



The **E-VOX**



The Official **On-Line**
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
Holidays !*

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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The December, 2010 LVARC meeting will be held on December 7, 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

<u>Month</u>		<u>Number of Check-In's</u>		<u>Number of Nets</u>
January		137		4
February		125		4
March		146		5
April		121		4
May		108		4
June		129		4
July		94		3
August		88		5
September		87		3
October		112		4



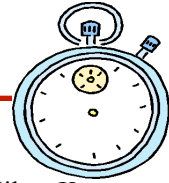
REMEMBER:

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 November, 2010 LVARC Meeting de - Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1935 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 19 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 2 guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Craig (N3TSY), Phil (KB3HMK), Robin (KB3GZV), Walt (KE3SP) and Dorian (KB3GZW).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: Brian – KB3QHA

Second by: Craig – N3TSY

Carried (Y/N) Y

Guests: John Bartos – AB3LZ

Dave Roberts – KB3UUW

Treasurer's Report: (Paul - N0KIA)

Starting Balance: \$3,599.69

Ending Balance: \$3,585.51

Approved by: Brent – KB3QER

Second by: Dave – W3AMC

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Rod e-mailed the ARCC about the form to update our repeater listings. He has not heard from them in two weeks. We did not receive the form from them. He will continue to try and contact them. The 135 repeater listing needs to be changed. The PL is wrong.

Program: Phil reports that tonight Rod (N3XG) will be going over the 2010 ARES / RACES events. There are programs in the works for the first part of the year. Rob asked for programs that the members would like to see for next year. The members came up with some suggestions. Rod will look into putting them on for next year.

Volunteer Examiners: Mark did not leave a report. It was mentioned that there was a test session.

Old Business: The Women's 5K Run went well. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

There was a Skywarn class on October 23. Brian reports that the class went well.

The President and secretary received an e-mail from Paul (N0KIA) asking that his nomination for Vice President be rescinded, and he would like to nominate himself for a board position. He also nominated Craig (N3TSY) for Vice President. Under club by-laws, you cannot run for 2 positions in the election. So under new business, Craig will have to rescind his nomination for the board and accept the nomination for Vice President if he wants to.

Mark (AK3M) has accepted the nomination for the board by submitting an e-mail to the secretary.

New Business: Rod is now accepting nominations for the Pres Schuler Award. He will take nominations up until November 26. If you want to nominate a club member, please contact him.

The club received a donation of old amateur equipment from William Gilly (WA3EGM). Frank will try and sell some of the equipment on Ebay. The Main equipment Frank (W3FTU) will try to get them working. The club will then try to sell them at amateur radio antique show. He also gave many different magazines which Rod will bring to the next meeting. Rod will write a thank you letter.

Rod asked for a motion to reopen the nominations for the 2010 elections. Gary (W3GRD) made the motion and it was seconded by Dave (W3AMC). The motion carries. Rod asked Craig (N3TSY) if he will rescind his nomination for the board position. He said he would. Rod then asked for **nominations** for the following positions. They are listed below.

President – None

Vice President – Craig (N3TSY) – He accepted

Secretary – None

Treasurer – Brian (KB3QHA) – He accepted

Board of Governors – Mark (AK3M) – He accepted via an e-mail sent to the secretary

Paul – (N0KIA) – He accepted via an e-mail sent to the secretary

Rod then asked for a motion to close the nominations. Craig (N3TSY) made the motion and it was seconded by Bill (KA3RBH). The motion carries.

The following is the members who will be **running for the board positions**.

Mark (AK3M)

Robin (KB3GZV)

Dave (N3GRH)

Brent (KB3QER)

Paul (N0KIA)

Dorian (KB3GZW)

Brian (KW3K)

Rod asked for a motion to declare all unopposed nominations official. Walt (KE3SP) made the motion and it was seconded by Dave (K3GMT). The motion carries.

Good of Order: Harry (W3TEB) donated boxes of various items for the club members to have.

ARRL Sweepstakes is coming up. The CW contest is this weekend and the FM contest is next weekend. Check the ARRL website for more info.

The North Jersey FM Sprint will be on February 13. It will run from 2 PM to 4:30 PM. It's for the 2M, 440, 220 and 6m bands. You can go to [HYPERLINK "http://www.NPARC.org"](http://www.NPARC.org) www.NPARC.org for more info.

Sick Report: Jeff reports that Bruce (KA3TIU) is doing well.

New Members: John Bartos – AB3LZ

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending October, 2010 - \$3,585.51	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December			1 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	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  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day
26	27 ARES RACES Net 7:30	28	29 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	30	31	2010

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday December 7 - 7:30 - Tri-Clover Fire Co

Test Session - Friday December 17 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Building

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday December 6 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday December 7 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Sunday December 12 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam
Monday December 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday December 17 --- LVARC Test Session (Registration required)
Monday December 20 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Saturday December 25 --- Christmas Day
Monday December 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)

Four tested at the
October 15, 2010 test
session and two passed.

Congratulations to
Carl Echardt who passed and
earned his **Technician** class and
Terry Schall who also passed his
Technician class license.



VE's in attendance were, **Mark** (AK3M), **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.

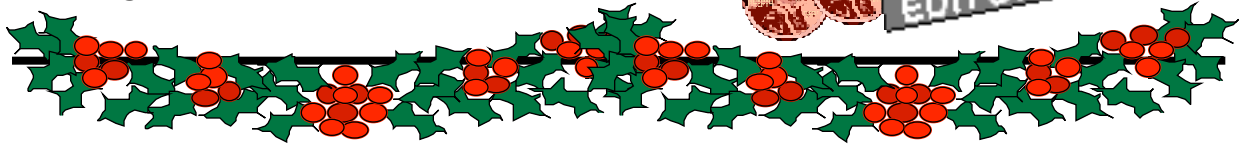
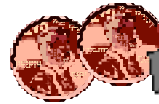
Test sessions are given the 3rd Friday of each month.

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!**



A Different Kind of Event Communications ---- During the weekend of October 10, 2010 (10/10/10), Mrs. AKM and I were at Long Beach Island. Besides spending a wonderful weekend at the shore during the off season, we were there to see our son participate in the LBI 18-mile race. LBI is 18 miles long, hence the unusual length of the run; longer than a 1/2 marathon (13.1 miles) but less than a full marathon (26.2 miles). It started at the South end of the island in Holgate and finished at the picturesque, Barnegat Lighthouse, in Barnegat Light , at the North end of the island.

We knew since February, 2010, that he would be running in this event so I had time to email the Old Barney ARC to find out if they participated in this event as part of their ARES program. It turns out that their club, nor any other local club, was NOT involved with communications for this run. As you know, in the Lehigh Valley, many event communications are provided by amateur radio operators. **So, how were race communications accomplished for the LBI 18-mile run?** After scanning with my VX-7R, I discovered that the Long Beach Township police were not only active with vehicular traffic control but also race communications.

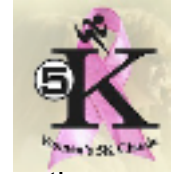
I am not saying that I agree or disagree with the lack of amateur radio communications, I am simply saying that there are different means of communications for community activities, as I experienced. Communications provided by the police, as in the case of the LBI run, works for them. Of course, the shore in the off season is usually not crowded and the demands of the police in their professional capacity is reduced. This is not the case in a city such as Allentown where there is no significant fluctuation in residency during the year. The city or county “Comm,” center would not be able to spare the time and attention needed to provide communications for all the events in the area as it would take away from their police and EMS calls. The answer (for our area), **amateur radio communications!** The next time the solicitation for a local ARES activity arises, please volunteer. These events cannot happen without your participation!



Santa Claus, also known as **Saint Nicholas**, **Sinterklaas**, **Father Christmas**, **Kris Kringle**, or simply "**Santa**," is an historical, legendary and mythological figure who, in many Western cultures, is said to bring gifts to the homes of the good children during the late evening and overnight hours of Christmas Eve, December 24.



The 2010 Women's 5K Classic was held on Saturday October 16, 2010 in the Lehigh Parkway. The day started cold and didn't warm up much until about 11:00 am, after the event was done. The LVARC supplied communications support for this event for another year.



Missi, the event coordinator, demonstrated her organizational skills by executing a flawless event. **More than 5,000** women participated in this run and walk which makes this the largest women's breast cancer fundraiser on the East coast!! Communications were achieved through the use of the W3OI's 147.135 repeater as well as commercial HT's supplied by Jeff (N3MFT). These commercial radios allowed NCS to stay in contact with Missi, the golf cart drivers (essential personnel in an event like this) and directly with Allentown EMS who were present at the event.

A **BIG TNX** to those who arrived before sunup, braved the cold and volunteered for this event! Without their help, this (and no other) ARES activity, could not have been possible. **TNX** to, **Jeff** (N3MFT), **Ryan** (KB3MPX), **Phil** (KB3HMK), **Bill** (KA3RBH), **Don** (W3DLH), **Jeff** (KB3OCP), **Paul** (N0KIA), **Jared** (KB3TYD), **Don** (N0VGA), **Charlie** (W3QXI), **Gary** (W3GRD), **Al** (KB3TYE) and **Rod** (N3XG).

Below are pictures from this year's (2010) Women's 5K Classic submitted by the volunteers.



Photo, courtesy of Don (N0VGA).



Photo, courtesy of Gary (W3GRD)



Photo, courtesy of Gary (W3GRD)



Photo, courtesy of Gary (W3GRD)



Photo, courtesy of Mark (AK3M)



Photo, courtesy of Mark (AK3M)

CONGRATULATIONS to those who tested at the

October 15, 2010 test session. On Tuesday October 19, 2010, Terry Schall received the call **KB3VF B** and Carl Eckhardt , **KB3VFC**.



Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club's Annual Holiday Party

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club's annual Holiday Party will be held on the night of the December meeting (Tuesday December 7, 2010) following the business meeting.

The party consists of food, food and more food accompanied by plenty of conversation with LVARC members.



If you plan to attend the meeting and the party, please take something to share with the group.

Your contribution can be cookies, something to drink, something hot or anything you like.

Remember to include all the necessary accessories like plates, napkins, spoons etc.



The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal. It was adopted as the international signal for distress in 1912, and the Titanic struck the iceberg in April of that year.

READER SUBMISSION

de NR3R

Track Santa on Christmas Eve



<http://www.noradsanta.org/>



He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

~ Roy L. Smith



Lehigh County RACES News



Have you visited Lehigh County's web site lately? Go to the URL below and you can sign up for RACES, find a personal emergency card for your family and more.

<http://ema.lehighcounty.org/Forms/RACESApplication/tabid/190/Default.aspx>

READER SUBMISSION

A great Ham Radio site ... 73s.org

(de Larry - NR3R).



READER SUBMISSION



License plate frame from Cafe Press --- \$15.00

Just in time for Christmas!

(de Larry - NR3R)

http://www.cafepress.com/+em_comm_license_plate_frame,23098293

Best regards: "73" means "best regards." So, technically, "73's" or "73s" means, "best regardses" - some sticklers get worked up about that kind of grammar. "88" means, "Love (or hugs) and kisses".

READER SUBMISSION

LITTLE KNOWN INFORMATION:

"Lee De Forest, the inventor of the radio tube, was tried for fraud in 1913. He was accused of tricking the public into buying stocks in his company, the Radio Telephone Company, by making absurd and deliberately misleading claims about the possibility of transmitting the human voice across the Atlantic Ocean."

(taken from Cool Facts Pro Apple application iPhone) --- de NR3R

FOR SALE!

▪ From the estate of William Gilly (WA3EGM) - SK

HEATHKIT HX-11 TRANSMITTER

HEATHKIT AM-2 SWR METER

TUBES CHECK GOOD

VERY GOOD CONDITION

40M CRYSTAL INCLUDED

FUNDS WILL BE ADDED TO LVARC TREASURY

Additional information can be found at -

<http://www.heathkit.museum.com>

Price for both items - \$40.00

CONTACT W3FTU - funger@ptd.net



JOHNSON VIKING VALIANT XMTR

AM- SSB- CW

200 W OUTPUT

JOHNSON MATCHBOX ANTENNA

TUNER

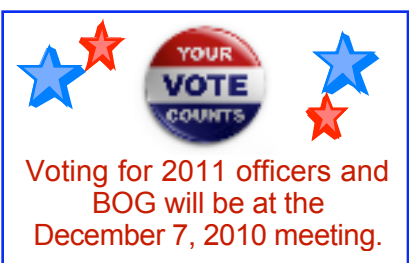
JOHNSON SIGNAL SENTRY

JOHNSON LOW PASS FILTER

All of the above items were donated by the family of a silent key. **All proceeds will go to the LVARC treasury.** These articles are "Basement Fresh," which means they are being sold "As Is." If interested in purchasing any of these items, contact Frank (W3FTU) at funger@ptd.net

Phil (KB3HMK), LVARC program director, would like to thank all who presented programs for the 2010 year.





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All original packaging!
 Includes charger, manual and newer battery.
PERFORMS LIKE NEW --- \$145.00

Contact Frank (W3FTU) - FUNGER@PTD.NET



Christmas and Ham Radio

Some nice Christmas Ham Radio sites



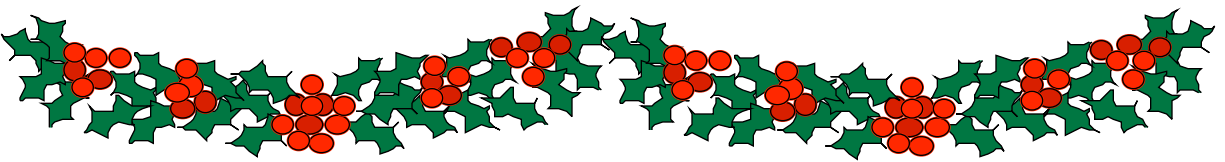
The Night Before Christmas - Ham Radio Style !!!

http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/longrj2/humor/nb_hams.html

Ham Radio Christmas ornaments and gift

http://www.etgiftstore.com/items/all-products/christmas-shoppe/words-greatest_ham-ornament-detail.htm





*The officers and board of the **L**ehigh
Valley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub wish
all, Happy Holidays !*