

# 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 July 1, 2008 LVARC meeting will be held on  
July 1, 2008 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

Program: "Public Relations for Hams"  
Presenter: Brian (KW3K)



## 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 - 2008

<u>Month</u>		<u>Number of Check-In's</u>		<u>Number of Nets</u>
January		145		4
February		198		5
March		197		5
April		140		4
May		100		3



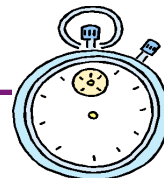
*"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."*

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)



## Minutes of the June 3, 2008 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) -- Recording Secretary



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1938 Hrs, (EST / EDST).

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Silent Keys.

There were a total of 16 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Robin (KB3GZV) and Walt (KE3SP).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None Noted

Motion by: Bruce – KA3TIU

Second by: Charlie – W3QXI

Carried (Y/N) Y

Guests: Don Horst – W3DLH

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,685.88

Ending Balance: \$3,759.55

Approved by: Dave – W3AMC

Second by: Walt – KE3SP

Carried: (Y/N) Y

### Committee Reports:

**Repeater:** Rod contacted Jeff Tapler who said the new repeater will be here June 11. Jeff Tapler will install the necessary software. The new repeater will hopefully be installed by next meeting. There are no the problems with the 146.94 repeater. The D-Star repeater is working well. The pc was upgraded. There was a world wide net a week ago. The repeater is connected to a N.Y. and N.J. repeater through the reflector.

**Program:** Phil reports that tonight's program will feature Paul (N0KIA). He will be reviewing the upcoming Field Day event. Next month will be Brian (KW3K). He will be doing a presentation on how to get information out to the public on amateur radio. As always, if you would like to present a program or have an idea for one, please contact Phil (KB3HMK).



**Volunteer Examiners:** Rod reported that four people tested for the month of May. Mike DePaolis (K3LKA) upgraded to Extra. Donna Bobo (KB3RFU), Benjamin Delp (KB3RFV) and Natasha Daurados (KB3RFW) became Technicians. Next VE test session will be June 20 at the Red Cross Building at 7 P.M. There will also be "Walk In" testing at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. on June 28 from 9 to 12.

**Field Day:** Paul read another simulated message regarding Field Day. More info to follow as the event gets closer. Paul is looking for help with Field Day. If interested, please contact Paul (NOKIA).

**Old Business:** Rod bought the Easy Up tent that was approved last year. The club got it at decent price. He also bought a wind screen for it. The tent will be used for club events and functions. There were several events for the month of May. Thank you to everyone who helped out. If you are not able to help with the events, try to listen to them on the repeater. This will give you an idea on how a controlled/directed net is run. The VIA marathon is scheduled for September [9/7]. The club will be hosting a special events station on September 27. Trexlertown Fire Company is dedicating new trucks and will be having a community day. The station will run from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**New Business:** Governor Rendell declared that June is Amateur Radio Month. Eric (WB3FPL) sent out a letter regarding the tower legislation for Pa. He encourages everyone to contact their Senators and tell them about Bill 884. Rod said that Field Day is approaching soon. Be prepared. There have been natural events happening around the world.

**New Members:** Don Horst (W3DLH) and Mike White (KB3QZL)

Motion by: Bruce – KA3TIU

Second by: Dave – W3AMC

Carried (Y/N) Y

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2008 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Bruce – KA3TIU

Second by: Bill – KA3RBH

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**

**Balance ending May, 2008 - \$ 3,759.55**



# LVARC / W3OI E-VOX

## This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July		1 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	2 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	3	4 July 4 	5
		8	9 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	10	11	12
		15	16 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	17	18 LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm	19
		22	23 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	24	25	26
		29	30	31	2008	
6	7 ARES RACES Net 7:30	13 Deadline to schedule test	14 ARES RACES Net 7:30	20	21 ARES RACES Net 7:30	27

**LVARC Meeting - Tuesday July 1 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co.**

**Test Session - Friday July 18 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.**



## LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Tuesday July 1 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co)

Friday July 4 --- Independence Day

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

Sunday July 13 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month

Monday July 14 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Friday July 18-- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Monday July 21 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Monday July 28 --- 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.



## License Upgrade and Call Change

Charlie Eckhart upgraded to General and changed his call from KB3FDM to **W3QXI**.

**CONGRATULATIONS Charlie!**



**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



## LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

Four tested at the May 16, 2008  
test session.

### CONGRATULATIONS to:

**Mike DePaolis (K3LKA)** - Extra  
**Benjamin Delp** - Technician  
**Natasha Daurados** - Technician  
**Donna Bobo** - Technician



VE's in attendance were **Mark** (AK3M), **Frank** (W3FTU) and **Walt** (KE3SP).

## Field Day 2008

For information on Field Day 2008, go to:  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>



### IMPORTANT

**Extra class** (Element 4) question pool will be released December, 2007 and will **become effective July 1, 2008**. The **current Amateur Extra question pool** will be valid until **June 30, 2008**.

### IMPORTANT

## New Hams Receive Calls In Record Time!

Those who tested at the May 16 test session received their calls on Tuesday May 20 ! In only four days and that included a weekend!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Donna Bobo** (KB3RFU), **Benjamin Delp** (KB3RFV), and **Natasha Daurados** (KB3RFW).

**Imponderable** - Why is a movie preview called a "trailer?"

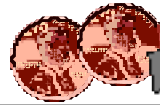


A personalized key fob from the ARRL. You can have your call on this leather fob for \$12.00. Item # AR38





**“My Two Cents”** ... de Mark (AK3M)



**EDITORIAL**

**Satellite Fragility?** [I am going to admit that my knowledge of the digital world is frighteningly lacking. I am hoping to invoke a response from someone much more knowledgeable than I in response to this editorial.] I wanted to use my GPS while my car was still in the garage. I could not connect to any satellites until I was in the driveway. If my wooden structured garage, my hand and clouds for that matter, can block a satellite signal, what chance do we as amateurs and even the US military, have for **reliable** satellite communications? I understand that the military uses satellite guidance on missiles. Satellite telephone is also in use. If my hand or a cloudy day can obstruct the signal to a satellite(s), do we really want to depend on that type of technology for communications? Personally, I will rely on my HF gear!

**IMPORTANT**



**WALK-IN TESTING** will once again, be available from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon ONLY**. No registration is necessary.

Testing will be held at the Tri-Clover Fire Company in Orefield, PA. on June 28, 2008.

Be sure to take a copy of your license if you plan to test.



**IMPORTANT**



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!**



## Upcoming LVARC Events

### June

\* **WALK-IN TESTING** - (June 28)

\* **Field Day** (June 28-29)

### September

\* **LVH - VIA Marathon**

(September 7)

\* **Community Preparedness Day**

(September 27)

## Another Successful ARES Event

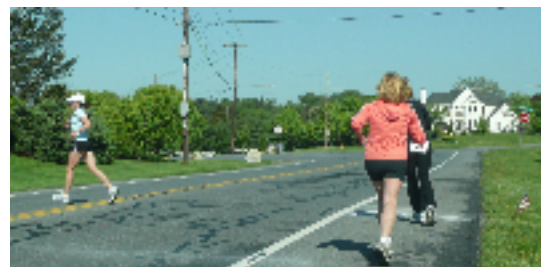


Saturday May 17 marked the second annual *St. Joseph The Worker 4 Mile and Family Fun Walk* in Orefield, Pa.

Communication support was

provided by the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club. The walk began at the church with 37 runners participating in the 4 mile run and 8 people walked the the abbreviated course. The weather was beautiful and the event staff was very pleased with our service. The club simplex frequency (147.420) was used for the entire event. The event went off without a hitch and no emergency situations were reported.

TNX to LVARC members **Craig** (N3TSY) at Net Control, **Mark** (AK3M), **Larry** (KB3MOY), **Don** (W3DLH), **Cricket** (KB3MOV) and **Jeff** (KB3OCP) . Below are a few pictures from the event.





*Show off your ham radio pride!*

## HAM Cap

Order No. 0014 – \$12.95

Black sandwich bill cap embroidered with HAM logo. Adjustable Velcro strap closure. One size fits most.



## HAM T-shirt

Order No. 0227 – \$12.95

Pre-shrunk black Hanes beefy-T with contrast stitching. HAM logo screen printed on left chest. Unisex sizes, small – 3XL.

*New!*



## HAM Sweatshirt

Order No. 0301 – \$34.95

1/4 zip heavyweight black sweatshirt with HAM logo embroidered on left chest. Twill-trimmed neck seam and brass metal zipper with leather pull. Unisex sizes, small – 3XL.

**Think the  
ARRL only  
sells books?**

Look at other items you can  
purchase from the ARRL.

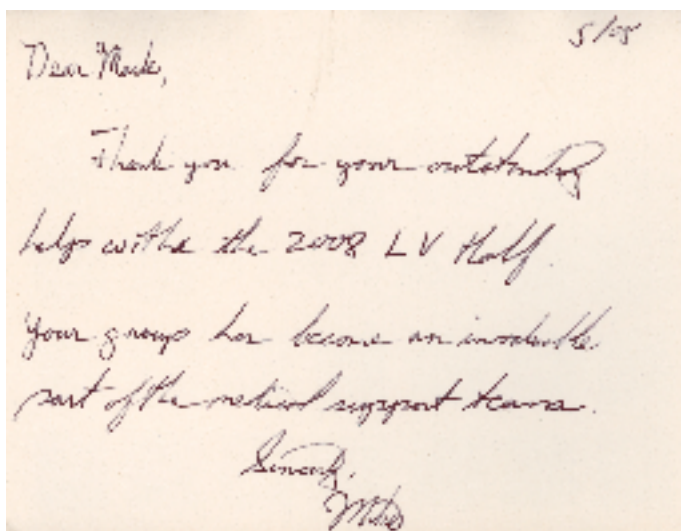
Something to think  
about for your next  
ARES event!



## ARES Magnetic Sign

Order No. 9413 – \$12.95

Perfect for use at public service and emergency communications support activities. Size 6 x 16-inches.



**A nice TNX letter  
from "Dr. Mike" for  
our help with the 1/2  
marathon**



## Help Needed - de Mark (AK3M)



The Lehigh Valley Hospital and Via of the Lehigh Valley are again holding their Marathon on **September 7, 2008**. **MANY** operators will be needed as this is a 26 mile course. **Don't wait until the day before the event to volunteer your communications expertise!**

Mark your calendar and if you can find a few hours to help, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com). **Your help is ESSENTIAL !**



## LVARC Purchases Gazebo

(de Rod Wolfe (N3XG))

We have purchased a Quest 10 x 10 Easy Up Gazebo with the additional wind screen add-on. The Gazebo was on sale at Dick's Sporting Goods for 59.95, it lists on their web site for \$149.99.



**A**re you confused about the announcements that the ARRL made in Dayton, on the ARRL website and in the July 2008 QST magazine that the American Red Cross background check issue is resolved?

The issue is not yet resolved -- yet, there is good news that it is much closer than it has been. It is still a work-in-progress.



There are still some pitfalls with the current background investigation consent form being used for these background checks. *[More as the information becomes available.]*



## Announcing the ARRL New England Division Convention



The 2008 edition of the ARRL New England Division Convention, fondly known as **Borxboro**, will be held August 22 - 24, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

A great program is being planned. We are pleased to announce that the ARRL First Vice President **Kay Craigie**, N3KN will be in attendance. Here is your opportunity to meet Kay first hand at the ARRL Forums. She will be our guest of honor and keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Order your banquet tickets early as the seating is limited!

We are also pleased to announce the return of QCWA President, **John Johnston** W3BE. John brings his 27 years of regulatory work with the FCC to bear in his ever popular talk "What the Rules Say".

The latest updates, online ticketing and general information can be found at <http://www.borxboro.org>.

The Borxboro Holiday Inn, located at the junction of Routes 111 and 495 in Massachusetts, will again open its doors to the Amateur Radio community with its spacious parking and comfortable accommodations. Hotel information is available through the Borxboro.org website. Room rates are reduced for this year, be sure to ask for the "Borxboro Ham Radio Convention Rate" when making your reservations.

We hope to see you there!

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Prize Chair

## Nice Gift for Yourself or Others

Don (W3DLH) has found a site for personalized caps. He designed the one to the right and will offer his design or you can design your own. If interested in using his design with your call, contact Don ([dhorst@ptd.net](mailto:dhorst@ptd.net)). You can visit the cap site at: <http://www.VistaPrint.com/hat>

