



# The *VOX*



The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the  
**L**ehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - W3OI / KB3SYV  
Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA

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## LVARC Repeaters

146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)  
147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)\*  
147.420 (Club Simplex Freq.)

445.025 W3OI D-Star "B" module  
147.165 W3OI D-Star "C" module

## LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)<br/>Automatic Mode Select. Analog</li><li>* FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),</li></ul> |
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The **December** LVARC meeting will be on **Tuesday December 3, 2019** at the Tri-Clover Fire Company in Orefield at **7:30p (local time)**.

The scheduled program is election for 2020 officers and Board.

*Plan to attend!*

The LVARC holds it's monthly meetings on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month at the **Tri-Clover Fire Company** in Orefield, Pennsylvania at 7:30p Eastern time.

### **LVARC TEST SESSIONS**

The LVARC holds monthly test sessions on the third Friday of every month. The test is held at Hanover Elementary School at 3890 Jacksonville Road in Bethlehem, PA at **6:30p**.

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) or call 610-428-4475 NO later than the Sunday BEFORE the session.

## **\*NOTICE\***

The LVARC radio shack is open for use on the third Tuesday of the month **BUT** you **MUST CONTACT JOHN (AB3LZ) FIRST**. John can be contacted at ([e03145jab@gmail.com](mailto:e03145jab@gmail.com)).



If you get any ham gear for the holidays, share it with the group. Send a picture(s) and description of your gift(s) for inclusion in the VOX!



## Upcoming 2019 LVARC Programs

- December** - (1) (12/3/19) Election of 2020 officers  
(2) (12/17/19) Presentation of Awards  
(3) (12/17/19) Annual Holiday party

**Note:** — Programs topics are subject to change. Listen to the Monday Night Net for changes.



The **SELF STUDY Version of EC-001**, the base required course for Level 1, is available, and has been for several months, on the ARRL web site. Members can register for the course via this link: <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>. There are two different versions of the course. The **guided** or **mentored version (EC-001)** and the **self-paced** for **experienced emergency communicators (EC-001-S)**.— *de W. T.*



The 2019 ARES season ended after providing communications support for five wonderful events!

All LVARC ARES members who participated are to be congratulated! You all deserve a rest and we look forward to the 2020 ARES season. When notified that an event is scheduled, please volunteer your time and communications expertise! — Mark (AK3M)

## The LVARC 2019 Activity Calendar

### DECEMBER

December 2 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

December 3 - LVARC meeting at 7:30p at the Tri-Clover F.C.

December 9 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

December 16 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

December 17 - LVARC Award Presentation / Holiday Party

December 20 - Test session at Hanover Elementary (6:30p)

December 23 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

December 30 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

\* The LVARC radio shack is open on the third Tuesday of the month **ONLY AFTER CONTACTING JOHN (AB3LZ)** at [e03145jab@gmail.com](mailto:e03145jab@gmail.com).



Track Santa Claus at:  
<https://www.noradsanta.org>



# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LVARC Net 7:30p	3 LVARC Meeting 7:30p	4	5 D-Star Net 7:00p	6	7
8	9 LVARC Net 7:30p	10	11	12 D-Star Net 7:00p	13	14
15 Deadline to register for test session	16 LVARC Net 7:30p	17 LVARC Holiday party 7:30p	18	19 D-Star Net 7:00p	20 LVARC Test Session 6:30p	21
22  Hanukkah starts	23 LVARC Net 7:30p	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 D-Star Net 7:00p	27	28
29	30 LVARC Net 7:30p Hanukkah ends	31	<i>December</i> <i>2019</i>			

Rudolph first appeared in a 1939 booklet written by Robert L. May and published by Montgomery Ward, the department store.







## 2020 Election of LVARC Officers

**Election for 2020 LVARC officers will be held on the December meeting night** (Tuesday December 3 2019) at 7:30p local. The slate of officers is as follows:

### Officers

**President** - Myles Bodish (KB3ZMA). - *unopposed*

**Vice President** - Chuck Ballard (W3CD)  
Jeff Bauer (WA3PNY)

**Treasurer** - Paul Ryan (N0KIA) - *unopposed*

**Secretary** - Phil Bigg (KB3HMK) - *unopposed*

### Board of Governors (Vote for 4)

**Mark Miller (AK3M)**  
**Rod Wolfe (N3XG)**  
**Dan Longo (KC3HWD)**  
**Steve Olock (KS3RO)**

**Matthew Kriebel (KB3UZE)**  
**Rick Pearce (KC3EXO)**  
**Andy Koslap (AK3KA)**

*Five members of the board are needed but the outgoing president gets a position on the board for one year.*

### Ways to Vote

You can vote for the above officers and board members two ways:

1. Vote at the December 3 meeting

or

2. If you can not attend the meeting but still would like to participate in the election, you can request an absentee mail-in ballot by sending an email to Phil Bigg (KB3HMK) at [PHILBERT17@ptd.net](mailto:PHILBERT17@ptd.net). All active members of the LVARC, as defined in Article I Section 1.D of the club by-laws, are eligible to vote. Phil will provide instructions for mailing in the ballot.

## 2020 Dues are now being accepted

The dues for 2020 are now being accepted.  
Dues are as follows.

**Individual membership - \$20.00**

**Family membership - \$25.00**

**Student membership - \$15.00**

If you have any questions, email to [LVARC.W3OI@gmail.com](mailto:LVARC.W3OI@gmail.com)

Dues can be paid:

- (1) at a meeting in an envelope with you name and call
- (2) Via PayPal
- (3) Send a check via US mail to:

Paul Ryan (N0KIA) at:  
5814 Lindbergh St, Orefield. PA. 18069  
(include your name and call)



**Don't forget to  
check the expiration  
date of your license.**



**Q: Per a recent holiday fad, what “spy” hides around the house, reporting back to Santa on who has been naughty and nice? (Answer on page 8).**

# FOR SALE

Contact Chris Kelly (N3RPV)  
at  
[ckelly@ptd.net](mailto:ckelly@ptd.net)

Kenwood Low Band Portable Combo TK-190-1 29-37, Programmed for 10m Ham and PS Interop TK-190-2 35-54, Programmed for 6m and PS Interop 1 charger 1 remote speaker mic	\$300
Motorola XPR-7580 800/900 Mhz DMR Portable Radio Ham and 800 Mhz Interop in one radio Charger Included	\$350
Kenwood NX-411 900 Mhz NXDN Portable Radio Charger Included	\$200
XTS-4000 Super Bundle 1 UHF1 radio with battery and antenna 1 VHF radio with battery and antenna 1 charging cradle w/ AC and DC cables 1 adapter cup for a multi unit charger Will Part out if interested in only one	\$1200
Kenwood TK-981 900 Mhz Mobile Dash Mount Radio (internal speaker) w/ microphone	\$100
Motorola MCS2000 900 Mhz Mobile Dash Mount Radio MII with speaker and microphone	\$100
MOTOROLA UHF1 (380-470) XTS5000 Package Recently Tuned and Fully Aligned Flashocode includes ADP and Hardware encryption as well as FPP Includes 2 batteries Includes remote speaker microphone Includes mobile/base XTVA w/ HHCH, speaker, power cord and radio antenna adaptor	\$500



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**A: Elf on a Shelf**





## VE Report

de Mark (AK3M)

At the November 15, 2019 LVARC test session, one tested and one passed. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Robert Roomberg (KB3BYT) who upgraded from General to Extra.



VE's in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Doug (N3WGH).

The next scheduled test session will be held on Friday December 20, 2019. To register for the session, contact Mark (AK3M) on or before Sunday December 15, 2019 at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).



## LVARC Gear Now Available



**The LVARC logo is now registered with MP Outfitters.** You can visit their store and order shirt(s) with the logo on it/them. You first visit and select your shirt. There you can place your order and pick up a few days later. There are many different styles and prices of apparel. An LVARC shirt would make a terrific Christmas gift!

MP Outfitters is located at:

MP Nursing Apparel  
2733 W. Emmaus Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103  
(610)797-6900  
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-7pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm  
Sunday Closed



**Display the LVARC logo proudly!**

# Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bartos at 1931 Hrs. (EST).

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

There were a total of 23 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President - John Bartos	Present
Vice President - Chuck Ballard	Present
Treasurer - Paul Ryan	Present
Secretary - Phil Bigg	Present
Board Members: Myles Bodisch	Present
Mark Miller	Present
Rick Pearce	Present
Matt Kriebel	Present
Rod Wolfe	Present

**Guests:** Bridgette Reed

**Corrections additions to the minutes:** None noted

Motion to accept made by: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: Carl – AA3IX

Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

**Treasurer's Report** (Paul - N0KIA)

The report was presented

Motion to accept made by: KC3HWD - Dan

Seconded by: Walt – KE3SP

Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

Paul mentioned that the 2020 dues are now due. He will take any form of payment.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Repeater:** No known issues with the repeaters. Some issues with the W3EPE repeater.

**Program:** Tonight's program is presented by Jeff (WA3PNY). He will be doing a presentation on the XLX Reflector. John handed out questionnaires to see what the members would like for programs next year. He also asked if anyone would like to do a program for next year. The March program will be Gordon West.

**Volunteer Examiners:** There was no one scheduled to test at the October 18 test session. The next test session is scheduled for November 15. The deadline to register for that test session is Sunday November 10.

**ARES / RACES:** The only ARES event scheduled is the D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon was held on November 3. There will be no more scheduled ARES events until April, 2020.

There was a Limerick drill was held on Wednesday October 23, 2019. The LVARC trailer was used as the amateur radio command center. There will be another Limerick drill on Tuesday November 19, 2020 with possible deployment.

**Club Station / Trailer:** The club had a work day last month. Unfortunately it rained. John says we need to get up on the roof to do some work. The station was cleaned up. The trailer roof was insulated and some of the headliner in. Hoping to have the mast and the roof done by the end of the month. Would like to use it more once it's done. The club would also like to try and see if the radios that are in the LC Command unit are working and programmed right. Discussion followed.

**Communications:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** The deadline for nominations for the Pres Schuler award is November 29. Please contact John (AB3LZ).

The club Christmas party is December 17.

A motion was made by Chuck (W3CDY) and seconded by Rick (KC3EXO) to reopen nominations for 2020. Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

John then asked for nominations for the following:

President – None

Vice President – None

Treasurer – None

Secretary – None

Board – Steve Olock - KS3RO (Accepted)

A motion was then made by Rod (N3XG) and seconded by Don (N0VGA) to close nominations for 2020. Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

A motion was made By Rod (N3XG) and seconded by Chuck (W3CDY) to declare all unopposed nominations elected. Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

**New Business:** There was a discussion on the February dinner get together. It was suggested to go to Golden Corral instead of Old Country Buffet. Phil will check into the details for Golden Corral.

**Good of the Order:** Dave Hinkle (N3GRH) passed away last month. The club sent flowers. Bob Krauss is interested in becoming a member. Was unable to come tonight, should be at the meeting next month. The wife of Richard Diehl is looking to sell his equipment. If interested, please contact Paul for more info. Tom (WW3TRG) inquired about a program for new net control operators. Paul referred him to the club website where there is presentation about net control that he can watch.

**Sick Report:** Joe (KC3DKU) had heart surgery.

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2020 hrs. (EST.)

Motion to accept made by: Rod – N3XG

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.



*Happy Holidays and a Happy 2020!*