



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 (DCS - 315)
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

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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★ LVARC TEST SESSIONS ★

The LVARC test sessions are held the third Friday of every month (except June and July). **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** no later than the Sunday before the test session.

Test sessions are held at the Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem, PA (3890 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017) beginning at 6:30 pm.

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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.





The September, 2015 LVARC meeting will be held on **November 3**, 2015 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 (DCS 315)
The Net begins at 7:30 pm local time (ET).

*Many club announcements
will be heard there !*

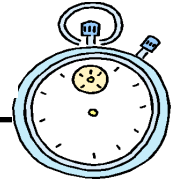
Monday Night RACES/ARES Check-In Summary - 2015

<u>Month</u>		<u>Number of Check-In's</u>		<u>Number of Nets/Mondays</u>
January		132		4
February		128		4
March		153		5
April		132		4
May		94		3 (Memorial Day)
June		124		5
July		119		4
August		144		5
September				3 (Labor Day)

Eastern Daylight Time returns this month.
**Turn clocks BACK one hour on
November 1, 2015.**



Minutes of the October, 2015 LVARC Meeting de - Mike (KC3BLF)



Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30PM on October 6 by President Bartos.

There were a total of 25 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 4 guests. Guests: Joe Ames W3JY, Jerry Campbell KC3FNB, WT Jones WN3LIF, Cade Saugier KC3EKE, Mr. Saugier, Russ Afflerbach, Barbara Boyd

The following Board Members were present at the meeting: John Bartos, Chuck Ballard, Brian Snyder, Mike Mandell, Paul Ryan, Gary Decker, Rod Wolfe, Scott Leichssenring

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Moved: Scott, KB3YOT

Second: Chuck, WB6CDY

Carried

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA)

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Committee Reports

Repeater:

Everything working. N1VEV is not allowed on the repeater until he renews his license. The 135 machine was for the Harvest 5K, and worked OK. We have found out the 94 repeater only has 2 voters working, and we may possibly be able to add an unused voter in Easton to connect to 94 for future events.

Program:

Joe Ames and WT Jones from ARRL will speak. Next month Paul will compare the under-\$100 rigs.

Volunteer Examiners:

At the September 18, 2015 test session, one tested and one passed. John Hilderbrand passed and earned his Technician license. He received the call KC3FPD on October 1, 2015.

The next test session will be held on Friday October 16. Three are scheduled to test for that session.

ARES:

The LVARC provided communications support for two events in September.

On September 13 was the VIA Marathon. Sixteen LVARC members volunteered for this event.

A new event this year was the Harvest 5K, a fundraiser for Central Elementary School. That event was held on September 27, 2015. Six LVARC operators provided the communications for that event. D&L Rail Trail half marathon is coming in November 1. There will be a club ham demo at a Boy Scout event in Hellertown on October 17.

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Communications:

There have been a couple meetings, and task groups have been formed for the website and the newsletter. May have something to present to the membership by the end of this year.

Club Station:

John AB3LZ has written to the Chief regarding electrical work with no response. Follow up letter going tonight on the same thing.

Old Business:

Rod, N3XG pointed out this is the last call for raffle tickets.

New Business:

Paul, N0KIA asked for event coordinators for 2015 have to be in for the ticket drawing in December.

Mark, AK3M would like to phase out of the newsletter and asked for someone to take over.

Nominations for 2016 Officers:

President: Chuck WB6CDY nominated John, AB3LZ

Vice President: Scott KB3YOT nominated Chuck B WB6CDY

Treasurer: Brian, KB3QHA

Secretary: Scott KB3YOT nominated Mike KC3BLF

Board of Governors: Gary, W3GRD nominated Scott KB3YOT, Chuck WB6CDY nominated Rod, N3XG,

Brian KB3QHA nominated Don N0VGA, Scott nominated Gary D., Rod N3XG nominated Paul, N0KIA,

Chuck WB6CDY moved nominations be closed

Seconded Dave, W3AMC

Carried

Good of the Order:

John mentioned there are rebates on Fusion radios. Rod thanked the participants of both Emergency Preparedness events. John AB3LZ said HF is somewhat better.

Sick Report:

New Member Applicants:

Jerry Campbell, KC3FNB, Cade Saugier, KC3EKE

Motion to accept: Ken, KC3BLE

Second: Dave, W3AMC

Carried

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM


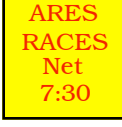







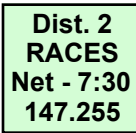


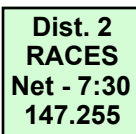

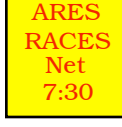
Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY

Seconded: Paul, N0KIA

Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon	2  Dorian KB3GZW	3 	4  Phone Fray	5 NRAU 10m Activity contest	6	7 Ukrainian DX contest ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest
8 IPARC SSB contest	9  Brian KW3K	10	11   Veterans Day	12	13	14 WAE DX RTTY contest Kentucky QSO party JIDX Phone contest
15	16  Scott KB2YOT	17 	18 	19	20  Hanover Elem.	21 LZ DX contest Austrian 160m contest ARRL SSB sweep contest
22	23  Matthew KB3UZE	24	25 	26  TNXgiving Day	27	28 ARRL EME contest CQ Worldwide DX CW contest
29	30  Jeff N3MFT	<h1>November 2015</h1>				

LVARC meeting - Tuesday November 3 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover FC

LVARC test session - November 20 - Hanover Elem. (6:30 pm)

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar PRINT, CLIP and POST



Sunday November 1 --- D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon
Monday November 2 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday November 3 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday November 9 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday November 16 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday November 17 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)
Friday November 20 --- Test Session at Hanover Elem. School
Monday November 23 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday November 30 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

2015

LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)



At the September 18, 2015 test session,
one tested and one passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:
John Hilderbrand - Technician

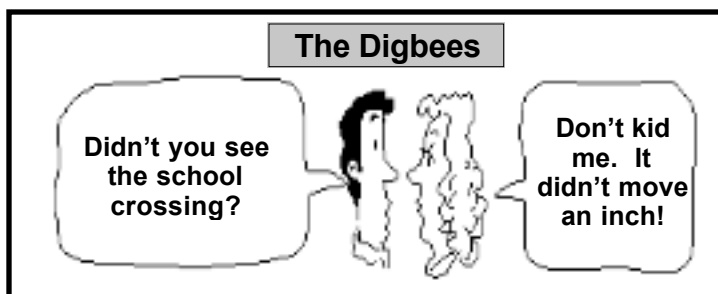
VE's in attendance included:
Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (N0VGA)

LVARC 2015 Test Session Dates --- Test sessions are held at the Hanover Elementary School (3890 Jacksonville Road) in Bethlehem, Pa., the **3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 pm. REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

October --- Oct. . 16
November --- Nov. 20
December --- Dec. 18



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!**



If you are a fan of listening to aircraft comms, a Baofeng is not for you. A Baofeng does not allow the AM mode.



LVARC/ARES 2015 Events



October 17 --- Women's 5K Classic

November 1 --- D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!
Mark your calendar and volunteer to help!

Watch the VOX, attend a meeting and listen to the Monday Night Net for details.

The LVARC Has TWO More ARES/Community Events Scheduled for 2015. These include:



- (1) Women's 5K Classic (Oct. 17)
- (2) D&L Rail Trail Half-Marathon (Nov. 1)



Mark your calendar and volunteer to help with any or all of the remaining events. To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or for the Rail Trail, contact Brian (KW3K).



VIA Marathon 2015 a HUGE Success!

de Mark (AK3M)

If you ever thought of running a marathon, you would want to ask for the weather and conditions we experienced at the 2015 VIA marathon held on Sunday September 13. Sixteen LVARC ARES members, participated with providing amateur radio communications support for that event. The marathon spanned three cities and two counties. It began in Allentown and ended in Easton and the 4,500 runners ran along the canal/towpath. The LVARC net control was housed along with EMS and VIA communications making the exchange of information among disciplines very easy and effective.



A directed net was opened at 0650 and closed at 1338. The event included a marathon and a half marathon which were run simultaneously but with different starting positions. All of our operators performed as professional as amateurs can be and the information they provided was an asset to all VIA and EMS personnel. There were 43 messages passed through LVARC communications ranging from routine to priority classifications.

Those LVARC participants deserve a sincere, "Well done!" Those LVARC ARES members included, **Mark** (AK3M), **Larry** (NR3R), **Jeff** (N3MFT), **Chris** (N3RPV), **Don** (N0VGA), **Kenny** (KC3BLE), **Frank** (W3FTU), **Stephen** (W3TNT), **Gary** (W3GRD), **Jack** (KC9DQV), **Rex** (KC1WE), **John** (AB3LZ), **Mike** (KC3BLF), **Phil** (KB3HMK), **Bob** (WB3JSZ) and **Brian** (KB3QHA). I am proud of all our operators. Without these dedicated volunteers, the LVARC could not provide the level of support to all of our community events.

Pictures of the event, submitted by our operators are on following pages.



NCS
Photos, courtesy Larry (NR3R)

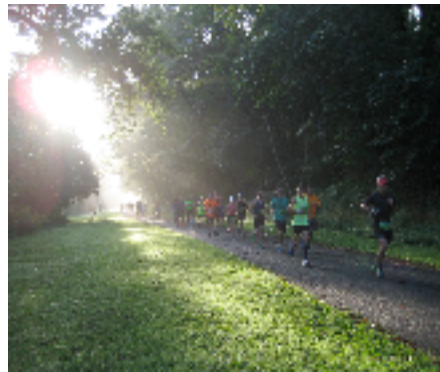


Photos, courtesy Mike (KC3BLF)

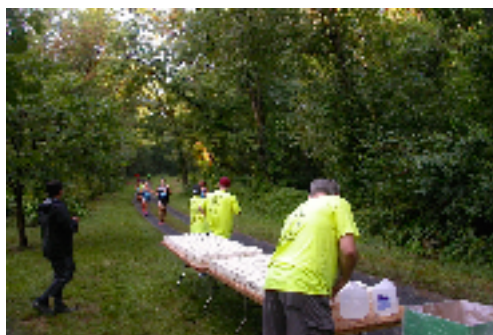




Photos, courtesy
Don (N0VGA)



Photos, courtesy
Bob (WB3JSZ)



Photos, courtesy
John (AB3LZ)



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John (AB3LZ)



Veteran's Day

Veterans Day, 2015 will be on Wednesday November 11. Kenny Bass (KC3BLE) offers the following to honor the day.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE TO THE RADIO OPERATORS

FOR ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE REGIMENT ...
WHO GOT THE EMERGENCY MESSAGES SENT.

THOSE WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES
CALLING IN ARTILLERY FIRE.

AND TO OUR TROOPS THAT STRUNG
OUT THE FIELD PHONE WIRE.

FOR THOSE WHO SENT OUT THE CALL OF S.O.S.
AND THE BRAVE TROOPS WHO CAME TO THE AID
OF THEIR DISTRESS,
AND
TO ALL WHO SERVED FAR AND NEAR ...
I SAY 73'S
NOW I'LL BE CLEAR!!

BY KENNETH R. BASS (KC3BLE)



WANTED: The Monday Night ARES/RACES/LVARC Net is looking for net control operators. There has been some changes in the NC roster and a few new operators will be needed beginning 2016. If you are interested, contact Mark (AK3M).



A Nice Thank You

de Mark (AK3M)



After the VIA marathon, I emailed LVARC operators a thank you email and cc'd a copy to Gerry Yasso, the event coordinator.

On September 18, 2015, I received the following email from Gerry. This is his email reply.

I do want to echo Mark's comments. Your volunteer support for the Via Marathon is exceptional. We could not do this without you. Critical communication makes it all work. Yes, this one was the smoothest to date and we can thank you for making it so.

Thank you for supporting the race and thank you for everything you do for people with disabilities in our community.

You're the best,



Emergency Preparedness Day Event

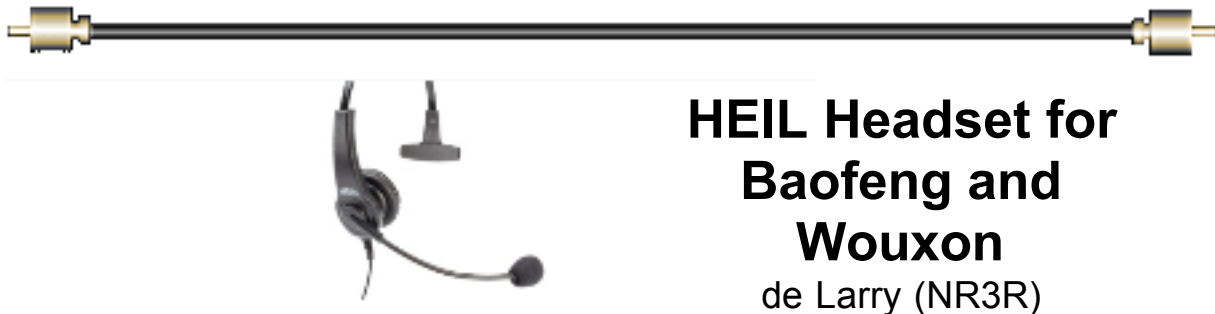
An Emergency Preparedness Day event was held on Saturday September 19, 2015. Amateur radio was proudly represented by the LVARC! Below are pictures of the event, courtesy of Don (N0VGA).



CONGRATULATIONS
to a new ham in town!

YIPEE!

There is a new ham in the Lehigh Valley. **John Hilderbrand**, who tested at the September 18, 2015 test session, received his call on October 1, 2015. His new call is **KC3FPD**. Please welcome him to the hobby when you hear him on the air.



SEARCH: HTS | SPEAKER | NR3R-190

The Basics

The new Heil Talker headset HTS from Heil Sound is a single-piece, lightweight headset designed for use with popular handheld transceivers. The HTS provides hands-free and discreet listening convenience while maintaining the excellent memory foam comfort and noise reduction characteristics. It features a built-in high-quality microphone and an ergonomic flexible boom.

This HTS is also introduced with clip-on for fixed handhelds - ICOM, Yaesu, and Kenwood Baofeng - and plans are underway to offer additional models.

- HTS-E Works with 2-pin fixed
- HTS-F Works with DMR transceivers
- HTS-H Works with 4-pin Kenwood, Baofeng, and Wouxun

Search for more information on the HTS and NR3R plans on the HTS website from a 10-100 page.

"This is a fantastic HEIL for under \$30. Unbelievable price for a Heil element. They now have the headsets for Baofeng and Wouxun."

REMEMBER: If you move, you must change your address with:

1. The FCC
2. The ARRL (if you are a member)
3. The LVARC

Also, **REMEMBER** TO UPDATE YOUR LICENSE BEFORE IT EXPIRES!



Harvest 5K - de Mark (AK3M)



The Harvest 5K was held on Saturday September 27, 2015. This was a new event in event in the Lehigh Valley as was the LVARC's part in their event. The event was a fundraiser for Central Elementary School in Allentown.

Six LVARC ARES operators volunteered their time and expertise for this event. Approximately 200 runners participated in both a, "Fun Run," as well as a 5K (3.2 miles). A big TNX to **Bob (WB3JSZ)**, **Frank (W3FTU)**, **Kenny (KC3BLE)**, **John (AB3LZ)** and **Don (N0VGA)**. A special TNX to **Larry (NR3R)**, who took over Net Control at the last minute in my absence. The operators were on site early and Larry opened a directed net at 1445. Traffic was light as only 4 messages were passed among our net. There was only one emergency that required Allentown EMS but that happened to a spectator and was handled by the event's medical person. The net concluded at 1640. The 147.135 repeater was used as the primary event repeater.

This marks the fourth ARES event of 2015 with two more to come. Below and on page 16, are pictures of the event, submitted by LVARC operators.



Photos, courtesy of Bob (WB3JSZ)

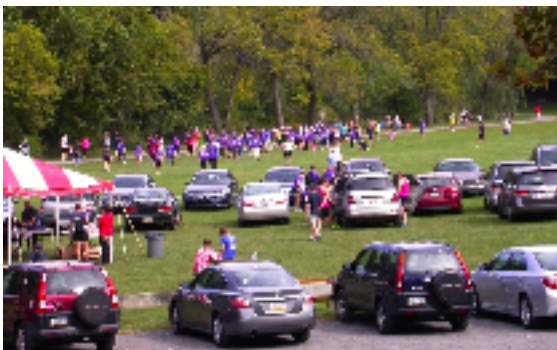


Photos, courtesy of
Don (N0VGA)





Photos, courtesy of Larry (NR3R)



Photos, courtesy of John (AB3LZ)

D-Star equipped operators -

A reminder that the Monday night D-Star net is held every non holiday Monday on D-Plus reflector 020A at 8 pm eastern time.



The net may be found on the W3OI D-Star repeaters.

If anyone needs any additional info please drop me a line at Dave@KC3BFO.com

Thanks

Dave
KC3BFO



Remember --- The Monday Night Net roster is updated monthly. If you are not called, it means you have not checked in for a month. To be put back on the list, you simply have to check-in when, "late comers"/ "new comers," are invited to check in.



ARRL VISITS THE LVARC



Two ARRL representatives visited and presented at the October 6, 2015 meeting.



Joseph Ames, Jr.
W3JY (Right)
EPA Section Manager

Walt Jones
WN3LIF (Left)
Section Emergency
Coordinator



Photos, courtesy of Paul (N0KIA)

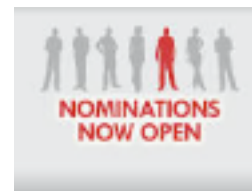
LVARC President John (AB3LZ) Joins the Bunny Slippers Club!

LVARC President John (AB3LZ) saw his last day of work on Friday October 9, 2015. Congratulate him when you see him! ***Enjoy your retirement John!***



Nominations for 2016 LVARC Officers will close at the November, 2015 meeting.

The slate of officers are below. Should there be no additions to this list, no elections will be held in December.



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Secretary: Mike Mandell (KC3BLF) - pending

Board of Governors (5 needed)

Scott Leichssenring (KB3YOT)

Rod Wolfe (N3XG)

Don Hoppes (N0VGA)

Gary Decker (W3GRD)

Paul Ryan (N0KIA)

Ways to Vote for 2016 LVARC Officers - de John (AB3LZ)

Members can mail their votes to the the club secretary. They must be in his possession prior to the start of the November. Since the election is anonymous email will not work. The envelope with the ballot should have the members address and call sign. The club secretary will hand the sealed envelope to club election judge at the December meeting. He will open the envelope and count the mail ballots with the ballots from the meeting.