

# 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)

**W3OI Home Page: <http://www.w3oi.org>**





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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 March, 2008 LVARC meeting will be held on  
March 4, 2008 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

Program: "BPL, The Other Side"  
Presenter: John (KB3PJO)



## 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

Month

January



Number of  
Check-In's

145



Number of  
Nets

4

**Lehigh County EMA Site**  
(RACES Application Link is On This Site)

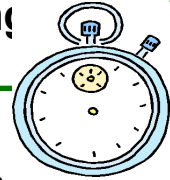


<http://www.lehighcounty.org/ema/em.cfm>



## Minutes of the February 5, 2008 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Rod (N3XG) in Phil's Absence



The February meeting of the LVARC / W3OI was called to order by President Wolfe at 19:30 EST, on February 5, 2008. The following board members were in attendance: President Wolfe, Treasurer Ryan, Board Members Robin Gable, Walt Snyder, Larry Snyder, and Frank Unger. There were 20 members in attendance and the club welcomed 3 guests. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

There were no corrections or additions to the January minutes as printed in the EVOX and the minutes stood approved.

NOKIA read the treasure's report and indicated we started February with a balance of 3,834.90. A motion from Larry KN3L accepted the treasures report and Walt KE3SP made a second to the motion with all in favor.

President Wolfe reported on the "white noise" that people are hearing on the 135 repeater pair. That is the sound of the D-Star repeater, which is currently operating on the same pair from the same site. The D-Star repeater will be moving to a different frequency pair, for the 2-meter repeater only.

Phil was out with illness and sent in a program report to N3XG. President Wolfe reported for Phil that the club would be having a dinner get together at the Old Country Buffet in Whitehall, starting at 1800 hours on February 27 (a Wednesday night). Tonight's program will be Rodney N3XG with a demonstration on the D-Star digital mode. Next month (March), John KB3PJO will be presenting the "other side of BPL".

The VE report was also sent into N3XG due to a work commitment on the part of Mark AK3M. Mark reported that at the January test session there was one new license earned and two upgrades. The club wishes to congratulate Brian Snyder (a KE3SP harmonic) for earning the call sign KB3QHA, and congratulations to both Brian KB3PJP and Malcolm KG4ANI for upgrading to Extra Class. It was also mentioned that Malcolm drove from Maryland to take his upgrade at our test session.



## Old Business

President Wolfe reported that the Board held their annual meeting at his QTH on January 11. The board reviewed several fund raising items. We will again have a table at the Cherryhill ham fest, however, this year we will not accept computers or computer related items. They simply do not sell. There will also be a sandwich sale in the spring of 2008. The board discussed the purchase of a cache of durable vests for wearing at events. The vests would be highway safety orange in color and indicate "communications". The vests would then be issued to members that make multiple events throughout the year. On the subject of events it was decided that the club needed a procedure to assist members in organizing events. There is a working group that has formed for the purpose of developing a Standard Operating Guideline / Procedure and will post the finalized version of the SOG on the Yahoo Group.

There will be weather drill on March 13.

The hoagie sale will be May 13, which is the pick up date (night) for delivery on Wednesday's lunch. More information as we get closer to the date.

## New Business

President Wolfe introduced a proposed change to the Bylaws. President Wolfe presented a change in the way the members are defined and accepted into the club. There was much discussion on this proposal, and President Wolfe reminded everyone to carefully read and consider the wording of the change, as it needs to be read twice and printed once, prior to a vote.

Under Good of the Order, Ike N3IK informed the club members of the FISTS organization, that is for code enthusiasts, and for those that wish to learn more and become more proficient in the code.

Bruce KA3TIU made a motion to close the meeting, and Larry KN3L made a second with all in favor. The meeting closed at 2035 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Wolfe, N3XG  
President, LVARC

**\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$**  
**Balance ending January, 2008 - \$ 3,834.90**



# **LVARC / W3OI** **E-VOX**

## **This Month In Ham Radio**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>March</b> 2008						<b>1</b> ARRL Int DX Contest (Phone)
<b>2</b> ARRL Int DX Contest (Phone)	<b>3</b> ARES RACES Net 7:30	<b>4</b> LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	<b>5</b> Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> EA PSK31 Contest
<b>9</b> Deadline to schedule test Turn clocks <b>AHEAD 1 hr.</b>	<b>10</b> ARES RACES Net 7:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Skywarn Training (See p.8) 	<b>13</b>  Weather Emergency Preparedness Exercise	<b>14</b> LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm <b>SARL VHF/UHF Contest</b>	<b>15</b> Russian DX Contest
<b>16</b> SARL VHF/UHF Contest Russian DX Contest	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day ARES RACES Net 7:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	<b>20</b> First Day of Spring 	<b>21</b> Good Friday	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  Easter	<b>24</b> ARES RACES Net 7:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
<b>30</b> CQ WW WPX SSB Contest	<b>31</b> ARES RACES Net 7:30	<b>Due to the Easter holiday, the March test session will be held on Friday March 14, 2008.</b>				

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

**Test Session - Friday March 14 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Bldg.**



## LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday March 3 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Tuesday March 4 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm (Tri-Clover Fire Co.)  
 Sunday March 9 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month  
 Monday March 10 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Wednesday March 12 --- SkyWarn Training  
 Friday March 14-- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)  
 Monday March 17 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Monday March 24 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
 Monday March 31 --- 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.

Frank will again be selling LVARC items at the Cherryville hamfest this April 5. Please contact Frank (W3FTU) if you have something to donate. Please, **no computer equipment.**

**NOW AVAILABLE** - Six years of the newsletter (2002-2007) on a CD in .pdf format. Contact Mark (AK3M) if interested in getting your FREE copy.



**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)

Three tested at the January 18, 2008 test session. **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

**Brian Snyder --- Technician**  
**Brian Klock (KB3PJP) --- Extra**  
**Malcolm Beckett (KG4ANI) --- Extra**

LVARC  
VE  
Program



VE's in attendance were **Frank** (W3FTU), **Bob** (WB3W) and **Tim** (WZ3T).

\*\*\*\* Malcolm came from **Maryland** for our test session! \*\*\*\*

**IMPORTANT -- Due to the Easter holiday, the March test session will be held on Friday March 14, 2008.**

## Skywarn Spotter Class Hosted by Whitehall Emergency Management



March 12, 2008  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Whitehall Fire Training Site

Class Size limited, Registration necessary  
Call Curt Walbert  
610-433-6538

**A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.**



There will be a social/dining gathering at the Old Country Buffet on **Wednesday February 27, 2008 at 6:00 pm**. Plan to attend!

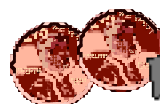
Old  
Country  
Buffet

**Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD after 2:00 am Sunday March 9.**





“My Two Cents” ... de Mark (AK3M)



EDITORIAL

## A TNX Letter from the LV Hospital



Lehigh Valley Hospital  
Child Life Department  
1200 South Cedar Crest Blvd  
Allentown, PA 18114  
610-402-6712

January 14, 2008

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club  
C/O Mark Miller  
5508 Halo Ave  
Bethlehem, PA 18107

Dear 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 visiting the patients with Santa calling in from the "North Pole" again this year. Your visit once again 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. Child Life's 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 Gramm - Mackey, CCLS  
Child Life Specialist





## Upcoming LVARC Events

### February

- \* Dinner at The Old Country Buffet  
(Feb. 27) - 6:00 pm

### March

- \* SkyWarn Training  
(March 12) - See p. 8

- \* WX Drill (March 13)

### April

- \* LV 1/2 Marathon (April 27)

### June

- \* Field Day (June 28-29)

## Odds 'n Ends

### 2008 Dues are Due

(Last month to pay 2008 dues)

Dues for 2008 are being accepted. The dues have not been raised in many years. **LVARC dues are \$17.00.** Payment can be sent to Paul (NOKIA) via:

1. The club's website using PayPal
2. U.S. Mail
3. At a meeting



Robin (KB3GZV), as the LVARC's historian, is looking for LVARC information for the archives. If you have narratives, pictures etc., send to Robin at: [kb3gzw@arri.net](mailto:kb3gzw@arri.net).

## Field Day, 2008

Its not too early to think about Field Day, 2008! Paul (NOKIA) is this year's Field Day chairman and he has a plan for FD, 2008! Information will be revealed at a meeting, in the newsletter and/or on the net. Field Day will be June 28-29, 2008.

**WALK-IN TESTING** will once again, be available at the Field Day site from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon ONLY**. Testing will be done at the Tri-Clover Fire Company in Orefield, PA.



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



St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic. --- Adrienne Cook

## FOR SALE - de Dick Dech (KA3MOU)

I received a list of 20 items to sell from Ruth Jennings. These items are from her late husband Earle (WA3AWX).

1. Kenwood HF Transceiver Model TS - 940 S
2. Kenwood Station Monitor Model SM 220 Scope
3. Kenwood SSB Transceiver Model TS 520
4. Hallicrafters SX 99 Receiver
5. Hallicrafters SX 115 Receiver
6. MFJ Keyboard for Code
7. CW Transmitter and Receiver for Code
8. Antenna Switch
9. Clegg 2 Meter Radio
10. 10 A Power Supply
11. Speakers
12. 2 Handheld Kenwood Radios
13. 2500 - 2600
14. Keyers
15. Microphone MC 48B/48
16. Printer for Apple Computer
17. Other Miscellaneous Accessories
18. Radio Books
19. Computer Books
20. Fold Down Outdoor 3 Legged Antenna Appox 40 FT. High With Antenna



If interested in any of these items contact Ruth Jennings to make and appointment at (610) 588 - 1735

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!**



## 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.



### From The ARRL Store

**The ARRL DXCC List**  
*February 2008 Edition*



(ISBN:  
0-87259-121-2) #1212  
\$5.95

### "Radio Rescue"

by Lynne Barasch

An easy-to-read and colorfully illustrated children's book. Parents and grandparents will enjoy reading this book to youngsters.



(ISBN:  
0-374-36166-5) #9217  
\$17.00



### VE Forms Available

de Mark (AK3M)

I have created the 5 major VE forms on disk in pdf with **notes included**. If you want to review the forms used at a test session, contact Mark (AK3M)



A **BIG TNX** to Jeff (N3MFT) and Chris (N3RPV) for dedicating their Saturday (1/19/08) and the January meetingm (2008), to take the pictures for and creating the RACES ID cards!



**Brian Snyder** received his call on Friday January 25, 2008. CONGRATULATIONS to **KB3QHA** !



## New EPA SEC Appointed



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the LVARC's own Bob Weisman (WB3W)! Bob has been appointed the new EPA Section Emergency Coordinator.

Effective January 18, 2008 Bob Wiseman, WB3W has been appointed the Section Emergency Coordinator for the Eastern Pennsylvania Section. Bob has been serving as the EPA District 2 Emergency Coordinator where he has been doing an outstanding job. Bob is an exceptional addition to the EPA Section Cabinet. Congratulations to Bob. Bob's e-mail address is [wb3w@wb3w.net](mailto:wb3w@wb3w.net).

Bob succeeds Al Rabenau, W3AHR who resigned for personal reasons. Many Thanks to Al for his service.

73,  
Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL  
S.M. E.PA.



**A Message from Bob (WB3W)** ----- I guess you have all seen the announcement that I have been appointed as the new SEC for EPA.

It is going to be a challenging task, and I hope I can get the same kind of enthusiasm you guys have shown here in District 2 throughout the rest of the DEC's, EC's and AEC's in the District.

In the meantime, we will be needing a new DEC for District 2. If any of you are interested or know of someone else interested please contact me at [wb3w@wb3w.net](mailto:wb3w@wb3w.net).

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

**LV 1/2 Marathon** will be held on Sunday April 27, 2008. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Contact Mark (AK3M) to help.





**CONGRATULATIONS** to Paul (N0KIA) District 2  
Emergency Coordinator ! Paul replaces Bob (WB3W)  
who is now the new EPA Section Emergency Coordinator.

**top news**

## Hamfest

I am the chairperson for the Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club Tailgate Hamfest. We will be holding our annual TailGate Party on April 5, 2008.

Jeff Harshman, N2LXM --- Hamfest Chairperson -- n2lxm@arrl.net --- 732-996-0637

Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club - N2MO Tailgate Hamfest -- April 5, 2008

Location: Infoage Learning Center

Project Diana Site (Former Camp Evans Complex)

Marconi Road, Wall Township, NJ

Talk-In 145.110(-600, PL 127.3), 146.520 simplex

GPS Coordinates N 40 11.70 W074 03.390

Sellers \$10:00 per space (outside only), Buyers \$5.00 per car --- Free Parking



## Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club --- Proposed change to the BYLAWS

*Current version:*

ARTICLE I – Membership

Section 1. – Qualifications

C. To be an active member one must hold an amateur license and is a current member.

D. To be an associate member, it is not necessary to hold an amateur license.

*Proposed change:*

C. To be an associate member, one must be current of dues and have been voted into the club by majority vote at time of membership application. Associate members need not hold an amateur license.

D. To be an active member, one must be current of dues and have been voted into the active membership by majority vote after attending no less than two club meetings within any 12-month period after acceptance as an associate member. Active members must hold a valid amateur license issued by the FCC.

Submitted to Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Published in EVOX: \_\_\_\_\_

Voted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amended: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_