



The VOX



The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the
Lehigh **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

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 **October LVARC “Virtual Meeting”** will be held on **Tuesday October 6, 2020** using **ZOOM** at **7:30p** (local time).

The scheduled program, **“Baofeng Family” - Paul (N0KIA)**

Plan to attend this “Virtual Meeting”

The LVARC holds it's monthly meetings on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month On Line using **ZOOM**, at **7:30p Eastern time** until further notice.

LVARC TEST SESSIONS

Gatherings of 25 or less (inside) are allowed. The LVARC offers limited testing. Contact Mark (AK3M) for more information.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com

September 2020 LVARC Program

September 1 - “Baofeng Family” - Paul (N0KIA)

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



2020 ARES Events (ALL 2020 ARES EVENTS ARE NOW CANCELED)



October 3 (Saturday) --- Women's 5K Classic-NOW CANCELED

November 1 (Sunday) --- Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon Run/Walk is NOW CANCELED.



Up-Coming LVARC Programs

October	Paul Ryan (NOKIA)	Baofeng Family
November	Mike Mandel (KC3BLF)	DRATS
December	Regina Monaco (N2RNA)	Packet Radio



ARES REPORT

The following ARES events have been canceled.

October 3 (Saturday) --- Women's 5K Classic - COMMS NOW CANCELED



This famous ham invented a legendary music device that was featured on the album "Switched On Bach".

Who is it?

(Answer on page 7)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2020				1 D-Star Net 7:00p	2	3  Women's 5K Classic COMMS CANCELED
4	5 LVARC Net 7:30p 146.940 KC3AFU	6 LVARC Meeting 7:30p via ZOOM	7	8 D-Star Net 7:00p	9	10
11	12 LVARC Net 7:30p 146.940 KB3UZE	13	14	15 D-Star Net 7:00p	16	17
18	19 LVARC Net 7:30p 146.940 N3XG	20 LVARC Activity Night via ZOOM 7:30p	21	22 D-Star Net 7:00p	23	24
25	26 LVARC Net 7:30p 146.940 WW3TRG	27	28	29 D-Star Net 7:00p	30	31 Turn clocks BACK 1 hour at 2:00a  HALLOWEEN

You will need the forms below and on page 6 for reporting your LVARC September Sprint score.

**LVARC SEPTEMBER 2020 SPRINT CONTEST
ENTRY FORM**

NAME OF OPERATOR: _____

CALL SIGN USED FOR CONTEST: _____

LICENSE CLASS OF OPERATOR ON September 30, 2020:
_____ (MULTIPLIER _____)

CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED SINCE: _____

Score Summary form on page 6



FCC Proposes to Reinstate Amateur Radio Service Fees

08/28/2020

READER
(Submitted by Chuck (W3CDY))

Amateur radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each amateur radio license application if the FCC adopts rules it proposed.

Go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees> <<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees>> for additional information.

SCORE SUMMARY:

CATEGORY	SCORE
1.TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTACTS MADE (enter total number of all contacts)	
2.TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS WORKED	
3.SUB TOTAL – MULTIPLY TOTAL CONTACTS BY TOTAL MEMBERS ENTERS HERE	
4. TOTAL LICENSE CLASSES WORKED	
5. SUB TOTAL – MULTIPLY LINE 3 BY LINE 4	
6. LICENSE CLASS MULTIPLIER (MULTIPLY LINE 5 BY YOUR MULTIPLIER)	
7. W3OI BONUS STATION +200 POINTS	
8. TOTAL CLAIMED POINTS	

I have observed all Sprint Contest rules as well as all regulations for amateur radio. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

Send your LVARC September Sprint information to:

**Rod Wolfe, Jr.
N3XG
1134 4th Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032**

“In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October.” – Alexander Smith

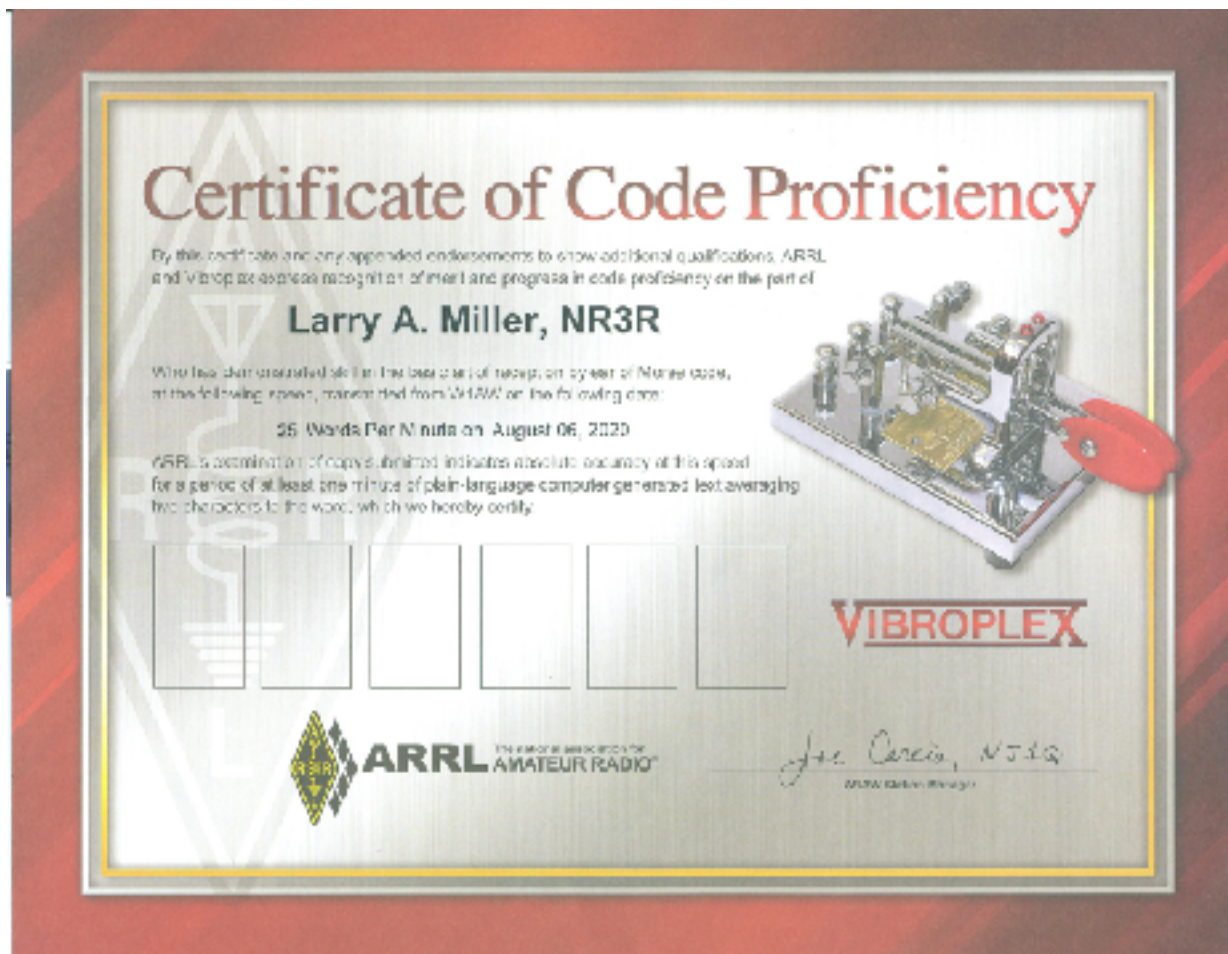


CONGRATULATIONS to LVARC member Larry Miller (NR3R)

25 words per minute CW!

(*NOT* computer assisted!)

Look for his award recognition in a future issue of QST



Ham Radio Quiz Answer (See page 3)

Robert Moog

K2AMH, Bob Moog, invented the famous Moog Synthesizer along with some other innovative electronic music equipment. He died in 2005. John McVie is the bass player for Fleetwood Mac. Tom Scholz is the founder of the band Boston and also an MIT graduate who has made his own contributions to music technology.

Dan Longo (KC3HWD) receives
September's presidential recognition.



TNX to Rob (AB3RC) for his September 1, 2020 presentation on,
"Radio Pioneers."

Rob suggests the following website for interesting reading on
radio and ham radio.: N4TRB.com.

Don't forget to register with **ARES**
CONNECT for the Monday Night Net and
other ARES events. Go to:
<https://arri.volunteerhub.com> (use
Eastern Pennsylvania).



Here's Hoping

The LVARC officers and BOG have decided to keep
ZOOM for another year.

Person-to-person meetings at the TCFC will be
reviewed and hopefully resume in April, 2021.



TNX to **Tom** (WW3TRG) and **Phil** (KB3HMK) for
helping local Boy Scout troop 57 members get their
Radio Merit Badge on Saturday September 12,
2020. The scouts contacted local hams via the
146.94 repeater. **Great job scouts and mentors!**

LVARC September 2020 Test Session - de Mark (AK3M)

The LVARC held two test sessions on Friday September 18, 2020 at the Tri-Clover Fire Company. Much like the two sessions in June, safety protocols were in place. Applicants and VEs were required to pass a temperature scan, answer a few questions and wear masks before entering the test room.

At the Friday September 18, 2020 test sessions, **fourteen new** Lehigh Valley hams joined the hobby and one upgraded!

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Andres Magnus - G | 9. Sylvan Poeckh - T |
| 2. Bruce Julia - T | 10. Michael Velders - E |
| 3. Gregory Lerch - G | 11. Angela Pfluke - T |
| 4. Ramon Marcano - G | 12. Jeff Hunt - T |
| 5. Andrew Krebs - G | 13. Mark d'Anunciacao - T |
| 6. Matthew Brown - G | 14. Mark Migliaccio, - G |
| 7. Jaclyn Minnick - T | 15. Mike Velders - E |
| 8. Eric Orth - T | |

A big TNX to the VEs who attended. They included **Mark** (AK3M), **Rod** (N3XG), **Don** (N0VGA), **Mike** (KC3BLF), **Walt** (KE3SP) and **Larry** (NR3R)

The next test session has not yet been determined.



The VOX needs **YOUR** input. Send your VOX submission(s) to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. You can send text and/or graphics.

“Go Bag” Addition! - de Mark (AK3M)

READER SUBMISSION

This is a great addition to your “Go Bag.”

Pictured here is a **150W inverter** that easily plugs into the cigarette lighter or 12v port in your car. This one also has 2 USB 5v ports for charging your phone or other USB devices.

This is great for running your laptop, a portable LED light, etc. while on an ARES and/or RACES event.

This one is from Amazon and costs \$21.99. A small price to pay if you need AC in the field.



All are welcome to check into the Monday Night Net every Monday on the 94 repeater at 7:30p. Register with ARES Connect to get credit for attending.



Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Bodisch 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 22 members in attendance, and the club was joined by no guests.

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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	Present
Steve Olock	Present
Rod Wolfe	Present

Guests: No guests

Corrections additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion to accept made by: John – AB3LZ

Seconded by: Rick – KC3EXO

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

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

The report was presented

Motion to accept made by: Rod – N3XG

Seconded by: Matt – N3MYM

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

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Some minor issues with the 147.135 repeater. Nothing serious. There is tech net on Thursday nights at 7 PM. Any questions or for more info, contact Mike (KC3BLF).

Program: Tonight's program will be Rob (AB3RC) and he will be doing a presentation on Radio Pioneers. October will be Paul (N0KIA) and his presentation will be on the Baofeng radios.

Volunteer Examiners: There will be two test sessions on Friday September 18 at the Tri-Clover Fire Company. The first session will begin at 5:00p (local time). The second session will begin about 6:00p. Security protocols will be in place.

REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

ARES / RACES: As of this meeting, the Women's 5K Classic, scheduled to be held on Saturday October 3 is still being held. LVARC operators are needed to provide communications support for this event. Contact Mark (AK3M) to volunteer. Listen to the Monday Night Net for any changes.

Club Station / Trailer: Not much happening. Myles would like to some kind of mini activation with the trailer. He would also like to do some kind of work party to get some things done.

Communications: Paul removed the maps with the repeater information on it. The information was not correct.

Old Business: Steve (K2OPA) is still working a pdf that a member can print a certificate or an ID badge with their information on it.

The club is still not using the fire company for the meetings.

New Business: The W3OI Sprint will be held in September. Rod sent out e-mails what the sprint is and how it works. This is intended for the new members that are beginning out as techs to get more active on the radio.

Since we don't physically meet, it's a little hard for Myles and Phil to see what members have attended the zoom meeting. So going forward, Myles will give a special word during the meeting. The member will then e-mail that word to Phil. Make sure your name and Callsign are also listed. It's important for members to get credit for attending the meeting.

Good of the Order: Paul received a phone call from a gentleman who he thought was interested in membership. It was very interesting conversation. Paul will send him a brochure to see how interested he really is. Discussion followed.

John (AB3LZ) reported that somebody used his e-mail to try and solicit gift cards. This is a scam. Please be leery of this type of e-mail.

Myles would like to recognize Dan (KC3HWD) for the month of September. Dan helps out at events whenever he can.

Matt (KC3PYA) had a question about not being able to reach the 146.94 repeater from Perkasio. Discussion followed

Sick Report: Nothing to report

New member applicants: No new applicants

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2027 hrs. (EST.)

Motion to accept made by: John – AB3LZ

Seconded by: Steve – KS3RO

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

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who participated in the first annual, “LVARC September Sprint!” All had a great time and we look forward to seeing this become a yearly LVARC event. **Kudos to Rod (N3XG) for organizing this event!.**



Nominations for the Pres Schuler Award are now being accepted and will continue through November.

Send your nomination, along with text supporting your nomination, to Myles (KB3ZMA) at KB3ZMA@gmail.com.

Past Pres Schuler Award Recipients

Rod Wolfe (N3XG) ——— 2004
Mark Miller (AK3M) ——— 2005
Frank Unger (W3FTU) ——— 2006
Phil Bigg (KB3HMK) ——— 2007
Brian Klock (KW3K) ——— 2008
Jeff Willett (KB3OCP) ——— 2009
Paul Ryan (N0KIA) ——— 2010
Charles Zimmerman (N3WXO — 2011

Gary Decker (W3GRD) ——— 2012
Walt Snyder (KE3SP) ——— 2013
Myles Bodish (KB3ZMA) ——— 2014
Rex Mott (KC1WE) ——— 2015
Don Hoppes (N0VGA) ——— 2016
Kenny Bass (KC3BLE) ——— 2017
Rick Rearce (N3EXO) ——— 2018
Steve Olock (KS3RO) ——— 2019

Note that nominations for club officers and Board members will be taken from the floor of the October and November meetings.



Voting for 2021 LVARC Officers

Voting for club officers and Board of Governors will be held in December and will be done electronically via **ZOOM**. **You MUST attend the December meeting to vote.**



If you have an idea for a program topic you would like to see presented in 2021 or if you would like to present a program during the 2021 year, please contact Myles (KB3ZMA) at KB3ZMA@gmail.com.

An Email Scam Alert From the ARRL

READER SUBMISSION
Forwarded by Chuck (W3CDY)

Since yesterday (Monday), I have learned from three Section Managers (so far) that someone or some people are sending scam/phishing-like e-mails to other ARRL Section Leaders and/or others.

The fake message tries to appear that it is from the Section Manager (or the "President" of the ARRL Section), and asks the recipient of the message to quickly purchase gift cards on the Section Manager's behalf so that the cards may be donated to a Veterans' cause. The e-mail then asks the recipient to e-mail the Section Manager for information on where to send the gift cards.

The contact information (names, Section names and potential recipients) might be taken from ARRL Section Web pages.

I have alerted the ARRL IT department, too, to let them know what is happening. I don't know any more than what has been reported so far. Thank you.

73,
Steve Ewald, WV1X

Supervisor, Field Organization Team





**Hurricane
Season**

This is still hurricane season and its been an active one! All 26 letters of the alphabet have been used to name storms.

Hurricanes now are named using the Greek alphabet. You can keep track of these storms from many sources. Below is information about the **Hurricane Watch Net** on HF.

[Hurricane Watch Net](#)

14.325MHz

hwn.org



10 Takeaways from this VOX

1. The October LVARC meeting will be held via ZOOM on **Tuesday October 6** at **7:30p**.
2. LVARC member earns award!
3. Ham radio quiz.
4. **W5K Classic and ALL 2020 ARES events are now CANCELED.**
5. 14 new hams in the Lehigh Valley!
6. The LVARC holds a, "Hands On Night," every third Tuesday of the month via ZOOM until further notice.
7. Don't forget to register with **ARES CONNECT** to be counted for the Monday Night Net attendance.
8. **Information for 2021 nominations and voting.**
9. "Go Bag" addition
10. For sale

