



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)

Check-Ins welcome!

W3OI Home Page: <http://>

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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. 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 July, 2016 LVARC meeting will be held on
July 5, 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 - 2016

<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	51	4
May	167	5



YOUR VOX input is needed!

Send any VOX submissions to Mark (AK3M)
at AK3M@rcn.com. The VOX is your
newsletter. Feel free to submit pictures and/
or articles for inclusion of the VOX.





Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:32PM on June 7 by President Bartos.

There were a total of 21 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest.

Guests: Carl, WK3C

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Moved: Don, N0VGA

Second: Rick, KC3EXO

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA) Treasurer's report was read. Motion to approve: Gary, W3GRD Second: Phil, KB3HMK

Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater:

The 94 repeater was replaced about 2 weeks ago. It has a CAT 200 controller, but the 500 will be put back on. At some point 2 more voters will be added in Emmaus and Easton. The 135 machine is fine.

Program:

Tonight is Field Day planning.

Volunteer Examiners:

At the May 20, 2016 test session, three tested and three passed. **CONGRATULATIONS** to: Jeff Nycz
- N2JZ

- Extra, Joe Mead - Technician and Jeff Schriver - Technician.

Joe Mead and Jeff Schriver received their calls on May 25, 2016. Joe is now KC3HFK and Jeff received the call KC3HFL.

There will be NO test session at the school in June and July, 2016. The August test session will be determined depending on the availability of the school and the BASD school calendar.

There WILL be a "Walk In," test session on Saturday June 25 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the LVARC Field Day site. Those upgrading will need to take a COPY of their ham license. ALL testing will need, proper ID AND \$15.00 EXACT CASH.

ARES:

The Hanover Township (Northampton County) 5K was held on Saturday June 4. Frank (W3FTU) acted as Net Control in my (AK3M) absence. TNX to those LVARC volunteers participating. They included: Frank (W3FTU), Nick (KC3EKC), Rob (AB3RC), Jack (KC9DQV), Mike (KC3BLF), Jim (KC3FBK), Paul (KA3MTY), Andy (KC3EKA), Bill (K3ABE), Mike (KC3GBG) and Richard (KC3FEZ).

The tentative schedule of remaining 2016 ARES events is printed in the VOX. Those events are:

1. VIA / LVHN Marathon - September 1
2. Women's 5K Classic - October 1
3. Hanover Township "Fall 5K" - November 6
4. D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon - November 6

Remember that each event attended, earns the member tickets for the drawings in December.

(Minutes continued on page 12)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July					1	2
3	4 ARES RACES Net 7:30	5 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	6 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	7	8	9
10	11 ARES RACES Net 7:30	12	13 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	14	15	16
17	18 ARES RACES Net 7:30	19 LVARC activity night	20 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	21	22	23
24	25 ARES RACES Net 7:30	26	27 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	28	29	30
31	2016					

LVARC test session - NO test session in July

LVARC meeting - Tuesday July5 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover Fire Company

★ FIELD DAY THIS MONTH
June 25 & 26



Directions to the Field Day site from Allentown

- (1) From route 22, take Rte. 309 North to Huckleberry Rd.
- (2) Right on Huckleberry Rd to Brickyard Rd.
- (3) Drive to the end of Brickyard Rd.

Please remember that the railroad tracks are active and unguarded, so Stop, Look, and Listen.

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday July 4 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday July 5 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)
Monday July 11 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Monday July 18 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)
Tuesday July 19 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)
Monday July 25 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

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LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)



At the May 20, 2016 test session,
three tested and three passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Jeff Nycz - N2JZE - Extra

Joe Mead - Technician

Jeff Schriver - Technician

VE's in attendance included:

Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (N0VGA)

LVARC 2016 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.** To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

June --- Testing at Field Day ONLY (2:00-4:00 pm)

July --- NO test session in July and possibly August

September 16 --- Hanover Elementary School



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!**

2016 LVARC ARES Events

Below, is a list of anticipated 2016 ARES events. Specific dates will be published in the VOX, and announced on Monday Night Nets and at meetings. **Mark your calendar and volunteer your help for one or more of these events.**

- (1) **VIA / LVHN Marathon** - September 11
- (2) **Women's 5K Classic** - October 1
- (3) **Hanover Township "Fall 5K"** - November 6
- (4) **D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon** - November 6



The current Extra class test question pool expires the end of June, 2016.



Although there **will NOT** be a test session at Hanover Elementary School in June, there **will be Walk In testing at the LVARC Field Day site on Saturday June 25 from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm.** If upgrading, please take a **COPY** of your ham license. The test fee is **\$15.00 EXACT CASH.**

The Monday Night ARES/RACES/LVARC Net now meets **EVERY** Monday night at 1930 local time *including holidays!*

Come to the LVARC's Field Day!

The LVARC participates in the annual Field Day event on June 25 & 26. All are invited! Come out and enjoy the WX, food, operating, license testing, camaraderie and more. See directions to the Field Day site on page 6. Set up begins on Saturday and help may be needed. For more information about FD events, contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com. Walk In license testing will be from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Take a copy of your license and \$15.00 EXACT CASH if you wish to test.**



Radio Station Components for Sale as a Lot. \$830

Equipment is in LIKE-NEW condition, functionally (bench tested) and cosmetically (no nicks, scratches or smudges).

Contact: Bob/KE3AW KE3AW@arrl.net or 610.432.8286



New Hams!



Those who tested at the May 20, 2016 test session, received their calls on **May 25, 2016**.

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Joseph Mead (KC3HFK)** and **Jeffrey Schriver (KC3HFL)**!

Welcome them to the hobby if you hear them on the air.

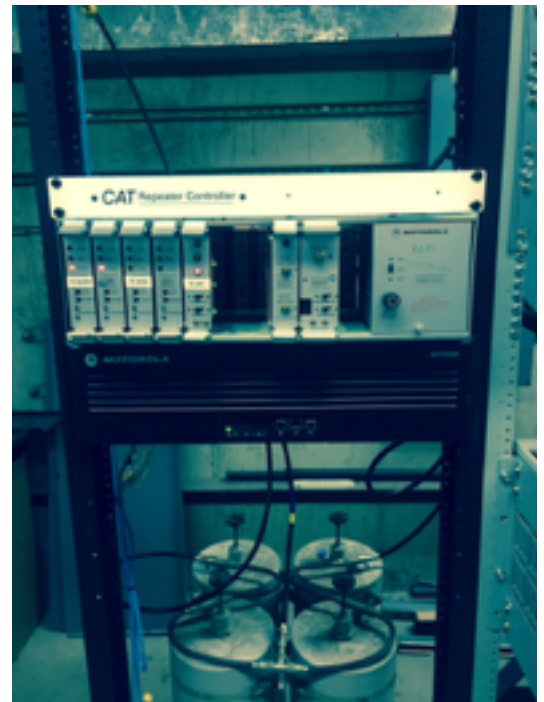
LVARC Repeater Update

(May 31, 2016) - de John (AB3LZ)

The 146.94 repeater was replaced last week with a new repeater and controller. We are in the process adjusting the new repeater. If you encounter any issues with the repeater, please forward them to me at this email address and I will collect and forward them to Chris Kelly.

Currently the 146.94 repeater is operating with two voter receivers (Savercool and Big Rock). Additional voters will be added over the next few weeks (Easton and Emmaus).

TNX to Chris (N3RPV) and Jeff Kelly (N3NFT) for all their work to make this happen!!



Looking for VOX Editor

de Mark AK3M)

I have been creating the VOX of about 14 years and am now looking to stand down. I am looking for someone to take over. If you are interested in becoming the VOX editor, please contact me.

Its that time of year. The LVARC provides communication support for many community events (ARES) during the Spring, Summer and Fall. See page 8 for list of these events. If you are interested in participating in any or all of these activities, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. If you are a new ham or a veteran, your



A Nice Thank You Note - de Mark (AK3M)

I received the following thank you note from. Dr. Mike Martinez, our contact for the St. Luke's/LVRR Half Marathon.

This Thank You note belongs to the LVARC and those who volunteered to provide communications support for that event.

"Dear Mark,

Thanks for all of the efforts you put into the success of the 2016 St. Luke's Half Marathon.

See you next year.

Sincerely,

Mike"

05/2016
Dear Mark,
Thanks for all of the
efforts you put into
the success of the 2016
St. Luke's Half - marathon.
See you next year.
Sincerely
Mike

Communications:

Web site seems operational.

Club Station:

One VHF radio is already hooked up. We plan to install a 203-foot-long wire on the garage roof. The vertical antenna proposal still needs approval from the Fire Company.

There is 250.00 left of unspent approved money. John mentioned we will need about 350.00 additional to finish of the antennas. Myles, KB3ZME volunteered to donate the coax from his supply and Gary, W3GRD will donate the remaining 100.00.

John asked about a work party to install the long wire instead of our June hands-on night. Volunteers will contact John.

Old Business:

Club picnic is July 23. Don N0VGA is the chairman for this. Last month we discussed the Boscov's coupon fundraiser.

John, AB3LZ asked for a volunteer to chair this sale and if there are no volunteers we will not do this this year.

New Business:

John, AB3LZ brought up the amount of our equipment value. Some discussion on insurance. Both potential insurance companies require listed inventory. We are going to get quotes from Erie and the ARRL insurance.

We are short an antenna for field day. It appears we will cover this either from the Lehigh Country bus or a private antenna loaned for Field Day.

Rod, N3XG needs up to 100.00 for Mr. John and up to 200.00 for misc. supplies and generator fuel, both for Field Day.

Moved: Walt, KE3SP

Second: Doug, N3WGH Carried.

Good of the Order:

HF has been generally poor.

Sick Report: — None

New Member Applicants:

Brad Finberg, N3TNL

Joseph Mead, KC3HFK

Motion to accept: Kenny, KC3BLE Second: Rick, KC3EXO

Carried

Adjournment: — Meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.

Moved: Matthew, KB3UZE — Seconded: Kenny, KC3BLE

Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

Review of the Hanover Township Spring 5K

de Mark (AK3M)



The Hanover Township (Northampton county) Spring 5K was held on Saturday June 4, 2016. Eleven operators turned out to provide communications support for this second ARES event of 2016.

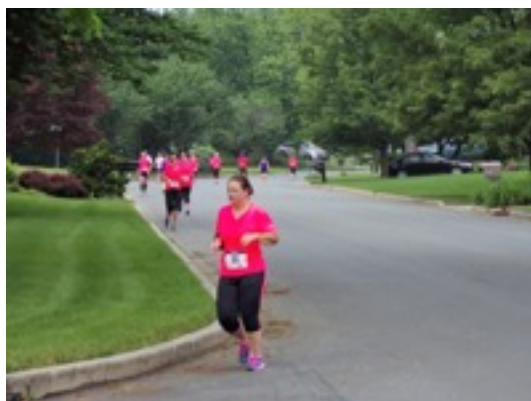
Frank (W3FTU) acted as Net Control in my absence. A directed net was opened at 0850 and closed at 1030. Traffic was light and routine. There were no priority or emergency messages exchanged.

A **HIUGE TNX** to those LVARC volunteers participating. They included: **Frank** (W3FTU), **Nick** (KC3EKC), **Rob** (AB3RC), **Jack** (KC9DQV), **Mike** (KC3BLF), **Jim** (KC3FBK), **Paul** (KA3MTY), **Andy** (KC3EKA), **Bill** (K3ABE), **Mike** (KC3GBG) and **Richard** (KC3FEZ).

The following email was received from Rob, the event coordinator:

“Mark:

Thanks so much! We love having you guys, as long as we have 5k’s I will always welcome your group.” This Thank you belongs to those who participated in this event.



Pictures courtesy of Mike (KC3BLF)