



# The VOX



The Official *On-Line*  
Newsletter of the

**Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club - W3OI / KB3SYV**  
*Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA*



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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 at 7:30 pm.

To register for the Gateway or need information on setting up the radio, please visit <https://24.229.28.14/Dstar.do>

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

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*Happy Valentine's Day*



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

**Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.**



The February, 2013 LVARC meeting will be held on **February 5, 2013** at the Tri Clover Fire Company at 7:30.

# 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 - 2012

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Nets/Mondays</u>
January	113	4
February	104	4
March	97	5
April	105	5
May	45	2
June	100	4
July	110	5
August	94	4
September	74	3
October	98	4
November	97	4
December	81	3



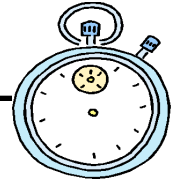
### REMEMBER:

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



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

## Minutes of the January, 2013 LVARC Meeting de - Phil (KB3HMK)



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1932 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 17 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, Robin – KB3GZV, Gary – N3GRD, Chuck – WB6CDY and Matt – KB3UZE.

**Corrections additions to the minutes:** None noted

Approved by: Gary – W3GRD

Second by: Robin – KB3GZV

Carried (Y/N) Y

**Treasurer's Report:** (Brian – KB3QHA)

Starting Balance: \$4,129.68

Ending Balance: \$4,233.87

Approved by: Chuck – WB6CDY

Second by: John – AB3LZ

Carried: (Y/N) Y

**Committee Reports:**

**Repeater:** The 94 repeater antenna is being fixed. During Hurricane Sandy, it got moved out of position. No problems with the repeater. Lehigh County will fix it.

**Program:** Tonight's program will be Chris (N3RPV) and he will be doing a demo of the Moto-Turbo radio system. The next activity night is January 22. It will be on the Buddy Pole system. Members will what the system can do and be able to assemble it with the different attachments.

**Volunteer Examiners:** At the December 21, 2012 LVARC test session, two tested and two passed. CONGRATULATIONS to David Shoap who earned his Technician license and Joel Rubincam (KB3OZC) who upgraded to General. David received his call, KB3ZTK on December 28, 2012.

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**Old Business:** Donations with letters were sent to the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Red Cross and Tri-Clover Fire Company. This is for the use of there facilities.

Rod did an amateur radio demo for a Tiger Cub Pack in Catasaqua. The kids were very enthused and had many questions. The parents were also interested. Rod thanked Brian (KW3K) and Chuck (WB6CDY) for helping out. If any member knows of a Cub pack or Scout troop that would like to learn amateur radio, let Rod know.

**New Business:** Rod welcomed the new board members. Chuck (WB6CDY) and Matt (KB3UZE) will be joining the board this year. Rod would like to have a board meeting on February 7 if everyone's schedule is good.

Due to Hurricane Sandy and the printer not having power, North Catty Fire Company was not able to do a holiday raffle in December. So what they will be doing is a Tax Relief raffle. The drawing will be held on April 15, 2013 at 7 PM. The three prizes are \$1000, \$250 and \$100. Anyone interested in selling tickets, see Rod. He will also mail them to members who are not able to attend the meeting. Rod will mail them out, he only asks the club pays for the postage. Chuck (WB6CDY) made the motion to have the club pay for the postage and Walt (KE3SP) seconded it. The motion passed.

Phil asked if we want to do another dinner get together this year. The members were in agreememnt. It was suggested to have it at the new Golden Corral in Whitehall. Phil will check to see if they have a room and if there is any fee. A tentative date of February 19 is scheduled. More info to follow.

**New member applicant:** Joe Post – KB3TOD

New Members Motion to Accept by: John – AB3LZ

Second by: Robin – KB3GZV

Carried (Y/N) Y

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 1955 hrs, (EST.)

Motion by: Chuck – WB6CDY

Second by: Brian – KW3K

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

<b>\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$</b>	
<b>Balance ending December, 2012 - \$4,233.87</b>	

# This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1> 					1	2
3	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> </div> <b>KB3UZE Matthew</b>	<div style="background-color: brown; color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30</b> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255           </div>	7	8	9
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Deadline to schedule test           </div>	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> </div> <b>KB3GZV Robin</b>	12	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255           </div>	 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	<div style="background-color: blue; color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>LVARC Test Session 7:00 pm</b> </div>	16
17	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> </div> <b>KB3GZW Dorian</b>	<b>Mid Winter dinner</b> Details to be announced on the the Monday Night Net	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255           </div>	21	22	23
24	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ARES RACES Net 7:30</b> </div> <b>N3XG Rod</b>	26	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255           </div>	28	<h1>2013</h1>	

**LVARC Meeting - Tuesday February 5 - 7:30 - Tri - Clover FC**  
**Test Session - Friday February 15 - 7:00 pm - Red Cross Building**

# LVARC Activities/Events

## Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday February 4 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday February 5 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)

Sunday February 10 --- Deadline to schedule for license exam

Monday February 11 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Friday February 15 --- LVARC Test Session (Registration required)

Monday February 18 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

**Tuesday February 19 --- Mid Winter Dinner (Details to be announced on Net)**

Monday February 25 --- 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 21, 2012 LVARC test session, two tested and two passed.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to David Shoap who earned his Technician license and **Joel Rubincam (KB3OZC)** who upgraded to General.



VE's in attendance, **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

## VOX Distribution - de Mark (AK3M)

The LVARC newsletter, the VOX, is distributed via email in a pdf format each month. If you are not receiving the newsletter, via email, you need to be sure that I have your current email address. You can send your current email address to me at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).



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## Famous Hams

### Jean Shepherd - K2ORS

The narrator of Ralphie's, "A Christmas Story."

Born: July 26, 1921. Died: October 16, 1999 (age 78). Raised in Hammond, Indiana, Jean Shepherd went on to work in the steel mills and was a veteran of the Army Signal Corps before entering the arts. In the 1950s, he began a long career as a radio personality telling stories of his youth, commenting on current topics and performing silly songs. Shepherd held the ham radio call signs **W9QWN** (2907 Cleveland St., Hammond, Ind.) and later **K2ORS** (New York).



Since the world did NOT end on December 21, 2012, you have no excuse not to enter something for the newsletter! Send your submission to Mark (AK3M). You also have no excuse not to volunteer for an ARES event this year!



## LVARC VE Program



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **David Shoap** who earned his Technician license at the December 21 test session.

David received his call, **KB3ZTK** on December 28, 2012.

## 2013 LVARC Dues



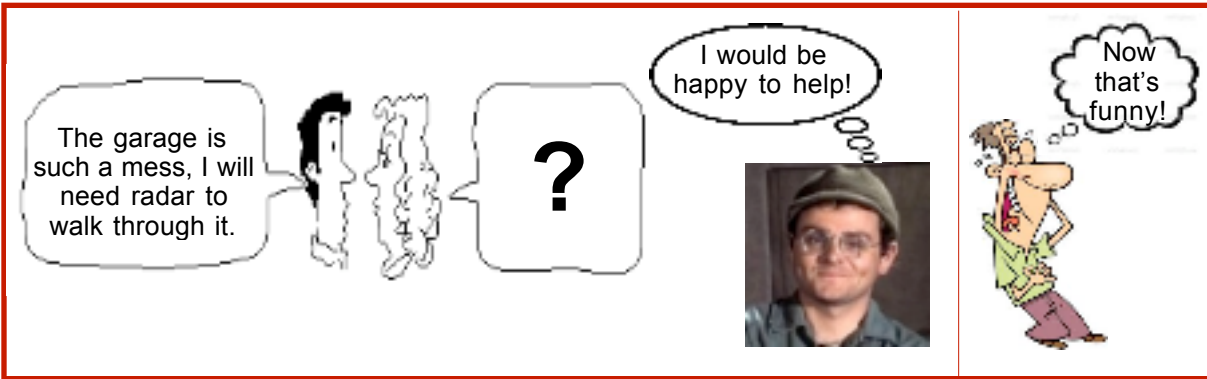
Dues for 2013 are being accepted. Individual Membership is **\$17.00** (Includes autopatch) and a Family Membership is \$20.00 (Includes autopatch). Dues can be paid at a **meeting, U.S. mail** or **PayPal** via the LVARC website. If paying by US mail, send your dues to:

**Brian Snyder**  
**PO Box 3134**  
**Easton, PA 18043**



**The LVARC  
ARES needs  
your help in  
2013!**





**Did you get what you wanted for Christmas, 2012?**

Perhaps Santa brought you that new HF rig, or a new HT. If you would like to share your ham radio Christmas gift with the readers, send a description and/or picture to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in the newsletter.



**Need a project(s) to keep you busy ?**

Larry (NR3R) submits two easy and useful projects that can be made from the parts most hams already have in their spare parts box.

The first project is a **Coax Tester**. Check to see if your coax is shorted or intact. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4eCu4p\\_Gf8&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4eCu4p_Gf8&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

The second is an **Easy To Build 12 Volt DC Polarity Tester Using LED's**. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoK2TrKmMeg&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoK2TrKmMeg&feature=youtube_gdata_player)



**2012 LVARC Test Session Report / Summary**

de Mark (AK3M)

The LVARC's testing program, **tested 34 people in 2012** and **earned \$238.00** for the club. *The program has tested a total of 294 people since its inception in April, 2003 and earned a grand total of \$1,866.00 for the club.*