



# 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)

**Check-Ins welcome!**

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

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Spring has arrived and that means ARES events are gearing up. See page 10 for a tentative list of LVARC ARES events and volunteer your help! Amateur radio operators have a proven record of providing communications support for community events whether emergency or public service. Be a part of ARES and volunteer your communications expertise now!



## ★ 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 May, 2016 LVARC meeting will be held on  
**May 3**, 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



## EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of the VOX was created using new software. I am not yet familiar with all the options and this issue may look different than past issues. I apologize for any errors. It will take me a few more editions to become comfortable with this software. If anyone would like to take over creation of the VOX, let me know.

# Minutes of the April, 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 April 5 by President Bartos .  
There were a total of 24 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest.  
Guests: Dale Yoder, KC3GVD

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY  
Second: Rick, KC3EXO

**Treasurer's Report** (Brian-KB3QHA) Treasurer's Report was read. Motion to approve: Scott, KB3YOT Second: Chuck, WB6CDY

Motion carried

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Repeater:**

The 94 repeater replacement contract has been put out to Motorola. When this project is completed we will have 3 additional receiver locations in Easton, Emmaus and probably Slatington. This adds to the current 2 add Big Rock and Savercool. Paul, NOKIA asked about how this is planned to work swapping controllers so we don't lose all our programming.

Membership is ARCC was renewed (the repeater coordination org).

The 2M DStar repeater still has problems, and since it is owned by Lehigh County they are going to have to repair it. The club will take a look to see what is wrong with it.

**Program:** Tonight's program is station grounding. Hand's on night this month is going to be a work night for the club station. We would like to start around 6PM because of the amount of work. Due to the early start we will try to provide pizza and drinks for the event.

May's program is going to be ham radio apps. Hand's on for May will be installing FLDigi on laptops.

### **Volunteer Examiners:**

At the March 18, 2016 test session, two tested and two passed. CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Saunders (Technician and General) and Dale Yoder (Technician and General). They received their calls on March 24, 2016. They earned their calls as Dale (KC3GVD) and Christopher (KC3GVE). VE's in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Don (N0VGA) and Mike (KC3BLF).

The next test session is scheduled for April 15, 2016. Two have registered to test for that session as of this report.

### **ARES:**

The St. Luke's Half Marathon will be held on Sunday April 24, 2016. Operators are needed! If you can help, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

### **Communications:**

The new website has been up for about a month. It is planned that club officers will be able to add info to the website.

### **Club Station:**

There has been a lot of progress over the past couple months on the station, which is coming together steadily. John went over the jobs that need to be done at hands on night to get the station on the air with at least UHF/VHF with the Slim Jim antenna he built to mount on the fire house. John asked those who are storing club equipment at home to bring it in to store at the station.

### **Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Joe, WF2O has offered to turn over the APRS station he has at Big Rock to the club. The board agreed to assume the station, and Rod N3XG will get the site operational under our call sign. This currently functions as an iGate.

**Good of the Order:** John received a postcard for the Warminster Hamfest on May 1. General discussion about HF conditions, Myles return in May, etc. Ken, KC3EJZ brought a bunch of mobile radio parts (mostly from Police cars) to whoever wants them.

### **Sick Report:** None

**New Member Applicants:** Dale Yoder, KC3GVD; Jason Faryniak, KC3GKY

Motion to accept: Chuck, WB6CDY Second: Don, N0VGA Carried

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY Seconded: Don, N0VGA  
Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ARES RACES Net 7:30	3 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	4 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	5	6	7
8	9 ARES RACES Net 7:30	10	11 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	12	13	14
15 Deadline to schedule test	16 ARES RACES Net 7:30	17 LVARC activity night	18 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	19	20 LVARC Test Session 6:30 pm <small>Hanover Elem. Sch.</small>	21
22	23 ARES RACES Net 7:30	24	25 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	26	27	28
29	30 ARES RACES Net 7:30	31	May 2016			

**LVARC meeting - Tuesday May 3 (7:30 pm) - Tri - Clover Fire Company**

**LVARC test session - May 20 - Hanover Elem. School (6:30 pm)**



December 1972 U.S. astronaut Eugene Cernan becomes the last person to set foot on the moon.



**REMEMBER** — The current Extra class test question

## LVARC Activities/Events

### Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday May 2 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Tuesday May 3 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)  
Monday May 9 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Tuesday May 15 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)  
Monday May 16 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Friday May 20 --- Test Session at Hanover Elem. School  
Monday May 23 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)  
Monday May 30 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

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### LVARC VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to:

Chris Saunders — Tech and General  
Dale Yoder --- Tech and General

VE's in attendance included:  
Mark (AK3M), Mike (KC3BLF) 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](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

**April --- April 15**

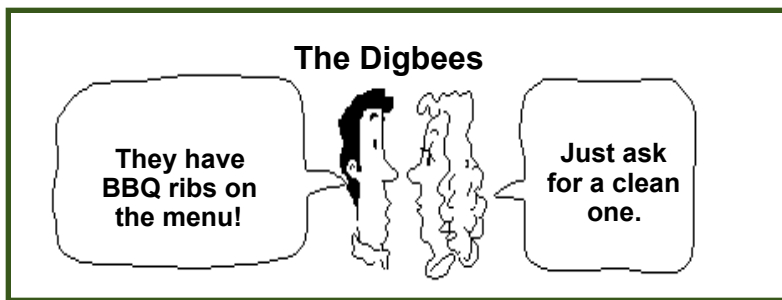
**May --- May 20**

**June --- Testing at Field Day ONLY**

**July --- NO test session  
in July**



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!**



**New Feature** -- Feel free to send me a narrative of, "How you got interested in Ham Radio." I will include it in future issues of the VOX. Send your submission to me at ([AK3M@RCN.COM](mailto:AK3M@RCN.COM)).



**REMEMBER** — The current Extra class test question pool will expire the end of July, 2016.



**First ARES LVARC Event  
Scheduled for April**

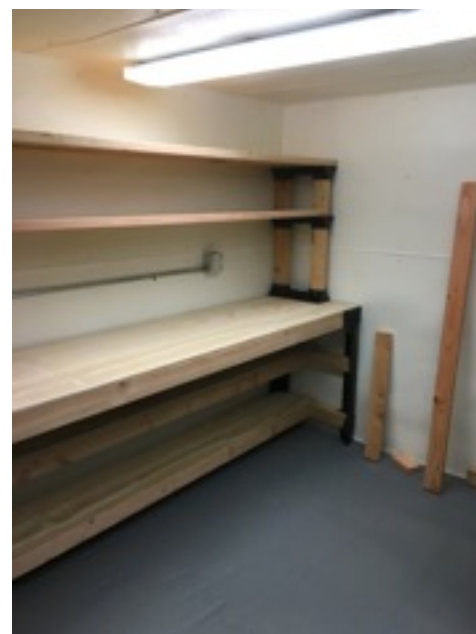
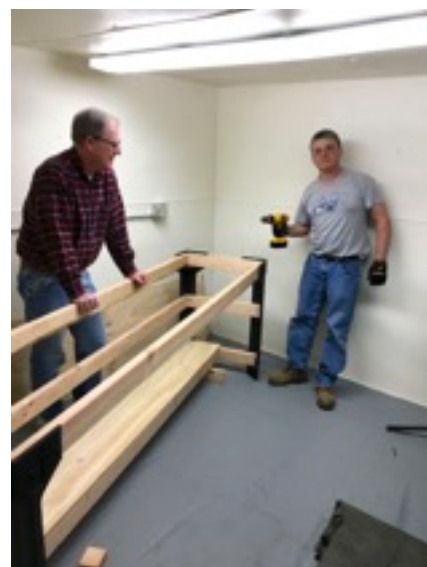
The St. Luke's Half Marathon will be held on Sunday April 24 and your help is needed. If you have a few hours to volunteer your time, contact me (Mark - AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com). The LVARC has provided communications support for this event for many many years. Your help is needed!



**MOVED?** If you have moved, be sure to update the FCC with your new address! You may renew your license through the [Universal Licensing System](#) (ULS) at any time within 90 days of the expiration date for the license and up to two years after the license expires. You may renew your license through the [Universal Licensing System](#) (ULS) at any time within 90 days of the expiration date for the license and up to two years after the license expires.



**Progress of the W3OI Beer Cooler!** The following pictures show the continued progress of the LVARC's radio shack, a.k.a., the "*Beer Cooler*." Pictures courtesy of John (AB3LZ).



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) LVRR/St. Luke's 1/2 Marathon - April 24, 2016
- (2) Hanover Township "Spring 5K" - June 4, 2016
- (3) VIA / LVHN Marathon - September
- (4) Women's 5K Classic - October
- (5) Hanover Township "Fall 5K" - November

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## Computer Disposal

I recently had the need to retire (actually trash) my old Macintosh G5 tower. I am now using a Mac Mini which is really an upgrade. The problem is that the software I used to create the VOX for many many years, is no longer supported by the OS of the new computer. I was also left with the problem of disposing the old tower.



Hanover Township (Northampton County) where I live, does accept old computers but they have not yet scheduled a date. The township was able to give me the name and address of a place that will accept old electronic gear. Desktop/towers are accepted at no cost. I am not sure if they take monitors or tv's and even if there is a fee but it is worth a call. The recycling place is, **Free Cycle** and they can be reached and contacted at **795 Roble Road**. Their phone number is **484-866-0927** and their hours are **9:30-12:00** and **1:00-4:00** weekdays. They are located near the old post office building off Postal Road in Allentown.

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**NEW HAMS** — Those who tested at the March 18, 2016 txt session, received their calls on March 24. **CONGRATULATIONS** to: **Dale Yoder (KC3GVD)** and **Christopher Saunders (KC3GVE)**. TNX to VE's Don (N0VGA) and Mike (KC3BLF) for their time.

