



The 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 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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IMPORTANT -- de Mark (AK3M)

CHANGE IN TESTING PROGRAM! Testing will be held the **3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm**. The **NEW LOCATION** will be **HANOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** on Jacksonville Road in Bethlehem, PA. **REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY**. *The deadline to register is the Sunday before the test session.*

3890 Jacksonville Road --- Bethlehem, 18017-9307



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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



**The November, 2013 LVARC meeting will be held on
November 4, 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 - 2013

Month

Number of Check-In's

Number of Nets/Mondays

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September



108
105
133
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87
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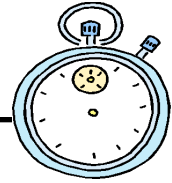
If you are not receiving the VOX via email from me, you need to send me an email so I can add/correct your email address on my list *Mark* (AK3M). Remember, you can always read the newsletter from the W3OI website

<http://www.w3oi.org/dates2013.htm#newsletters>



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



The meeting was called to order by President Wolfe at 1937 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 21 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, Chuck - WB6CDY and Gary - N3GRD.

Guests: KC3ASC - Igor Kasriel

Corrections additions to the minutes: None noted

Approved by: Scott - KB3YOT

Second by: Chuck - WB6CDY

Carried (Y/N) Y

Treasurer's Report (Brian - KB3QHA)

Starting Balance: \$4,085.02

Ending Balance: \$3,633.55

Approved by: Myles - KB3ZMA

Second by: John - AB3LZ

Carried: (Y/N) Y

Committee Reports:

Repeater: No issues to report

Program: Tonight Rod will be doing a presentation on Amateur Radio Nets. The hands on night will be on October 15. The topic will be a table top communication exercise. There is no program scheduled for November. If any member would like to do a program, contact Rod.

Volunteer Examiners: CONGRATULATIONS to David Jenkins who tested at the LDS church on September 7, 2013. David received his call on September 12, 2013. Welcome KC3BFO!

No one scheduled to test at the regularly scheduled September 20, 2013 test session. Next test session will be Friday October 18, 2013. One is scheduled to test as of this writing. This will be the first time for the LVARC Test Session to be presented at the Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem at the new time of 6:30 pm. Due to the need to notify the school district and the school itself, the deadline of the Sunday before the test for registration will be strictly enforced.

Tax Exemption: The committee met and signed the papers for the 501c3 status. The paperwork was sent on September 13. Not sure when we will hear about our application. Rod thanked Rex for doing the research and paperwork.

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Club Station: Dave (N3GRH) and Dave (N3XGE) took a tour of the Upper Milford Township building. It was the former Kings Highway Elementary School. Bill Stahler (N3BPR) is the emergency management coordinator. He showed them the room that the club could use for the station. There was discussion on the topic. Dave said that if any member has a suggestion for a different location, they should contact them.

Old Business: On Sunday September 8, 2013, twenty members of the LVARC and DLARC woke up very early to offer their skills and help a most worthy cause, Via of the Lehigh Valley. Net control once again was fortunate enough to be able to operate from the LVHN's communication van! Those who volunteered their time include, Mark (AK3M), Larry (NR3R), Frank (W3FTU), Gary (W3GRD), Scott (KB3YOT), Judy (KB3YOS), Brian (KB3QHA), Kent (KC3AFW), Jack (KC9DQV), Phil (KB3HMK), Paul (N0KIA), John (KB3VNS), Don (N0VGA), Roy (KC3AHT), Don (W3DLH), Rod (N3XG), Jim (KC3AFU), Dave (W3AMC), Bob (KE3AW), Rex (KC1WE).

The St. Joe's Tin Can & String communications drill took place. There were multiple faults. Everything on our part went well. Rod was pleased with the how the club operated. That same day the South Whitehall Twp. Emergency Expo was held. The event went well.

The Women's 5k run is on October 12 this year. If you're able to help, please contact Mark (AK3M).

The D&L Heritage Trail marathon will be on November 3 this year. If you're able to help, please contact Brian (KW3K).

New Business: New members were voted on. See the section below for the information.

Rod will begin to accept nominations for the Pres Schuyler award. Nominations will be taken up until November 19. The award goes to a club member who has done a stand out performance for the club.

Norman Sarachek (W3GTD) has numerous amateur equipment he wants to sell. He is asking \$200 for everything. Check the newsletter or contact Paul (N0KIA) for the list of equipment.

Bill Bechtel (K3VDW) has some old equipment he wants to get rid of. Contact Dave (N3GRH) if interested.

Rod asked for a motion to open the nominations for club officers 2014. Chuck (WB6CDY) made the motion and it was seconded by Gary (W3GRD). The motion passed. If you are nominated at the meeting, you can accept or decline. If not present at the meeting, you can contact the secretary either in writing via e-mail or by phone. You may only accept one nomination. Nominations will open and close at the October meeting. Nominations will then be suspended until the November meeting at which time nominations will open and then close.

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\$\$\$ W3OI Finances \$\$\$	
Balance ending September 2013 - \$3,633.55	

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2013					1	2 Ukrainian DX Contest Turn clocks BACK 1 hour at 0200
3 Ukrainian DX Contest DST begins	4 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Brian KW3K	5 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	6 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	7 Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day	8	9 JIDX Phone Contest
10 Deadline to schedule test USMC Day	11 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Paul N0KIA	12 Chicken Soup for the Soul Day	13 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	14 Operating Room Nurse Day	15 LVARC Test Session 6:30 pm	16 All Austrian 160-Meter Contest
17 Homemade Bread Day	18 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Jeff N3MFT	19 RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB LVARC Activity Night Tri-Clover FC	20 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	21 World Hello Day	22 Go For a Ride Day	23 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW
24	25 ARES RACES Net 7:30 Bruce KB3FIH	26	27 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	28  Thanksgiving Day	29 Square Dance Day	30 Stay At Home Because You Are Well Day

LVARC meeting - Tuesday November 5 - 7:30 - Tri - Clover FC

Test session - November 15 - Hanover Elementary School - 6:30 pm.

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday November 4 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday November 5 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Sunday November 10 --- Deadline for scheduling for the test session
Monday November 11 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Friday November 15 --- VE test session (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Monday November 18 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday November 19 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday November 25 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

2013

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)

No one scheduled to test at
the September 20, 2013 test
session.

LVARC
VE
Program



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 REQUIRED!!!** 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!**

2013 LVARC Events/Activities

October --- Nominations for 2014 officers
Nominations for Pres Schuler Award

November --- Nominations for officers close

December --- Elections for 2014 officers
Annual Holiday party

CONGRATULATIONS to

David Jenkins who tested at the LDS church on September 7, 2013. David received his call on September 12, 2013! Welcome



KC3BFO!

The Digbees

That is Rev. Brown. He married Jane.



I thought Jane was already married to Bob!

Get your picture taken for inclusion on the LVARC website. Pictures will taken at the September 3 and at least the November meeting which will appear on the club's website. Wear your best shirt and smile!



The First Thanksgiving

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony after a harsh winter

Read more: [Thanksgiving History | Infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com/spot/tgturkey1.html#ixzz2fNjKD0Re)
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/tgturkey1.html#ixzz2fNjKD0Re>

The 2013 Women's 5K Classic will be held on

Saturday October 12. Although the distance does not compare to the recent Via Marathon, the number of runners in this event nears 4,000! Your help is needed to provide needed communications for this event. If you can help, contact Mark (AK3M) at **AK3M@rcn.com**.





900 MHz HTs For Sale

The LVARC has several Motorola GTX hand held radios for sale. They are reprogrammed to amateur frequencies in the 900 MHz (33 cm) band. Included, are DC and drop in AC chargers. The price for the package is **\$50.00**. This is a great way to get on 900 MHz for a small cost while helping the LVARC treasury. If interested in purchasing one or more of these HT's, contact **Brian (KW3K)** at KW3K@kw3k.com.



READER SUBMISSION

de Frank (W3FTU)

Archie was a ham? Yes, In 1986, Archie comics collaborated with the ARRL to create this rare comic. *Look for other ham related trivia, articles and pictures in future editions of the VOX.*



Its almost done!

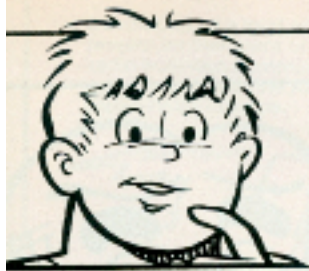
Its true! TNX to Rex (KC1WE), the application for the LVARC's 501C3



is in the mail as of Friday September 13, 2013. That means the application still needs to be approved by the IRS but when it is, it will be effective as of the date of application (9/13/13)! The narrative description of the certification process is available from Rex upon request. **TNX Rex !!!!!**



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." --- John Fitzgerald Kennedy



HAM WORD SEARCH!

There are 38 common Ham words hidden in the puzzle below. Can you find them all? **From the Archie comic book**

F T I S Y A R E C E I V E R A E O P H U P C A X D
 C R A E A G E L S Q U I F O D R A C O D A E V O S
 C A N R E T T I M S N A R T I O T O K I C P A R E
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 I C N R M P H A N D H E L D U N I T I N L A L M T
 O A W E W E R E A D D R A O B T I U C R I C A P A
 A P P M O R S E C O D E K B I U W A E S N E C I L
 H A O E Q E H T U O S R C O S Q O X R L A O C R K
 C O M P U T E R C M O C N N O S S O L I D C O P Y

Amateur
 Amateur Radio
 Antenna
 Auto Patch
 Callsign
 CB Radio
 Circuit Board
 Computer
 DX
 DXpedition
 Emergency Generator
 Emergency Network
 FCC

Ham
 Ham Shack
 Hand Held Unit
 Handy Talky
 Headphones
 Key
 License
 Morse Code
 Novice
 Oscar
 Packet
 Packet Mail Box
 Phone Patch

Q Signals
 QSL Card
 QSO
 Receiver
 Repeater
 Rig
 Rotator
 Solid Copy
 Telegraph
 Telegraph Key
 Transceiver
 Transmitter

READER SUBMISSION

de Gary (W3GRD)

Big Pocono MRCA PRC 320 video

You Tube Video of an outing
with the MRCA **M**ilitary **R**adio
Collectors **A**ssociation at Big
Pocono. September 20, 2013

<http://youtu.be/musyIRkXVp0>



The **2013 PA QSO Party** will be the weekend
of **October 12 & 13, 2013**. **After** you
volunteer for the Women's 5K Classic the
morning of October 12, you will still have
plenty of time to participate in this event!

FOR SALE

I have been a ham since about 1953,
growing up in Allentown. Call is W3GTD. I
am no longer active and would love to have
my equipment being used. It consists of:

Kenwood TS820S transceiver
Swann WM-3000 S-meter
Dentron Jr. antenna tuner
6 outlet Coax switch box
MFJ 300 W Dry dummy load
Oil filled antenna dummy load
Kenwood MC-50 mike and stand
Kenwood HS-4 headphones

I am asking \$200.



Norman Sarachek (W3GTD)
610 762-3375 (M)
610 434-9621 (H)
email: nsarachek@aol.com

NOMINATIONS



The **nominations for LVARC officers and Board of Governors** opened at the October 1, 2013 LVARC business meeting. The following were nominated for office for the LVARC. The nominations will close at the November, 2013 meeting. Send additional nominations to Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com

President: Rod (N3XG)

Vice President: Brian (KW3K)

Secretary: John (AB3LZ)

Treasurer: Brian (KB3QHA)

BOG (need 5) :

Paul (N0KIA)

Robin: (KB3GZV)

Gary: (W3GRD)

Matt: (KB3UZE)

Chuck (WB6CDY)

Scott (KB3YOT)

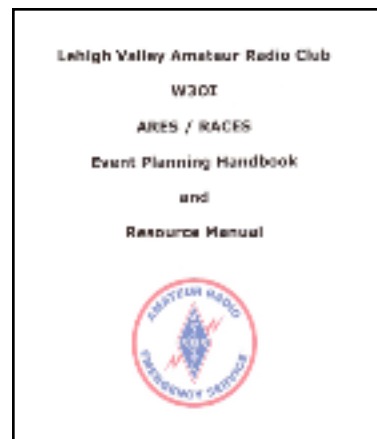
Phil (KB3HMK)

Myles (KB3ZMA)

Rod (N3XG) is accepting **nominations** for someone to be the recipient of the **2013 Pres Schuler Award** for excellence in service to the LVARC. Send your nomination and reason(s) for your nomination to Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com



The manual referenced at the October meeting is now available online from a link on our web page. It is the fifth bullet down in the right column. If anyone has a problem viewing/downloading it, please let me know. de Paul (N0KIA)



Emergency Preparedness Day

READER SUBMISSION

de Scott (KB3YOT)

Here is a picture and a short article sent to me by Sherry from **Emergency Preparedness Day**. She was one of the instructors for my CERT class and she was able to send me this picture of Rex and me participating in the Emergency Comm drill that morning.

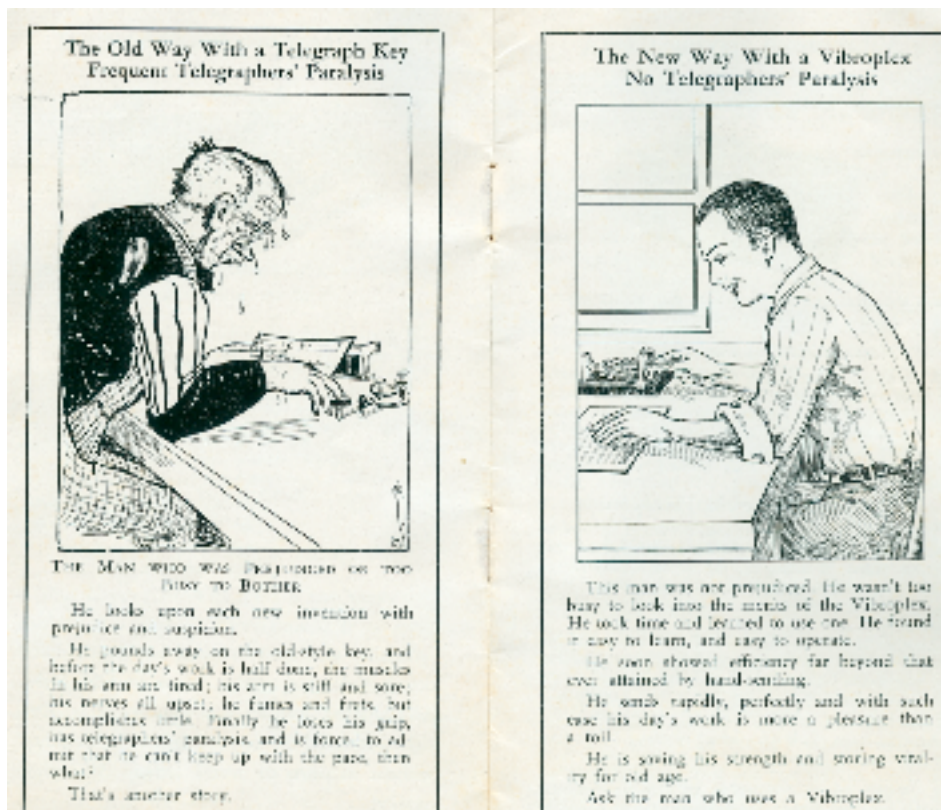


Rex (KC1WE) (left) and Scott (KB3YOT) (right)



READER SUBMISSION

de Frank (W3FTU)



**Regular CW key
vs. the "New
Vibroplex Keyer!"**

How to avoid
*Telegrapher's
Paralysis* with the
Vibroplex Keyer.

Frank found a
booklet Vibroplex
included with the
keyer he bought at
a radio swap
meet.

Brings back
memories!

(Minutes - continued from page 5)

The following is the **list of nominations**:

President

Rod (N3XG) - Accepts

Vice President

Brian (KW3K) - Not present at meeting

Secretary

John (AB3LZ) - Accepts

Treasurer

Brian (KB3QHA) - Accepts

Board of Governors

Paul (N0KIA) - Accepts

Robin (KB3GZV) - Accepts

Gary (W3GRD) - Accepts

Matt (KB3UZE) - Not present at meeting

Chuck (WB6CDY) - Accepts

Scott (KB3YOT) - Accepts

Myles (KB3ZMA) - Accepts

Phil (KB3HMK) - Accepts

Mark (AK3M) - Declined

Good of the Order: Scott (KB3YOT) asked if there was an interest in doing a digital net. It could be done after the Monday night net or another night during the week. There was an interest from the members. Contact Scott if interested.

New member applicants: KC3BFO - Dave Jenkins
KC3ASC - Igor Kasriel

Motion to Accept by: Scott - KB3YOT

Second by: Dave - W3AMC

Carried (Y/N) Y

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2030 hrs, (EST.)

Motion by: Chuck - WB6CDY

Second by: Walt - KE3SP

In favor: Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

Happy Thanksgiving !

