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Happy Thanksgiving

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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



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The November, 2007 LVARC meeting will be held on November 6, 2007 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

Program: TBA Presenter: TBA

IVARC / 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>		Number of Check-In's		Number of Mondays
January		131		4
February		128	AMATE.	4
March	SHATEUR RAOFO	129	CIVIL EMERGENCY	4
April	REAL PROPERTY OF SERVICE	158	Pennsylvania	5
May	RIGENCY SER	96	SAVICE	3
June		91		4
July		132		5
August		106		4
September		104		3







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Minutes of the October 2, 2007 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) -- Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe 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 22 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 3 guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Phil (KB3HMK), Mark (AK3M), Frank (W3FTU), Robin (KB3GZV) and Walt (KE3SP).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None Noted

Motion by: Bruce – KA3TIU Second by: Larry – KN3L

Carried (Y/N) Y

Guests: Victor Preletz

Brian Eckert – KB3KLJ Donald Lauer – KA3MGB

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,513.20 Ending Balance: \$3,489.51 Approved by: Mike – KB3LOD

Second by: Bob – WB3W

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: There is possible malicious keying up. Please check the input frequency to see if it's close to you. Keep your ears open.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program will be Rod (N3XG). He will be doing a presentation called "Emergency Communication Planning for Family's". He has a possible program for November and December will be the annual cookie cruncher. As always, if you have a program you to do or have an idea, please let Phil (KB3HMK) know.

Volunteer Examiners: No one tested for September. The next test session will be October 19. Contact Mark (AK3M) by October 14.

Old Business: The club will have another fund raiser. It will be at the Applebee's on Catasauqua Rd. on November 5. You are encouraged to hand out fliers to your friends and family. They then go to the restaurant between 4:30 and 6:30 P.M. When you're ready to check out, you give the waiter / waitress the flier. The club will then get 10% of the bill. Please see Frank (W3FTU) for the fliers. You can also go on the website and go to the newsletter. There will be a link that you can print out the flier. Please do not hand out the fliers the night of the fund raiser. The marathon on September 9 went well. Members from both clubs helped out. Rod, Paul and Bob met after the event to discuss it.



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On October 13 there will be Women's 5K run in Allentown. See Mark (AK3M) if you are able to help out. The Pa QSO Party is also the weekend of the 13th. The suggestion of giving an incentive to the member who had the highest points was tabled from last month. A suggestion was about doing a basket with items from Pa. The motion was made by Robin (KB3GZV) and seconded by Bruce (KA3TIU). The motion passed with one opposition.

New Business: Rod asked for a motion to open the nominations for 2008. The motion was made by Larry (KN3L) and seconded by Robin (KB3GZV). The motion passed. Nominations will be done at the October and November meetings. If you are nominated, you must accept by November 15. You can contact the secretary (Phil – KB3HMK) by e-mail if you want to accept the nomination. You may be nominated for more than one position, but you may only run for one position. The following members were nominated and either accepted or declined.

President – Rod (N3XG) accepted

Mark (AK3M) declined

Vice President – Craig (N3TSY) not present
Secretary – Phil (KB3HMK) accepted
Treasurer – Paul (N0KIA) accepted by e-mail to the president
Board of Governors – Larry (KN3L) accepted

Bruce (KA3TIU) accepted
Robin (KB3GZV) accepted
Jeff (KB3OCP) accepted
Mark (AK3M) accepted
Frank (W3FTU) accepted

Good of Order: Bob (WB3W) said VIA asked for a club logo. He will work on a design for future use. As always, Frank (W3FTU) wants to remind everyone to send in there old ink jet cartridges so the club can get money. The question was raised about polo shirts. Rod will into prices.

Sick Report: None noted

New Members: No new members

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2000 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Larry – KN3L Second by: Bruce – KA3TIU

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$
Balance ending September, 2007 - \$3,489.51



THIS MONTH IN HAM RADIO

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	veml	ber 20	007	1	2	Ukrainian DX Contest ARRL CW Sweeps IPARC SSB Contest
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Il JIDX Phone Contest Deadline to schedule test	ARES RACES Net 7:30	13	Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255	15	LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm	17 ARRL November Sweepstakes- Phone LZ DX Contest
18 ARRL November Sweepstakes- Phone LZ DX Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Robin-KB3GZV	20	Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255	22 NAQCC T straight N key/bug X Sprint i n g	23	CQ Worldwide CW DX Contest
CQ Worldwide CW DX Contest	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Dorian-KB3GZW	27	Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255	29	ARRL 160-meter Contest Nov. 30 to Dec. 2	Happy Thanksgiving

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday November 6 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co.

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



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LVARC Activities/Events Mark your Calendar PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday November 5 --- Dinner at Applebee's - 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Monday November 5 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday November 6 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co.)
Sunday November 11 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month
Monday November 12 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday November 16-- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION NECESSARY)
Monday November 19 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday November 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 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.

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

Don't forget ...

- * to check into the District 2 RACES Net every Wednesday night at 7:30 on the 147.255 repeater.
- * to visit the LVARC Yahoo site for calendars of events, polls, news and information.



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



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VE Report

No one was scheduled to test at the September 21, 2007 test session.



"When All Else Fails," Mug. Available through the ARRL website.



http://www.arrl.org/catalog/index.php3?category=Pins%2C+Patches%2C+Maps%2C+Gift+Ideas+%26+Supplies...



The **ARRL 2008 Handbook** is now available from the ARRL website.



OPERATORS STILL NEEDED For 5K EVENT!



OPERATORS ARE STILL NEEDED for the *Women's 5K Classic* on Saturday, October 13, 2007 in the Lehigh Parkway. Mark your calendar now! This is the second time we will help with this event. Our assistance was much appreciated last year! This event is rain or shine. **There is still time to volunteer!** Contact Mark (AK3M) - AK3M@rcn.com.

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 <u>YOUR</u> material to continue!



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



Running an event isn't easy, although Bob House (WB3JSZ) made it appear as though it was! In case you have been living in an RF cave, you know that Bob eagerly stepped up to the challenge of organizing and executing the first Lehigh Valley Marathon. As a volunteer, you may not be aware of the "behind the scenes," work which such an undertaking involves. Let me enlighten you. There are multiple meetings, recruitment, recruitment, recruitment of operators, continued distribution of maps and lists, placement of operators, and more. Following, are some of the pitfalls Bob and the operators had to deal with for this event: (1) there were 15 stations to manage along with "NCS" and the 2 EMS stations. (2) several operators were unfamiliar with the area, (3) there was a slow runner who required special attention, (4) there were a few ops who did not do any kind of ARES event before this, (5) 2 repeaters to coordinate and (6) a last minute no show operator. Bob and his operators took all these pitfalls in stride and made the event work. in spite of all that, the operators handled information regarding start time, participant pick up, supply issues (water, cups etc.), participant safety/concern and more. The only thing which was favorable was the weather.

Now that you appreciate Bob's work, let me tell you the **rest of the story**. *This was Bob's <u>first attempt</u> at any kind of ARES event organization!* **Kudos Bob !!! --** ed.





Football Quiz - Now that football season is well under way, here is a football quiz. We all know that the uprights in the end zone are important as they are used for field goals and extra points. How much do you know about those uprights?

(A) How far apart are the uprights?

- (1) 11 feet, 10 inches
- (2) 18 feet, 6 inches

- (3) 20 feet
- (4) 12 feet, 6 inches

(B) How high is the crossbar?

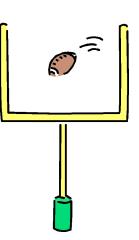
(1) 12 feet

(3) 12 feet, 6 inches

(2) 8 feet, 6 inches

(4) 10 feet

(Answers on page 11)





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Dinner At Applebee's --- TNX to Frank (W3FTU), the club has one more fundraiser. One we ALL can enjoy! On Monday November 5, the LVARC will receive 10% of your total food and drink order from Applebee's. Go to the Applebee's (off Catasauqua Road ONLY) between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm and have dinner. Show them the flyer you printed (on page 12) and walla, 10% of your bill will be donated to the LVARC. You do NOT get 10% off your bill but the club gets the 10% donation.

You can print the flyer which appears on page 12 or you can print it from:

http://www.rosegroupdining.com/community/DiningtoDonateView.asp?DiningtoDonateID=666.

You **MUST** present the flyer for the club to receive the donation.

Please print multiple copies of the flyer and distribute to family, friends and neighbors. ANYONE presenting this flyer between the hours of 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm will be donating to the club. The more who attend, the more the club receives. You need NOT be a member of the LVARC to participate or for the club to receive the donation but you DO NEED THE FLYER! Remember, this offer is valid for the 2-hour window of 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm only and only at the Applebees on Motel Dr. (Off Catasauqua Rd).

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.

Pres Schuler Award - Send your nomination for the Pres Schuler Award to Rod (N3XG) at: rjwolfe@rcn.com



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Upcoming LVARC Events

OCTOBER

(1) 2007 Women's 5K Classic - Saturday, October 13, 2007 (2) Nominations for Pres Schuler Award (see p. 10) (3) SET - Oct. 27

NOVEMBER

(1) Nominations of officers (2) Applebee's Dinner

DECEMBER

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

Odds

'n Ends

Football Quiz Answers

- A) How ar apart are the uprights?
- (1) 11 feet, 10 inches
- (3) 20 feet
- (2) 18 feet, 6 inches



- (4) 12 feet, 6 inches
- (B) How high is the crossbar?
- (1) 12 feet
- (3) 12 feet, 6 inches
- (2) 8 feet, 6 inches
- (4) 10 feet **◄**



(See page 10)

Volunteers Needed Receives 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.



The LVARC Recognition On VIA Website **Lehigh River Relay** Marathon Run

Via kindly listed the LVARC as a corporate sponsor on their website. Go to:

http://www.vianet.org/news/2007sep-09.htm and scroll down to see sponsors.

TNX VIA, it was <u>our</u> pleasure!



You're invited to a Dining to Donate special event at Applebee's!

Eatin' Here is Good for the Neighborhood



Please come out and show your support! Just PRINT OUT THIS INVITATION and present it to your server on

Monday, November 5, 2007

at Applebee's located at 2109 Motel Drive ~ Bethlehem, PA

Applebee's will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchase* to:

LEHIGH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Is your organization interested in fundraising activities? Contact your local Rose Group Applebee's for more details.



Neighborhood Grill & Bar

Dining to Donate Purchases can be ordered To Go!

*Tax and tip not included. Not valid with any other discounts or promotions. Must present flyer at time of visit. Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot. Dining to Donate nights are limited to Sunday through Wednesday, and subject to availability. Applebee's reserve the right to accept or reject organizations at its own discretion.



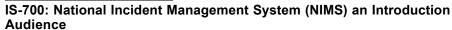
IS-700 IS-800 15-100

IS-200

NIMS Confusion - de Bob (WB3W) DEC- District 2

There is apparently still a lot of confusion as to what NIMS courses we must all take as Radio Operators, as different counties seem to be askir for different courses.

I received an email from FEMA today with a link to their new 5 year plan uran and apparently their original requirements have changed somewhat and I have also done some "cut and paste" from that 5 year plan below that I hope will help to clarify these discrepancies....



All personnel with a direct role in emergency management/response must complete NIMS IS-700, including

Executive level—political and government leaders; agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as unified commanders, incident commanders, Command Staff, or General Staff in either area command or single incidents: senior MACS personnel; senior emergency managers; and emergency operations center Command or General Staff.

Managerial level—agency and organization management between the executive level and first-level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders, and field supervisors; midlevel MACS personnel; EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders, and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS training.

Responder level—emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level, including emergency medical service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public work/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel.

IS-800: National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction

All Federal, State, tribal, and local emergency management/response personnel whose primary responsibility is emergency management must complete this training. Specifically, officials who must take the course include

- · Personnel in Federal departments and agencies with emergency management and incident response responsibilities under the NRP
- Officials in State and Territorial governments with emergency management and incident response responsibilities, personnel from emergency management agencies, and personnel from agencies who support and interact with the NRP's 15 Emergency Support Functions
- Officials in tribal entities and local jurisdictions with overall emergency management responsibilities as dictated by law or ordinance, officials with overall emergency management responsibilities through delegation, and officials primarily involved in emergency planning

ICS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System **Audience**

• It is incumbent upon Federal, State, tribal, and local emergency management/response personnel to determine who within their organizations requires ICS 100 training, based on local incident management organizational planning.



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ICS-200: Introduction to the Incident Command System Audience

 It is incumbent upon Federal, State, tribal, and local emergency management/response personnel to determine who within their organizations requires ICS 200 training, based on local incident management organizational planning.

ICS-300: Introduction to the Incident Command System **Audience**

• It is incumbent upon Federal, State, tribal, and local emergency management/response personnel to determine who within their organizations requires ICS 300 training, based on local incident management organizational planning.

ICS-400: Introduction to the Incident Command System **Audience**

• It is incumbent upon Federal, State, tribal, and local emergency management/response personnel to determine who within their organizations requires ICS 400 training, based on local incident management organizational planning.

The way I interpret all of this, is that EVERYONE must take ICS-700 and supervisory/management needs ICS-800. So in our world all our ARES/RACES members must take ICS-700 and I would think all EC's, AEC's, and NCS's should probably have ICS-800.

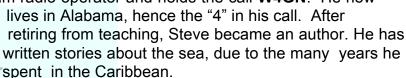
As to ICS-100, 200, 300, and 400 that is apparently left up to the local EMA groups to decide what they require from their different personnel, and that is why it now appears to be different between the different counties.





Tales of the Sea --- local teacher, author and ham radio operator.

Quite by coincidence, I met Steve Kralick, a retired English teacher and former Bethlehem resident. Steve is also a ham radio operator and holds the call **W4GN**. He now



Steve has had many publications from radio communications articles and short stories to various forms of poetry. His first novel, "A Fisherman's Goodbye," (3rd edition) along with In the

"Shade of the Caribbean" are must-reads. His third book, "Here, There and Everywhere," a unique collection of short stories, songs, rhymes and free verse will appeal to all age groups and is now available.

Theses may be just what you want on your Winter reading list! If you enjoy tales of the sea, to read Steve's biography and/or to order one or more of Steve's books, go to: http://stores.lulu.com . --- Mark (AK3M).



Winter is around the corner and that means snow and ice, both of which can complicate your life. Many of us must be on the road because of work or personal commitments. Below, is a handy checklist if items you may want to put in your car before starting out on that trip. Remember the Route 78 debacle last year? You never know when you will get stranded and for how long.



Suggested items to keep in your vehicle during the winter:

- cell phone
- blankets/sleeping bags
- high-calorie foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking (protein bars, nuts, beef jerky, etc.)
- flashlight with extra batteries
- first aid kit
- pocket knife
- a change of clothing in case you get wet
- a large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes
- a smaller can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water
- bag of sand or clay cat litter (non-clumping)
- shovel, windshield scraper and brush
- tool kit
- booster cables or portable jump start battery
- water container
- compass, map or GPS
- brightly colored cloth to use as a distress signal





Who said, "There is no terror in the bang. Only the anticipation of it."?

(a) Alfred Hitchcock

(b) Vincent Price

(c) Steven Spielberg

(d) Stephen King

(answer on page 16)





"Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live." -- Jackie Windspear



FREE TOWER - from an SWL

I have a radio tower in my back yard that serves no useful purpose for me. It's about 50 feet high and in at least 2 sections. My understanding is there's some sort of tool or technique for taking these down but I am not equipped for it.



Here's my proposal if you know of anybody in need of such a beast like this and they have the means to get it out of here, it's theirs. I suspect it's worth a certain amount of cash but all I want is to see it go to good use. Sometimes I listen to you guys yakkin' on my little scanner and I wish I could jump in and say, "Hey!! Anybody need a tower? It's FREE!!!" But contacting a couple webmasters is the best I can come up with right now.

I live in East Allentown and can provide pictures if you need. Here's my info:

Steve Foulke

Home: 610-770-1752

Thanks!!

Steve Foulke





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(c) Steven Spielberg





"A Step Back In Time" - de "Old 807"

Before the great depression or the stock market crash of 1929 that caused the great depression -- was the year 1926.

1926 was the year the ARRL published its first Hand Book. That handbook listed 17 tubes for receivers in its tube chart, including one tetrode, a 22. The receiver section had various regenerative circuits, some had audio shaping features incorporated. The superheterodyne came in 1929 or 1930. There were some commercial receivers on the market. Pilot had a Wasp and a Super Wasp. Gross had the Eagle and Sergeant had their Model 10. There were a few kits on the market. Most hams used homemade stuff (yes, hams used to build).

The transmitter section used mostly self-excited circuits like TNT, TPTG, Colpitts and Hartley. The handbook had one circuit for crystal control. Crystals were X cut, large high output, tolerated high crystal current and heated. They drifted lower in frequency as they heated and were costly. Pierce published his crystal circuit in 1918. Hams were 12 years late in using crystal control. More from "Old 807" in the December issue. -- "You cannot strain a receiver listening to distant or weak stations."



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Lehigh County's New Website Now Has On-Line RACES **Application**



Lehigh County, PA now has a redesigned website. You can register for RACES service by visiting:

http://www.lehighcounty.org/



New Poll on the W3OI Yahoo Website - de Mark (AK3M)



There is a new poll on the W3OI Yahoo web site. Please visit the site and vote now. The poll will close on October 31, 2007.







Return To Eastern Time

Turn those clocks **BACK** one hour! Late Saturday night on November 3 (actually 0200 Nov. 4), 2007.



Remember, 5 years of the LVARC newsletter, The VOX, is available on CD. Each issue is in a pdf format. If interested in obtaining a FREE copy, contact Mark (AK3M).



A Great Way To Store Your Batteries

Tired of your batteries rolling around at the bottom of your "Go Bag"? Tools Aviation has the answer. Personal battery caddies. They come in all battery sizes and colors. Visit: http://www.personalbatterycaddy.com.





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Nomination for Officers for 2008



Below, is the slate of officers for 2008 as of the October 2, 2007 meeting. Remember, nominations do not close until November. You can still nominate someone for office. Elections will be held at the December, 2007 meeting.

Officers

President: Rod Wolfe, Jr. (N3XG)

V. President: Craig Traverson (N3TSY)

Secretary: **Phil Bigg** (KB3HMK) Treasurer: **Paul Ryan** (N0KIA)

Board of Governors (need 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)



Have you put that fire extinguisher in the shack and car yet?



http://www.homefrontemergency.com/kits1.html

In order to complete your shack, have you considered an FRS radio and an inexpensive CB?



1 - Wet Naps 1 - Auto Emergency Instructions