



The **E-VOX**

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LVARC Repeaters

146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)
147.735/147.135 (PL 167.9)
447.775 (PL 71.9)
Club Simplex Freq. - 147.420

LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

Every Monday at 7:30 (ET)
146.940 (PL 71.9)

D-Star






KB3SVY Dstar repeaters are now on 147.165 (plus offset of 600 Khz) and 445.025 (minus offset of 5 Mhz).

Join us for a Mid-Atlantic regional net the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month on the 147.165 port

To register for the Gateway or need information on setting up the radio, please visit
<http://www.epaares.org/dstar/>

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 July, 2009 LVARC meeting will be held
on July 7, 2009 at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. at 7:30 pm.

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 - 2009

<u>Month</u>		<u>Number of Check-In's</u>		<u>Number of Nets</u>
January		150		4
February		161		4
March		173		5
April		146		4
May		99		3

Get Your License In Time for Field Day, 2009 !

The LVARC's regularly scheduled test session will be
June 19, just in time for Field Day which is June 27 & 28, 2009.



Don't forget to send COPIES of any of
your NIMS certificates to Mark (AK3M).

Customer: "Why is your thumb on my steak?"
Waiter: "I didn't want it to fall off the plate again."



Minutes of the June 2, 2009 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1933 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 23 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Mark (AK3M), Robin (KB3GZV) and Brian (KW3K).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: KB3LOD – Mike

Second by: KB3QZL – Mike

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report: (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,100.37

Ending Balance: \$3,103.69

Approved by: W3DLH – Don

Second by: AA3IX – Carl

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: The club received the callsign for D-Star repeater. It is KB3SYV. It sounds like Northampton County's power amps are interfering with the 94 repeater. Jeff will look into it. The UHF will be and running when we receive funding from Lehigh County

Program: Phil reports that tonight is tour of the new EOC and comm. Center. He will let the members know what next months program will be. As always, Phil is looking for programs. If you have an idea or would like to do a program, let him know.

Volunteer Examiners: Mark reports that at the May 15 test session, 4 tested and 2 passed. Congratulations to Howard Miller (KB3RTB) who earned his Extra and Michael Kramer, a new Technician. His call sign is KB3SYE. Also, Mark needs help from the club V.E.'s. There is a special test session on October 10, 2009 from 4 to 8. Contact Mark (AK3M) if your available

Field Day: Field day will be June 27, 2009 and June 28, 2009. It will on Huckleberry Ridge in S. Whitehall Twp. Set up will begin between 1030 and 1100. Anyone interested in helping, contact Rod (N3XG).

Old Business: The W3OI ARES guidelines will be posted on the Yahoo newsgroup. Please read them and send Rod your thoughts or comments. There will be a copy at field day to look over. Riley Hollingsworth will be at Lehigh University on July 9, 2009. W3OK is sponsoring this event. For more info, go to W3OK's website.

New Business: The Woman's 5k run will be October 10, 2009. Contact Mark (AK3M) if you are available. Mark thanked the members who helped out with the St. Joe the Worker Walk-a-thon. Community Preparedness Day will be September 19. The new location will be the Pa. Expo Center.

Good of Order: Bruce (KA3TIU) recently had some medical problems. He is doing better and resting at home. Margo (N3RDI) is doing better. She is walking again and doing better. Ike (N3IK) is doing a little better. He is still at home. If you hear any of these members on the repeater, give them a shout and say, "Hi."

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 1956 hrs, EST.

Motion by: KW3K – Brian

Second by: W3AMC – Dave

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

Note: The June 2 meeting was held at the new L.C. EOC., in downtown Allentown. TNX to Tom Nervine (L.C. EMA Director) for arranging this visit and tour of the L.C. 911 Center !




The Lehigh County Office of Emergency Management has moved to:

**640 Hamilton Street
8th Floor
Allentown, PA**

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending May, 2009 - \$ 3,103.69	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2009			1	2	3	4 
			5	6 ARES RACES Net 7:30	7 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	8 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255
9	10	11	12 Deadline to schedule test	13 ARES RACES Net 7:30	14	15 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255
16	17 LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm	18	19	20 ARES RACES Net 7:30	21	22 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255
23	24	25	26	27 ARES RACES Net 7:30	28	29 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255
30	31					

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday July 9 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co.

Test Session - Friday July 17 - 7:00 pm - Rd Cross Building

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday July 6 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday July 7 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm - TriClover
Sunday July 12 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month
Monday July 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday July 17 -- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Monday July 20 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday July 27 --- 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.

LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

At the May 15, 2009 test session, 4 tested and 2 passed. Congratulations to **Howard Miller (KB3RTB)** who earned his Extra and **Michael Kramer**, a new Technician.



VE's in attendance were Walt (KE3SP) and Frank (W3FTU)

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.

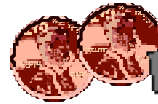
Test sessions are given the 3rd Friday of each month.

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.



Have an article, diagram or an opinion you would like to share with the LVARC members in this 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!**



KUDOS to the LVARC ARES Operators !

After the “St. Joseph The Worker 4 Miler Run,” I was reviewing the event and deciding what to write for the newsletter. It occurred to me that we are all pretty much aware of what we do as operators for an ARES event but what about the personal side of our job? We are, of course, people first, then ham operators. After all, we all were people many years before we became hams. It is impossible for us to forget our personal side and it shows in our behavior as communications support operators for an event. After the 4-mile Run, I noticed “Above and Beyond,” actions by our operators. Don (W3DLH), for one, waited until all runners had passed his position and on his own, acted as a “sweep” vehicle to be sure that no one was left behind. In addition, he picked up all the water cups which were left in the street on the course! He could have left his position for home but decided to go beyond his communications duty.

I only use Don as an example because his actions are fresh in my mind but this kind of behavior happens all the time and it reflects the character of our operators. When we participate in a “non-charitable,” event like the 1/2 marathon, I am frequently asked about the “stragglers?” When we do participate in those kind of activities, usually, we are dismissed after the majority of the runners finish. This is difficult for our operators who are people first. When we participate in a, “charitable,” event, we see the caring side of our operators.

I am very very proud of our ARES operators !!! The character and behavior of these people/operators is good for our hobby, club as it shows what kind of people become hams!!!

REMEMBER:

Registration for the monthly test session, must be made NO LATER THAN THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE TEST!



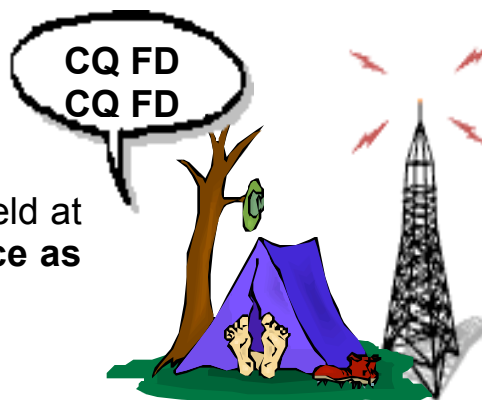
**Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com
or call 610-865-9183**

LVARC Shorts



FIELD DAY, 2009!

Field Day, 2009 will once again be held at the **Huckleberry site**, the **same place as last year**. Mark your calendar for June 27 & 28, 2009.



St. Joseph The Worker 4-Miler Run

St. Joseph The Worker 4-Mile Run and Walk was held on Saturday May 16, 2009. Despite the overcast morning, more than 70 people participated in this event. The LVARC provided communications support for this event. TNX goes to **Paul (N0KIA)**, **Mark (AK3M)**, **Don (W3DLH)**, **Jeff (KB3OCP)** and **Terry (KB3QKS)**. Special TNX to Paul (N0KIA) who replaced Mark as NCS who wanted to be a "field operator." Also, a special TNX to Terry (KB3QKS) who showed up unexpectedly but who was needed to fill a vacant position.



NEW

VE's NEEDED: There will be a special test session on October 10, 2009. Many VE's will be needed as we are expecting 20 or more to attend. Please note that this will NOT interfere with the Women's 5K scheduled for the morning on the same date. You CAN participate in BOTH activities that day. More information to follow in August EVOX.

Contact Mark (AK3M) if you are available to help.



Suggested Field Day Gear

Amateur Radio

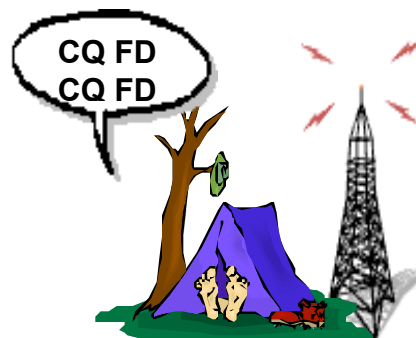
- _____ HF radio
- _____ AC Outlet strip(s)
- _____ spare fuses
- _____ power supply
- _____ key (telegraph)
- _____ headphones
- _____ antenna(s)
- _____ appropriate RF connectors
- _____ tools
- _____ HT
- _____ spare batteries
- _____ AC extension cord(s)
- _____ antenna tuner

General Supplies

- _____ flashlight/lantern
- _____ paper (pads)
- _____ clock/watch
- _____ pencils/pens
- _____ AC desk lamp for night operation

Personal Gear

- _____ folding chair
- _____ sleeping bag
- _____ pillow
- _____ sunglasses
- _____ appropriate clothing
- _____ snacks
- _____ book/magazine
- _____ personal toilet items
- _____ cell phone
- _____ eating utensils/cup
- _____ tent
- _____ duct tape
- _____ bug spray



Other supplies/gear

Riley Hollingsworth to Visit the Lehigh Valley

This is an invitation to you, your club members, XYLs , YLs, and interested friends.

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC), Nazareth, PA, will present "An Evening with Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, on July 9, 2009, at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

We take this opportunity to contact you with the attached announcement for your club members' awareness. It includes details for obtaining tickets and directions to the event.

Please share the announcement via your website, nets, newsletter, and at meetings, etc. It will be appreciated. We hope to see many of you at Lehigh University in July!

Lehigh University - Packard Laboratory Building
July 9, 2009 7:30 pm.

Tickets - Advance sale \$3.00
At the Door \$5.00

Note: Riley's speeches usually sell out. Advance Tickets are available.

Advance Ticket are available by mail.
Send Check and Self Addressed #10 (4" X 9") envelope to:
DLARC
P.O. Box 3026
Easton, PA. 18043-3026

Talk in Frequency - 146.700 (+) PL 151.4
Information & Maps at: www.dlarc.org

Any additional Information contact:
ke3aw@arrl.net
610-432-8286



CONGRATULATIONS to **Michael Kramer** who tested on Friday May 15, 2009. He received his call on Tuesday May 19, 2009 with the call **KB3SYE**. To put the time frame in perspective, the test was mailed Saturday morning after the Friday test via US priority mail. His call was posted **only 4 days later**. That includes a two day weekend! Kudos to the ARRL and their VE service!



HELP IS NEEDED - for the Lehigh Valley Hospital's marathon in September. Seems like a long way off but your cooperation and commitment is needed early. Mark your calendar for **Sunday September 13, 2009**. There is a different procedure this year. If you plan to help, you must (1) let me know and (2) you must register at:

<http://www.vianet.org/events/marathon/registration/volunteer.shtml> and in the special request section write, "Radio Operator."

Upcoming LVARC 2009 Events

June ----- Field Day (6/27 - 6/28)

September --- LVH Marathon (9/13)

September 19 --- Community Preparedness Day

October --- Women's 5K (10 17)

October ----- Special Test Session (10/17)

December --- Operation Ho Ho (TBA)

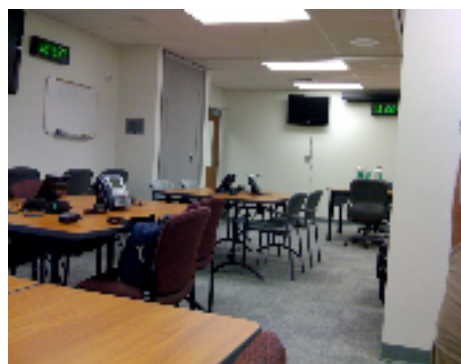
I am looking
forward to
helping with all
those events !



THE NEW LEHIGH COUNTY EOC



The June 2, 2009 LVARC meeting was held at Lehigh County's **NEW** EOC! Tom Nervine graciously allowed LVARC members the opportunity to use the county's new meeting room for our business meeting which was followed by a tour of the L.C. 911 Center. TNX Tom for the tour !!! Below are some pictures of the meeting room. Pictures of the 911 center were not allowed. Note the scenic view of Allentown. Quite a change from the old EOC site!



KB3SYV ???

Yes, you read right. This is the LVARC's **NEW CLUB CALL**. In addition to the traditional W3OI call, the LVARC now has a second call - KB3SYV. This call will be used for Field Day, D-Star, events etc.

