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147.735/147.135 (PL 167.9)

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RACES NET

Every Monday at 7:30 (ET)

146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)

All are welcome !

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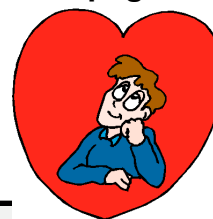




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Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M)
at AK3M@rcn.com

Your submissions can be text or graphics.



The February LVARC meeting will be held on February 6, 2007 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. 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
July	120	5
August	102	4
September	77	4
October	145	5
November	118	4
December	54	2





Minutes of the January 2, 2007 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) - LVARC Recording Secretary



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

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

There were a total of 19 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Craig (N3TSY), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Mark (AK3M), Frank (W3FTU), and Robin (KB3GZV).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Approved by: Carl – WK3C

Second by: Walt – KE3SP

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$2,780.46

Ending Balance: \$2,863.68

Approved by: Carl – WK3C

Second by: Craig – N3TSY

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Nothing reported other than the occasional howling noise.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program will be Lou (N3OL). He will be demonstrating his home made 20 meter antenna. He reports that there is no program for February. He has a possible back up program. If you have a program you want to do, or if you have an idea of a program, please let Phil know.

Volunteer Examiners: No one tested for December. No one is scheduled so far for January.

Field Day: No report

Web Site: No report

Education: No report

OLD Business: Just a reminder, the club gets money for old ink cartridges. See Frank (W3FTU) for postage paid envelopes to send them in. Operation Ho-Ho was a great success. Mark believes this is the 5th year that the club has been doing it. Thank you to everyone who participated.



New Business: Lehigh County EMA was able to secure grant money from Homeland Security for the club. The amount is about \$20,000. The county purchased numerous amateur equipment for emergency use. The county wants to set up sites for winlink and other computer related communications. This is good for the county and the club. The repeaters that were purchased will be setup on South Mountain & Blue Mountain. Rod would like a motion to purchase coordination licenses for 1 440 repeater location and 2 1.2 gig repeater locations. Craig (N3TSY) made the motion and Carl (WK3C) seconded it. The motion passed. If you got your tech + license in the 90's, you can do an administrative upgrade. Techs are upgraded to tech + after it goes into effect. The club was contacted by a local philanthropist. This person will give a gift card HRO to the last club member or members to take the element 1 test. The gift card so far is at \$100. By next month, the club will have access to Tri-Clover Fire Company. This will be for certain board members. Parking is towards the rear of the station. It's the strip that runs along the ball field. Please have respect for the fire co. equipment. They are gracious enough to let us use there facilities. The FCC has expanded the phone bands. They will also be dropping the morse code testing all together. This will occur 30 days after it is posted in the registry. Make sure you know the effective date. Many people have jumped the gun. They are using bands that there not supposed to. Countries that have the morse code has seen an increase in licenses. Dave (W3AMC) might need a ride to the new meeting site. If anyone is willing to offer there assistance, let Dave know. MRT magazine expects a big boom in amateur communications. A college scholarship is available for amateur radio operators. Paul will post the information on the web. Paul has the membership cards for the people have paid there dues. Paul has Jim Kelly's obituary if anyone didn't get to read it.

New members/Guests: No new members or guests

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2010 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Jeff – N3MFT

Second by: Walt – KE3SP

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$
Balance ending December, 2006 - \$ 2,863.68





This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>February</div>				<div>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</div>		<div>VT/MN/DE QSO Party</div> <div>10-10 Winter SSB Contest</div> <div>AGCW Straight Key Party</div>
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<div>Dutch PACC Contest</div> <div>Deadline to schedule test</div>	<div>ARES RACES Net 7:30</div>		<div>Valentine's Day</div>	<div>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</div>	<div>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</div>	<div>ARRL Int. DX CW Contest</div>
ARRL School Roundup						
<div>ARRL Int. DX CW Contest</div>	<div>ARES RACES Net 7:30</div>			<div>LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm</div>		<div>CQ 160m SSB Contest</div> <div>REF SSB Contest</div>
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LVARC Meeting - Tuesday February 6 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co.

Test Session - Friday February 16 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.



Mark your Calendar LVARC Activities/Events

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Thursday February 1 -- LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm (147.135)

Monday February 5 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday February 6 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co.)

Thursday February 8 -- LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm (147.135)

Sunday February 11 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session

Monday February 12 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Wednesday February 14 --- Valentine's Day

Thursday February 15 -- LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm (147.135)

Friday February 16 -- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION NECESSARY)

Monday February 19 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Thursday February 22 -- LVARC Thursday Night Net 7:30 pm (147.135)

Monday February 26 --- LC RACES/ARES Net

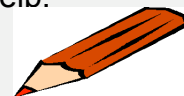
There may be additions and deletions to the above dates. Listen to the Monday Night Net, the newsletter and announcements at meetings for changes.

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.



REMEMBER: Registration for the monthly 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



Mark (AK3M) is looking for Net Control Operators for the LVARC Thursday Night Net/roundtable. If you are available, please contact Mark at AK3M@rcn.com.





LVARC VE Program



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There was no one scheduled to test at the December 15, 2006 LVARC test session,

ARRL Announces New Electronic Newsletter for Clubs (Nov. 22, 2006) --

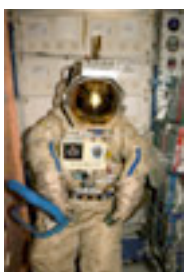
ARRL Club News is a new monthly newsletter available via e-mail at no charge to ARRL members.

The first issue of the *ARRL Club News* will be published Wednesday, December 6, 2006. ARRL Directors, Officers, Section Managers and Affiliated Club Coordinators have been pre-selected to receive the *ARRL Club News*.

To subscribe, unsubscribe or change your address for e-mail delivery: ARRL members who are not already registered first must register on the Members Only Web Site. You'll have an opportunity during registration to sign up for e-mail delivery of the *ARRL Club News*, W1AW bulletins and other material. ARRL members may subscribe to the *ARRL Club News* by going to the Member Data Page.

Suit-Sat 2

A second discarded Russian space suit may be soon orbiting the Earth early Fall, 2007. Details as they become available.



Dues for 2007 are Now Being Accepted

Dues for 2007 are now due. They remain the same as they have for the past many years.

Regular membership - \$17.00

Extra family member - \$3.00

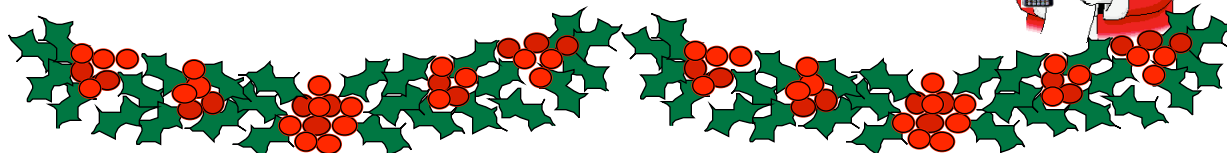
Non-licensed member - \$5.00

HOW TO PAY

1. Pay Paul (N0KIA) at the next meeting
2. Pay Paul via US mail
5814 Lindbergh Street
Orefield, PA 18069
3. Pay from the club's web site using PayPal



Another Successful “Operation Ho Ho”



On the morning of December 17, 2006, members of the LVARC's "Operation Ho Ho," team gathered in the lobby of the Lehigh Valley Hospital on Cedar Crest boulevard. They arrived with smiles, HT's, candy, gifts, "I Talked To Santa On Amateur Radio" buttons and the anticipation of a wonderful amateur radio activity. No, it wasn't Field Day or a world-wide HF contest, it was their chance to use their hobby for the good of the general public.

For the 5th consecutive year, "elves," from the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club used their skill and equipment to let children talk to Santa via ham radio. As usual, Santa was sequestered in an unused room at the hospital while the the elves went from room to room and interviewed the children. After a brief chat with Santa on the club's simplex frequency (147.420), the elves gave each child gifts donated by the club.

Unfortunately, no parents permitted pictures of the children this year. Although the Morning Call was present with both a photographer and a reporter, they were not allowed to take pictures and left prior to the visitations.

Seven children were visited by the elves and I (AK3M) was again allowed to act as Santa. The children's ages ranged from 2 years to 13 years. They asked for items like, Storm Chasers, Baby Alive, Sponge Bob Video Game, Pink Panther Movie, Jordan 5 Sneakers and more. Santa was asked why he was so fat, who is his favorite reindeer and why does Rudolph's nose light?

The following elves participated in Operation Ho Ho, 2006,: **Larry** (NR3R) and Robin (Mrs. NR3R), **Phil** (KB3HMK) and his mother **Phyllis, Robin** (KB3GZV), **Dorian** (KB3GZW), **Mark** (AK3M) and XYL **Rae**. Although no pictures of the children were permitted, photos of the "Ho Ho Team," are on the following page.



Larry (NR3R)



XYL's Rae Miller (seated),
Robin Miller



Phyllis Bigg



Phil (KB3HMK)



**1968 Shack! A typewriter
and a Vibroplex bug!**
(Submitted by NR3R)



Question Pool Changes

Effective December 15th the questions listed below have been dropped from the Question Pools. These changes bring them into line with rule changes spelled out in the recent FCC "omnibus" Report and Order. The changes will be included in an interim release of Ham University due in the New Year. No questions have been added or changed.



Tech: T2A02
 General: G1A02, G1A03, G1A06, G1A10, G1B05, G1C01, G1D01, G1F02, G1F03, G1F04, G1F10, G1F11, G2F02
 Extra: E1A01, E1A02, E1A05, E1E08, E1F04, E1F20, E1F26, E1F27, E1F28, E1G02

Valentine's Day History



There are varying opinions as to the origin of **Valentine's Day**. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that **St. Valentine** left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that **Saint Valentine** served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honour St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the **patron saint of lovers**. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball

New US Amateur Radio Bandplan goes into effect Friday (December 15, 2006)



for information, go to:

http://www.wb3w.net/BandPlan_2006.htm



LVARC Has Moved to A New Meeting Site



Don't forget, beginning January 2, 2007, the LVARC meetings will be held at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. in Orefield, PA. The meeting time will be the same as always, 7:30 pm.

The test sessions will remain at the Red Cross building at 7:00 on the third Friday of each month. REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.

Trivia Question (from the January 2007 Newsletter)

For the 2007 LVARC membership card, Paul (N0KIA) has selected purple (violet) to indicate the year of your current membership. Paul has indeed selected this color on purpose. Do you know the pattern? Last year's color was blue.



Answer: He is using the resistor color code.

2006 QST On CD

Another year has passed, and ARRL members have enjoyed another 12 issues of QST. Once again, we're offering a fully searchable CD-ROM which includes every word and photo published throughout the year! Plus, the CD includes the 2006 editions of NCJ--the *National Contest Journal*, and QEX--the *Forum for Communications Experimenters*. That's 3 great magazines on one CD. Browse, Search and Print from the entire CD.

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Silent Key

From the Morning Call on 12/17/2006.



James J. Kelly, 82, of Allentown, died December 16, 2006, in the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital, 17th and Chew streets, Allentown. He was the husband of Betty J. (Butterfield) Kelly. They were married for 52 years last February. He was an electrical engineer at Buckeye Pipeline Company, Macungie, until retiring in 1987. Born in Lima, Ohio, he was the son of the late Arthur R. and Agnes M. (Arndt) Kelly. He was an Army Signal Corps veteran of World War II. He obtained his bachelors degree from Ohio State University. He was an emergency management coordinator for South Whitehall Township for 15 years. He was a ham radio operator and a member of the Lehigh Valley and Delaware Valley radio clubs. He was a member, lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Allentown. He was a Eucharistic minister at Lehigh Valley Hospital for many years. He was a 3rd degree member of Knights of Columbus Calvary Council, Allentown. **Survivors:** Wife; children, Warren Bible Jr. and his wife Evelyn, Jocelyn Marshall, wife of Thomas, C. Michael Wells and his wife Judy, Steven Wells and his wife Tina, Gregory Kelly and his wife Dorothy, Jeffery Kelly, Anita Kelly; brother, Robert A. Kelly; sister, Mary Jo Maurer; 12 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren. **Services:** Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday (12/18/06), St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 801 N. 11th St., Allentown. Call 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16th and Hamilton streets, Allentown. **Contributions:** May be made in his memory to the Church Memorial Fund, PA 18102 or the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital, PA 18104.

--- Jim was a kind understanding man, a good friend and a good ham. He was always available to help with LVARC activities. Jim was one on who we all could depend. He will be missed!



FCC to Drop Morse Code Testing for All License Classes

The FCC will modify the Amateur Radio Service rules, eliminating Morse code exam requirements.

The rule changes will grant limited HF operating privileges to Technician licensees on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. This is also a great opportunity to encourage Technician licensees to upgrade. Once the new rules take effect, Technicians can upgrade to General by passing the Element 3 written exam and to Amateur Extra by also passing the Element 4 written exam. No Morse code test will be required.

The best estimate of when the Morse code requirement will go away officially is sometime in February -- 30 days after the R&O appears in the Federal Register.

For more information, please visit the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/FCC/Morse>.

*T*he well known father of Morse code, Samuel F. B. Morse, built his home and resided in what city and state?
(From QRZ.com)

- (a) Elmira, NY
- (b) Poughkepsie, NY
- (c) Navesink, NJ
- (d) Sandy Hook, NJ



Answer appears below ... turn page upside down.

You can find the Samuel F. B. Morse home at Route 9 in Poughkepsie, NY, about two miles north of the Ham Central radio store.

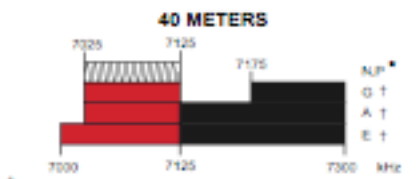
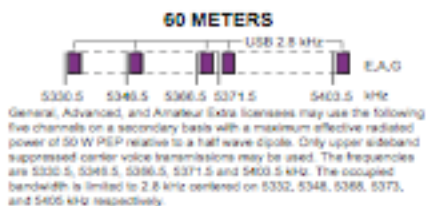
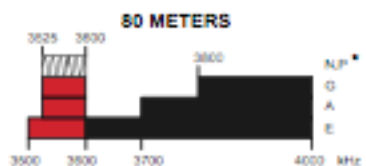


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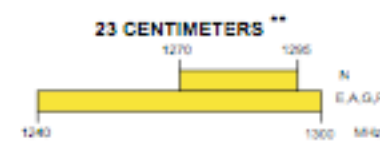
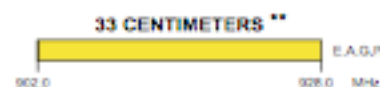
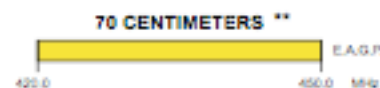
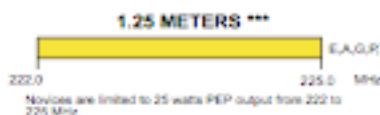
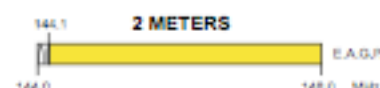
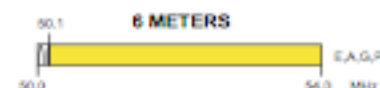
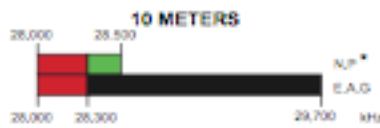
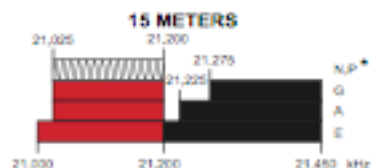
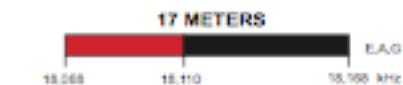
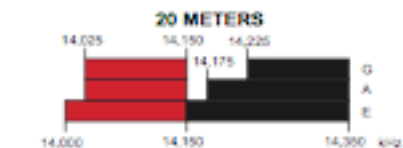
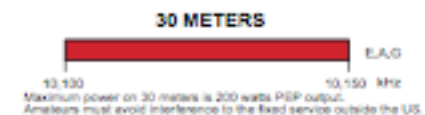
US Amateur Bands

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† Phone and Image modes are permitted between 7075 and 7100 kHz for FCC licensed stations in ITU Regions 1 and 3 and by FCC licensed stations in ITU Region 2 West of 130 degrees West longitude or South of 20 degrees North latitude. See Sections 97.305(c) and 97.303(f)(1). Novice and Technician Plus licensees outside ITU Region 2 may use CW only between 7075 and 7079 kHz. See Section 97.301(s). These exemptions do not apply to stations in the continental US.



US AMATEUR POWER LIMITS

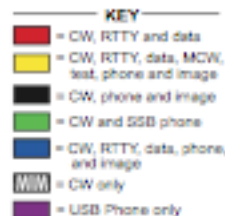
At all times, transmitter power should be kept down to that necessary to carry out the desired communications.

Power is rated in watts PEP output. Unless otherwise stated, the maximum power output is 1500 W.

Power for all license classes is limited to 200 W in the 10, 100-10, 150 kHz band.

Novices and Technicians are restricted to 200 W below 28.5 MHz.

In addition, Novices are restricted to 25 W in the 222-225 MHz band and 5 W in the 1270-1295 MHz subband.



E = AMATEUR EXTRA
A = ADVANCED
G = GENERAL
P = TECHNICIAN PLUS
T = TECHNICIAN
N = NOVICE

* Technicians who have passed the 5 wpm Morse code exam are indicated as "T".

** Geographical and power restrictions apply to all bands with frequencies above 420 MHz. See The ARRL FCC Rule Book for more information about your area.

*** 219-220 MHz allocated to amateurs on a secondary basis for fixed digital message forwarding systems only and can be operated by all licensees except Novices.

All licensees except Novices are authorized all modes on the following frequencies:

2300-2310 MHz
2390-2450 MHz
3300-3500 MHz
5650-5925 MHz
10.0-10.5 GHz
24.0-24.25 GHz
47.0-47.2 GHz
76.0-81.0 GHz
122.25-123.0 GHz
134-141 GHz
241-250 GHz
All above 275 GHz



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Five Years of the E-VOX Now Available



Five years of the LVARC's newsletter (VOX) are now available on CD (2002-2006). All files are in a pdf format and appeared as they did when posted on the club's website. The CD is free although you can replace it.

All issues from 2002 through 2006 are included on this CD. Find your favorite article, read minutes of past meetings etc.

For a copy, contact Mark (AK3M).

top news



How fast is your Connection?

From Bob (KE3AW)

Check the speed of your network connection. Go to:

<http://www.bandwidthplace.com/speedtest/>



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.

Cycle 23 could bottom out this summer (Jan 4, 2007) -- Radio wave propagation could be looking up after this summer, according to past and predicted sunspot and solar (radio) flux statistics this week from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Space Environment Center. (from the ARRL website)



December 28, 2006

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club
c/o Mark Miller
5508 Hale Ave
Bethlehem, Pa 18017

Dear Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club:

On behalf of the patients, families, and pediatric staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital, I would like to extend my sincere thank you for coming and allowing the children to talk to "Sante" on the pediatric unit. You brought many smiles to the entire pediatric floor.

Our hospital admits children with both acute and chronic conditions. Some of our children remain hospitalized for long periods of time. Our goal for each patient is to normalize the hospital environment. Thanks to the generous support from people like you, we are able to provide special activities and a friendly, relaxing environment to help children forget about their hospitalization. I want to assure you that your thoughtful gift will continue to bring smiles and sunshine to the entire pediatric floor.

Once again, we thank you for your kindness. A mere word of thanks seems inadequate for all of the joy you have brought to our children. We hope you accept it as a sincere token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Mackey

Vanessa Gramm – Mackey, CCLS
Child Life Specialist

&

Dawn Miller
Child Life Assistant





The LVARC Offers Incentive for Element 1 (CW) Test

The last person to successfully pass the Morse Code (Element 1) exam at a W3OI sponsored test session will be awarded a gift certificate to HRO.

Rules are as follows:

- (1) The person must pass Element 1 (CW) before the FCC no longer requires HF operators to do so.
- (2) The ham must be a current member of LVARC at least one week prior to the test date
- (3) He/she may **not** hold a license above Technician, nor have previous Element 1 credit.

Thanks to a generous donation from No-Code International, the current amount is \$100.00 USD. If more than one club member successfully passes Element 1 at the same VE session, the award will be split between the candidates.

Anyone who wishes to pledge more cash, please contact Rodney N3XG for more information.



FCC cites Pennsylvania radio amateur for failure to ID (Jan 3, 2007) -- The FCC's Philadelphia Field Office has issued a formal Notice of Violation (NoV) to a Pennsylvania radio amateur for failure to identify in a timely manner. The Commission released the NoV to Andrew Ban, KB3GRK, of Feasterville, on December 20. The notice says that on September 12 and 13, 2006, an agent of the FCC's Philadelphia office monitored KB3GRK's transmissions on 439.850 MHz and observed that the operator failed to identify for nearly one hour in one instance and for more than 20 minutes in the second. §97.119(a) of the Amateur Radio Service rules requires stations to identify "at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication." The FCC has advised Ban that he must submit within 20 days a written statement addressing the alleged violations and action taken to preclude recurrence. The issuance of an NoV appears to be a departure from the FCC Enforcement Bureau's typical practice of addressing such alleged infractions with an advisory letter rather than a formal notice. (from the ARRL website)