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2016

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://www.w3oi.org>




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Lots happening at the LVARC!!!

Field Day 2016, Summer/Fall ARES events, new LVARC radio shack, a.k.a., the “Beer Cooler,” New web site and more. Attend a meeting and/or read the VOX on line.

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 June, 2016 LVARC meeting will be held on
June 7, 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	151	4



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.



Minutes of the May, 2016 LVARC Meeting

de - Mike (KC3BLE)



Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 on May 3 by Vice President Ballard.

There were a total of 22 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests.

Guests: None

The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Chuck Ballard, Brian Snyder, Mike Mandell, Paul Ryan, Mark Miller, Rodney Wolfe, Scott Leichssenring

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Moved: Rod, N3XG
Second: Rick, KC3EXO

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA)

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Motion to approve: Don, N0VGA

Second: Carl, K3ATX Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater: The replacement of the 94 repeater has been delayed as the unit has not been shipped by Motorola.

Program:

Tonight's program is ham apps by Brian. Next month will be Field Day prep. May hands-on will be setting up FLDigi on laptops and trying acoustic coupling using HTs.

Volunteer Examiners: Those not upgrading, received their calls on 22, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Stephen Racz - Technician (KC3GZN)

Stanley Mockus - Technician & General (KC3GZO)

William Snyder - Technician (KC3GZP)

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

The next test session will be at Hanover Elementary School on May 20, 2016. As of this report (5/3/16), no one is yet scheduled to test at that session. The deadline to schedule for the test is Sunday May 15, 2016.

There will be NO test session at the school in June, July and August, 2016. There WILL be **Walk In testing** at the LVARC Field Day on June 25, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Those wishing to test must take \$15.00 EXACT CASH, proof of ID and a COPY of their ham license (if they have one).

ARES:

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, seventeen LVARC members turned out to provide communications support for the St/ Luke's/Lehigh Valley Road Runner's Half Marathon, the first ARES event of 2016.

A directed net was initiated at 0745 and was closed at 1119. Those LVARC operators who volunteered are mentioned on page 10 in the June 2016 issue of the VOX.

The next LVARC ARES event is the Hanover Township (Northampton County) 5K to benefit First Strides. That event will be Saturday June 4, 2016. About 9 operators are needed. To volunteer your time, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. Other 2016 ARES events are seen on page 10 of the June 2016 VOX.

Communications:

Most of the website is up and operational. They are still working on the databases. Paul, N0KIA had heard a comment that there is no "contact us" info on the website.

Club Station:

Chuck reported that we now have 4 antenna cables run from the shack upstairs and 1 of these is connected to a VHF antenna. The VHF is functional. We have surveyed the truck bay portion of the fire house for HF antennas. We may install a vertical and a wire antenna. Matt asked about an equipment inventory, which has already been done.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rod, N3XG mentioned the idea of fundraising through sponsorship of the radio room. We may look for a Boscov's fundraiser involving selling tickets.

Good of the Order:

Chuck, WB6CDY announced a Yaesu rebate on Fusion radios. The New England QSO party is this weekend. Don, N0VGA announced the Palmerton 5/10K needs some help from LVARC again this year.

Sick Report:

New Member Applicants:

William Synder, KC3GZP

Motion to accept: Dave, KC3BFO Second: Walt, KE3SP
Carried

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at [8:07]. Moved: Scott, KB3YOT Seconded: Matt, KB3UZE
Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

June 2016

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

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

LVARC test session - June 25 - LVARC FIELD DAY SITE - 2:00-4:00 pm

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday June 6 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday June 7 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)

Monday June 13 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Monday June 20 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday June 21 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)

Saturday June 25 --- FIELD DAY

Sunday June 26 --- FIELD DAY

Monday June 27 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

2016

LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)



At the April 15, 2016 test session,
four tested and four passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Robert Seyfarth (N2LEC) - Extra

William Snyder - Technician

Stanley Mockus - Technician & General

Stephen Racz - 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.

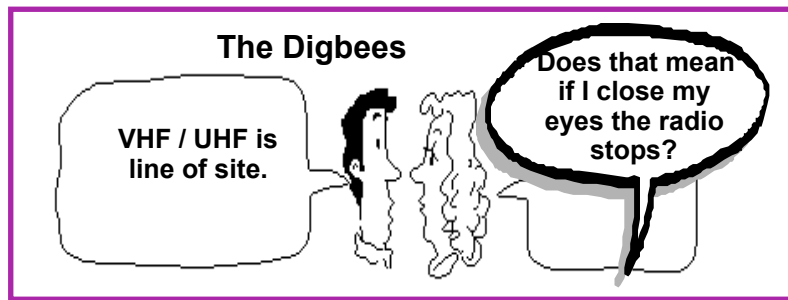
May --- May 20

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

July --- NO test session in July and August



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!**



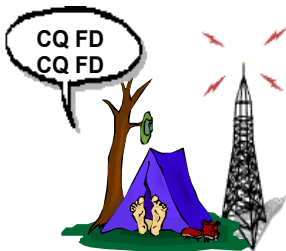
Field Day
June 25-26, 2016



NOTE — The current Extra class test question pool expires the end of July, 2016.

At the April 15 test session, three new calls were earned. Those calls were posted on the FCC website on April 22, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Stephen Racz (KC3GZN)**, **Stan Mockus (KC3GZO)** and **William Snyder (KC3GZP)**!



Field Day 2016 will be held at the same place as previous years. See page 9 for directions.

Set up and tear down help is needed! To volunteer to help set up the LVARC Field Day site or to volunteer to take food etc., contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com

**HELP
WANTED**

WHAT is Field Day? - de Mark (AK3M)

Field Day is perhaps the biggest event in an amateur radio operator's year but what exactly **IS** Field Day? Some say it is an **emergency preparedness event**, as operators are encouraged to operate under emergency conditions where generators, coolers, portable antennas and grills are used.

Others say it is a **contest**, as operators and clubs are encouraged to log their contacts and submit their scores to the ARRL, hopeful for recognition. Field Day is also an event that **challenges** and **sharpens** the operator's **skills** during often difficult HF operation (phone and CW).

I personally think Field Day is **ALL** of these as well as a great time to be outdoors on a Summer weekend with friends while participating in the the best event of the year!

However you decide to describe Field Day, don't forget to enjoy the outdoors, on a Summer weekend with friends while participating in the the best amateur radio event of the year!

WHEN is Field Day?

Field Day 2016 will be June 25 thru June 26, 2016.

WHERE is the LVARC Field Day Site?

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.

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**.

Testing
Please do
not disturb.
Thank you!



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) **Hanover Township “Spring 5K” - June 4, 2016**
- (2) VIA / LVHN Marathon - September
- (3) Women’s 5K Classic - October
- (4) Hanover Township “Fall 5K” - November



The first ARES event of 2016 was held on Sunday April 24, 2016. The St. Luke's/LV Road Runner's Half Marathon was held on a beautiful Spring day.

Seventeen members of the LVARC ARES team arrived at their pre-assigned position and waited patiently for the 0800 start of the St. Luke's / Lehigh Valley Road Runner's 5K and Half Marathon. The event started at William Allen High School and ran through the streets of Allentown and the Lehigh Parkway. More than 2,500 runners participated in this event.

Our contact, Dr. Mike Martinez, always appreciates our help as he checked in with NCS many times during the run. Mike places NCS close to him, Allentown police representatives and Allentown EMS control. That makes sharing traffic/information quick and effective. A directed net was started at 0745, shortly before the, “0800 gun,” and was closed at 1119. Traffic followed the NTS protocol and was passed in welfare, routine and priority/emergency formats. LVARC operators provided many pieces of traffic in all of those forms.

A HIGE TNX to the following LVARC members for coming out early on a Sunday morning to use their communications expertise for this event. TNX to **Mark (AK3M)**, **Larry (NR3R)**, **Scott (KB3YOT)**, **Judy (KB3YOS)**, **Brian (KB3QHA)**, **Gary (W3GRD)**, **Andy (KC3EKA)**, **Jim (KC3FBK)**, **Mike (KC3BLF)**, **Nick (KC3EKC)**, **Bob (WB3JSZ)**, **John (AB3LZ)**, **Kenny (KC3BLE)**, **Phil (KB3HMK)**, **Carl (W3ATX)** and **Don (N0VGA)**.

On pages 11 and 12, please find pictures of this event taken and submitted by our operators. The next ARES event will be the Hanover Township/First Stride's 5K on June 4. To volunteer,



(above) Pictures courtesy of Bob (WB3JSZ)



(above) Pictures courtesy of Don (N0VGA)



(Left & Right) Pictures courtesy of Gary (W3GRD)



(Left) Pictures courtesy of Mike (KC3BLF)



(Left & Right)
Pictures courtesy
of Larry (NR3R)



(above) Pictures courtesy of John (AB3LZ)

You too can have your pictures added to the VOX. The 2016 ARES season is gearing up and we have four more events scheduled for 2016. Volunteer your time and expertise for one or more of these events!



See page 10 for a tentative list of upcoming ARES events.

To volunteer, contact Mark
(AK3M@rcn.com)



Work on the LVARC Club Radio Shack Continues! The April Activity / “Hands On Night” (April 20, 2016) was used to continue work on the club station.



More about 2016 Field Day — If you want to know more about the 2016 LVARC Field Day plans or want to volunteer for set up and/or tear down, contact the LVARC Field Day chairman, Rod (N3XG). Rod can be contacted at the June 7 LVARC meeting or you may email Rod at n3xg.radio@gmail.com.

