



# The VOX



The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the  
Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club - W3OI / KB3SYV  
Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA

Happy  
2020

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## 2020 Officers

President: *Myles Bodisch* - KB3ZMA (KB3ZMA@gmail.com)

Vice President: *Jeff Bauer* - WA3PNY (revjvbauer.com)

Secretary: *Phillip Bigg* - KB3HMK (philbert17@ptd.net)

Treasurer: *Paul Ryan* - N0KIA (paul.f.ryan@gmail.com)

Happy  
New  
Year

## 2020 Board of Governors

*John Bartos* - AB3LZ (e03145jab@gmail.com)

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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.

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| * 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)<br>Automatic Mode Select. Analog<br>* FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion), |
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**Many club announcements will be heard there.**  
**ALL are welcome to check in!**

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

The scheduled program is *EMCOMM* by Mike (KC3BLF)

**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 Myles (KB3ZMA) FIRST**. Myles can be contacted at ([KB3ZMA@gmail.com](mailto:KB3ZMA@gmail.com)).



**CONGRATULATIONS and Welcome to the  
2020 officers and Board Members!**

See page 4 or the first page of the VOX for a list of new officers and board members.

## Upcoming 2020 LVARC Programs

**January** - "EMCOMM" - Mike Mandell (KC3BLF)

**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

### January 2020

January 6 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

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

January 12 - Deadline to register for Jan 17 test session

January 13 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

January 17 - LVARC test session - 6:30p

January 18 - Saturday - Trip to Makers - 2:00p

January 20 - Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p 146.940

January 27 - 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](mailto:KB3ZMA@gmail.com).



Looking forward to another LVARC ARES season!



Listen to the Monday Night Net. read the VOX and attend meetings to find out when 2020 ARES events will happen. Volunteer your time and communications expertise.



If you received a ham related item for Christmas, share it with the group. Send a picture and description to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in the VOX.





## ***New Year's Resolutions***

***Do your 2020 resolutions include the LVARC?***

Maybe you will attend more meetings, check into the Monday Night Net, attend Field Day, submit an article for the VOX, volunteer for an ARES event(s), etc.

***Let's make the 2020 LVARC another banner year!***



## **Welcome the 2020 Officers and Board Members**

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***Rod Wolfe (N3XG)***

## **2020 LVARC Dues are Now Due**

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)




Send your VOX submissions to Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com). You can send pictures and/or text.

***A BIG TNX to John (AB3LZ) for his service to the club as president!***

***We look forward to your continued service as a member of the board for 2020!***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>			1  New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 <b>LVARC Net 7:30p</b>	7 <b>LVARC Meeting 7:30p</b>	8	9 <b>D-Star Net 7:00p</b>	10	11
12 <b>Deadline to register for test session</b>	13 <b>LVARC Net 7:30p</b>	14	15	16 <b>D-Star Net 7:00p</b>	17 <b>LVARC Test Session 6:30p</b>	18 <b>LVARC to visit "The LV Makers" 2:00p</b>
19	20 <b>LVARC Net 7:30p</b>	21 <b>LVARC Activity Night</b>	22	23 <b>D-Star Net 7:00p</b>	24	25
26	27 <b>LVARC Net 7:30p</b>	28	29	30 <b>D-Star Net 7:00p</b>	31	

## LVARC Gear Now Available



**The LVARC logo is now registered with MP Outfitters!** You can visit their store and order shirt(s) with the LVARC logo on it/them. You first visit and select your shirt. Then 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 New Year's 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!

John (AB3LZ) purchased two shirts from MP Outfitters.  
They are pictured below.



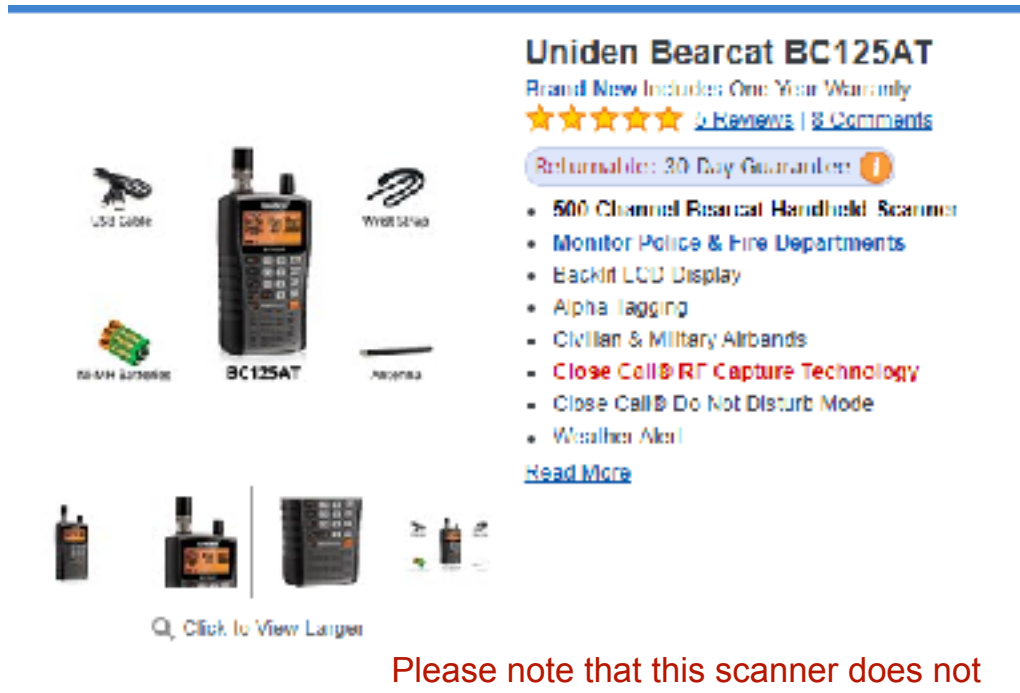
Pictured here are John's (AB3LZ) selections of one long sleeved button down shirt and one short sleeve polo shirt. There are many different shirts available depending on your price range and style.



## Public Service VHF Hand Held Scanner for Under \$100

de Larry (NR3R)

READER SUBMISSION



**Uniden Bearcat BC125AT**  
Brand New Includes One Year Warranty  
★★★★★ 8 Reviews | 8 Comments  
Returnable: 30 Day Guarantee ⓘ

- 500 Channel Rescan Handheld Scanner
- Monitor Police & Fire Departments
- Backlit LCD Display
- Alpha Tagging
- Civilian & Military Airbands
- Close Call® RT Capture Technology
- Close Call® Do Not Disturb Mode
- Weather Alert

[Read More](#)

Please note that this scanner does not receive trunked and/or digital stations.

The LVARC will meet at the **Lehigh Valley Makers** workshop on **Saturday January 18 at 2:00p**. Join the group and make a VHF tape measure antenna.

You can visit their website prior to the group visit at: <http://makelehighvalley.com/blog/about/>

There site is located in the Bridgeworks Enterprise Center at:

**905 Harrison St.  
Suite 101  
Allentown, PA. 18103**

**For additional details, listen to the Monday Night Net or attend the January meeting.**





# Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bartos at 1932 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 17 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests.

The following cabinet and 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:** No guests

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

Motion to accept made by: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: Don – N0VGA

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

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

The report was presented

Motion to accept made by: Rick – KC3EXO

Seconded by: Myles – KB3ZMA

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

**Committee Reports:**

Repeater: Repeaters are working fine.

Program: There will be no program tonight due to elections. John is putting a schedule together for the 2020 year. The following is tentively scheduled for 2020.

January – EmComm by Mike (KC3BLF) and WT Jones (WN3LIF)

February - Repeaters

March – Gordon West (WB6NOA)

**Volunteer Examiners:** At the November 15 2019 LVARC test session, one tested and one passed.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rob Roomberg (KB3BYT). Rob upgraded from General to Extra.

VE's in attendance included **Mark** (AK3M), **Walt** (KE3SP) and **Doug** (N3WGH). The next scheduled test session is Friday December 20 2019. The deadline to schedule for this test session is Sunday December 15 2019.

**ARES / RACES:** The club participated in the Limerick drill that was locally. Three members participated. Carbon County was able to see what the club can do. There were no ARES events until April 2020.

**Club Station / Trailer:** Nothing new to report for club station. The ceiling and desktop for the trailer are done. The trailer will need a new tire. The mast will need to be placed to either side of the trailer due to space.

**Communications:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** John previewed two shirts with the embroidered club logo that he purchased at MP Uniform. One was a long sleeve button down shirt and the other was a polo shirt.

Elections will be held at the end of the meeting.

**New Business:** John scheduled a tour of the Maker Group Movement facility for Saturday January 18. He thought a tape measure yagi would be a good project to try. More info to follow.

The Cookie Cruncher is December 17 at 7:30 PM at the fire company. Many prizes to be raffled off. You will receive a ticket when you attend the party. Please take something to share with everyone. The Pres Schuler award will also be given out that night.

**Good of the Order:** Tri-Clover Fire Company had some personnel changes. The company is still committed in supporting us.

**New member applicants:**

Name: Mark Rice

Callsign: AC3ES

Name: Tom Slapinski

Callsign: KB3IUE

New Members motion to accept made by: Don – N0VGA  
Seconded by: Dan – KC3HWD  
Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

A motion was made by Rod (N3XG) to adjourn and seconded by Steve (K2OPA) at 2009 hrs. to suspend the meeting for elections.

The election was then held.

A motion was then made by Rod (N3XG) and seconded by Rick (KC3EXO) at 2026 hrs. to reopen the meeting for the election results.

The following is the result of the election for the 2020 club officers:

#### 2020 Officers

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The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2029 hrs. (EST.)  
Motion to accept made by: Myles – KB3ZMA  
Seconded by: Dan – KC3HWD  
Motion passed by voice vote: (Y/N) Y

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

*“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”*

— Helen Keller





## 2019 ARES and VE Reports In Review

de Mark (AK3M)



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.

The LVARC VE team held 5 test sessions, tested 13 people in 2019 and earned \$84.00 for the LVARC VE fund.



## WINTER TRAVEL TIPS



Its that time of year, when bad WX is possible. We all still need to travel but cannot always depend on the weather agreeing with our travel plans. Here are a few suggestions to insure that your trip will be as safe and comfortable as possible.

Be sure you begin your trip with a full tank of gas and don't let the level go below half. Keep the following in a bag in your trunk, a working flashlight, blanket, fire extinguisher, small snow shovel, bag of kitty litter, first aid kit, snow brush, ice scraper, water, snacks, extra warm clothing, jumper cables and/or power station, cell phone with spare cable for charging and don't forget a VHF hand held or mobile radio with spare battery and a DC charging cable.

You never know if you will get stuck on the road because of a road closure or accident and will have to spend snd undetermined amount of time in your car.



## 2019 LVARC Holiday Party

The 2019 LVARC holiday party was held on Tuesday December 17, 2019. It was well attended. About 28 members and family were present.

The food was plentiful and numerous prizes were awarded.

*All had a wonderful time!*



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Photos courtesy Don (N0VGA)

**“And the award goes to .....**”



**CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Olock (KS3RO) who received the 2019 Pres Schuler award at the December 17, 2019 LVARC holiday party!**



The Pres (Preston) Schuler award is given each year for **“*Excellence In Service to the LVARC.*”**

Nominees are submitted by club members.

Pres (W3VQ) was a founding father of the **Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club.**



## The LVARC VE Program - de Mark (AK3M)

Provided someone contacts me no later than the Sunday before the scheduled test session, the LVARC holds monthly test sessions on the third Friday of every month, except June, July and August.

Because we use a school as the test site, we cannot use the building in June, July and August. **We do** however, **hold walk-in testing on the Saturday of Field Day (June) at the LVARC FD site.**

If you are a currently accredited ARRL **V**olunteer **E**xaminer and wish to be present at the LVARC test sessions, please let me know. The test sessions begin at 6:30p (local time) and because of distance, personal schedules and time limitations, I have been using those who have shown an interest to participate.

Please read the following which I copied from the VE Manual which is available on the ARRL website. It will answer many questions you may have about your accreditation, if it is about to expire or how to renew your accreditation (with the ARRL). You can see this in its entirety at (<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/VEs/VE%20Manual%20Web%20FINAL%202014.pdf>).

Because we are approaching a new year, I will be developing a revised VE list. Again, if you wish to be on the list for LVARC test sessions, contact me ([AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)).

Remember, if you are ARRL accredited, you must be a current member of the ARRL to maintain that accreditation.

Mark  
AK3M

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### Maintaining Your Accreditation

**ARRL accreditation renewal is automatic for ARRL VEs who maintain a current address, contact phone number and/or email address on file at the VEC office and have participated at an exam session within the past 5 years.**

Renewal stickers, extending the ARRL VE's accreditation expiration date, are issued and should be placed on your credentials. By issuing automatic accreditation renewals, the ARRL/VEC can ensure that the needs of our VEs are met; as well as the amateur radio community.

**After 5 years of inactivity, your VE accreditation will be placed on hold until you contact the VEC office.** Depending on the amount of time that has passed, you may be required to reapply. No one's accreditation will be permanently revoked solely because of his or her inactivity, because many factors can contribute to a VE's activity level.

We ask those VEs who no longer wish to continue in the VE program to contact the ARRL/VEC by mail, email or by telephone. At your request, we will remove your name from our VE roster and change your "accredited" status to "inactive" status. Renewal stickers will not be issued.

VEs who may not actually have administered Amateur Radio exams, but who are reported (on the back of the Test Session Report form) as having helped with an ARRL/VEC test session are credited with serving and will qualify for automatic renewal.

**The badge you wear at a test session must reflect your current VE status.** VE Teams are responsible for ensuring that each participating VE's accreditation is valid before team members administer exams at an ARRL/VEC test session. Failure to do so can have serious consequences. If VEs are later found to have been ineligible to serve, any elements administered by ineligible VEs may be declared invalid.

The ARRL/VEC is also obligated to review the VE's performance to determine whether any further action--such as permanent removal from the program--is necessary. In the VE program, an ounce of prevention is well worth a pound of cure.

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