



The VOX



The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the
Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club - 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.**

* 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 **April** LVARC “**Virtual Meeting**” will be held on **Tuesday April 6**, 2021 using **ZOOM** at **7:30p** (local time).

The scheduled program: TBA

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

The LVARC has had to change its test session schedule due to COVID. Test sessions will be scheduled when 8-10 applicants are on the waiting list.

Contact Mark Miller (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com for details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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

UpComing 2021 LVARC Programs

April 6 - Matthew (KB3UZE) - **Topic TBA**

May 4 - “**Packet Radio**” - Regina (N2RNA)

June 8 - 2021 Field Day preparation

Note: — Programs or topics are subject to change.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2021</h1>				1	2	3
					D-Star Net 7:00p	
4  Easter	5 LVARC Net 7:30p KB3UZE	6 LVARC Meeting 7:30p via ZOOM	7	8 D-Star Net 7:00p	9	10
11	12 LVARC Net 7:30p N3XG	13	14	15 D-Star Net 7:00p	16 LVARC Test Session 6:00p	17
18	19 LVARC Net 7:30p WW3TRG	20 LVARC Hands On Night via ZOOM 7:30p	21	22 D-Star Net 7:00p	23	24
25	26 LVARC Net 7:30p	27	28	29 D-Star Net 7:00p	30	



The next LVARC test session is scheduled to be held on Friday April 16 at 6:00p (local time).

Registration is necessary.

Contact Mark (AK3M) (AK3M@RCN.COM) to register.

At the rescheduled February 26, 2021 test session, 11 tested and 10 passed. VEs in attendance were **Mark** (AK3M), **Walt** (KE3SP), **Don** (N0VGA) and **Larry** (NR3R). TNX to Paul (N0KIA) for opening and closing the building.



The next test session is scheduled for April 16, 2021.



The St. Luke's Half Marathon usually held in April **WILL** be held this year as an "In Person" event.

Please note that **this Half Marathon has been moved to October 17**. Listen to the Monday Night Net and read the VOX for further details.

Volunteers will be needed to provide communications support.
Contact Mark (AK3M) to volunteer.



There will be **NO**
VIA Marathon this year.

The LVARC Welcomes 3 New Members!

At the March 2, 2021 meeting, the LVARC voted in two new members. **CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Ferrel (KA3EDV), Scott Moser (N3PVA) and Randall Miller (KC1MSA).**
Welcome to the club!

This is YOUR newsletter. Send your submissions to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club (W3OI) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Bodisch at 1933 Hrs. (EST).

The meeting opened with a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

The meeting was held via Zoom.

There was a total of 27 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest.

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
Matt Kriebel	Present
Rod Wolfe	Present

Guests: Cliff

Steve Ferrel (KA3EDV)

Corrections additions to the minutes: None noted

Motion to accept made by: John – AB3LZ

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

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

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

The report was presented

Motion to accept made by: Carl – AA3IX

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

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

Committee Reports:

Repeater: There were some reports of interference on the 94 repeater. There were some issues with the Monday night net. This might have been due to high winds. Rod put a request in to have the antennas checked. If anyone experiences issues with any of the repeaters, please let Rod (N3XG) know. Any info you can provide to him will help.

Program: Tonight's program will be Rod (N3XG). He will be doing a presentation on the Covid-19 Pandemic. April's program will be Matt (KB3UZE). He will have a surprise presentation.

Volunteer Examiners: At the rescheduled February 26, 2021 (from February 19) test session, 11 tested and 10 passed.

VEs in attendance included **Mark** (AK3M), **Walt** (KE3SP), **Don** (N0VGA) and **Larry** (NR3R). TNX to Paul (N0KIA) for opening and closing the building.

The next test session is scheduled for April 16, 2021. At this date, there are 8 requesting testing on that date.

ARES / RACES: The St. Luke's Half Marathon usually held in April WILL be held this year as an "In Person" event. Please note that this Half Marathon has been moved to October 17. Please listen to the Monday Night Net and read the VOX for further details. Volunteers to provide communications support will be needed.

Club Station / Trailer: Nothing new to report. Not much has been done due to the weather and the pandemic.

Communications: Nothing new to report. If you have any issues with any of the non- radio communications, Let Chuck (W3CDY) know.

Old Business: The club is looking at doing in person meetings in July. This all depends on where we are with the pandemic.

Myles will send out an e-mail that yearly dues were by March 1, 2021.

New Business: If the club has Field Day this year, we may need to look for a new site. A housing development has been constructed near the site. A berm was built which reduces the size of the site. Also, the area is more active now. Myles will talk to Jeff Kelly to see if there is any other site that is feasible. Myles would like to keep it close to the firehouse. All of the equipment we use comes from there. Discussion followed.

Good of the Order: Andy (AK3KA) mentioned that this past weekend there was North & South Carolina contest. This weekend is ARRL International DX Contest. You can go to the ARRL website to get all the info.

Jeff (WA3PNY) has put an All Star hub in the area. Any questions, please contact him for more info.

Sick Report: No members are under the weather. Rod stated that Dennis Rice (N3SXI) became a silent key recently.

New member applicants:

Name: **Scott Moser**

Callsign: **N3PVA**

Motion to accept: Chuck – W3CDY

Seconded by: John – AB3LZ

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

Name: **Steve Ferrel**

Callsign: **KA3EDV**

Motion to accept: Steve – K2OPA

Seconded by: Chuck – W3CDY

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

Name: **Randall Miller**

Callsign: **KC1MSA**

Motion to accept: Scott – KB3YOT

Seconded by: Steve – K2OPA

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

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2015 hrs. (EST.)

Motion to accept made by: Scott – KB3YOT

Seconded by: Pete – NL7XM

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

Respectfully Submitted de KB3HMK, Secretary.

FCC News

de CQ Magazine, Jan., 2021, p. 3

“Starting in the middle of this year [2021], all FCC applications, including those from amateurs, will need to include the applicant’s email address.”

\$35 FCC application fee in the Federal Register - does **NOT take effect yet. This will most likely be **in the Summer**.**



The ARRL VEC exam fee will remain at \$15 until Summer [2021].



Keep your license current!

Check the expiration date of your license. Also, keep your address current if you have moved.



Remember to check in to the Monday Night LVARC/ARES/RACES which is held on the 146.94 repeater every Monday Night at 7:30p (local time). **Many club announcements will be heard there.**



Irving Vermilya (W1ZE) was the first licensed radio amateur in the US.

(Source: https://nofars.net/jacksonville_radio_collection/famous_amateur_radio_operators)



New Hams

Those who tested at the February 26, 2021 test session received their calls on March 10, 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following new hams and those who upgraded!

- David O'Neill - **KC3RMQ** (T)
- William Krauss - **KC3RMR** (T)
- Keith Easley - **KC3RMS** (T)
- James Powers - **KC3RMT** (T)
- Phillip Polstra - **KC3RMU** (G)
- William Wirtz - **KC3RMV** (G)
- Matthew Stehle - **KC3RMW** (G)

- James Walsh (**K3JFW**) - Upgraded to **Extra**
- Larry Gauntz (**KC3OJA**) - Upgraded to **General**
- Russ Easley (**KC3RDF**) - Upgraded to **General**

Welcome to the hobby!

Nice Weather Is Coming!

Now is a good time to get outside and check the effects of Winter on your antennas and feed lines.



The officers and board are discussing the 2021 LVARC Field Day plans including the location.

What's Happening On the LVARC "Hands ON Night?"

The Hands On Night is held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30p via ZOOM. Look for an invitation in your email prior to the activity.

April 20th Hands-On-Night

ZOOM Mtg.- **Gadgets & Gilhickies Show n' Tell**

Check your email for invite. Check your junk box for a show stopper!

May 18th HON

Open HoN Meeting, Claim it for Your Own Topic, or it'll Default to Ryan's Choice! NOOOoooo...!

This and more information can be found on the W3OI website

<https://www.w3oi.org/#/home> .



FCC Not Yet Collecting \$35 Application Fee

The majority of the FCC's revised Part 97 rules (adopted in December 2020) establishing new application fees become effective on April 19, but the new amateur radio application fees will *not* become effective on April 19.

The \$35 fee, when it becomes effective, would apply to new, modification (upgrade and sequential call sign change), renewal, and vanity call sign applications, as well as applications for a special temporary authority (STA) or a rule waiver. All fees will be per application. Administrative updates, such as a change of mailing, email address, or name, are exempt.

ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator ([VEC](#)) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not have to collect the \$35 fee at exam sessions. Once the FCC application fee takes effect, new and upgrade applicants will pay the \$15 exam session fee to the VE team as usual, and pay the \$35 application fee directly to the FCC via the [Fee Filer System](#) or [License Manager System](#). Somma said this information was provided in a [VE Newsletter](#) distributed this past week. "Further news and instructions will follow when we have them," she said.

The New ARRL Repeater Directory Is Now Shipping

The [2021 ARRL Repeater Directory](#)[®] is now shipping. It includes "crowdsourced" listings contributed by users, repeater owners, and volunteer frequency coordinators. This means more listings that are updated more often. With 24,000 listings, it's the most complete printed directory of on-the-air repeaters, covering repeater systems throughout the US and Canada.

The [2021 ARRL Repeater Directory](#) is available from the [ARRL Store](#) or an [ARRL publication dealer](#). Order ARRL Item No. 1434, ISBN: 978-1-62595-143-4, \$19.95 retail. For additional questions or ordering, call (860) 594-0355, or, toll free in the United States.



10 Highlights from this VOX

1. The **April LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM on Tuesday April 6 at 7:30p.**
2. February test session news.
3. There **WILL** be a Half Marathon this year.
4. **Half Marathon moves to October 17.**
5. The LVARC welcomes 3 new members!
6. Minutes of the March 2, 2021 LVARC meeting.
7. Plans for Field Day 2021 are being discussed.
8. FCC now requires email addresses on applications.
9. New hams from an LVARC test session get their licenses.
10. Test fee to increase this Summer. See future VOX for details.

