



The E-VOX



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Newsletter of the

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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 W3OI at 147.165, W3EPE at 445.225 and W3OK at 145.110

Join us for a Mid-Atlantic regional net Tuesdays 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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Happy Easter



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.





The April, 2010 LVARC meeting will be held on April 6, 2010 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 - 2010

Month		Number of Check-In's		Number of Nets
January		137		4
February		125		4



Johnny's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of her fourth child?
(Answer on page 10)



REMEMBER:

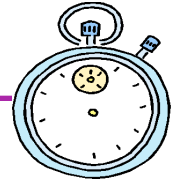
Registration for the monthly test session, must be made **NO LATER THAN THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE TEST!**



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

Minutes of the March, 2010 LVARC Meeting

Submitted by Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1930 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 20 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 2 guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Phil (KB3HMK), Robin (KB3GZV), Walt (KE3SP), Dorian (KB3GZW) and Brian (KW3K).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: Dave - W3AMC

Second by: Jeff - KB3OCP

Carried (Y/N) Y

Guests: AB3KF - Jose Benitez
KB3N - William Mumm

Treasurer's Report (Paul - NOKIA) Walt presented the report in Paul's absence

Starting Balance: \$3,316.94

Ending Balance: \$3,401.41

Approved by: Carl - AA3IX

Second by: Brian - KW3K

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Nothing to report. The computer for the D-Star repeater had to be rebooted. The problem has been fixed and is working

Program: Phil reports that tonight, Rod (N3XG) will be the MC for a show and tell night. Next month, Paul (NOKIA) will present and his topic will be "What Every Ham Needs to Know - Multimeters." As always, if you have a program you would like to do or have an idea for one, please let Phil know.

Volunteer Examiners: Three tested and three passed at the February 19, 2010 test session.

Congratulations to:

Gary Decker (KB3SFJ) - Extra

John Barbaz (KB2EOJ) - Extra

Ryan Cross - Extra

Ryan took all 3 license tests and earned his Extra! He received his call on Wednesday February 24, 2010 - AB3KQ

Ve's in attendance included Walt (KE3SP), Frank (W3FTU), and Mark (AK3M).

Old Business: The annual dinner meeting was held on February 23 at the Old Country Buffet. Everyone had a good time. Rod would like to have another dinner in the near future.

Rod met with the president of the W3OK club on February 4 to sign the agreement for the use of the 135 repeater as a back up.

The D-Star repeater is now linked to reflector 20.

New Business: The club will have a new fundraiser. It will be a lottery calendar. There are two other organizations also participating. Rod would like to have the members sell at least 5. The calendar will cost \$5 and will be good for the month of April. See Rod for calendars.

Mark (AK3M) is looking for operators for the 1/2 Marathon on April 25. Anyone interested, contact him.

Good of the Order: Brianna Kays, a Freedom High School student wanted the club to know about a benefit book sale they will be having. It will be on March 27 & 28 at Freedom High School.

Brian will try to develop a Skywarn training class for the Fall. The weather nets will be used more frequently during the rainy season.

Sick Report: Bruce (KA3TIU) is not feeling well. If you hear him on the repeater, give him a shout.

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

Motion by: Brian - KB3QHA

Second by: Dave - W3AMC

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending March, 2010 - \$3,401.41	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>April 2010</i>				1	2	3
4 Easter 	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
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
18	19 ARES RACES Net 7:30	20	21 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	22	23	24
25 LVRV 1/2 Marathon 	26 ARES RACES Net 7:30	27	28 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	29	30	

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

Test Session - Friday April 16 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Building

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday April 5 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday April 6 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Sunday April 11 -- Deadline to Schedule test session for this month
Monday April 12 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday April 16 -- LVARC Test Session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Monday April 19 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Sunday April 25 --- LVRR 1/2 Marathon
Monday April 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)

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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.

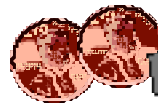
Test sessions are given the 3rd Friday of each month.

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!**



Usually at this time of year, I use this editorial to begin to generate interest in LVARC members' help in upcoming Spring and Summer ARES activities. This editorial will not address any ARES activities. I want to let the LVARC members in on one of the best kept club secrets. That is your Board of Governors.

The January, 2010 LVARC board meeting again, showed the efficiency of your club's governing body. The meeting was planned via email and an agenda was sent to all board members well in advance of the meeting. The meeting began on time and the agenda items were discussed as planned. The meeting proceeded with few interruptions (except for Franklin's need to be scratched behind the ears). All agenda items were discussed and a resolution for each was reached. The board worked well together and is indeed, looking after the welfare of the LVARC. "Kudos to the LVARC board." [ed].



FEBRUARY WINTER STORM

February 10, 2010 brought a winter storm to the Lehigh Valley. More than 12" of snow was dumped on the valley. In addition to the snow totals, wind conditions caused the labeling of this storm, a **BLIZZARD**. An email from Bob (WB3W) stated, "Gov. Rendell has closed Interstates 78, 81 and 83 as effective at 12:30 PM." Numerous schools and businesses in the valley were closed including St. Lukes' outpatient facilities.



Ryan Cross, who tested at the February 19, 2010 test session, received his call **AB3KQ**, on Wednesday February 24, 2010.

Tip: An "Extension Cord Wrap," available at any hardware store, makes an ideal coax holder for a RACES, ARES or Field Day activity or just a great way to store extra coax in your shack. Very inexpensive and very handy!



Net Control Ops Needed

If you are interested in becoming an NCS for the Monday Night ARES/RACES/LVARC Net, contact Jeff (N3MFT) or Mark (AK3M).

DST Begins March 14, 2010.
Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour



- (1) "ZED" is often used instead of saying "Z." This is to avoid confusion when saying "C, D, E, T, V, G, P, or B."
- (2) You will frequently see "de," in the newsletter. This stands for **from**. It is used when operating CW (ie. WB3XXX **de** AK3M).
- (3) "ES," in CW means "**and**."

IMPORTANT

Come July 1, 2010, there will be a NEW Technician License Exam.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Lehigh Valley 1/2 Marathon --- Many volunteers are needed to provide communications support for the 1/2 marathon to be held on Sunday **April 25, 2010**. If you are free to help, contact Mark (AK3M).

Help Needed!



The weather is getting nicer and Spring is around the corner and the thought of outdoor activities comes to mind. Now is the time to check those winter weather beaten antennas and feedlines.



LVARC 2010 ARES Activities

(Specific dates to be announced when available)



April 25 ----- Lehigh Valley Road Runner's 1/2 marathon

May 15----- St. Joseph the Worker's 5K

June 26-27 --- Field Day

September --- LVH / VIA marathon

October --- Women's 5K Classic

"We've come a long way."

Early WW I
hand held!



ARES Magnetic Sign

from the ARRL store
#9413 -- \$12.95



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READER SUBMISSION



Visit **Bob Heil's** web site for great product information. --- de Larry (NR3R)

<http://heilsound.com/amateur/>



TNX - de Mark (AK3M). The past few issues of the E-VOX have shown an **increase in reader submissions!!** This is terrific. This is YOUR newsletter. The LVARC has a terrific pool of information. Please feel free to share that information in the newsletter. Your submissions can be humorous and/or informative. Please continue to send me your articles and pictures for the newsletter. **They are greatly appreciated.**

PA Cell Phone Legislation de Eric Olena (WB3FPL)

As you are aware from my last e-mail the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives passed HB2070 and it has been passed to the state Senate. What I didn't know at the time of my last e-mail was that HB67 exists and is active. This bill too deals with "Interactive Wireless Communication Devices. However, unlike HB2070, House Bill - HB67 carries an explicit exemption for both Amateur Radio and CB Radio. The two pieces of legislation have slightly different focuses and this is how the situation was explained to me.

"Although HB 67 has the amateur radio exclusion in the interactive wireless communication service definition, it appears to me that the restriction on such wireless equipment only applies to people who are on a junior operators license. See page 6, lines 14-17." "On the other hand, HB 2070 has the more offensive definition and would apply to all drivers. See page 5, lines 28-30."

"Without actually speaking to staff, it is impossible to predict what the future holds. It is possible that the two pieces of legislation will actually get merged together to form one piece of legislation. Regardless of the future, it would seem to me that the definition of interactive wireless communication device should be the one contained within HB 67."

The Senate Committee that would get the House bills in question as they come from the House would be the Senate Transportation Committee. The members of that Committee are listed below for your convenience. Keep in mind that the Counties listed after their names are usually -- "Parts Of" the county listed. Refer to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us> to help with any additional information you would like.

PA Senate Transportation Committee Officers

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Minority Members (D)

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Wayne D. Fontana, Dist 42, Allegheny

Vincent J. Hughes, Dist 7, Montgomery & Philadelphia

Richard A. Kasunic, Dist 32, Fayette, Somerset, Washington & Westmoreland.

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Our effort will be to make sure that the exceptions and definitions of HB2070 match those of HB67. We are in the process of gathering additional information and formulating our plan of action. We will keep you informed of any progress. At the moment I cannot confirm anything for WPA but for EPA, WA3YVR has agreed to assist with his experience and contacts in the State Legislature and NE3I is maintaining contact with Senator Rafferty.

A number of responses that have been received by fellow PA Hams indicate that a number of the Senators are quite agreeable with our view point. However, we should be ready to respond with the appropriate action if circumstances so dictate.

73,
Eric, WB3FPL

READER SUBMISSION

Submitted by Eric (AI3D)

“Interesting picture listed for sale on QTH - How did they do that without the power cord?” --- [Good observation! TNX Eric! - ed]



Silent Key --- Terry V. Kern - KB3QKS

Terry V. Kern, 60, of Orefield, died Monday, February 22, 2010 at St. Lukes Hospital, Fountain Hill. He was the husband of Lois B. (Peters) Kern. The couple celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last June 21. Born in Allentown on December 19, 1949, Terry was the son of Roy C. and Annie Ann M. (Schneck) Kern of Schnecksville. He was employed by Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc., at the Easton Block Plant in Martins Creek from 1992 to 2008. Prior to that, he worked in the family business, the former Roy J. Kern Trucking where he worked at their quarry in South Whitehall Township from 1967 to 1992. He was a member of Union United Church of Christ, Neffs. Terry had a passion for HAM Radio and was a member of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club W30I. **Survivors:** Wife; parents; daughters, Nikki M. Humenik and her husband Paul of Orefield and Stephanie A. Kern of Orefield; sister, Barbara A. Lamb and her husband Charles Dallas; brother, Brian R. Kern and his wife Colette of Schnecksville; one niece; two nephews. **Services:** Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2010 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc., 4906 Route 309, Schnecksville with the Rev. Thomas N. Thomas officiating. Family and friends may pay their respects from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at Union Church Cemetery, Neffs.

