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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 Valentine's Day



IMPORTANT

LVARC E-VOX CHANGES COMING IN JUNE, 2012

Come June, 2012, the **EVOX will only be available electronically**. After June, 2012, I will not have access to a copy machine anymore and will **not** be sending the E-VOX via US mail to a select few, as I have in the past. Provided I have a viable email address for you, you will receive the EVOX via email in a pdf format or it will be available on the club's website as always. -- Mark (AK3M) ed.

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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The February, 2012 LVARC meeting will be held on **February 7 , 2012** 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>
December	76	3



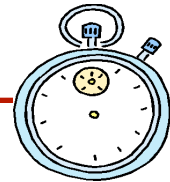
REMEMBER:

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 January, 2012 LVARC Meeting de - Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1934 Hrs, (EST).

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

There were a total of 14 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Rod – N3XG, Brian – KW3K, Phil – KB3HMK, Brian – KB3QHA, Paul – N0KIA, Robin – KB3GZV, Dorian – KB3GZW, and Gary – N3GRD.

Corrections additions to the minutes: None Noted

Approved by: Brian – KW3K

Second by: Gary – W3GRD

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Brian – KB3QHA)

Starting Balance: \$3,913.36

Ending Balance: \$4,074.11

Approved by: Robin – KB3GZV

Second by: John – AB3LZ

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: No problems have been reported with the repeaters. Rod started looking into a new antenna for the 135 repeater. It's at least 25 years old. The cost could be between \$695 and \$1300. He will keep the club updated on the progress of getting the antenna.

Program: Tonight's program is "Bring Your HT to the Meeting" Rod will cover the basics, what to look for in an HT and different accessories for it. If you have an idea or would like to do a program, please let Rod know. January 17 is the monthly activity night. If you would like to hear a specific topic, let Rod know.

Volunteer Examiners: Two people tested at the December test session. We had one new technician and one upgrade to general.

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OLD Business – The club got the placards for the vests. See Rod for them if you have a vest. We also got the extra vests in. By having these vests, we will all look the same at events. We will also be advertising the club at public events

The club sold 118 raffle tickets. We raised \$213.58. Ticket sales were down for the club and the fire company. This is mainly due to the economy. Rod thanked everyone who did sell tickets.

New Business - Rod would like a motion to be able to secure a picnic area for this year's picnic. It will be held at the same park that we had last year. It will cost \$150 to do this. Paul (NOKIA) made the motion and Dave (N3GRH). The motion passed.

It was decided that the annual dinner meeting will be at the Old Country Buffet in Whitehall. The date will be February 21 at 6:30 PM. If you have any ?, contact Phil (KB3HMK).

The D&L Heritage Trail Marathon will be held on November 4 this year. So mark your calendars. More info to follow as the date gets closer.

The W3OK club will be having a mini hamfest at their March meeting. For more info, go onto their website.

Good of the Order: There were some members who felt that Operation Ho-Ho wasn't advertised enough to the club members. They felt that the members should have had the opportunity to participate in the event this year. Members who participated in past years felt that they were left out. The matter will be looked into.

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

Motion by: Walt – KE3SP

Second by: Paul – NOKIA

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending December, 2011 - \$4,074.11	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February			1	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  Valentine's Day	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 Old Country Buffet 6:30	22 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	23	24	25
26	27 ARES RACES Net 7:30	28	29 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	2012		

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

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

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday February 6 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday February 7 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Sunday February 12 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam
Monday February 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday February 17 --- LVARC test session (Registration required)
Monday February 20 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday February 21 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday February 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)

At the December 16, 2011 test session, two tested and two passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:
Dave Karlson (KB3TRL) who upgraded to General and **Joseph Widhson** who tested for and earned his Technician license!



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!**

2012 LVARC/ARES Events

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



How can you help YOUR club in 2012?

YOUR club needs your help. Volunteer your talents in 2012. Maybe you want to send something for the newsletter, volunteer for an ARES event(s) or present a program at a meeting. *Your LVARC participation is essential to the continued success of the LVARC!*



Quiz --- True or False? (Question from the January, 2012 newsletter) **Ivan Dixon who played Sgt. Kinchloe on Hogan's Heroes is actually a licensed amateur radio operator and sent real CW messages on the show instead of just acting and playing with the key. FALSE -- The CW he sends is obviously fake!**

"Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand." --- Emily Kimbrough



CONGRATULATIONS to **Joseph Widhson** who tested at the December 16, 2011 test session who received his Technician call on December 22, 2011. Welcome **KB3WVM!**



Does this mean only **ONE** dog is allowed?

From the ARRL Store

ARES 75th Anniversary T-Shirt

Features the ARES 75th anniversary logo on the front, with a large ARES imprint on the back. Charcoal.

Closeout Special! Only \$9.95
(regular \$14.95 – save \$5)

Order No. 1013-S - \$9.95



<http://www.arrl.org/shop/Emergency-Communications/?page=2>

READER SUBMISSION



Handy
Tip

de Larry (NR3R)

If you have multiple headphones and don't know where to hang them, Walmart has a great hat hook board!

Don't forget, you need **BOTH** ICS 100 & ICS 700 to be active in Lehigh County RACES/ACS! If you have both, you may register with the LC RACES at:



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

Citizen Corps Partners and Affiliates - (From FEMA)

An End of Year Thank You for Serving Your Communities

In 2011, America logged the highest number of major disaster declarations since the inception of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reporting in the 1950s. Events this year included Hurricane Irene which impacted 14 states, fires in the Southwest, the earthquake on the East Coast, flooding in North Dakota, and the devastating tornadoes that hit the Midwest and South. Americans in nearly every state and territory were affected by some type of disaster, and many are still in the recovery process. That is why we here at FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division would like to take this opportunity to **THANK YOU** for serving your communities and building resiliency in them to these disasters and the ones yet to come. Without your tireless work, much of which is voluntary, disaster survivors wouldn't be as equipped to recover. Our neighbors might not be as informed and prepared. And we as a nation certainly wouldn't be as ready to respond to whatever comes our way.

I applaud you for your amazing work and I encourage you to continue to help each other. Help your friends and neighbors "Resolve to be Ready" in 2012." Visit www.ready.gov/resolve for more information designed to encourage citizens to make disaster preparedness a New Year's resolution. Spread the word to local businesses, schools, faith-based, and other community organizations. **And by all means, please lean on us for support.** Visit www.citizencorps.gov for a variety of resources geared toward supporting and coordinating volunteer activities. If there is something you need but don't see it, please let us know and we will locate it for you.

We are here to serve you, just as you serve your communities. Thank you again for your dedication to a prepared and resilient country. We wish you a safe and healthy 2012!

Paulette Aniskoff
Director, Individual and Community Preparedness



Ham Activity Calendar -- I have not been putting radio activities on the calendar but events, contests etc. are available at: - *ed*

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=238>