*, Oct., 2007, year
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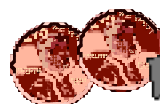
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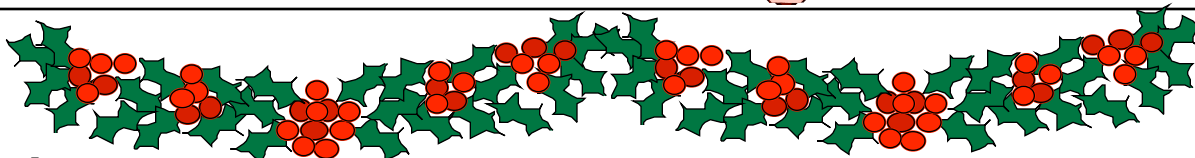
District 2 (6 counties) has a nice website. Visit: <http://www.epad2.org/>



"My Two Cents" ... de Mark (AK3M)



EDITORIAL



Last month, in the November issue of the EVOX, I suggested that in order to round out your shack, you purchase an FRS and/or CB radio(s). After a few months of taking my own advice, I am ready to revise that statement. I have, since this past Summer, owned a CB HT. In order to continue, I must go back many years. At the age of 13, I was first introduced to radio when my father bought a CB radio and installed it on a table in the dining room. I was fascinated ... and hooked. "CB'ers," had calls and there was a semblance of respect and organization within the hobby. It seemed that CB radio was for the serious radio operator and he had a moderate amount of knowledge. There were CB organizations, clubs and meetings. A few years after that, I discovered ham radio and obtained my Novice license, then my general class license. It was at the time of my change to amateur radio that I gave up CB. Going off to college made me all but give up ham radio. I kept my license but wasn't too active. Getting married, graduate school and children kept me away from radio for quite some time.

What has all this to do with CB radio? Since I have returned to the amateur ranks around 1979, until now, I have not listened to CB radio. Not until this Summer (2007), at the urging of a friend, did I buy my first CB radio. I thought it would add one more dimension to my communications hobby. I charged it and took it on a trip to the N.J. shore. I was ready to experience that feeling I remembered from the early to mid 60's. Guess I was not around in the early 70's when CB radio was huge! All I heard were truck drivers, usually as they were going the opposite direction on the highway. That made communications virtually impossible as I heard them for only a few moments due to limited range. When in range, there were usually several stations on at the same time. That explains *how* I heard them. Now let me tell you *what* I heard. Operating procedures were horrible. The station with the strongest signal won the communications race for that moment. There was no evidence of taking turns. A rotation was never observed. The content of the conversations ranged from reports of where the police were located to well, I cannot print *any* of that! Calls?!?!? No one used calls. I was so disgusted at the operations and content of conversations, I turned off the HT and listened to oldies out of Philadelphia on the commercial broadcast band.

A few similar occurrences after that trip prompted this editorial. I see no reason why you should take my earlier advice and purchase a CB radio for a "complete" shack. I do not even see the benefit of CB radio in emergency communications. Its a shame that part of the RF spectrum has been relegated to such content and procedures!

Please note, I do not feel the same about FRS or GMRS radios. I will save that for another time.





ARES/RACES Net Control Operators Needed !

Jeff Kelly (N3MFT) is looking for volunteers to act as net control operators for the Monday Night Net. If you are interested, contact Jeff.

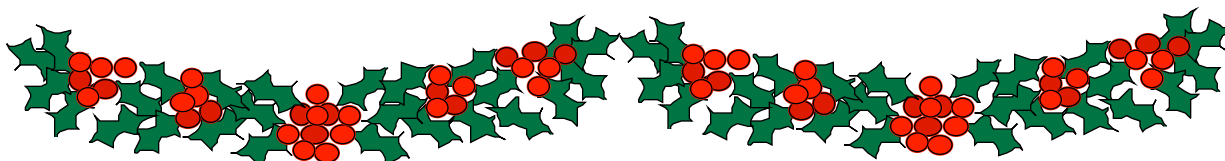
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FCC's Riley Hollingsworth to Retire in January 2008 -- Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, announced his retirement this week, effective Friday, January 3, 2008. While his successor has not been named, Hollingsworth was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

From the ARRL website --
<http://www.arrl.org>





Upcoming LVARC Events

NOVEMBER

- (1) Nominations of officers

DECEMBER

- (1) Operation Ho Ho
- (2) Election of officers
- (3) Presentation of the
Pres Schuler Award
- (4) Annual holiday party

Odd 'n

For the children or grandchildren

Track Santa on Christmas
Eve. Go to:



<http://www.northpole.com/NoradSanta.asp>

Volunteers Needed for "Operation Ho Ho"



"Operation Ho Ho,"
will be held in
December, 2007.

If you are interested
in helping, contact
Mark (AK3M).
Details to be
announced.



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Have an article, diagram or an opinion you would like to share with the LVARC members in the newsletter? Send it to Mark (AK3M). You can submit VOX material in any form. Send it via email (AK3M@rcn.com) or US mail (5508 Hale Ave - Bethlehem, PA 18017). You can send pictures, diagrams or text. **The newsletter needs YOUR material to continue!**



Time Marches On - "Old 807"



In 1926, there were 8000 licensed radio amateurs in the USA. In 1931, the ham ranks had 30,000 licenses. In five years. Yes, the Great Depression was a boost for the Ham radio hobby.

Ham radio has always been a "home-style," hobby. A quiet corner in the attic or cellar. Cellar is better if you need a ground. These hams did contribute much to radio's advancement. People had no money and they stayed home. BC [broadcast] radio was cheap entertainment. We also needed to laugh during the Great Depression and radio made us laugh. Vaudeville was ebbing and radio picked up this surplus.

Class A license, 20 WPM CW and 20 written questions by an FCC examiner gave one all band CW and phone on 160, 80, 20 and 10-meters.

Class B license, all band CW and 160 and 10-meter phone as deemed by the FCC examiner.

A Class C license, I honestly can't remember.

A Class D license, through the mail, gave you Class B privileges and a Conditional license meant you had to live more than 250 miles from an FCC office.



Christmas Tradition



Father Christmas is based on a real person, St. Nicholas, which explains his other name 'Santa Claus' which comes from the Dutch 'Sinterklaas'. Nicholas was a Christian leader from Myra (in modern-day Turkey) in the 4th century AD. He was very shy, and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it. It is said that one day, he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in the stocking which a girl had put to dry by the fire! This may explain the belief that Father Christmas comes down the chimney and places gifts in children's stockings.



Nomination for Officers for 2008



Officers

President: **Rod Wolfe, Jr.** (N3XG)
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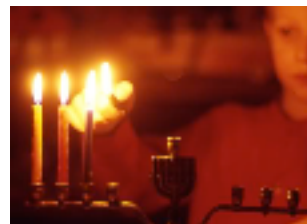
Board of Governors (vote for 5):

1. **Larry Snyder** (KN3L)
2. **Bruce Navarre** (KA3TIU)
3. **Robin Gable** (KB3GZV)
4. **Jeff Willett** (KB3OCP)
5. **Mark Miller** (AK3M)
6. **Frank Unger** (W3FTU)
7. **Walt Snyder** (KE30SP)

Elections will be held at the December meeting

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is the annual Jewish festival celebrated on eight successive days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar, corresponding, approximately, to December in the Gregorian calendar. It is also known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, and Feast of the Maccabees, Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC after the Temple had been profaned by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine.



Happy Birthday to Harry Buchin (W3TEB)!!
Harry turned ?? on October 20, 2007 !





Handheld Mobile Telephone Use State of Pennsylvania



Effective November 10, 2007 motorists in the state of Pennsylvania will be prohibited from using handheld mobile telephones while operating a vehicle. The Bill (House Bill No. 1827) amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and was passed on September 11, 2007. The Bill states that **“No driver shall operate any moving vehicle on a highway of this Commonwealth, which shall include Federal, State and municipal highways, while using a handheld mobile telephone.”** The term **“handheld mobile telephone”** is defined by the bill as: **“A mobile telephone other than a hands-free mobile telephone with which a user engages in a call using at least one hand.”** It also defines hands-free mobile telephone as follows: **“A mobile telephone that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of such mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a call without the use of either hand, whether or not the use of either hand is necessary to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.”**

The new law does not apply, however to the following, when on duty and acting in their official capacities:

- ☐ Law Enforcement Officers
- ☐ Operators of Emergency Vehicles

The bill also mentions that defensible actions for the use of a handheld mobile telephone will be:

- ☐ The driver had reason to fear for the driver's safety
- ☐ Reporting a traffic accident
- ☐ Making a “911” emergency call

A person who is found to be in violation of this section commits a summary offense and upon conviction, will be sentenced to pay a \$50 fine.

When New Jersey drafted their bill, they specifically exempted amateur radio. --- ed.



Picture ID's for Lehigh County RACES

- de Jeff (N3MFT)

Pictures for LC county ID's will be taken on January 16, 2008.

Details to be announced. Listen to the net AND read the newsletter for more information.



2007 Women's 5K Now History - de Paul (N0KIA)

It was a sunny but chilly October morning when the people thronged into Lehigh Parkway to participate in the Women's 5K Walk/Run for Breast Cancer (pictures on pages 16 & 17). Twelve valley hams were among that crowd. They were lending communication support for the participants and working with 5 ambulance and MedTech units to supply timely service for injured participants. [Paul] **N0KIA** was net control with our station located adjacent to the main ambulance unit. Assisting net control (and doing most of the work!) was **Jeff, KX3Q**, who did the logging and monitored the two medical radio channels for intraservice communication. The eyes and ears of the event were the ten hams out on the course as follows:

| NAME | CALL | LOCATION | TACTICAL CALLSIGN |
|-------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Larry | NR3R | at Robin Hood Bridge | (ROBIN HOOD) |
| Jeff | KB3OCP | at Regency Towers | (REGENCY TOWERS) |
| Rod | N3XG | along the Little Lehigh River | (RIVER 1) |
| Bob | WB3JSZ | at the Green Bridge | (IRON BRIDGE) |
| Ike | N3IK | along the Little Lehigh River | (RIVER 2) |
| Fran | KB3HZB | in the mobile Golfcart | (CART 2) |
| Jeff | N3MFT | along the Little Lehigh River | (RIVER 3) |
| Frank | W3FTU | at the Fish Hatchery | (FAR LOOP) |
| John | KB3PJO | along the Little Lehigh River | (RIVER 4) |
| Mike | KB3LOD | along the Little Lehigh River | (RIVER 5) |

Everyone was in place when we opened the net at 0907 local. We had a formal roll call and then the women took to the course at 0948 local with the first group of 5K competition walkers. What you see in the picture is ONLY ONE group of FOUR similar sized groups who walked and ran that Saturday morning. The other three groups were 5K casual walkers, 5K runners and 5 mile runners. We had timely reports available for first participants past a point, any needed medical incidents, lost articles and passage of sweep vehicles. We had reports of one fall at Robin Hood Bridge, but the lady continued the event. Most of the medical attention occurred at the finish line where ice packs were dispensed by the medics. In my opinion, the event went very smoothly and the net closed promptly at 1103 local time. The hams kibitzed for another hour before braving the traffic back home to work in the PA QSO party! (Pictures on pages 16 & 17)



From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT November 5, 2007
To all radio amateurs

Motorola Buys Yaesu



Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.



**Women's 5K
Classic**



Photos
courtesy of
Paul (N0KIA)



Photos
courtesy of
Larry (NR3R)



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCE and RESOURCE SECTION --- de Jeff (N3MFT)

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<http://www.wrml.org/operating/icao_radiotelephony.htm>www.wrml.org/operating/icao_radiotelephony.htm
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- ☐ FEMA TRAINING COURSE IS-700 (NIMS): <<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is700.asp>><http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is700.asp>
- ☐ ARRL FSD-218. The famous „pink card%“ that contains (almost) „everything you ever needed to know about RADIOGRAMS%“.
An electronic version of FSD-218 is at: <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/#fsd-218>><http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/#fsd-218>
- ☐ NTS page by W7ARC: <<http://www.w7arc.com/nts/>><http://www.w7arc.com/nts/>
- ☐ NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM (NTS) Methods and Practices Guidelines:
<<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nts-mpg/>><http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nts-mpg/>
- ☐ PACIFIC AREA TRAFFIC NETS:
<<http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/nwnets.html>><http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/nwnets.html>
- ☐ MARITIME MOBILE SERVICE NETWORK: <<http://mmsn.org/>><http://mmsn.org/>
- ☐ NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SKYWARN <<http://www.emcomm.org/>>www.emcomm.org (click on SKYWARN or Links) or
Contact your local SKYWARN coordinator for local net information.
- ☐ BEAUFORT WINDSPEED SCALE:
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- ☐ STANDARD TIME ZONE SCALE:
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<<http://members.aol.com/emcom4hosp/>><http://members.aol.com/emcom4hosp/>
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He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.
~Roy L. Smith



Review of The Simulated Emergency Test - SET

--- de Mark (AK3M)

District 2 held a very successful SET on Saturday October 27, 2007. The time frame was 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The scenario included the arrival of "Hurricane Bogus" which made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane in the Lehigh Valley. This was presented by DEC 2 Bob (WB3W), via the 147.255 repeater and a formal message. The scene then switched to the local county's scenario. Each county in District 2 had its own incident planned.

In Lehigh County, "Bogus," caused heavy rains and strong winds. It was responsible for the wreck of a fuel truck on route 78 causing a HazMat situation and closing both West bound lanes of 78 just before route 100. In addition, a tour bus of senior citizens, bound for Atlantic City, crashed into the fuel truck causing multiple injuries. Lehigh County dispatched a HazMat crew, fire equipment and ambulances to the scene. Lehigh County EMA requested ARES participation.

Using the 146.94 repeater, a directed net was opened at 0917 and check-ins were solicited. Including Net Control, 17 LC ARES members participated. Thanks to: **Mark** (AK3M), **NCS**, **Jeff** (N3MFT), **Larry** (NR3R), **Mark** (KB3FDN), **Dave** (W3AMC), **Paul** (N0KIA), **Larry** (KN3L), **Phil** (KB3HMK), **Robin** (KB3GZV), **Frank** (W3FTU), **Jeff** (KB3OCP), **Bill** (KB3RBH), **Rod** (N3XG), **Mark** (N3ULR), **Bruce** (KB3FIH), **Dan** (KA3ZAT) and **Mark** (K3MP).

Communications among LC EOC, PEMA in Hamburg on HF, the 147.255 and deployed LC ARES members were required.

The Red Cross opened a shelter at the Holiday Inn at routes 78 & 100, in order to handle the injured senior citizens. In addition, Robin (KB3GZV) reported a school bus of high school students was unable to continue on route 309 due to weather and one student required transport to LV Hospital.

The winds were so severe, reaching 70 mph at times, "flying cows" were reported in South Whitehall.

The drill ended shortly before noon. A BIG TNX to all who participated. VHF and HF communications proved that the LC ARES participants are well prepared for emergency communications!



Results Of Last Poll

"Phil (KB3HMK) has one of the hardest jobs as Program Chairman. In order to help Phil and broaden our horizons, would you attend a meeting if the program were not amateur radio related (ie. medical, financial etc.)?"

Responses

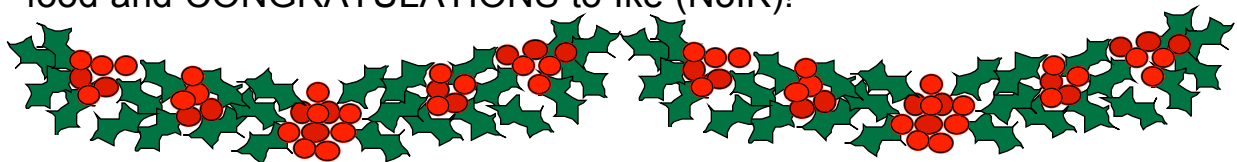
| Choices | Votes | % |
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| Yes | 9 | 100 |
| No | 0 | 0 |



**PA QSO
Party
Incentive
Won By Ike
(N3IK)**



The LVARC offered an incentive for the participant with the highest score in the PA QSO Party. That incentive was a basket of food, all from Pennsylvania. Some of the items included *Grandma Utz's Potato Chips*, *Snyder's Pretzels*, *Mike & Ike's*, *scrapple* and more. TNX to Frank (W3FTU) for his creativity and doing the shopping for all the food and CONGRATULATIONS to Ike (N3IK)!



RACES/ARES Registration Information

To register for Lehigh County RACES, you can either:

1. Print and complete the registration form on the following page (p. 21) and US mail to Jeff (N3MFT)

OR

2. You can register on line at:
http://www.lehighcounty.org/EMA/em.cfm?doc=ema_racesForm.htm

To register for District 2 ARES, go to: <http://www.epad2.org>



Lehigh County RACES Registration Form

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

County: _____ License Class: _____

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Can your home operate without commercial power? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what bands? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO:
 Jeff Kelly (N3MFT)
 1632 N Main Street
 Allentown, PA 18104





New Look for "Operation Ho Ho" 2007

T**NX** to the creativity of "Elf Larry" (NR3R), "Operation Ho Ho" has a new look for 2007! Gifts for the children this year will include T-shirts

with the Operation Ho Ho Santa, with his HT, on the front! The graphic was reduced in color from the original Santa, to two colors (red and black) in order to keep the cost down and snowflakes were added to make the shirt look seasonal. White shirts were chosen so the graphic would not be obscured. The shirts were printed by All America Graphics in Allentown. **TNX LARRY !!!!**

For those not familiar with "Operation Ho Ho," here is a short description of this most worthwhile LVARC activity. LVARC volunteers visit the pediatric unit of the Allentown Hospital (Cedar Crest Blvd.) while going from room to room, let the children talk to Santa via amateur radio (2-meter simplex). If you wish to know more about this event or wish to volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. Please note, we must limit the number of volunteers to 10 in order not to cause congestion in the unit.



**The officers and Board of the
Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club
wish all a Happy Holiday Season !**