



# The VOX



The Official *On-Line* Newsletter of the  
**L**ehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - W3OI / KB3SYV  
Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA

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## 2021 Officers

President: **Myles Bodisch** - KB3ZMA (KB3ZMA@gmail.com)  
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Secretary: **Steve Olock** - KS3RO (solock@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: **Paul Ryan** - N0KIA (paul.f.ryan@gmail.com)

## 2021 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.**

- \* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)  
Automatic Mode Select. Analog
- \* FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),

**Many club announcements will be heard there.**

The **December** LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday**  
**December 7**, 2021 using **ZOOM** **AND** **In-Person** at **7:30p.**

The scheduled program: **TBD**

**Plan to attend this Meeting**

The LVARC holds it's monthly meetings on the **FIRST**  
**TUESDAY** of every month **On Line** using **ZOOM** and **In Person** at  
**7:30p Eastern time.** The meetings are held at the Tri-Clover  
**Fire Co. in Orefield, PA.**

### **LVARC TEST SESSIONS**

The LVARC test sessions are held the **THIRD FRIDAY**  
of **EVERY OTHER MONTH.**

Contact Mark Miller (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) for details.

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)

### **UpComing 2021 LVARC Programs**

December 7 - **TBA**

**Note:** — Programs or topics are subject to change.



# This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>December</div> <div>2021</div>			1	2	3	4
			D-Star Net 7:00p			
5	 Hanukkah ends <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <b>WW3TRG</b>	7 <div>LVARC Meeting 7:30p via ZOOM AND In Person</div>	8	9	10	11
			D-Star Net 7:00p			
12	<div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <b>AK3M</b>	14	15	16	17	18
			D-Star Net 7:00p			
19	<div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <b>KC3AFU</b>	<div>LVARC "Hands On Night"</div>	22	23	24	25
			D-Star Net 7:00p		 Christmas Eve	 Christmas Day
26	<div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <b>KB3YOT</b>	28	29	30	31	
			D-Star Net 7:00p		 2021 New Year's Eve	

## 2022 LVARC Voting

Election for 2022 LVARC officers and board members will be held on the December 2021 meeting. See page 6 for the slate of offices.



### What Ever Happened To ...?

#### Aluminum Christmas trees with the rotating color wheel?

Send your ***“What Ever Happened To...,”*** to Mark. (AK3M) for inclusion in a future issue of the VOX).



**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning with the November 19 test session, LVARC test sessions will be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem.

#### 2021-2022 Test Session Dates

January 21 2022  
March 18 2022  
May 20 2022

August 19 2022  
October 21 2022

### Track Santa

Starting Christmas Eve, go to:

<https://www.noradsanta.org>

to track Santa Claus on Christmas Eve!



## LVARC January 21 2022 Test Session

The LVARC will hold a license test session on **Friday January 21, 2022** at Hanover Elementary School at 6:00p.

**REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).



### Want to know what you are getting in the mail each day?

Sign up with USPS Informed Delivery on line.  
Each day, you will then get an email showing what mail will be delivered to your house that day.  
To sign up, go to:



<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>.



### *Getting A Holiday Radio Gift?*

If you expect to receive a radio related gift for the holiday and want to share it with the group, send a picture and description to Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) and it will be included in the VOX.

**Remember: LVARC test sessions are again being held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem.**



## 2022 LVARC Slate of Officers and Board of Governors

### Officers

**President:** Myles Bodish (KB3ZMA)  
**Secretary:** Steve Olock (KS3RO)  
**VP:** Jeff Bauer (WA3PNY)  
**Treasurer:** Paul Ryan (N0KIA)

**All officers are  
uncontested and  
remain in office for  
2022**

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### Board of Governors

John Bartos (AB3LZ)  
Matthew Kriebel (KB3UZE)  
Mark Miller (AK3M)  
Rick Pearce (KC3EXO)  
Rod Wolfe (N3XG)  
Phil Bigg (KB3HMK)  
Chuck Ballard (W3CDY)  
Tom Gyory (WW3TRG)  
Dan Longo (KC3HWD)

**Vote for  
FIVE BOG**

### Vote:

- (1) At the meeting or
- (2) Send your vote via US mail to:

**Paul Ryan (N0KIA)**  
5814 Lindbergh St.  
Orefield, PA 18069-2250

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 6.**

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Elections will be held at the December 7, 2021 meeting.



## Christmas Trivia

**Question:** The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. **What is it?**

(Answer on page 8)



**Want to be published in 2022?**

Send your VOX submissions to Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com). Include a picture(s) and description.

### 2022 LVARC Dues are Now Due

2022 LVARC dues are now being accepted. Send your 2022 dues to Paul (N0KIA).

**\$20.00** - Individual membership

**\$25.00** - Family membership

**\$15.00** - Student membership

**\$500.00** - Special club program donation



*"Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." - Pope John XXIII*

**Don't Let Your License Expire!**

You can renew 90 days before expiration.

## *Christmas Trivia Answer* (from page 7)

**Question:** The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?

**Answer: Macy's**



### **New LVARC Member!**

At the November 2 meeting, one new member was voted into the LVARC! **Welcome to the club Charles Mohr (KC3KQW).**



The December 7, 2021 LVARC meeting will be held as **BOTH In Person AND ZOOM** meeting!



### **November 19, 2021 Test Session Report**

At the November 19, 2021 LVARC test session, 3 tested and 3 passed. **CONGRATULATIONS** to: **Charles Elliott** and **Frank Kranycz** who earned their Technician and **James Miller** (KC3TBG) who upgraded to General.

VEs in attendance included **Mark** (AK3M), **Walt** (KE3SP), **Don** (N0VGA) and new VE **Greg** (KC3RZG).

The next test session will be on Friday **January 21, 2022.**



## Night Before Christmas Ham Radio Style

T'was the night before Christmas,  
And all through two-meters,  
Not a signal was keying up  
Any repeaters.  
The antennas reached up  
From the tower, quite high,  
To catch the weak signals  
That bounced from the sky.  
The children, Tech-Pluses,  
Took their HTs to bed,  
And dreamed of the day  
They'd be Extras, instead.  
Mom put on her headphones,  
I plugged in the key,  
And we tuned 40 meters  
For that rare ZK3.  
When the meter was pegged  
by a signal with power.  
It smoked a small diode,  
and, I swear, shook the tower.  
Mom yanked off her phones,  
And with all she could muster  
Logged a spot of the signal  
On the DX Packet Cluster,  
While I ran to the window  
And peered up at the sky,  
To see what could generate  
RF that high.  
It was way in the distance,  
But the moon made it gleam -  
A flying sleigh, with an  
Eight element beam,  
And a little old driver  
who looked slightly mean.  
So I thought for a moment,  
That it might be Wayne Green.  
But no, it was Santa  
The Santa of Hams.

On a mission, this Christmas  
To clean up the bands.  
He circled the tower,  
Then stopped in his track,  
And he slid down the coax  
Right into the shack.  
While Mom and I hid  
Behind stacks of CQ,  
This Santa of hamming  
Knew just what to do.  
He cleared off the shack desk  
Of paper and parts,  
And filled out all my late QSLs  
For a start.  
He ran copper braid,  
Took a steel rod and pounded  
It into the earth, till  
The station was grounded.  
He tightened loose fittings,  
Re-soldered connections,  
Cranked down modulation,  
Installed lightning protection.  
He neutralized tubes  
In my linear amp...  
(Never worked right before --  
Now it works like a champ).  
A new, low-pass filter  
Cleaned up the TV,  
He corrected the settings  
In my TNC.  
He repaired the computer  
That would not compute,  
And he backed up the hard drive  
And got it to boot.  
Then, he reached really deep  
In the bag that he brought,  
And he pulled out a big box,  
"A new rig?" I thought!  
"A new Kenwood? An Icom?  
A Yaesu, for me?!"  
(If he thought I'd been bad

it might be QRP!)  
Yes! The Ultimate Station!  
How could I deserve this?  
Could it be all those hours  
that I worked Public Service?  
He hooked it all up  
And in record time, quickly  
Worked 100 countries,  
All down on 160.  
I should have been happy,  
It was my call he sent,  
But the cards and the postage  
Will cost two month's rent!  
He made final adjustments,  
And left a card by the key:  
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.  
Seventy-Three."  
Then he grabbed his HT,

Looked me straight in the eye,  
Punched a code on the pad,  
And was gone - no good bye.  
I ran back to the station,  
And the pile-up was big,  
But a card from St. Nick  
Would be worth my new rig.  
Oh, too late, for his final  
came over the air.  
It was copied all over.  
It was heard everywhere.  
The Ham's Santa exclaimed  
What a ham might expect,  
"Merry Christmas to all,  
And to all, good DX."

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1996 Gary Pearce, KN4AQ

*Always a fun read at Christmas!*



Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer  
was actually created as a  
promotional figure for Montgomery  
Wards department stores in 1939.

**Happy 82nd birthday Rudolph!**



*"The way you spend Christmas is far more important  
than how much." — Henry David Thoreau*

The D&L 1/2 Marathon was held on Sunday, November 7th. Support staff arrived at their locations between 7 and 8, depending on their assignment and location. The race started as scheduled at 8am from Slatington and ran along the scenic D&L Heritage Trail to Northampton. There were both runners and competition walkers on the course, and it was by all accounts a very fast race for all involved.

The race was smooth and with the exception of two very minor incidents, the participants were all accounted for and the organizers were very happy with the results.

A 4 hour endeavor such as a 1/2 Marathon does not happen without many months of planning and the combined years of experience and professional guidance of the volunteers that make this type of event happen. Particularly we recognize the Amateur Radio Operators for their ability to provide communication and recognize and respond to just about any situation that is presented before them. The ability to effectively communicate and "manage up", makes the amateur a most versatile and valuable asset at any event. The D&L is no exception.

While the race ran smoothly and was without incident, it is important to remember that it is normally the amateur radio operator that is the only person at a hydration station that is experienced in event support. In this case, there had not been an event to support since the 2019 D&L Marathon!

On a cold morning, facing a herd of fanatic athletes, some of whom have higher expectations than their training will allow, the following LVARC hams came out to support the community and the D&L 1/2 Marathon: Steve W3TNT, Steve KS3RO, Don N0VGA, Tom WW3TRG, Mike KC3BLF, Chris N3RPV, Nick KC3EKC, Richard KC3FEZ, Kathleen KC3LSM, and Bob WB3JSZ. Thank you so much for your time, dedication, and professionalism.

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## D&L Half Marathon

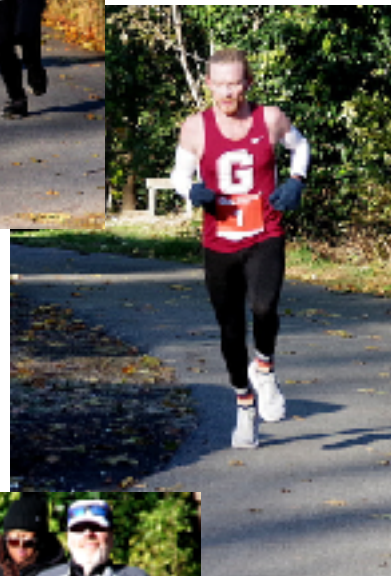
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Pictures courtesy  
of Bob (WB3JSZ)

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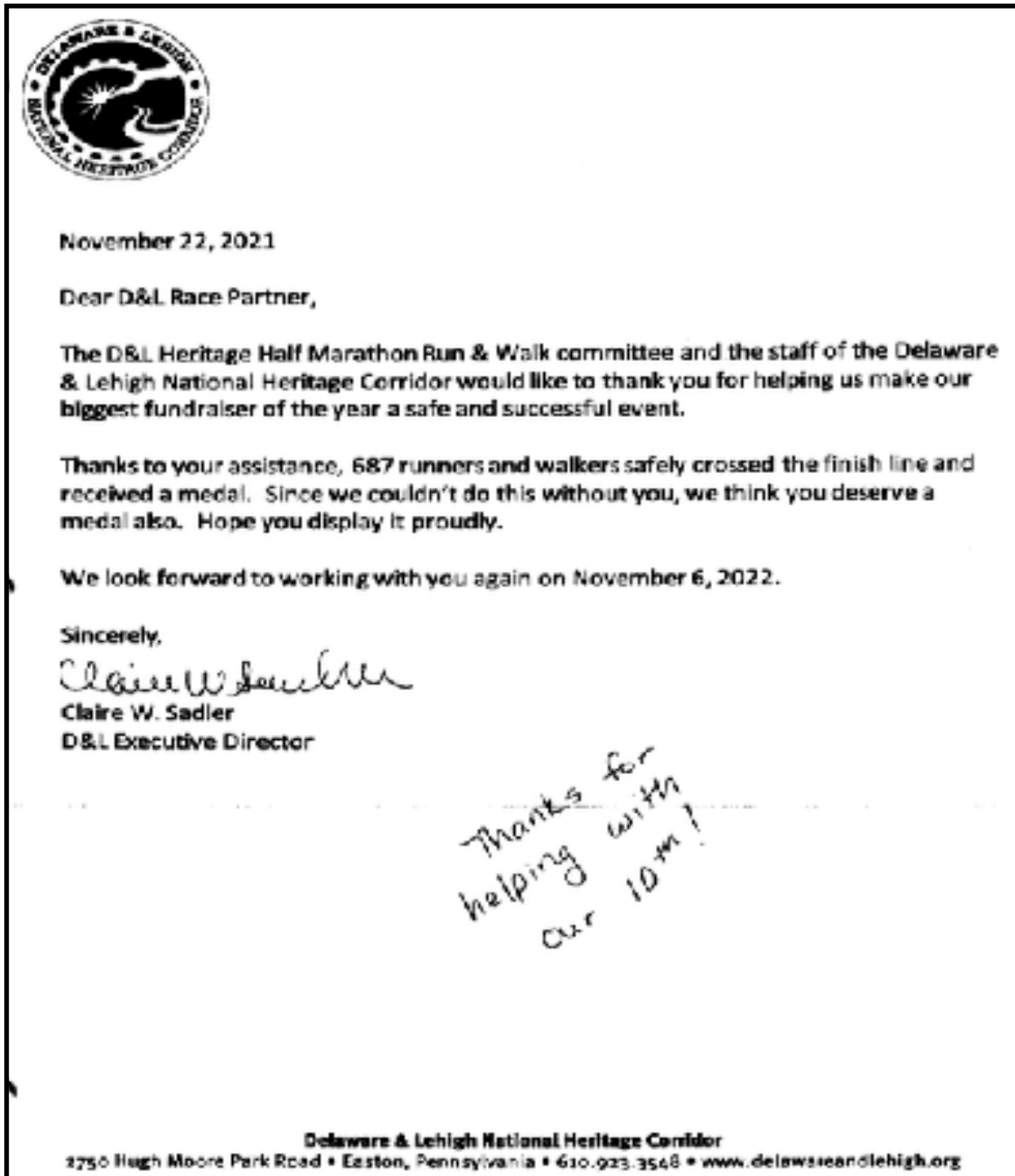




Pictures courtesy  
of Don (N0VGA)

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## A Nice TNX Letter from the D&L Half Marathon Committee



### Prepare for Winter WX Now!

Prepare your antennas for Winter weather now before the snow and sleet and ice arrive. Also, check your flashlights, medications, food and water supplies, generator, etc. in case of power outages. Keep your HTs charged too. Monitor local repeater(s) and public service frequencies when the WX gets bad.



## 2021 SKYWARN Recognition Day

from an email from the ARRL



*Here's a chance to have some fun talking with other Weather Geeks.*

No scores, no reports, just have fun!

**2021 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day** Saturday December 4, 2021  
from 0000z to 2400z.

**Object:** SKYWARN Recognition Day serves to celebrate the contributions to public safety made by amateur radio operators Skywarn Spotters during threatening weather.

**Amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band.** Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

Non-Amateur Radio Spotters to exchange weather information as often as possible via Social Media with NWS Offices.

**Date:** NWS stations may operate at any time during December 4, 2021 from 0000 - 2400 UTC.

**Exchange:** Call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.).

**Modes:** NWS stations will work various modes including **SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31**. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/NWS). NWS offices may also participate via Social Media platforms throughout the 24 hour period.



READER SUBMISSION

de Jeff (WA3PNY)

**Paul E. "Pete" Derr (W3ROH)** passed from this life on November 6th, 2021.

Pete was a member of W3OI many years ago. I brought him to several meetings and Field Day while he was deciding if he was going to re-start ham radio. He subsequently decided to retire, and we assisted him in selling his equipment. He and Shirley, his wife, moved to an assisted living center.

Pete worked as an electrical engineer at PPL Electric for many years. He was a WWII Navy veteran. **Pete was a Ham Radio operator** and will be remembered for his world wide adventures of traveling, sailing, biking, skiing, and especially riding his Harley.



## Ham Radio Christmas Gifts from ETSY



[https://www.etsy.com/market/ham\\_radio\\_christmas](https://www.etsy.com/market/ham_radio_christmas)

Officers



BOG

Volunteers

Net Control Operators

VEs

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**A *BIG TNX* to the 2021 LVARC VE team!**

In 2021, there was a total of 7 test sessions  
and 47 people were tested.

**LVARC VEs include:**

Mark Miller (AK3M)  
Walt Snyder (KE3SP)  
Mike Mandell (KC3BLF)  
Doug McNair (N3WGH)  
Rod Wolfe (N3XG)  
Don Hoppes (N0VGA)

Larry Miller (NR3R)  
Bill Snyder (K3ABE)  
Carl Seier (AA3IX)  
John Bartos (AB3LZ)  
Greg Glick (KC3RZG)

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**A *BIG TNX* to the officers and board members who made  
the 2021 LVARC a big success!**

**They are always listed on the first page of the VOX.**

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**A *BIG TNX* to the Monday Night Net Control Operators**

Jim (KC3AFU)

Scott (KB3YOT)

Chris (N3RPV)

Tom (WW3TRG)

Matthew (KB3UZE)

ROD (N3XG)

Mark (AK3M)

*The LVARC is looking forward to another banner year in 2022!*

Those who tested at the November 19, 2021 test session, received their new calls on **Tuesday November 23, 2021.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to: **Charles Elliott (KC3TDQ)** and **Frank Kranyecz (KC3TDR).**

***Welcome them to the hobby when you hear them on the air!***



In December, a donation was made to the Tri Clover Fire Company using VE funds.

This was done as they always provided the LVARC with a meeting room for testing in 2021 whenever we asked!

***A BIG TNX to Don (N3HVL) and the fire company!***

**V**olunteer to present a program or send your suggestions for program topics for 2022 to Myles (KB3ZMA) or any club officer.

All club officers and their contact information are always listed on the cover (first) page of every newsletter.

*Twelve Days of Ham Radio Christmas*  
can be heard on YouTube at:

<https://www.kb6nu.com/twelve-days-of-ham-radio-christmas/>.



W3OI Amateur Radio Club

# November 2 2021 Meeting Minutes

Zoom Session-No Local

The Meeting was called to order by MB @ 19:32

**Point of order:**The meeting opened with the full remote meeting procedure for motions, and then a moment of silence was observed for Silent Keys.

## ATTENDEES

There were a total of 17 members in attendance (as per the email method).

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Myles Bodisch PRESENT

Vice President – Jeff Bauer PRESENT

Treasurer - Paul Ryan PRESENT

Secretary - Steve Olock PRESENT

Board Members:

John Bartos PRESENT

Mark MillerPRESENT

Rick Pearce PRESENT

Matt Kriebel PRESENT

Rod Wolfe PRESENT

## AGENDA

Motion to approve the minutes as published in the Vox

Motion:Bob KC3OVG 2nd by John AB3LZ

Motion Passed Y

Guests:None Noted

Program: None, None for December

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

The report was presented by Paul N0KIA

Motion to accept made by: Dan KC3HWD Seconded by: Rick KC3EXO

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

## **Committee Reports:**

ARES and VE Reports for the November 2 LVARC Meeting

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### **ARES Report**

The only ARES event for 2021, will be the D&L Half Marathon scheduled for November 7, 2021. To volunteer, contact Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

### **VE Report**

The next LVARC test session will be held on November 19, 2021.

Test sessions will now be held on the THIRD FRIDAY of EVERY OTHER MONTH. Look in the VOX for 2022 dates of future test sessions.

The test sessions have moved back to Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem starting with the November 19, 2021 test session.

Registration is necessary. For more information or to register for a test session, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

**Communications:** Nothing to report. Contact Chuck (W3CDY@arrl.net) with any issues.

Please whitelist [lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com](mailto:lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com) and [paul.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:paul.ryan@gmail.com) and [kb3zma@gmail.com](mailto:kb3zma@gmail.com) if you have rcn or ptd for email address to allow yourself to receive the emails from the club

### **Repeater:**

**Club Station / Trailer:** Trailer was cleaned, but does need to be organized and content reduced for room utilization.



**Old Business:** Dehumidifier is in the plans to be updated

Nov 17th Limerick emergency drill and Southern Lehigh HS, Mike, KC3BLF will be organizing

Trailer discussion for the technology and power and organization.

Dan KC3HWD Boy Scouts event with the trailer went well and was appreciated.

Vanguard financial move has been put on hold till in person events happen.

**New Business:**

Motion to reopen nominations for upcoming board and officers

By Scott KB3YOT , and John AB3LZ 2nd Motion Passed (Y/N) Y

Nominations are open:

Matt KB3UZE for President

Regina N2RNA to BOG Accepted

Phil KC3HMK for BOG, Accepted

Chuck, W3CDY for BOG, Accepted

Tom, WW3TRG for BOG, Accepted

Dan, KC3HWD for BOG, Accepted

Rick KC3EXO has accepted

Rod N3XG for BOG has accepted

John AB3LZ for BOG has accepted

Mark AK3M for BOG, has accepted

Steve Olock Secretary KS3RO, Accepted

Paul Ryan, Treasurer N0KIA, Accepted

Jeff Bauer VP WA3PNY, Accepted

**Nominations for Officers positions are uncontested and are as follows:**

**President:** Mike KC3BLF nominates Myles, Myles accepted

**Secretary:** Rod NX3G nominated Steve KS3RO, Steve accepted

**VP:** Steve KS3RO nominates Jeff Bauer WA3PNY, Jeff accepted

**Treasurer:** KC3EXO nominates Paul N0KIA, Paul accepted

Motion to close nominations by Scott KZ4ASR Chuck WC3CDY

Motion to close nominations by Rod N3XG, 2nd Scott KB3YOT

Motion by Rod N3XG for Secretary to announce all uncontested positions as passed. @nd by Chuck W3CDY

The **BOG nominees** are

Matt KB3UZE for President and BOG, Matt declined President nomination and accepts BOG nomination

Regina N2RNA to BOG Accepted

Phil KC3HMK for BOG, Accepted

Chuck, W3CDY for BOG, Accepted

Tom, WW3TRG for BOG, Accepted

Dan, KC3HWD for BOG, Accepted

Rick KC3EXO has accepted

Rod N3XG for BOG has accepted

John AB3LZ for BOG has accepted

Mark AK3M for BOG, has accepted

The Widow of Bruce Bobo donated some items to the club to be auctioned to the club for the club's usage of the proceeds.

New Business

New member was welcomed, KC3KQW Charlie Mohr Whitehall

Motion and Passed

December meeting will be in person

Zoom will be view only

December Meeting is voting meeting, On Location or Via Mail

Secret word for attendance is : endfed, emailed to KS3RO@arrl.net

Sick Call:

None Noted

Good of the Order:

KB3YOT Scott; Radar Challenge, Contest for portable

<http://radarops.co.za/index.php/radar-rules/>

Chuck W3CDY: Ares new arrl manifesto for taking on more training

Paul N0kia, copy the zoom chat data for details

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at (EST)2030

Motion to accept made by: John AB3LZ

Seconded by: Scott KB3YOT

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

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

ATTENDANCE Confirmation VIA Secret word to [KS3RO@ARRI.NET](mailto:KS3RO@ARRI.NET)

It should be noted that there were MORE members present on the zoom than emailed, but since the recording doesn't record screen names, email/codeword is the only listing that will be used.

## 10 Highlights from this VOX

top 10

and more ...

1. The December LVARC meeting will be held using **ZOOM AND In Person** on **Tuesday December 7** at **7:30p**.
2. 2022 Dues are due.
3. Send your articles, pix., etc. for inclusion in the VOX.
4. Submit your "What Ever Happened To ..."
5. 2022 LVARC test session dates.
6. Christmas Trivia.
7. **LVARC 2022 Officers and Board Elections.**
8. Minutes of the November 2021 meeting.
9. Track Santa on Christmas Eve.
10. LVARC In Person meetings start in December 2021

*The officers and board of the LVARC wish all*

