



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)
147.420 (Club Simplex Freq.)

LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

Every Monday at 7:30p (ET)
on the 94 repeater.

Many club announcements will be heard there.

ALL are welcome to check in!

The May LVARC meeting will be on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at the Tri-Clover Fire Company in Orefield at 7:30p local time.

The scheduled program is a Skype presentation with Bob Heil.

Plan to attend!



Look for 2019 LVARC Field Day information in the June 2019 issue of the VOX.

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

This is **YOUR** newsletter. Send your submission to the VOX to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

You can send text and/or graphics.



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 or call Mark at 610-428-4475.



"A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere." — Groucho Marx



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2019			1	2	3	4
5	LVARC Net 7:30p	LVARC Meeting 7:30p	8	9	10	11
12 	LVARC Net 7:30p	14	15	16	17	18
Deadline to register for test session	LVARC Net 7:30p	21	22	23	LVARC Test Session 6:30p	25
26	Memorial Day LVARC Net 7:30p	28	29	30	31	

2019 ARES Event Schedule

(Mark your calendar as volunteers are needed)

June 1 (Saturday) — Hanover Township Spring 5K

September 8 (Sunday) — VIA Marathon

October 5 (Saturday) — Women's 5K Classic

**November 3 (Sunday) — Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half
Marathon Run/Walk**

November 3 (Sunday) — Penn State "Thon" 5K in Hanover Twmsp.

(Contact Mark (AK3M) to volunteer) - AK3M@rcn.com

Upcoming 2019 LVARC Programs

May 7 - A Skype presentation with Bob Heil

June 4 - Preparation for Field Day 2019.

June 22 - 23 - Field Day

2019 LVARC Test Session Dates

May 24 - Hanover Elementary

Oct. 18 - Hanover Elementary

June 22 - LVARC Field Day Site
2-4p ONLY

Nov. 15 - Hanover Elementary

Dec. 20 - Oct. 18 - Hanover Elementary

Sept. 20 - Hanover Elementary

Registration ON or BEFORE the Sunday before the test is necessary when testing at the school. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com or call **610 - 428 - 4475**.

"The world's favorite season is the spring.

All things seem possible in May." – *Edwin Way Teale*



Planned 2019 LVARC Presentations

May	Bob Heil	TBD
June	Myles Bodisch	Field Day
July	Al Wiemann	Quartzfest
August	Ballard/Bartos	Ionizing Radiation
September	Dave Jenkins	Shot and Metal Detection
October	Paul Ryan	TCPIP & Home Networks
November	Gordon West	TBD
December	N/A	Officer Elections

Mark your calendar

The Mid Atlantic Amateur Radio Club Presents the

VALLEY FORGE HAMFEST

Saturday, July 13th, 2019

Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds

762 Pike Springs Rd. (Rte 113) at Firehouse Lane, Phoenixville, Pa.

Admission: Buyers 8 A.M. / Sellers 7 A.M.

\$6 – Admission (free admission for unlicensed spouse and children of licensed Ham)

***Tailgate Space:**

\$6 – Admission
 \$6 – Car width space/head in parking
 No reserved tailgate space

***Indoor Tables:**

\$ 6 – Admission
 \$10 each for 1 - 4 tables
 \$8 each for 5 or more

Indoor table reservations – contact Jeremy Carlo, N2ZLQ

Phone: 917-612-2163 • E-mail: N2ZLQ@marc-radio.org

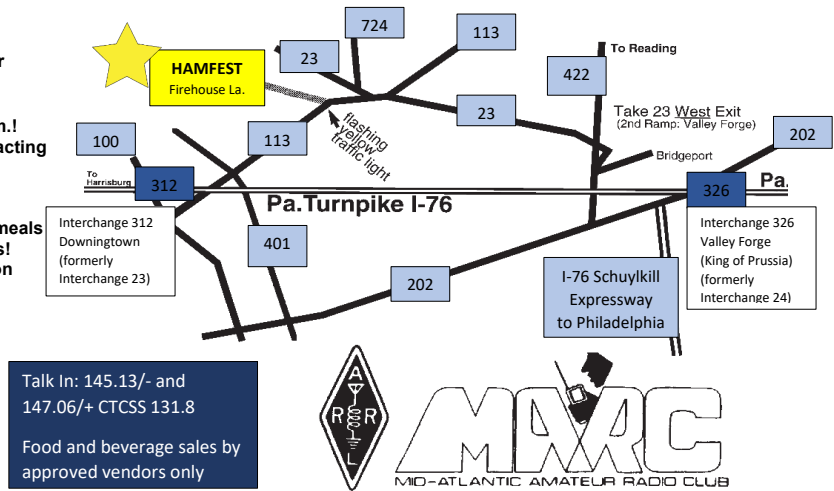
Hamfest Information: N2ZLQ@marc-radio.org or visit our website: www.marc-radio.org

✓ Rain or shine
 Indoor & Outdoor
 Facilities!

✓ VE tests at 10 a.m.!
 Register by contacting
 Dick Stewart at
k3ith@arri.net

✓ Food truck with meals
 and refreshments!
 Meals prepared on
 site!

✓ Lots of great
 Door Prizes!





IMPORTANT NOTICE: The 2019 test session has been moved to **May 24**. The time and place will be the same, at Hanover Elementary School at 6:30p.

The deadline to schedule for this test session is Sunday May 19.

Still interested in Morse code? - de Mark (AK3M)

I received the following in an email. (Remember, I have CD's that will help you learn the code.)

You can copy without writing or typing with a new Morse code learning platform on <https://morseDX.com> that includes

- Letters & Numbers [**Use it forever at no cost**]
- Common Words
- Sentences
- Hollywood Film Lines
- Q-Signals
- Books & Novels, and
- Code Drill [**A machine-learning utility to help you along the way**]



Designed for beginners as well as advanced brass pounders and rag chewers. Eyes-off so you can be doing other things as you learn. And it's mobile compatible on all smartphones, tablets, Andy desktop computers. It just might prevent writer's cramp or carpal tunnel syndrome.

73,
Rick

As advertised on <https://www.AmateurRadio.com>

It's A Date! The LVARC annual picnic will be held on July 20, 2019.

Mark your calendar!



Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bartos at 2040 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 19 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 2 guests.

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	Absent

Guests: Al Button (KB3LCU), Paul Derr (W3ROH)

Corrections/additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion to accept made by: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: Dan – KC3HWD

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

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

The report was presented

Motion to accept made by: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: Carl – AA3IX

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

Committee Reports:

Repeater: The UHF D-Star module is back in service. There have been some humming issues on the 94 repeater. Could be related to some of the voters Chris (N3RPV) will look into it.

Program: Tonight's program will be a skype presentation by Ed Fong (WB6IQN) which he will be talking about his TBJ-1 antenna. Next month was to be Regina (N2RNA) on GMO. She will not be able to do the talk due to another commitment. John has arranged a skype presentation by Bob Heil (K9EID) to fill in for May. June will be discussion on Field Day.

Volunteer Examiners: There was no one to test in March, 2019. The April test session has been moved to the 4th Friday of the month due to Good Friday. The April test session will be held on Friday April 26. At this writing, we have two to test on the April 26 date.

ARES / RACES: The first ARES event of 2019 will be the St. Luke's Half Marathon on Sunday April 28, 2019. To volunteer your time, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com .

Club Station: Myles would like to do a work party this Sunday for the trailer. That's if the weather cooperates. He will let everyone know.

Communications: No new complaints or concerns. Thank you to Paul the work that he has done with the website.

Old Business: We received 7 laptop computers from St. Luke's Hospital courtesy of Carl (AA3IX). The club will keep four. That leaves the club with three. We will do auction for one of the computers at next month's meeting. You will need to put a hard drive into the computer. The computer comes with a power cord and mouse.

There was an emergency simplex net last month. This included Northampton and Lehigh Counties. Had members at the club station and LC EOC. The club station was able to hit LC EOC. Another net will be done in the fall.

The club picnic will be on July 20 at the Upper Macungie Park. More info to follow.

Last month, Kenny (KC3BLE) asked for help getting to the meetings. Carl (AA3IX) offered to help Kenny out. There may be times when Carl is unable to do it. So Kenny will still need a ride.

New Business: The club is looking into purchasing a projector to use for presentations. If any member has a suggestion on where to get an up to date projector for a decent price, contact John or Myles.

Tom (WW3TRG) has voter registration forms if interested.

Paul has transferred the club's financial contact information to his address.

Good of the Order: Rod (N3XG) has assembled two first aid kits. One will be in the trailer and the other will be kept in the club station.

July 13th is the Valley Forge Hamfest

Tom (WW3TRG) will provide refreshments for next month's meeting.

Mike (KC3BLF) sent an e-mail out regarding "Digital HF Mode for Poor Conditions".

New member applicants: No new applicants

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2116 hrs. (EST.)

Motion to accept made by: Myles – KB3ZMA

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

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

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

“HI” in CW (.....) means:

1. Go to HIGH power
2. Laughing, funny or kidding
3. Related to the operator's altitude
4. Send at a HIGHER speed



Answer in the June issue of the VOX.



There will be **Walk-In testing at the LVARC Field Day site (June 22) from 2:00p to 4:00p.** If you want to test, you will need to take a **COPY** of your license and **\$15.00 EXACT CASH** and **proof of ID.** There will be **NO** test session at Hanover Elementary School in June.



The second ARES event of 2019 will be the **Hanover Township Spring 5K** to be held on **Saturday June 1, 2019.** The start time is 0900. About 10 operators will be needed.

This is a nice event as it runs through the residential neighborhoods of Hanover



Township (Northampton County). Stations are usually released about 1030-1100.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. If you would like to use your skills and equipment to help local events, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.



“Kerchunking” the repeater before the Monday Night Net (or anytime) will not make the net start any earlier and it is

illegal to transmit without identifying. If you successfully checked into the Monday night net previously, your radio will most likely be successful again. If you must test your please **identify** your station!



**... to help with an ARES activity(ies)?
... for Field Day 2019?**

Let's Radio!