

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

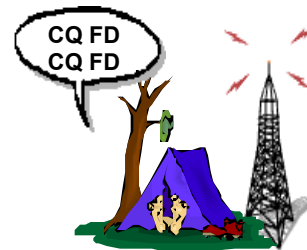
To register for the Gateway or need information on setting up the radio, please visit <http://www.epaares.org/dstar/>

W3OI Home Page: <http://www.w3oi.org>

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field Day Issue Next Month



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.





The May, 2011 LVARC meeting will be held on
May 3, 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

<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

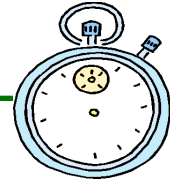
REMEMBER:

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 April, 2011 LVARC Meeting de - Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by Vice President Traverson at 1931 Hrs.

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

There were a total of members in attendance, and the club was joined by guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Craig (N3TSY), Phil (KB3HMK), Brian (KB3QHA), Paul (N0KIA), Robin (KB3GZV), Dave (N3GRH) and Brian (KW3K).

Corrections Additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion by: Chuck - WB6CDY

Second by: Gary - W3GRD

Carried (Y/N) Y

Guests: John Mosovsky - KB3VNS

Treasurer's Report: (Brian - KB3QHA)

Starting Balance: \$4,227.08

Ending Balance: \$4,024.29

Approved by: Charlie - N3WXO

Second by: Bruce - KA3TIU

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Per Jeff N3MFT, the county has approved the purchase order for the new antennas on the D-Star system and they will be installed soon.

Program: Tonight is Wire Antennas and May will be "Fox hunting skills". A fox hunt will follow on Saturday May 14 in the morning.

Volunteer Examiners: The club had two test in March. Both passed there general test. The next test session is April 15. If you would like to test, please contact Mark (AK3M).

Old Business: The first ARES event for LVARC will be the support of the Lehigh Valley Road Runners on May 1. This event is a _ Marathon; please contact Mark AK3M, sooner than later.

The next ARES event that we have scheduled is the St. Joes's the Worker 5K on May 21. This is a great training opportunity. If you always wanted to volunteer, but were apprehensive due to lack of experience, come on out, and we will pair you up with an experienced operator (for better or for worse!!! J.) Everyone is always invited to volunteer for any event at any time, so please do so.

Don't forget to sign in with Skywarn whenever you see bad weather. Although you may not have an observation that is on the "critical" list, all observations will get forwarded to the NWS office. There have already been Skywarn activations in Berks County for severe weather with hail and we have had tornado activity in the western part of the state. Don't think it's too early in the year.

(Minutes cont. from page 4)

Charlie (N3WXO) is in need of help for a 5k run / walk on April 16 at the Hanover Twp. Community Center. This is located in Northampton County. Please contact him if you're able to help.

New Business: Hadrian (KB3VDB) is in Hershey for the Future Business Leaders Conference. He is in the competition.

Paul has the new club ID cards. See him to get yours.

Good of Order: The club raised \$70 at the hamfest. Thanks to Frank (W3FTU) for taking care of it.

Field Day and the picnic were discussed. More info to follow.

Brian (KW3K) is looking for alternate net controls for Skywarn. If interested, please contact him. You will soon be able to renew your Skywarn training online.

Brian (KW3K) bought gamma seal lids. They would great on food grade buckets. You can purchase them at freckleface.com.

New Members: John Mosovsky - KB3VNS

Motion by: Chuck - WB6CDY

Second by: Charlie - N3WXO

Carried (Y/N) Y

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 1950 hrs, EST.

Motion by: Charlie - N3WXO

Second by: Craig - KB3SBI

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending March, 2011 - \$4,024.29	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  LVRR 1/2 marathon	2 ARES RACES Net 7:30	3 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	4 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	5	6	7
8	9 ARES RACES Net 7:30	10	11 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	12	13	14
15 Deadline to schedule test	16 ARES RACES Net 7:30	17	18 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	19	20 LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm	21 St. Joseph The Worker 5K
22	23 ARES RACES Net 7:30	24	25 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>May 2011</i>			

LVARC Meeting - Tuesday May 3 - 7:30 - Tri - Clover FC

Test Session - Friday May 20 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Building

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Sunday May 1 --- LVRR 1/2 Marathon

Monday May 2 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday May 3 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)

Monday May 9 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Sunday May 15 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam

Monday May 16 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Friday May 20 --- LVARC test session (Registration required)

Saturday May 21 --- St. Joseph The Worker 5K

Monday May 23 --- LC RACES/ ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

**** Monday May 30 --- NO LC RACES/ ARES Net - Holiday**

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 March 18, 2011 test session,
two tested and two passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Michael Schmehl

and

George Hallock

Both passed their Technician AND
General tests!

LVARC
VE
Program



VE's in attendance were, **Mark (AK3M)**, **Frank (W3FTU)** and **Walt (KE3SP)**

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!**

Want to go *Maritime Mobile* this Summer?

READER SUBMISSION

Sea Eagle 9 inflatable boat for sale (HT NOT included).

Used one time...

Fisherman's Dream Package, with carry bag and D.C. air pump.

Loaded:

Floorboard set

Motormount

Motormount Support Bench Seat

Oar Set

Foot Pump

Electric Air Pump

Carry Bag

\$450.00 ---- **Contact Larry (NR3R) - NR3R@ptd.net**



For Sale

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FT-100 great condition. Recently check top to bottom by a licensed tech.

Realigned and new encoder. (receipts for proof) = \$450

FC-20 auto tuner compatible with the FT 100. = \$200

Both: \$600



FC-30 auto tuner compatible with the FT-897/D = \$150

Contact Larry (NR3R) - NR3R@ptd.net

Stars and Stripes

READER SUBMISSION

de Pete (NL7XM)

Read to the end so you don't miss the last two sentences.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/korea/ham-radios-find-place-in-high-tech-world-1.139146>

Ham radio operators concerned about losing band

http://www.usatoday.com/money/media/2011-03-29-hamradio29_ST_N.htm

WANTED: OLD CALLBOOKS

Pete (NL7XM) is paying cash for OLD Callbooks.
Contact him directly at: NL7XM@arrl.net



What was the International C.W. calling frequency for ships at sea, for example when sending an S.O.S. ? (from QRZ.com)

1. 10 Mhz.
2. 2.5 Mhz
3. 500 Khz
4. 3.125 Mhz

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READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)



**800 watt generator
available at Harbor
Freight.**

The everyday price is
\$150.00 on sale for
\$129.00.

Remember: Its hard to use your signal when you are talking on the phone!

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CONGRATULATIONS to

Michael Schmehl - KB3VTU
and
George Hallock - KB3VTV



Both tested at the March 18, 200 test session. They received their calls on Tuesday March 22, 2011.



N E W L V A R C M E M B E R S H I P B A D G E S

Hi Members,

Those in attendance at the April 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, they 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 there 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 your new club badge and will wear it proudly at meeting, hamfests, get-togethers and beer-busts. Well, maybe not the rowdy ones... ;)

73,
Paul, NOKIA

TECHNOLOGY

COULD NEW WIRELESS INTERNET NETWORK KNOCK OUT ESSENTIAL GPS?

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/could-new-wireless-internet-network-knock-out-essential-gps/>



Up Coming LVARC ARES Events

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

June --- Girls 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.*



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Erik Geissenhainer (AI3D)

<http://swap.qtn.com/contact.php?counter=898314>

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.



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.



Yaesu Fukushima factory shutdown

READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)
(March 17, 2011)

CQ Newsroom reports that production of **Yaesu** Amateur Radio equipment at Vertex Standard's factory in Fukushima, Japan, has been temporarily halted due to earthquake damage

In an open letter to the amateur radio community, Vertex Standard CEO and President **Jun Hasegawa** expressed his gratitude for the many "kind words and thoughts about us during this difficult time." He reports that all Vertex Standard employees and their families are OK, although the company has not been able to reach its many dealers and subcontractors located near the coast. "We just hope that they are alive," he writes.



Currently 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.

top news

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.