



The VOX



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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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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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.





The September, 2015 LVARC meeting will be held on **September 1, 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

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



School may have started, vacations may be over and memories of cooler Fall days may be creeping into your thoughts but the LVARC still has four ARES events who need communications support. See pages 8 & 9 for a list of those events along with their dates.



Volunteer to help now! email Mark (AK3M@rcn.com).

Minutes of the August, 2015 LVARC Meeting

de - Mike (KC3BLF)



LVARC Minutes August 2015

Tri-Clover Fire Company, Orefield, PA
8/4/2015

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30PM on August 4 by President Bartos.

There were a total of 15 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests.

Guests: None

The following Board Members were present at the meeting: John Bartos, Mike Mandell, Paul Ryan, Gary Decker, Rod Wolfe.

Approval of Minutes

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

Moved: Don, N0VGA

Second: Rex, W1CE

Carried

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA)

Treasurer's report was read.

Motion to approve: Rex, KC1WE

Second: Walt, KE3SP

Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater:

Rod has heard no repeater complaints, other than an incident with a banned user on the repeater. He has not been on the repeater since.

Program:

Tonight's presentation is QRP, and Paul N0KIA will bring in QRP equipment for the hands on night. Next month is solar power from Don, N0VGA. We still need a talk for November.

Volunteer Examiners:

There was no test last month, August is still indefinite based on the school schedule.

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ARES:

Remaining ARES events:

- (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)
- (5) Emergency Prep Day South Whitehall, Sept 19

Club Station:

The beer cooler was mostly cleaned out by the fire company. John, AB3LZ is forming a small group to work on getting the space ready for the station.

Communications:

No report

Club Station:

John AB3LZ received a letter from Chief Johnson that they have cleaned out the beer cooler.

Old Business:

John thanked Don, N0VGA for the club picnic which was a success. Also Rod, N3XG for all the Field Day work.

New Business:

Gary, W3GRD got a letter from a QSL bureau to send them envelopes for cards and got a bunch of QSL cards going back to 2009.

Good of the Order:

When the beer cooler was cleared out, the Fire Company has many, many latex gloves that are free for the taking.

John reported 10 meters seems dead, 20 meters on digital is OK. Paul talked a little about the 2 RadioGrams he send on the weekly net last night. Rex asked about a new 2 band radio.

Sick Report:

Carl, K3ATX seems to be doing pretty well. Bruce, KB3FIH is doing really well also.

New Member Applicants:

John Rutkiewicz, KC3FFA

Motion to accept: Steve, K3OPA

Second: Ken, KC3BLE

Carried

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at [8:07].

Moved: Rod, N3XG

Seconded: Myles, KB3ZMA

Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September		1	2	3	4	5
		LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255			All Asian DX phone contest Colorado QSO party
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	ARES RACES Net 7:30 NO NET Labor Day		Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255			FOC QSO party Arkansas QSO party ARRL VHF contest
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Robin KB3GZV	LVARC Activity Night Tri-Clover	Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255		LVARC Test Session 6:30 pm Hanover Elem.	SRT HF SSB contest <div style="background-color: #FF0000; color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Emerg. Prepare Day</div>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Dorian KB3GZW		Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255			Texas QSO party
27	28	29	30	2015		
	ARES RACES Net 7:30 Jeff N3MFT		Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255			

LVARC meeting - Tuesday September 1 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover FC

LVARC test session - September 18 - Hanover Elem. (6:30 pm)

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Tuesday September 1 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday September 7 --- NO LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday September 14 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday September 15 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)
Friday September 18 --- Test Session at Hanover Elem. School
Monday September 21 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday September 28 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

2015

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)



There was no test session in July, 2015.

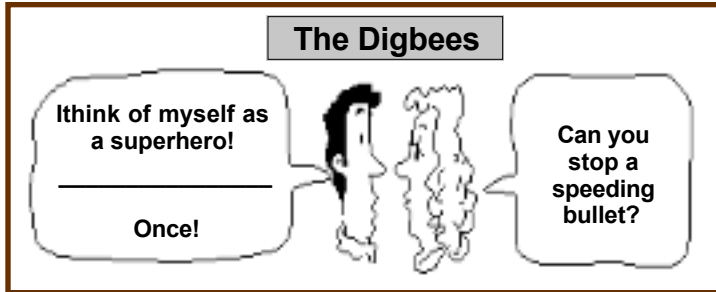
LVARC 2015 Test Session Dates --- Test sessions are held at the Hanover Elementary School (3890 Jacksonville Road) in Bethlehem, Pa., the **3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 pm. REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

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) or US mail (5508 Hale Ave - Bethlehem, PA 18017). You can send pictures, diagrams or text. **The newsletter needs YOUR material to continue!**



**School is open.
Drive carefully!**



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 General question pool expired on June 30, 2015.



When ordering study material for the General exam, be sure you are getting and studying the correct material.



The LVARC's new Yaesu Fusion repeater, 147.135 (DCS 315) is working great. The analog/digital repeater has been up and running for a while and is working fine! After keying up the repeater. **WAIT A SECOND OR TWO BEFORE TALKING.** The repeater needs to know what mode (analog or digital) is being used.

Please be sure the LVARC's 2 meter **SIMPLEX** frequency is programmed in your HT's and mobile radios.

It may be used during an ARES event or if the 94 or 135 repeater fails.

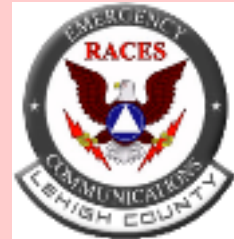
That frequency is **147.420 MHz** (NO offset and NO PL).

L.C. RACES Registration

READER SUBMISSION

de Mark (AK3M)

In order to update LC RACES membership and keep accurate records, if you have registered with Lehigh County RACES, please let Rod know. **Remember, you need BOTH ICS 100 AND ICS 700 to register with RACES. Print and complete the form on page 11 and U.S. mail to Rod (N3XG).**



Emergency Preparedness Day is September 19, 2015 FROM 11:00 am till 4:00 pm.

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.



“911”

de Kenny Bass (KC3BLE)



... In all my poetry
My goal is to
Support Victory ...



Nothing like this,
has happened in history ...

Yet winning is not an impossibility.
We shall bond, cohesively!!

We will not be thrown into hysteria!!

This is the United States of America!!!!!!!!!!!!



- 1. ARES events are yet to happen! Volunteer your time and talent.**
- 2. Your submissions to the VOX are needed. The newsletter cannot survive without your help.**
- 3. The LVARC ARES/RACES net meets every Monday night on the 146.34./146.94 net at 7:30 local time.**
- 4. Participation in LVARC activities earns you tickets which will be used at drawing(s) at the December meeting. These drawings can win you valuable prizes.**