



# 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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**Nominations for 2016 LVARC Officers and board members this month!**

**The LVARC's 147.135 repeater now requires DCS 315**

## **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](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)**

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





The September, 2015 LVARC meeting will be held on **October 6**, 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

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



### LVARC Minutes September 2015

Tri-Clover Fire Company, Orefield, PA --- 9/1/2015

#### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30PM on Sept 1 by President Bartos.

There were a total of 20 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 2 guests.

**Guests:** John Hildebrand, Brian McCallister KD0POF

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

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

Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY

Second: Walt, KB3QHA

Carried

**Treasurer's Report** (Brian-KB3QHA)

The financial report was presented.

Motion to approve: Rod, N3XG

Second: KC3EXO

Motion carried

#### Committee Reports

##### Repeater:

The repeaters seem to be fine. No issues with the machines or people operating them.

**Program:** Tonight is solar power by Don, N0VGA. Hands on will be some solar field testing. Next month Joe Ames from ARRL will speak.

#### Volunteer Examiners:

There were no test sessions in July and August, 2015 due to the school's schedule, where the tests are held. In September, the normal testing sessions will be offered on the third Friday of each month.

The next test session will be held on Friday September 18, 2015 at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem starting at 6:30 pm. As of this date, we have two to test at on the September test session.

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**ARES:**

(Minutes cont. from page 4)

The next ARES event will be the VIA Marathon. The date of this event will be Sunday September 13, 2015. Operators are needed. To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) or call [610-865-9183](tel:610-865-9183).

Fall events include: (1) The Harvest 5K (NEW) - September 27, (2) Women's 5K Classic --- October 17 and (3) The D&L Rail Trail 1/2 Marathon --- November 1. See page 8 of the August 2015 issue of the VOX.

Sept 12 will be the Whitehall Township Emergency Prep day from 9-12AM. We need at least one more person.

Sept 19 is the St. Luke's West Emergency Prep event. Scott Lindemuth will have 2 people at the county EOC and we will do a county-wide simplex test at the same time.

The Papal visit is the weekend of Sept 26. Volunteers for Chester County who has asked for help must go through Rod or Bruce Bobo and Lehigh County ARES/RACES.

**Communications** -- No report

**Club Station:**

A group went to the location of the club station and had a very preliminary plan for how to progress. John, AB3LZ would like to lay out the plan for December. It is cleaned out at this point. The group may meet about an hour before the next hand's on night.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nominations for next year officers will start in October. John asked for people to chair the Christmas party and possibly set it up further in advance. John reviewed the revised participation program and drawing. He solicited prizes from the membership for the participation program. Rod still has raffle tickets. The drawing is Oct 11.

**Good of the Order:**

Rex announced he has bought a home in Florida and this may be his last business meeting. HF was reported to be good in recent days. Andy reported his daughter is recovering from cancer surgery.

Chuck brought up an issue with the Prolific drivers in Windows 10.

**Sick Report:** None

**New Member Applicants:** Motion to accept: None -- Second: --- Carried

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20].

Moved: Scott, KB3YOT

Seconded: Don, N0VGA --- Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

# This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>October 2015</h2>				1	2 YLRL DX/NA YL Anniv. Contest  Oceania DX phone contest	3 German Telegraphy contest
4	5 ARES RACES Net 7:30  Mark AK3M	6 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	7 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	8	9	10 Oceania DX CW contest  Scandinavian SSB contest  Arizona QSO party
11	12 ARES RACES Net 7:30  Paul N0KIA	13	14	15	16 LVARC Test Session 6:30 pm  Hanover Elem.	17  Women's 5K Classic
18	19 ARES RACES Net 7:30  Rod N3XG	20 LVARC Activity Night Tri-Clover	21	22	23	24 CQ Worldwide DX SSB contest
25	26 ARES RACES Net 7:30  Robin KB3GZV	27	28	29	30	31 ARRL EME contest

**LVARC meeting - Tuesday October 6 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover FC**

**LVARC test session - October 16 - Hanover Elem. (6:30 pm)**

# LVARC Activities/Events

## Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



- Monday October 5 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Tuesday October 6 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)  
Monday October 12 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Friday October 16 --- Test Session at Hanover Elem. School  
**Saturday October 17 --- Women's 5K Classic**  
Monday October 19 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Tuesday October 20 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)  
Monday October 26 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

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## LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)



There was no test session in  
August, 2015.

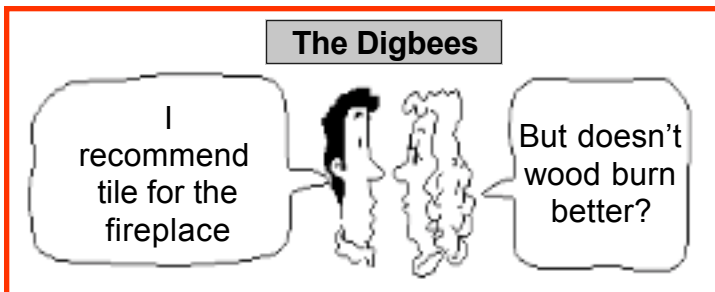
**LVARC 2015 Test Session Dates** --- Test sessions are held at the Hanover Elementary School (3890 Jacksonville Road ) in Bethlehem, Pa., the **3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 pm. REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** Contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

September --- Sept. 18  
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](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!**



*"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six." --- Yogi Berra*



## LVARC/ARES 2015 Events



- September 13** --- VIA Marathon
- September 27** --- Harvest 5K
- 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 **FOUR** More ARES/Community Events Scheduled for 2015. These include:



- (1) VIA / LVHN Marathon (Sept. 13)
- (2) Harvest 5K (Sept. 27)
- (3) Women's 5K Classic (Oct. 17)
- (4) 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](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).





## New Baofeng -- de Larry (NR3R)

# BAOFENG UV82L

*Two PTT switches for transmitting  
on VFO A OR VFO B*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC7I5iDVMzk>



**Nominations for LVARC officers and board members will open at the October 6, 2015 meeting.** Nominees must meet bylaw requirements that are posted on the club's website.



## FCC Regulatory Fee for Vanity Call Signs to Disappear September 3 (from an ARRL Newsletter email)

The FCC regulatory fee associated with Amateur Radio Vanity call signs is no longer required.

Beginning Thursday, September 3, 2015, applicants will be able to file all vanity applications (new and renewal) without having to pay a regulatory fee. FCC decided earlier this year to eliminate the regulatory fee component for Amateur Radio vanity call signs because their costs exceed the amount collected in fees.



## Put Away your "Go Bag" and get "Swiss Army Knife Travel Jacket?"

<http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2015/09/04/swiss-army-knife-travel-jacket-has-already-raised-17m-and-it-not-over-yet/>

