

# 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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LV Marathon This Month



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The September, 2007 LVARC meeting will be held on September 4, 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 - 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



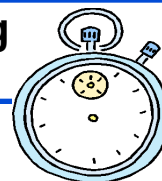
"The glory of great men should always be measured by the means they have used to acquire it."

Francois de La Rochefoucauld --- French author & moralist (1613 - 1680)



## Minutes of the August 7, 2007 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Rod (N3XG) in Phil's (KB3HMK) absence



President Wolfe called the regularly scheduled August 2007 meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio club to order on August 7, 2007 at 19:30 hours Eastern Daylight Savings Time. There were 10 members and 2 guests in attendance to include the following Board Members: President Wolfe, Vice President Traverson, Board Member Gable, and Board Member Snyder.

The minutes from the July meeting were accepted as printed in the EVOX. Bruce KA3TIU made a motion to accept and Mike KB3LOD seconded that, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read by President Wolfe. Bob WB3JSZ made a motion to accept the report. Walt KE3SP made a second to the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

### **Committee Reports:**

Repeater: The D-star system is up and running. It has had some light use in the valley, with use expected to increase when the gateway is operational.

President Wolfe reported that the D-Star repeater is not dual-mode as originally thought, but is digital only. With that being known, we are back to our original plans to replace the 135 machine. There was already an approval to bring back prices, so we will continue with that original movement from the club body.

### **Volunteer Examiners-**

Mark AK3M sent in a report. The VE team was busy in July and test 8 people at the July session. President Wolfe commented that the VE team does a wonderful job and is to be commended for their regular sessions and good turn out.

### **Old Business-**

No report on the purchase of an Easy Up type tent from the previous meeting. There is a tech class scheduled for September 7,8, and 9.



### New Business-

The following applied for membership: John A. Mierzwa N3MM and John J Mierzwa WA3YUR. Bruce KA3TIU made a motion to accept the new applicants as members. Bob WB3JSZ made a second to the motion and the members were accepted by vote with no abstentions.

President Wolfe requested a motion from the floor to allow the spending of \$200.00 for the upcoming tech class. Craig N3TSY made motion, and Walt KE3SP provided a second. The motion carried with all in favor.

### Good of the Order:

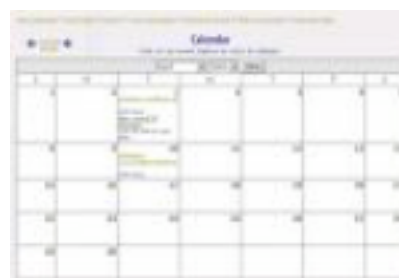


## UpComing Events in Brief

September --- Lehigh Valley Marathon

October --- Women's 5K

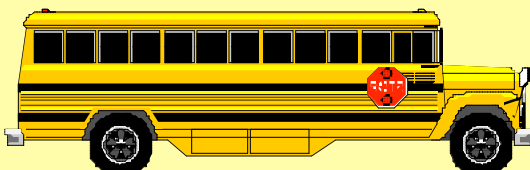
December --- Operation Ho Ho



**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**  
**Balance ending July, 2007 - \$ 3,495.56**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>This Month In Ham Radio</h2>						1 All Asian DX Phone Contest  National Preparedness Month Begins
2 All Asian DX Phone Contest	3 <del>ARES RACES Net 7:30</del> <b>No Net</b>	4 <b>LVARC Meeting Red Cross 7:30</b>	5 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255</b>	6	7 <b>Tech Class #1</b> AGCW Straight Key Party	8 <b>Tech Class #2</b> ARRL VHF QSO Party Ark. QSO Party
9 <b>Tech Class #3</b> <b>LV Marathon</b>	10 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	11	12 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255</b>	13	14	15 S. Carolina. QSO Party  Amateur Radio Awareness Day
16 S. Carolina. QSO Party Deadline to schedule test	17 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	18	19 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255</b>	20	21 <b>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</b>	22
23	24 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	25	26 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net 147.255</b>	27	28	29 Texas QSO Party
30 Texas QSO Party						<h2>September</h2> <h2>2007</h2>

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

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



**LVARC Activities/Events**

**Mark your Calendar** 

PRINT, CLIP and POST

Monday September 3 --- **NO LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**  
 Tuesday September 4 -- **LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co.)**  
 Friday September 7 -- **Tech Class #1**  
 Saturday September 8 -- **Tech Class #2**  
 Sunday September 9 -- **Tech Class #3 and Tech test**  
**Sunday September 9 - LV Marathon**  
 Monday September 10 ---**LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**  
 Sunday September 16 -- **Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month**  
 Monday September 17 --- **LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**  
 Friday September 21-- **LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION NECESSARY)**  
 Monday September 24 --- **LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)**

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



Visit the W3OI Yahoo group for the LVARC calendar of events, news, messages. bulletins etc.!



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



At the July 20, 2007 LVARC test session, **eight** tested.

## CONGRATULATIONS to:

Pei Chu (KB3MUF) -- Extra  
Jim Groushow (KB3IOZ) -- General  
Carlos Gausch -- General

Dieter Kedrowitsch -- General  
Jim Groushow (KB3IOZ) -- General  
Carlos Gausch -- General  
David Klippell N3MHI - General

LVARC VE's in attendance included, **Rod** (N3XG), **Jeff** (KX3Q), **Walt** (KE3SP) and **Mark** (AK3M).



**Interested in Emergency Equipment?** High Sierra has many emergency products. See their web site at:



<http://www.hamcq.com/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=71&ccSID=351507485a384bdce769fbcf6156fd84>

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!**





## “My Two Cents” ... de Mark (AK3M)



Its that time again. “**Volunteers Needed** ... “ The LVARC will be providing communication support for two events this Fall (see page 10). Bob House (WB3JSZ) has graciously agreed to take the lead and take charge of the *Lehigh Valley Marathon*. This is a new event and Bob is new at this job. We also have the *Women’s 5K Classic* (see page 10) coming in October. We need volunteers for BOTH of these events. Does this editorial sound familiar? It seems that members agree that we should continue to participate in community activities but it is always a struggle to get volunteers.

Here are the numbers. We have 29 LVARC members who have taken *at least* IS 700 and many many who have gone beyond the minimum and taken other NIMS and EmCOMM level courses. We have about 30 check-ins each Monday night and several participate in the new District 2 Wednesday night net. In the two W3OI Yahoo polls, **ALL** who responded agreed **100%** that we **SHOULD** continue to be involved in ARES activities and that they would be willing to participate. Let’s see, 100%, 29 certified, check-ins up ..... Clearly, if we look at the statistics, the interest is there! **Then why is it it such a chore to recruit volunteers for events?**

As a coordinator for LVARC events, I know what a headache it is to continue to recruit, not knowing if enough members will volunteer. The promise is made to the event staff, now comes the job of getting the operators. I know, since we have notice in advance and members see dates like September or October, it seems like a long way off and you say, “I have lots of time to volunteer.”

I offer the following suggestions to those who are thinking about volunteering for events:

1. Check your calendar and **volunteer early**. You may think you have time but you have no idea what the recruiter is experiencing. He is depending on your help and the closer the time gets to the event, the more worried he becomes! Remember, the promise has been made to supply communications. We (the LVARC) do NOT want to look bad.
2. **Honor your commitment**. If you volunteer, be sure that you participate. Of course, there are emergencies but that goes for very event.
3. Consider **rearranging your schedule** to accommodate events. I personally have a standing job at church most Sundays but will change my schedule to help with Sunday ARES events.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to make these events are to work! To volunteer for the marathon, contact Bob House (WB3JSZ) at [bob.house@graceallentown.org](mailto:bob.house@graceallentown.org) and the Women’s 5K Classic, email Mark AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

**OPERATORS NEEDED For 2 EVENTS!**

**Operators are needed** for the *Women's 5K Classic* on Saturday, October 13, 2007 in the Little Lehigh Parkway. Although it seems like a long way off, 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. If willing to help with this event, contact Mark (AK3M).

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**Valley To Get First Marathon Since 1983 - de AK3M**

TNX to Bob House's (WB3JSZ) keen eye, he will be looking into the LVARC's participation in this event. Bob is going to head this effort and I will assist him if necessary. Solicitation of volunteers is the hardest part. To read about this event, see:

[http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-marathon-jun19-](http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-marathon-jun19-cn,0,1085502.story)

[cn,0,1085502.story](http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-marathon-jun19-cn,0,1085502.story). If you are interested in helping, contact Bob House at: [rshouse@ptd.net](mailto:rshouse@ptd.net) or call him at: **610-820-6282**. The event is scheduled for Sunday September 9, 2007 rain or shine !! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BOTH OF THESE EVENTS!**

**Give Bob your support!**





## “I Believe The Following” - de “Old 807”



1. Ohm's Law will never be repealed.
2. That ham radio can be a frugal hobby.
3. Bare-bones RADIO will come back again (I hope).
4. RF is no good if it is not in the AERIAL.
5. Bartering was once part of Ham Radio.
6. Transistors have replaced tubes.
7. Straight keys are overpriced.
8. CW will never die out.
9. Every ham should build some of his own gear.
10. That EPOXY can be cured or controlled.
11. Changes come faster than I can adjust.
12. Old gear is better than old age.
13. 13.8 v is safer than 500v.
14. Do no ariel work in Dec., Jan., or Feb.
15. A random ariel gives random results.
16. Homemade is the art form of ham radio.
17. Ugly radio is military gear.
18. Promote the hobby, be an Elmer, get a climber.
19. An 807 is more forgiving than a 6146.
20. Visitors are less welcome on contest nights.
21. A spare fuse might keep you in the contest.
22. When working rare DX, don't schmooze (RST, Name, QSL only).
23. When all else fails, read the manual.

“Old 807,” has pointed out an error in the August “Old 807” submission. The young man's name was **Philo** Farnsworth and not Philco. The editor apologizes. --- ed.

--- A clue from “Old 807” about his identity. He writes, “*I was once KL7AQC.*”

## 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.



## Simpsons and Ham

**Radio.** Seems like hams have gotten a reputation as nerds. Well, check the link below to view a funny spoof done on the Simpsons regarding our hobby.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPNTbksR4NM>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPNTbksR4NM>

## Odds 'n Ends

### Call Match Game ---

Have you upgraded and been issued a new call or have you a vanity call? Send your **old call** to me along with your name. In the next issue of the newsletter, I will make two lists, original calls and present calls and see how many you can match. Send your old call to Mark (AK3M) at [ak3m@rcn.com](mailto:ak3m@rcn.com).

### Brain Teaser ?

A boat is floating in the bay. Attached to the side of the boat is a 12 foot ladder. Each rung of the ladder is 1 foot apart. The tide is coming in at 1 foot per hour. How long will it take before the first 3 rungs of the ladder are under water? (answer at the bottom).

*School's Open*

*Drive Carefully*

**Answer:** As the boat is NOT anchored, it will rise with the tide as will the ladder. As a result, the ladder will **never** be covered with water.

## Technician Classes Scheduled for September!

The LVARC will be offering Technician classes over the September 7-9 weekend.

See page 13 for details.

### Upcoming LVARC Events

**Sunday**  
**September 9, 2007**  
**"New" LV Marathon**

**Saturday,**  
**October 13, 2007**  
**Women's 5K**  
**Classic**



**Technician  
Classes  
Scheduled**

***Get Your License In A Weekend?  
You bet!***

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club will be holding a weekend Technician class on September 7, 8 & 9, 2007. The class will be Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. LVARC VE's will be available to administer the Technician test on Sunday afternoon. This has been very successful in the past. The price for the class will be \$40 to \$45 which includes the book and all materials. For more information or to register for the class, contact Rod Wolfe (N3XG) at: [rjwolfe@rcn.com](mailto:rjwolfe@rcn.com).

**Calls Received In  
Record Time !**



Those who tested at the Friday July 20, 2007 test session (paperwork mailed Saturday July 21) received their calls on Tuesday July 24, 2007 !

**CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Roma (KB3PNB) and Dieter Kedrowitsch (KB3PNC).**

**Well done, LVARC VE Team, the ARRL, the FCC and the US postal service!**