



The **VOX**

The Official *On-Line*
Newsletter of the



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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)

Check-Ins welcome!

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

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Spring arrives on March 19, 2016!



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. To REGISTER, contact Mark (AK3M) at 610-865-9183.

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

Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The February, 2016 LVARC meeting will be held on
February 2, 2016 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	138	3 (Labor Day)
October	140	4
November	179	5
December	143	4



Happy Valentine's Day!
 (February 14, 2016)



Minutes of the January, 2016 LVARC Meeting de - Mike (KC3BLF)



LVARC Minutes Jan 2016
Tri-Clover Fire Company, Orefield, PA
1/5/2016

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 on Jan 5 by President Bartos .

There were a total of 24 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 2 guests.

Guests: Brian, KC3GBI; Richard KC3GBH,

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: Chuck, WB6CDY

Second: Scott, KB3YOT

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA)

Treasurers report was read.

Motion to approve: Carl, AA3IX

Second: Chuck, WB6CDY

Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater:

All sounds well, no issues.

Program:

Tonight is "Sizing up Digital Modes". Hands on will be Chirp refresher. Next month Rick will talk about IC manufacturing.

Volunteer Examiners:

At the December 18, 2015 test session, 3 tested and 3 passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

John Hilderbrand (KC3FPD) -- Extra

Andy Koslap (KC3EKA) - Extra

Brian Stankovich (KC3BVM) - General

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

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ARES:

No activities scheduled. Rod, N3XG reported on the NCS training session. We now have a standardized preamble and format. We will start to train on NTS messages. We have a gmail account for the NCS people. This will provide an email address and phone number for large events to get hold of net control.

Communications:

Chuck, WB6CDY said next month there will be a trial website put online for evaluation.

Club Station:

We received a bid for \$920.00 for electrical work in the station area. This includes removing the ceiling cooling unit, and would be done by the same man who did the Fire Station electrical work. We did receive an offer of merchandise from the Iron Pigs, but no cash donation. We plan to further discuss fundraising to help get the club station started.

Old Business:

John, AB3LZ, would like to vote on approval of the electrical installation. Moved to approve up to \$1200.00, Chuck, WB6CDY, Seconded, Scott, KB3YOT
Carried.

New Business:

Rod, N3XG moved to donate 200.00 to Tri Clover Fire Company. Seconded by Gary, W3GRD.
Carried.

Good of the Order:

The family of John Gilbert, former club member, has older Yaesu HF rigs for sale. Will submit info to Vox.
Scott, KB3YOT, pointed out the Extra question pool changes at the end of June.
Dave, W3AMC, heard Ten Tec was sold again and is apparently in transition.
Andy, KC3EKE reported activity regarding National Parks Online. Also there were little kids on HF.

Sick Report:

None


New Member Applicants:

Lester F Morrow, W3LES
Motion to accept: Chuck, WB6CDY
Second: Ken, KC3BLE
Carried

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM

Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY
Seconded: Scot, KB3YOT
Carried
Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF
Audio recording started: 19:32 Tuesday, January 5

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ARES RACES Net 7:30	2 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	3 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255 Phone Fray	4	5	6 Vermont QSO party Minnesota QSO party 10-10 Int. Winter SSB contest
7 N. America CW Sprint  Super Bowl 50	8 ARES RACES Net 7:30	9	10 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255 Phone Fray	11	12	13 New Hampshire QSO party
14 Valentine's Day Deadline to schedule test	15 Classic Exchange phone ARES RACES Net 7:30	16 Classic Exchange phone LVARC activity night	17 Classic Exchange phone Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	18	19 LVARC Test Session 6:30 pm Hanover Elem. Sch.	20 ARRL Inter. DX contest CW
21	22 ARES RACES Net 7:30	23	24 UKEICC 80m contest Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	25	26 CQ 160m contest SSB	27 REF SSB contest
28	29 ARES RACES Net 7:30	<i>February 2016</i>				

LVARC meeting - Tuesday February 2 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover FC

LVARC test session - February 19 - Hanover Elem. (6:30 pm)

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday February 1 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday February 2 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday February 8 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Sunday February 14 ---Deadline to schedule for test session
Monday February 15 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday February 16 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)
Friday February 19 --- Test Session at Hanover Elem. School
Monday February 22 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday February 29 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

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LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

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VE
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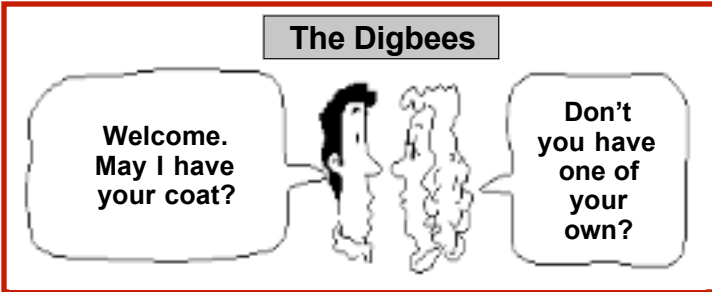
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January --- Jan. 15
February --- Feb. 19
March --- March 18

April --- April 15
May --- May 20
June --- Testing at Field Day ONLY



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!**



Happy
Valentine's
Day

The LVARC VOX Continues to Grow! I received the following text via email from W.T. Jones (SEC) on December 3, 2015. I also receive favorable comments from LVARC members each month!
TNX all ! -- (ed)

"Mark,

*I was posting another club's newsletter on forum and just happened to notice that the VOX had the highest number of hits of any of the newsletters posted on the forum. **119** which is an all time high. If you look at the VOX compared to the rest of them, it is almost triple all of them."*

73,

W.T. Jones
WN3LIF

Section Emergency Coordinator
ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section
Emergency Coordinator
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
<http://www.w3luz.org>

YEAH!

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If 2016 LVARC dues are not paid by March, you will have to be voted back into the club as if you were a new member. See page 9 for dues information.

2016 Dues Now Being Accepted!

2016 dues are due! Dues have not changed in many years. **Dues for 2016 remain at \$17.00 or \$20.00 for a family membership.** To renew your membership in the LVARC, send your 2016 dues to **Brian Snyder, PO Box 3134, Easton, PA 18043**, pay at a meeting or via PayPal.



1. **ICOM M125 VHF-FM (Marine, 100 Watts).** New at \$600.00, now \$220.00
2. **ICOM V8000 VHF-FM (2 Meter Amateur, 75 Watts).** New at \$200.00, now \$150.00. The V8000 also includes an RT Systems Software disc and the cable for programming the radio]

FOR SALE

de Ed - W3EFT

Email Ed (W3EFT) at edbjthomas@ptd.net

ATTENTION

Listen to the Monday Night Net and watch for emails for details about the LVARC Mid-Winter dinner.

Old Country Buffet

Groundhog Day is Tuesday February 2, 2016

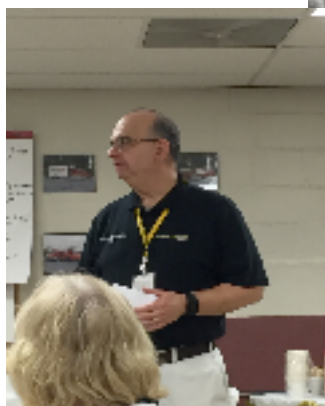
February 2, on which according to popular legend the groundhog emerges from its burrow, prompting the prediction of an early spring if it does not see its shadow or six more weeks of winter if it does.





LVARC 2015 Holiday Party A Huge Success!

The 2015 LVARC annual party was held on the December 15, 2015. Activities at the party included food, incentive ticket drawings, conversation and the presentation of the Pres Schuler award.



Photos above, courtesy of Mark (AK3M)



Photos above, courtesy of John (AB3LZ)

“And the Award Goes to ...”

At the December 15 holiday party night, the 2015 Pres Schuler award was presented to LVARC member **Rex Mott (KC1WE)**! Rex was cited for his eagerness to volunteer for ARES events as well as his extensive work on the successful completion of the LVARC's 501c3 status.



CONGRATULATIONS Rex!



Below is the list of the prizes won at the December “Cookie Cruncher”

READER SUBMISSION

de Paul (N0KIA)

- 1 - KC3BLF, Mike - Yaesu FTM-100DR Transceiver
- 2 - KB3YOT, Scott - Sainsonic Mini Dual Band Mobile Rig
- 3 - KC3ASC, Igor - Luiton LT-898UV Mini Dual Band Mobile Rig
- 4 - AB3LZ, John - Coffee Mug w/W3OI Logo
- 5 - N3XG, Rod - Multi-Function Knife
- 6 - AK3M, Mark - Sainsonic Dual-Band HT
- 7 - K3ATX, Carl - Coffee Mug w/W3OI Logo
- 8 - W3FTU, Frank - Cloud ID Cards
- 9 - KC3BLE, Kenny - Flashlight
- 10 - N0VGA, Don - First Aid Kit

Thanks to all who helped the club and earned tickets during the 2015 Public Service events.

READER SUBMISSION

de Gary (W3GRD)

Pole removal project planned for Good Luck Point (Bayville, NJ) tidal marshlands



The iconic poles emerging from the tidal marshes in Bayville's Good Luck Point may soon disappear if a federal plan clears a historic preservation hurdle. Read more at link below.

<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local/down-the-shore/89130-pole-removal-project-planned-for-good-luck-point-tidal-marshlands>



For Sale

READER SUBMISSION

de John (AB3LZ)



From the estate of John Gilbert-N3SQV, who became a silent key this year. His family is selling his rig. They have a vintage Yeasu for sale. It is a transceiver and a separate VFO. If anyone is interested in the rig, they can contact me (John).



HF



VFO



"We are most alive when we're in love."

John Updike

