

# The **E-VOX**

## The Official **On-Line** Newsletter of the



## **L**ehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - **W3OI**



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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 !*

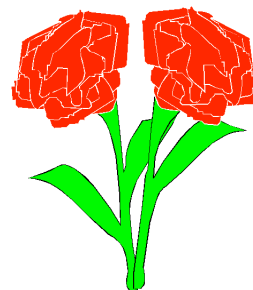
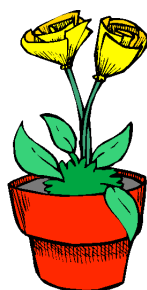
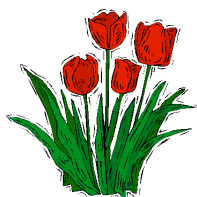


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Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M)  
at **AK3M@rcn.com**

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The May, 2008 LVARC meeting will be held on  
May 6, 2008 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

Program: "What You Should Have In Your Emergency Go Kit"  
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

#### Month



#### Number of Check-In's



#### Number of Nets

January  
February

145  
198

4  
5

**The LVARC Welcomes New Members** - The LVARC welcomes  
Robert Eustice Sr. (KB3QLF), Terry Kern (KB3QKS), Keith Easley  
(KA3WNT) and Charlie Zimmerman (N3WXO) as new members.

As of this newsletter edition, the LVARC VE program has tested  
110 people. **KUDOS LVARC VE Team !!!**



## Minutes of the April 1 , 2008 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK) -- Recording Secretary



The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ryan at 1940 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 21 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 4 guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (NOKIA), Frank (W3FTU), Robin (KB3GZV) and Walt (KE3SP).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: Bruce - KA3TIU

Second by: Bill - KA3RBH

Carried (Y/N) Y

**Guests:** Keith Easley - KA3WNT

Robert Eustice Sr. - KB3QLF

Brian Eckert - W3SG

Don Horst - KB3IVZ

**Treasurer's Report** (Paul - NOKIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,816.84

Ending Balance: \$3,605.57

Approved by: Carl - AA3IX

Second by: Walt - KE3SP

Carried: (Y/N) Y

### **Committee Reports:**

**Repeater:** The D-Star internet gateway is set up and running at WB3W's residence. It has world wide internet connection. There has been some minor keying up. Other than that, there are no real problems to report.

**Program:** Phil reports that tonight's program is called "Show & Tell Night". Paul (NOKIA) will be the emcee for the event. Next month's program features Brian (KW3K). He will be presenting a program on "What you should have in your Emergency Go Kit." As always, if you have an idea or would like to do a program, please contact Phil (KB3HMK).

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**Volunteer Examiners:** Phil reported in Mark's absence. Three people tested in March. They are Don Horst (KB3IVZ) who upgraded to general. Jonathan Tobias (KB3QVF) and Kristi Wagner (KB3QVG) both earned their technician license. Congratulations to them. The next test session is April 18.

**Field Day:** The field day site will be announced the week of the event.

**Fund Raising:** Frank (W3FTU) reports that this is the last week to donate items for the Cherryville Hamfest. Please contact Frank before this Saturday if you have anything.

**Old Business:** The weather drill that was in March went very well. The radio club that helps out with the Armed Forces Day Parade in Reading is looking for volunteers. The date is May 17. Contact Don (WA1ELA) if you would like to help out.

Mark is still looking for help with the Lehigh Valley \_ Marathon on April 27. If interested, please contact AK3M. The hoagie sale will be May 13. More info to follow. There are some hamfests coming up. This Saturday is the Cherryville Hamfest. Warminster ARC is having there hamfest on May 4. Virginia's Manassas Hamfest will be June 8.

**New Business:** The new repeater has been ordered. It should be delivered in 2 weeks.

**New Members:** Robert Eustice Sr. – KB3QLF  
Terry Kern – KB3QKS  
Keith Easley – KA3WNT  
Charlie Zimmerman – N3WXO

Motion by: Bruce – KA3TIU  
Second by: Dave – W3AMC  
Carried (Y/N) Y

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

Motion by: Jeff – KB3OCP  
Second by: Brian – KB3QHA  
In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

<b>\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$</b>	
<b>Balance ending March, 2008 - \$ 3,605.57</b>	

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## **This Month In Ham Radio**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2008</b>				1	2	3 10-10 Int. Spring CW Contest  Ind./NE QSO Party
				8	9	10 FISTS Spring Sprint
4 10-10 Int. Spring CW Contest  Ind./NE QSO Party	5 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	6 <b>LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30</b>	7 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255</b>			
11 <b>Deadline to schedule test</b>	12 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	13	14 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255</b>	15	16 <b>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</b>	17 CQ WW WPX CW Contest
18	19 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	20	21 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255</b>	22	23	24
25	26 <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b>	27	28 <b>Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255</b>	29	30	31

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

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



## LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



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

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

**Sunday May 11 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month**

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

**Friday May 16-- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

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

**Monday May 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.

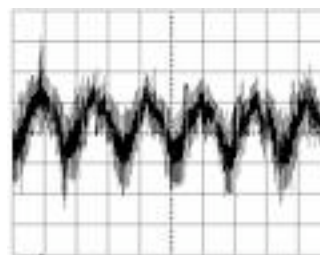
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!** Registration must be made no later than the Sunday before the Friday test session.



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

## Have Noise In Your Shack???

Contact **John (KB3PJO)**. He has offered use of his equipment for noise finding. He has a spectrum analyzer, antennas, RFI detection equipment, etc. He would like to offer (to W3OI club members) assistance if they have a pesky noise problem that they may not have been able to track down previously.



**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



## LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

Three tested at the March 15, 2008 test session. **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

**Don Horst (KB3IVZ)** --- General  
**Jonathan Tobias** - Technician  
**Kristi Wagner** - Technician

LVARC  
VE  
Program



VE's in attendance were **Frank** (W3FTU) and **Larry** (NR3R).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who tested on March 15, 2008. **Jonathan** is now **KB3QVF** and **Kristi** is **KB3QVG**. They received their calls on March 24, 2008.

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



## Field Day 2008

For information on Field Day 2008, go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>



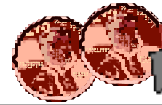
## EPA District 2 News - de Bob (WB3W)

There is now a new UHF repeater available for ARES in this area -  
- It is located on the Blue Mountain above Palmerton, PA with a frequency of 449.375 (-) and a PL of 100.0





**“My Two Cents”** ... de Mark (AK3M)



**EDITORIAL**

**“It’s In The Newsletter”** Every month, I try to make the LVARC newsletter, entertaining and informative but that doesn’t happen if it isn’t read. Frequently I hear on the air, “When is that meeting,” or “When is the \_\_\_ event,” or “What is the PL for \_\_\_,?” etc. I go to several sources to get contest information and LVARC activities which are presented in several ways in the newsletter. There is a calendar and a text narrative, all suitable for printing and posting in your shack or on the refrigerator.

The newsletter is available online and each month I send via U.S. mail, six hard copies to members and agency personell who do not have internet access. In addition, test sessions and LVARC activities are announced at meetings, the LVARC Yahoo site and on the Monday night nets. There is **NO** reason to remain in the dark about LVARC events and information and ham radio contests.

**Anyone** is invited to send me information for inclusion in the newsletter. Submissions can be U.S. and emailed to me. It can be in any format. I will accept text, pictures or graphics (scanned are ok too). If you have information regarding an activitiy, event or article about the LVARC or ham radio in general, feel free to send it to me - Mark (AK3M).

**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 test.*

**“Real hams turn knobs!”**



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

### April

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

### May

- \* Hoagie Sale (May 13)

### June

- \* Field Day (June 28-29)



**More 50'sTV shows/characters**  
(see page 11 of the April, 2008.  
issue) - (de NR3R)

**Hoagie  
sale  
this  
month**



"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."  
--- *Anne Bradstreet* (1612 - 1672)

**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.**



## Lehigh County RACES Activated

Lehigh County RACES was activated on Sunday March 9, 2008 due to massive power outages in the western part of the county.

The Red Cross opened two shelters to house county residents who were unable to remain in their homes because of having no lights and heat.

One shelter was in Orefield and manned by Paul (N0KIA) and Bob (WB3JSZ), the second was in located in the community Center in Lower Macungie and was staffed by Bob (KE3AW) and Mark (AK3M).



RACES/Red Cross members at the Lower Macungie Township building (right)



## From the ARRL "Bookshelf"

### World War II Radio Heroes:

#### Letters of Compassion

-- by Lisa Spahr

**WWII Radio Heroes: Letters of Compassion** is a story about ham radio operators and others alerting families of POWs during a time of war. The book features more than 30 letters and postcards sent to the author's family in 1943, notifying them of her grandfather's capture and status as a prisoner of war. Upon discovering these letters, Ms. Spahr, began researching the people who did this, and why, and reached out to find them or their next of kin, more than 60 years after the fact. Her journey is detailed in **WWII Radio Heroes**. 76 pages. © 2008, Intrigue Publishing (ISBN: 978-0-9762181) #1268 -- \$15.95

