



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.)

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

LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

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

* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315) Automatic Mode Select. Analog * FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),
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Many club announcements will be heard there.

The **February** LVARC meeting will be on **Tuesday February 4, 2020** at the Tri-Clover Fire Company in Orefield at **7:30p** (local time).

The scheduled program is "*Repeaters*" by Rod Wolfe (N3XG)

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 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 Myles (KB3ZMA) FIRST**. Myles can be contacted at KB3ZMA@gmail.com.



Upcoming 2020 LVARC Programs

February - "*Repeaters*" - Rod Wolfe (N3XG)

March - Gordon West - Via Skype - Subject TBD

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

The LVARC 2020 Activity Calendar

February 2020

February 3 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

February 4 - LVARC meeting at 7:30p at the Tri-Clover F.C.

February 10 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

February 16 - Deadline to register for Jan 17 test session

February 17 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

February 18 - Dinner at the Golden Corral - 6:30p

February 21 - LVARC test session - 6:30p

February 24 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

* The LVARC radio shack is open on the third Tuesday of the month **ONLY AFTER CONTACTING Myles** (KB3ZMA) at KB3ZMA@gmail.com.

The LVARC will meet for dinner at the **Golden Corral** this year, in Whitehall on Tuesday February 18 at 6:30p.



TNX to Phil (KB3HMK) for arranging this annual event. Members are encouraged to take a guest or guests!



The good news is that the days are slowly getting longer!

Phil (KB3HMK) has volunteered to program your radio using CHIRP. If you want his help before a meeting, contact him at (philbert17@ptd.net) to see if he has the software for your radio. It helps if you have the proper cable.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>FEBRUARY</div> <div>2020</div>						1
2 Superbowl Sunday 	3 LVARC Net 7:30p	4 LVARC Meeting 7:30p	5	6 D-Star Net 7:00p	7	8
9	10 LVARC Net 7:30p	11	12	13 D-Star Net 7:00p	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16 Deadline to register for test session	17 LVARC Net 7:30p	18 Golden Corral dinner 6:30p 	19	20 D-Star Net 7:00p	21 LVARC Test Session 6:30p	22
23	24 LVARC Net 7:30p	25	26	27 D-Star Net 7:00p	28	29

2020 LVARC Dues are Now Due!

The dues for 2020 are now due!
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

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

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The Perfect Pen! - de Larry (NR3R)



This is a good site for the best everyday carry and **a great must pen for carrying when doing events.** Very inexpensive. About the size of the very expensive Fisher Space Bullet. pen.

Go to: <https://pokkapens.com>



2019 Christmas presents received by LVARC members

Don Jacobs (N3HVL) received an **Icom IC-2730A** from his wife for Christmas! She let him put his new radio in the new car *SHE* got for Christmas!



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Jamie Elovski (KC3ELT) also received a new radio for Christmas! A new **Anytone At-5888uv iii tri band mobile** (144/220/440mhz) was under the tree!



TNX for sharing Don and Jamie and have fun with you new radios!



2020 dues *MUST* be paid by March 1 2020 or you will be dropped from the active LVARC membership list.



Mark your calendar

(1) **2020 Field Day** will be held on the weekend of **June 27 & 28, 2020**. The LVARC is already making plans for this annual event! More to follow. Attend meetings and/or read the VOX for details as they happen.



(2) The **Star of Bethlehem Children's Festival** will be held on **May 17** from 12:00p to 5:00p. The festival will be held across from the Wooden Match in Bethlehem. The plans include setting up the LVARC Comms trailer for exhibition.

These events seem like a long way off but mark your calendar now as the LVARC needs your help! That includes the five ARES events we support each year.



Don't forget to go to ARES CONNECT and register for LVARC events. That includes all the ARES community events as well as the Monday Night nets. ARES Connect will keep track of all those who participate in ARES activities and the time they invested in those events. You can get to ARES Connect at: <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com>.

Presentation of Certificates

W.T. Jones attended the LVARC January 7, 2020 meeting. W.T., is the Eastern PA Section Emergency Coordinator.

W.T. presented ARRL certificates to Mike Mandell (KC3BLF) for becoming the L.C. Emergency Coordinator and to Mark Miller (AK3M) designating him as the L.C. Assistant EC.

Although Mike and Mark have have been acting in those capacities since January 2019, this presentation made it official. **TNX W.T.!**



**L.C. Emergency
Coordinator
Mike Mandell
KC3BLF**

**L.C. Assistant
Emergency
Coordinator
Mark Miller
AK3M**



January 2020 VE Report - de Mark (AK3M)

At the January 17, 2020 test session, six tested and five passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Sean Moyer
Mike Brubaker
David Gable

Chris Josack
Lou Spikol



VE's in attendance included **Mark** (AK3M), **Mike** (KC3BLF), **Doug** (N3WGH) and **Carl** (AA3IX). The February test session will be held on Friday February 21, 2020.



New LVARC Net Control Operator



The Monday Night ARES/ACS Net welcomes new net control operator, **Tom Gyory (WW3TRG)!**



The ARRL keeps a record of VE's who attend test sessions.

If you are a VE and have participated in any VE test session(s), you can check how many sessions you have been credited and attended by going to:

<http://www.arrl.org/ve-session-counts?state=PA>

*(You need **not** be a VE to see how many test sessions your VE has attended. Anyone can view this data)*

New LVARC Information

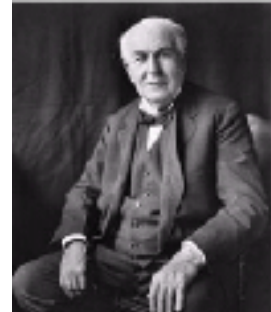


The doors to the Tri-Clover Fire Company will now be open at 6:30p on meeting nights. This will give members an hour to use the radio shack and/or mingle with others prior to the business meeting.

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(Submitted by Larry (NR3R))

Thomas Edison nicknamed two of his children he had with his first wife, “**Dot**” and, “**Dash**,” in honor of his early telegraph days.



A LOOK AHEAD

The **March 3** LVARC program may be at the EPA EMS Council building beside the fire company first followed by the meeting in our regular room at the fire company. That arrangement is yet to be determined. Listen to the Monday Night Net for any changes.

The **Lehigh Valley Road Runners** will again be hosting their annual Half Marathon on **Sunday April 26**, 2020. About 11-12 operators will be needed to provide communications support for this event. *Check your calendar and volunteer early.* Contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com to volunteer. Your help is needed!

The **May** LVARC program is scheduled to be, “*Packet Radio*.” The presenter will be Regina (N2RNA). Listen to the Monday Night Net for any changes.



New Hams in the Valley!

Those who tested at the January 17, 2020 test session, received their calls on Thursday January 23, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Mike Brubaker - **KC3OTA** (T)
David Gable - **KC3OTB** (T)
Chris Josack - **KC3OTC** (T)

Sean Moyer - **KC3OTD** (G)
Lou Spikol - **KC3OSZ** (T)

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



Maker's Workshop Postponed - The LVARC trip to, "The Maker's Workshop," scheduled for Saturday January 18 was postponed due to the Lehigh Valley's first significant Winter 2019-2020 snowfall. The visit was rescheduled to the following Saturday, January 25, 2020.



(Photos courtesy of John - AB3LZ)



(Photos courtesy of
Jeff - WA3PNY)

LVIA Triennial Emergency Exercise - de John (N3PFA) sent this information about this exercise. LVARC members interested can contact John (john.Weaver@redcross.org). John sent his for two reasons:

(1) club members and their families might want to play roles as passengers/family members.

(2) one of the things they will be testing is patient tracking and reunification. Several area hospitals will be involved, with simulated patient transportation. It might be an opportunity to practice an ARES/RACES response between the incident site, the EOCs, the hospitals, and partners.

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) Triennial Full Scale Emergency Exercise



Volunteers Needed

Where: Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE)
3311 Airport Road, Allentown PA 18109

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020 (Rain or Shine)
6:00 a.m. (Volunteer Arrival) to approximately 1:00 p.m.*

**Volunteers applying make-up/"moulage" to players are not required to stay for the entire exercise*

Why: The Full Scale Exercise is a comprehensive test of the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) and is intended to evaluate the operational capability of the emergency management system in a stress-induced environment with actual mobilization and deployment to demonstrate coordination and response capability. This requires a simulated emergency, as it would be in an actual aircraft disaster, to ensure that all personnel having duties and responsibilities under the plan are familiar with assignments and are properly trained. *For more information, check out the YouTube video "[Triennial at LVIA Full Scale Emergency Drill April 29 2017](#)".*

Who: We are in need of volunteers to serve two purposes:

Make-Up/'Moulage' Application: We are in need of persons with experience in applying make-up ('moulage') to simulate injuries. Groups who may be suitable to fulfill this role include local college high school and college drama/theater groups or make-up/special effects artists.

Players: The exercise requires approximately **80 volunteers, 12 years of age or older, who can commit to participate as victims. Players must be willing to have make-up applied to simulate injuries and willing to actively participate to play the role of the injuries assigned to him/her. Players may be required to walk, climb, or be carried as if they were receiving emergency care. Persons who may be suitable to fulfill these roles include local college, high school drama/theater groups, emergency services personnel who are not responders for the exercise, students in protective service classes, or anyone with interest in helping local emergency responders with preparedness.**

Approved volunteers are required to sign a waiver to participate.

Those 12-17 years of age will require the waiver to be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Students in need of verification of Voluntary Community Service as a school requirement will be provided documentation of participation.

Morning refreshments will be available, and lunch will be provided by Mission BBQ.

If interested, scan this QR Code or respond via this web link:

[https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020ExerciseVolunteer](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020ExerciseVolunteer), no later than Friday, March 6, 2020. For questions, contact Jennifer Bogari, Emergency Management Specialist, via email at jbogari@lnaa.com.





A review of the top 10 items in this issue ...

1. Log into ARES Connect for ARES events including the Monday Night nets.
2. Next test session is Friday February 21, 2020. Registration is necessary.
3. LVARC dinner at the Golden Corral at 6:30p on February 18.
4. 2020 LVARC dues are due now.
5. The Star of Bethlehem Children's Festival will be held on May 17 from 12:00p to 5:00p.
6. The club and shack will open at 6:30p on meeting nights.
7. Tom (WW3TRG) is new Monday Night Net control operator.
8. New hams in the Lehigh Valley.
9. Track VE sessions from the ARRL.
10. Phil (KB3HMK) will program your radio before a meeting provided he or you have the proper cable.

Send your VOX submission(s) to Mark (AK3M) at
AK3M@rcn.com.

You can send graphics and/or text.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Bodisch at 1933 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 4 guests.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Myles Bodisch	Present
Vice President – Jeff Bauer	Present
Treasurer - Paul Ryan	Present
Secretary - Phil Bigg	Present
Board Members: John Bartos	Present
Mark Miller	Present
Rick Pearce	Absent
Steve Olock	Present
Rod Wolfe	Present

Guests: Bob Krause, Terri Collings (KC3DNM), Jack Longo and WT Jones (WN3LIF)

Corrections additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion to accept made by: Rod – N3XG

Seconded by: John – AB3LZ

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: Dan – KC3HWD

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

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Nothing new to report. Tom (WW3TRG) has the clubs newest Monday night net controller

Program: Tonight's program will be on EmComm presented by Mike (KC3BLF). Next month will be on repeaters presented by Rod (N3XG).

Volunteer Examiners: There was no one scheduled to test in December 2019. The next scheduled test session is Friday January 17. The deadline to register for the January test session is Sunday January 12. To register, contact Mark (**AK3M**) at AK3M@rcn.com).

ARES / RACES: During the 2019 ARES season, the LVARC provided communications support for 5 events. They included, LVRR Half Marathon, Hanover Township Spring 5K, VIA Marathon, Women's 5K Classic and the D&L Heritage Rail Trail Half Marathon.

Club Station / Trailer: We need to get up on the roof to look at the antennas. The club would like to have the club station open at 6:30 PM before the meeting.

Communications: Nothing to report

Old Business: The Makers Movement field trip will be on Saturday January 18. John (AB3LZ) sent an e-mail out to members with details.

The holiday party went well. A good time was had by all who attended.

The Tri-Clover Fire Co. has had some changes to the administration. There will be three W3OI board members that will have keys to the building.

Phil asked where the club members would like to go for the annual dinner get together. Myles took a vote on whether to go to Old Country Buffet or Golden Corral. The majority of the members opted for Golden Corral. The tentative date is February 18 at 6:30 PM. Phil will call and make the arrangements.

New Business: There will be a board meeting on January 21.

Yearly dues are due. See Paul to pay or send your renewal by mail or PayPal.

Field Day is June 27 & 28 of this year. We need to check the logging software before Field Day. Would like to do it on a hands on night. At the May meeting the club will send around a signup sheet to work the radios. Phil asked for suggestions for food for Field Day this year. He would like to get everything squared away before Field Day. Any suggestions, please contact him.

Good of the Order: Paul did a show and tell with the Ardwino antenna analyzer. It goes for about \$100.

New member applicants:

Name: Terri Collings

Callsign: KC3ONM

Name: Bob Krause

Callsign: N/A

New Members motion to accept made by: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: Dan – KC3HWD

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

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2010 hrs. (EST.)

Motion to accept made by: Matt – KB3UZE

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

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

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.