



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



W3OI 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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October is a busy month !!!



Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com
Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The October, 2009 LVARC meeting will be held on October 6, 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
June	165	4
July	136	4
August	148	5



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

Minutes of the September, 2009 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK)



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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

There were a total of 19 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Craig (N3TSY), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), Robin (KB3GZV) and Brian (KW3K).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: One correction noted

Motion by: Dave – W3AMC
Second by: Brent – KB3QER
Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report:: (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,042.75
Ending Balance: \$3,039.70
Approved by: Bruce – KA3TIU
Second by: Craig – N3TSY
Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: The 146.94 repeater is down. The power supply was damaged during a recent storm. There is no timeline on when it will be fixed. It was questioned about trying to fix ourselves. The club cannot do that due to it being owned by Lehigh County and must be looked at by Tu-Way Wireless. The 147.135 repeater is secondary for us. The club in N.J. is the primary club for the repeater. If you by chance hear a net going on by that club, let them finish.

The W3OK club is looking at making there 145.110 repeater a d-star repeater. They have asked if they could use the 135 repeater to do RACES / ARES events. Rod will look into and let the club know.

Program: Phil reports that tonight's program features Eric (AI3D). He will be providing a presentation on "Basics of Linear Amplifiers." He is in need of a program for October. November will be Brian (KW3K) (pending). He will let Phil know what the program is. December is the annual "Cookie Cruncher." That will wrap up the year.

Volunteer Examiners:

1. There was no one scheduled to test at the August, 2009 test session.
2. The next LVARC test session will be September 18, 2009.
3. VE's are needed for the October 3 and October 10 special test sessions. Contact Mark (AK3M) if you are available to help.

Old Business:

* Rod noted that the W3OI RACES / ARES guidelines have been on the Yahoo group for a while. There was only one comment. It will be voted on under new business.

* St Luke’s Hospital will be having a tech program for their employees. They are expecting 30 people. Rod is looking for instructors. The dates are Sept. 25 & 26 and Oct. 3. Contact Rod if you would like to help out.

* September 19 is the Emergency Preparedness Day at the Expo Center on Cetronia Rd. The club will be having a table at the event. Contact Rod for more info.

* Volunteers are still needed for the September 13 LVH/VIA marathon. Volunteers are to notify Mark (AK3M) AND register as “Amateur Radio Operator” on the LVH website.

* Volunteers are needed for the Women’s 5K Classic to be held on October 17. Contact Mark (AK3M) if you are available to help.

* The club had discussed about purchasing another portable tower from Brian. It will be brought up under new bossiness.

New Business:

* Rod asked for a motion to accept the RACES/ARES guidelines. The motion was made by Brian (KW3K) and seconded by Brent (KB3QER). The motion carries.

* Rod asked for motion to purchase another portable tower from Brian (KW3K) for \$300. The motion was made by Bruce (KA3TIU) and seconded by Craig (N3TSY). There was one abstention. The motion caries.

* Brian asked if he could use the 147.135 repeater as the primary repeater for Skywarn. Rod didn’t see a problem with it.

Good of Order:

* Paul found an article in the paper about Brian (KB3QHA) doing cycling. He also found a silent key plaque from years gone by. Not sure what it was for.

* Bob (KE3AW), from the W3OK club, wanted us to know that they will be holding a tech class. Check there website for more info. It’s www.dlarc.org.

* Brian (KW3K) is looking into having another Skywarn class. More info to follow.

* Ike (N3IK) is looking for help putting up a beam antenna. Contact him if you can help.

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2013 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Craig – N3TSY
Second by: Dave – W3AMC
In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

<p>\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$</p> <p>Balance ending July, 2009 - \$3,039.70</p>	
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This Month In Ham Radio

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

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

Test Session - Friday October 16 - 7:00 pm - Rd Cross Building

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Saturday October 3 --- Special test session - St. Luke's

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

Tuesday October 6 -- LVARC Meeting - 7:30 pm - TriClover

Saturday October 10 --- Special test session - Kutztown 4:00 pm

Sunday October 11 -- Deadline to Schedule Test Session for this month

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

Friday October 16 -- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Saturday October 17 --- Women's 5K Classic

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

Monday October 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.

LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

There was no one
scheduled to test at the
August, 2009 test session.



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.

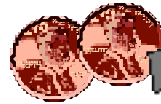
Test sessions are given the 3rd Friday of each month.

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!**



Hams Respond To A Need! We all know that one aspect of amateur radio is emergency communications and public service. Emergency communications has taken on a new look after September 11, 2001. Many LVARC members have chosen to use their skills and equipment for both emergency communications and/or public service. When asked to provide communications support for a local public service event, the response has been terrific. LVARC members who realize that they can use their hobby to aid their community, respond promptly. This response is heart warming. I am pleased with the amateurs who choose to participate in these activities. They show up regardless of the weather and in some cases, their assigned position(s).

Please be advised that ALL amateurs are invited to assist with public service communication whether they live in the Lehigh County or not or whether they are LVARC members or not. VHF is used so that also includes the participation of any amateur with any class of license. If you are new to public service, do not be afraid to volunteer to help. We all started somewhere and there is plenty of support if you have questions.

Please keep in mind that RACES and ARES activities are different. Public service events such as the Spring 1/2 Marathon, Fall full Marathon and Fall Breast Cancer walk, fall under ARES. If you wish to be active with the Lehigh County Emergency plans, you must have completed the on-line NIMS courses and registered with Jeff (N3MFT). Remember to send a copy of your NIMS (ICS) courses to me (Mark-AK3M) via US mail or scan them and send electronically. NEVER send the originals.

I repeat information in this editorial as we have had many new hams join the amateur ranks and the LVARC and are therefore potential ARES/RACES volunteers. If you wish additional information about RACES/ARES and your role, contact Jeff Kelly (N3MFT) or me (Mark Miller (AK3M)). Your help is appreciated.



Call Changes:

1. Rob Miller WAS KB3LCW and is now **K3LBI**.
2. Beth Brady WAS KB3TET and is now **WØADX**.



IMPORTANT



VE's NEEDED: There will be 2 special test sessions. One on October 3 and one on October 10, 2009. Many VE's will be needed as we are expecting MANY to attend each session. 

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

LVARC VE Event

Upcoming LVARC 2009 Events

September 13 --- LVH Marathon
September 19 --- Community Preparedness Day

October 6 --- Nomination of 2010 Officers
October 3 --- St. Luke's Test Session
October 10 ----- Special Test Session
October 17--- Women's 5K

November --- Nomination of 2010 Officers

December 8 --- Election for 2010 Officers
December --- Operation Ho Ho (TBA)

**Reader submissions to the newsletter
are needed if it is to continue!**



AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club
will offer *Free Classes*
to prepare you for the FCC amateur radio entry-license test
starting Tuesday, September 15, 2009

These classes are open to school students and adults.

We will have nine Tuesday evening classes near Nazareth from 7 to 9 PM. If you are interested in attending the classes, or have an interest about amateur radio in general, please call (610) 432-8286, or e-mail KE3AVH@ARRL.NET to enroll.

Give name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address (if available), and your questions about classes or amateur radio. We will get back to you promptly to answer your concerns and provide directions to the location.

Please visit www.lharc.org and www.arrl.org

October is a busy month!

VE's AND ARES operators needed !

VE's NEEDED

As stated above, VE's are urgently needed for two upcoming special test sessions.

1. There will be a special test session for St. Luke's employees on October 3, 2009 who will be taking their Technician test.

2. There will be another test session for many Church of Latter Day Saints members on October 10, 2009.

If you are a certified current VE and wish to help, contact Mark (AK3M) at: 610-865-9183 or AK3M@rcn.com.



Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.



Remember, if you want to participate in RACES, you must have completed NIMS (ICS) 100 and 700. These are available online. Also, remember to send a COPY (scanned or US mail) of your certificate to Mark (AK3M).

Chris Post (WZ3Q) was mentioned in the September issue of QST (p. 67)! Chris was quoted as discussing PEMA's Operations. CONGRATS Chris !

