



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 Holidays



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The December, 2011 LVARC meeting will be held on
December 6 , 2011 at the Tri Clover Fire Company 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 - 2011

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Nets/Mondays</u>
January	137	4
February	147	4
March	128	4
April	112	4
May	104	4
June	100	4
July	80	3
August	129	4
September	70	3
October	129	5



REMEMBER:

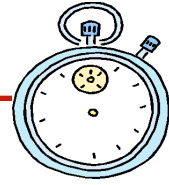
Registration for the monthly test session, must be
made NO LATER THAN THE
SUNDAY BEFORE THE TEST!



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

Minutes of the November, 2011 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, and then a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

There were a total of 16 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod – N3XG, Phil – KB3HMK, Brian – KB3QHA, Paul – N0KIA, Robin – KB3GZV and Brian – KW3K.

Guests: Jim (Bruce – KA3TIU's neighbor)

Corrections additions to the minutes: None noted

Approved by: Bruce – KA3TIU

Second by: Bill – KA3RBH

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report: (Brian – KB3QHA)

Starting Balance: \$3,839.49

Ending Balance: \$3,930.49

Approved by: Paul – N0KIA

Second by: Gary – N3GRD

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: The autopatch was upgraded on the 135 repeater. You must ID after you're done making a call. The W3OI Port B D-Star is higher on the tower. The 444.1 repeater is down due to technician climber error.

Program: Tonight's program is "There I Fixed It" by Rod (N3XG). December is the annual cookie cruncher. The next activity night will be November 15 and the topic will be FLDIGI. Rod is looking for programs for January and February.

Volunteer Examiners: One person tested for October

OLD Business: Rod thanked the members who helped out with the Women's 5K Run, D&L Trail Marathon and the snow event.

There is a 5K run in Hanover Twp. on Saturday November 12. needs help with it. Please contact Charlie (N3WXO) if you're available to help.

The club is doing the annual Holiday raffle. See Rod for tickets to sell. The tickets and money must be returned by the next meeting.

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Rod asked for a motion to reopen the nominations for the 2012 elections. Paul (N0KIA) made the motion and it was seconded by John (AB3LZ). Rod then asked for nominations for the following positions:

President – no more nominations

Vice President – Paul (N0KIA) withdrew his nomination for vice president and nominated Brian (KW3K) for vice president. Brian Accepted. Brian then withdrew his nomination for the board.

Secretary – no more nominations

Treasurer – no more nominations

Board of Governors – Paul (N0KIA) nominated himself for the board and accepted.

Rod then asked for a motion to close the nominations. Bruce (KA3TIU) made the motion and Bill (KA3RBH) seconded it. The motion passed.

Brian passed around the vest placard that identifies who we are. They are laminated and on reflective material.

Brian thanked everyone who helped out with the D&L Trail Marathon

New Business: Rod will take nominations for the Pres Schuler award up until Thanksgiving. Please contact him if you would like to nominate someone who has contributed to amateur radio.

Good of the Order: The events that we do speak for themselves. We help out the people doing the event. The members need to get more active in scheduled events and emergency call outs. Credit goes out the members that already contribute. The last event we called out to other counties and they responded with people. There may come a time when we will be called out to other counties. So please help out when you can.

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2010 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Don – N0VGA

Second by: Brian – KW3K

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$	W3OI Finances	\$\$\$	
Balance ending October, 2011 - \$3,930.49			

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2011				1	2	3
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
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 LVARC Activity Night Tri-Clover FC Hanukkah begins	21 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	22	23	24  Christmas Eve
25  Christmas Day	26 ARES RACES Net 7:30	27	28 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255 Hanukkah ends	29	30	31  New Year's Eve
LVARC Meeting - Tuesday December 6 - 7:30 - Tri - Clover FC						
Test Session - Friday December 16 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Building						

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday December 5 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday December 6 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Sunday December 11 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam
Friday December 16 --- LVARC test session (Registration required)
Monday December 19 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve
Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day
Monday December 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)

At the October 21, 2011 test session, one tested and one passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:
Robert Robinson (KB3WNJ) who
upgraded to General!



VE's in attendance were Mark (AK3M) Frank (W3FTU) and Larry (NR3R)

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!**

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. - Burton Hillis



AK3M-2?

John Laubach arrived on Wednesday October 26, 2011. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. AK3M !!! He has not yet received his call but is expecting to test soon.



2012 LVARC/ARES Events

December, 2011 (date - TBA) - "Operation Ho Ho"

May, 2012 - St. Joseph the Worker 5K

May, 2012 - LVRR 1/2 Marathon

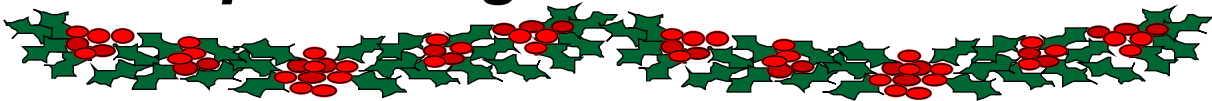
June 22-23, 2012 - Field Day

September, 2012 - LVHN/VIA Marathon

October, 2012 - Women's 5K Classic



UpComing LVARC Activities



Nominations for 2012 officers

Submissions for the Pres Schuler award

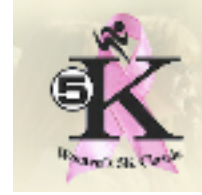
Operation "Ho Ho"

Elections of 2012 officers

Annual Holiday party



Women's 5K Classic - 2011



Saturday October 15, 2011 proved to be a rain free cool but sunny day for 13 LVARC operators and 5,500 women. The day began early as LVARC volunteers met in the Lehigh Parkway, collected their pink t-shirts, ate bagels, confirmed their assignments and generally had some fellowship time with their fellow operators. After leaving for their assigned positions, they eagerly awaited the start of the event. Communications support was successful as the 135 repeater was used. Missi, the event coordinator, her aide and the golf cart driver were supplied with commercial HT's in order for them to have contact with NCS, which were supplied by Jeff (N3MFT). More than 5,500 women ran or walked the 5K distance.

Emergency traffic was at a minimum for this event, which is good news. The only causality was Mark's car battery but TNX to Jeff (N3MFT) and Charlie (N3WXO)'s jumper cables, it was soon started. A special TNX goes to Paul (N0KIA) and Charlie (N3QXI) who monitored and assisted with traffic control along Vultee street. These were new positions this year, and Paul and Charlie handled them admirably. Charlie (N3WXO) was bicycle mobile and rode more than 20 miles running errands, acting as a sweep vehicle and checking on questionable runners.

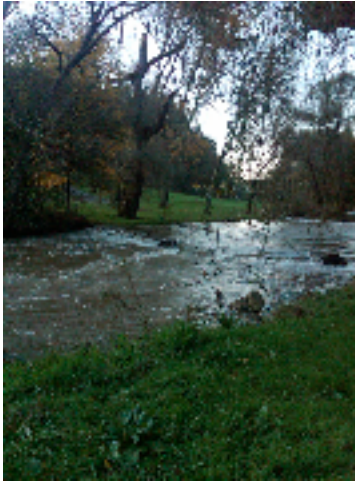
Those who participated included, **Mark (AK3M), Jeff (N3MFT), Jeff (KB3OCP), Don (W3DLH), John (KB3VNS), Bill (KA3RBH), Jared (KB3TYD), Bob (WB3JSZ), Alan (KB3TYE), Ryan (KB3MPX), Dave (KB3UUW), Charlie (N3WXO), Charlie (W3QXI) and Paul (N0KIA).** Without dedicated LVARC volunteers, our assistance in events like these would not be possible. A BIG TNX to all who volunteered.



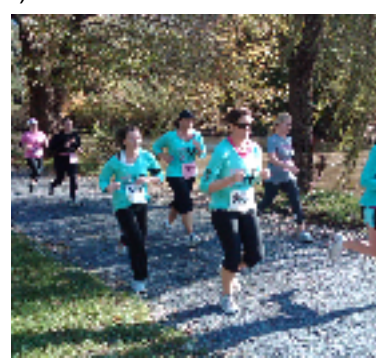
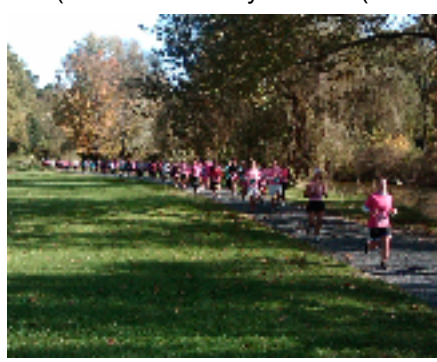
Sights from NCS - Photos courtesy of Mark (AK3M)

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(Photos courtesy of Bob (WB3JSZ))



Keep your email current. You should be receiving the EVOX via email. If you have not been getting the EVOX via email, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. Also, let Paul (N0KIA) know your current email address.

THE MORNING CALL

READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)

What was the name before it was the “Morning Call?” *Answer in the January, 2012 issue*

LVARC
Activity
Night
Tri-Clover
FC

The LVARC has added an *Activity Night* to its monthly schedule. The third Tuesday of the month will be “Activity Night.” This will be held at the LVARC meeting site at the Tri Clover Fire Company in Orefield.

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 6, 2011) 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.



SNOW IN OCTOBER 2011 ?



Yes, you read right! The Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas were hit by an unusual late Fall winter storm which began on Saturday October 29 and ended late on Sunday October 30, 2011. Up to 8 inches or more fell in the area making travel very dangerous. The snow was wet which also brought down power lines leaving more than 200,000 people without power which prompted the opening of five shelters by Lehigh County EMA.

