# 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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# field Day this Month!!!



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The June, 2011 LVARC meeting will be held on June 7, 2011 at the TriClover 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

## **Month**

January **February** March April



Number of Check-In's



Number of **Nets/Mondays** 

> 4 4 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 May, 2011 LVARC Meeting

de - Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1930 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 21 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no quests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod (N3XG), Craig (N3TSY), Brian (KB3QHA), Phil (KB3HMK), Dave (N3GRH), Paul (N0KIA), Robin (KB3GZV) and Brian (KW3K).

#### **Corrections Additions to the minutes:** None noted

Approved by: Bruce - KA3TIU Second by: Carl - AA3IX Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report: (Brian - KB3QHA) Starting Balance: \$4,024.29 Ending Balance: \$4,128.14

Approved by: Walt - KE3SP Second by: Charlie - N3WXO

Carried: (Y/N) Y

#### **Committee Reports:**

Repeater: No problems to report.

**Program**: The program tonight will be Rod (N3XG). His topic will be on "Foxhunting". There will be a foxhunt on May 14 at 8:00 AM. It is being held at the Whitehall Parkway. For more info, contact Rod. The program for June will be Rod (N3XG); he will be doing the topic "What's New in APRS". June 17 there will be a field day prep night held at the Tri-Clover Fire Company grounds. There will be a video to follow. The picnic will be on August 13 at the Upper Macungie Park in the upper pavilion. More info to follow when the event gets closer.

## (Minutes cont. from page 4)

**Volunteer Examiners**: At the April 15, 2011 test session, 3 tested and 3 passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to: Don Siperko - General

> Anthony Tolotta - Technician Anthony Paravati - Technician

OLD Business: LVARC ARES members participating in the May 1, 2011 LVRR/St. Luke's Hospital 1/2 marathon event were, Bill Bigg (KA3RBH), Phil Bigg (KB3HMK), Jeff Willett (KB3OCP), Frank Unger (W3FTU), Charlie Zimmernman (N3WXO), Larry Miller (NR3R), Jeff Kelly (N3MFT), Gary Decker (N3GRD), Brian Snyder (KB3QHA), Don (W3DLH), John Bartos (AB3LZ), Bob House (WB3HSZ) and Don Hoppes (NOVGA). Rod thanked everyone who participated.

The next event is the St. Joe's the Worker 5k walk on May 21. This will be a training event for members new to doing events. You will be paired with a seasoned member. If interested in helping, please contact Craig (N3TSY).

The Girls on the Run event will be held June 2. Anyone interested in helping, contact Rod (N3XG).

Severe weather season is upon us. Please listen to the repeaters for Skywarn nets if bad weather is immanent.

Rod will talk to Craig about the orange vests that will be used for events. More info to follow at next meeting.

New Business: Rod asked for a motion make a deposit of \$100 and a payment of \$150 for the rental of the pavilion to Upper Macungie Township. This is for the picnic. Robin (KB3GZV) made the motion and Craig (N3TSY) seconded it. The motion passed.

Good of the Order: Brent (KB3QER) had to move south due to his job. Rod suggested dropping a line to say hi. His cell # is the same. Bruce thanked Dave (N3GRH) for helping him put up an antenna. June 11 is a women's 5k run in Hanover Twp. - Northampton County. If interested in helping, contact Charlie (N3WXO). There will be a 5k run in Palmerton this weekend. If interested in helping, contact W3SG.

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

Motion by: Robin - KB3GZV Second by: Jeff - KB3OCP

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.



# **This Month In Ham Radio**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
J	une		Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	2	3	4
5	ARES RACES Net 7:30	LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	9	10	11
Deadline to schedule test	ARES RACES Net 7:30	14	Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	16	LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm	18
19	ARES RACES Net 7:30	21	Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	23	24	Scarp Coarp
26 CORPORATION OF THE PROPERTY	ARES RACES Net 7:30	28	29	30	201	11

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday June 7 - 7:30 - Tri - Clover FC

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

## LVARC Activities/Events Mark your Calendar **PRINT, CLIP and POST**



Monday June 6 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94) **Tuesday June 7 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)** Sunday June 12 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam Monday June 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94) Friday June 17 --- LVARC test session (Registration required) Monday June 20 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94) Saturday - Sunday June 25-26 - Field Day Monday June 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 Report

de Mark (AK3M)

At the April 15, 2011 test session, 3 tested and 3 passed.

## **CONGRATULATIONS** to

Don Siperko - General Anthony Tolotta - Technician Anthony Paravati - Technician



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!

#### NEW LVARC MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Hi Members,

Those in attendance at the April, 2011 meeting found out that the "surprise" was the availability of the new club membership badges. The badges are printed in color, laminated and feature your name and callsign in a VERTICAL format, as favored by the membership. You now have the option of wearing either the B&W or colored badge depending on which format you like.

The new badges were printed with your first name as listed in the database. If you prefer a nickname, such as Bob for Robert, or Dot for Dorothy, then please contact me by email (or at the next meeting) and I'll do one batch reprint of errors or do-overs during May. They should be available by the June meeting.

Also, if their is an error or update needed to your callsign, please let me know. Once you're in the database, I don't go and check everyone's callsign each month to see if it's current. I just assume you'll let me know when you upgrade or change calls.

I'm in the process of mailing the new badges to all paid up 2011 members. It may take a few days to complete the mailing. If you haven't paid your 2011 dues, then Brian will mail your new badge along with your 2011 membership card when you renew.

I hope you enjoy you new club badge and will wear it proudly at meeting, hamfests, get-togethers and beer-busts. Well, maybe not the rowdy ones...;)

73. Paul, N0KIA

> The Lone Ranger's hat is white because in the initial TV show, Tonto found him injured and took care of the Lone Ranger. Tonto washed his hat in the stream and let it dry in the sun which made it white.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Anthony Paravati** who tested at the April 15, 2011 test session. He received his new call **KB3VXE**, on Tuesday April 19, 2011.







READER SUBMISSION

Larry (NR3R)

Two aircraft international DISTRESS freq are, civilian 121.5 and military 243 MHz.



## **Up Coming LVARC ARES Events**

May --- St. Joseph the Worker 5K - May 21, 2011 - ARES TRAINING EVENT

June --- "Girls Night" 5K Field Day --- June 25 -26

September --- LVHN/VIA Marathon

October --- Women's 5K Classic --- October 15, 2011

\*\*\*The "St. Joseph The Worker 5K," is an ARES Training Event. If you are new to amateur radio or ARES and want to learn what ARES events are all about, this is an excellent event in which to get started. New ARES participants can be paired with an experienced operator. Contact Mark (AK3M) to volunteer.

A great iPhone app called **LiveATC** and a great frequency!

Air Craft freq 134.6 **New York Center** 

READER SUBMISSION

Larry (NR3R)



**TEACHER:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today

that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!



## **Question Pool Scheduled Revision**

The next element to be revised is the **General** class (Element 3), released December, 2010 and will become effective July 1, 2011.



## CONGRATULATIONS

to Gary Decker (W3GRD) on passing and receiving his IS 100 certificate!



**C**urrently the doors are open for PEMA ACS volunteer applications. If you or anyone you know is interested please take a moment and fill out the application yourself or forward it to anyone who may be interested.

Its a good idea to consider your availability in volunteering at either the HQ or with me at the Eastern Area Office. If you already have active participation or hold any leadership position in your home (county) team then think about where you would like to focus your time and reconsider submitting your application.

The kind of people who work best in this capacity include folks with a communications background, not just ham operators.. communicators of all capacity. It is helpful to have a understanding of the Incident Command System and ICS300/400 would be a huge bonus! Any background in emergency management / public safety is also very helpful

Any questions please feel free to call me or email me.

Thanks, Chris Post, COML-I PEMA ACS Officer - Eastern Area

Christopher M. Post (WZ3Q) chris.post@yahoo.com



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To get the pdf application via email, contact Chris (WZ3Q) or Mark (AK3M). This pdf is also available from the LVARC website.



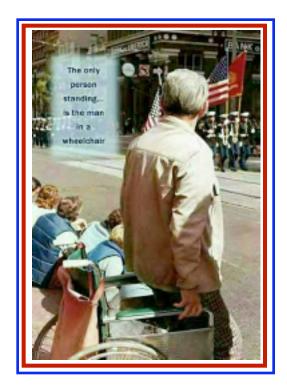


## **HF Manpack Transceiver Codan 2110**





http://hf-ssb-transceiver.at-communication.com/en/codan/hf\_ssb\_transceiver\_2110.html



# Field Day Gear from the ARRL

http://www.arrl.org/shop/search.php?mode=search&page=1

# 2011 Field Day Packet Now Available for DOWNLOAD

http://www.arrl.org/news/2011-field-day-packet-now-available

## Field Day 2010 T-Shirt

Soft, high quality cotton t-shirts. Deep Marine (unisex sizes). Front side features the 2010 ARRL Field Day logo. The back is imprinted with the message "Amateur Radio...Goodwill, Service, Fun!

Order No. 0021-L - \$12.95



## Field Day 2011 Hat

Desert tan cap embroidered with the words "ARRL Field Day" on front and "Get On The Air" on back.

Order No. 0187 - \$9.95



#### Field Day 2011 Pin

The official 2011 Field Day pin. Size 7/8" x 1-1/8"

Order No. 1021-S - \$12.95



## Field Day 2011 Polo Shirt

NEW Shirt Style! Same Price! Heather Gray polo featuring the 2011 Field Day logo on front left chest. Order No. 1021-S - \$12.95



## Field Day 2011

June 25-26

## **Suggested Field Day Gear**

Amateur Radio	Personal Gear
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	folding chair sleeping bag pillow sunglasses appropriate clothing snacks books/magazines personal toilet items cell phone eating utensils/cup tent duct tape bug spray
General Supplies  flashlight/lantern	Note: The above items are suggested items only. They are not required but depending on your length of stay, they may make you more comfortable.





"Girls On The Run" is an event in June for girls only, as the name implies. This is a run in the Parkway for about 700 girls. The date is Thursday June 2, 2011. If yiou are interested in helping with communications support, contact Rod (N3XG)



## LVARC ARES Report - de Mark (AK3M)

A HUGE TNX to all who volunteered for the Lehigh Valley Road Runner's and St. Lukes 1/2 marathon!!! Although it sounds trite, this, and and ARES event, could not have happened. ARES volunteers are the essential ingredient to a successful event! On a beautiful Spring Sunday (May 1, 2011), the following LVARC volunteer operators arrived at their positions early and were ready well before the 0800 starting gun and 4,200 runners. LVARC ARES members participating in this event were, Bill Bigg (KA3RBH), Phil Bigg (KB3HMK), Jeff Willett (KB3OCP), Frank Unger (W3FTU), Charlie Zimmernman (N3WXO), Larry Miller (NR3R), Jeff Kelly (N3MFT), Gary Decker (N3GRD), Brian Snyder (KB3QHA), Don (W3DLH), John Bartos (AB3LZ), Bob House (WB3HSZ) and Don Hoppes (N0VGA).

If you would like to see your name in print, consider volunteering the next time an ARES event is announced. Below and on page 14 are pictures of the half marathon taken by our volunteers.







Photos courtesy of Larry (NR3R)

## Net control station with NR3R's buddipole mpount with a 2 meter vertical and the US flag!







Photos courtesy of Brian (KB3QHA)







Photos courtesy of Charlie (N3WXO)







Photos courtesy of Gary (W3GRD)





Photos courtesy of Bob (WB3JSZ)

