

# The VOX



The Official On-Line Newsletter of the

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club - W30I / 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),

Many club announcements will be heard there.

# The **November** LVARC **m**eeting will be held on **Tuesday November 2**, 2021 using **ZOOM** at **7:30p**

The scheduled program: TBD

Plan to attend this Meeting

The LVARC holds it's monthly meetings on the <u>FIRST</u>

<u>TUESDAY</u> of every month <u>On Line</u> using

ZOOM at 7:30p Eastern time.

#### **LVARC TEST SESSIONS**

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

Contact Mark Miller (AK3M) at <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a> for details.

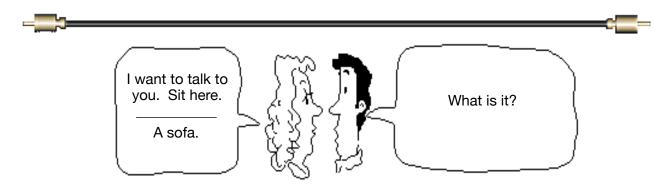
#### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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

### **UpComing 2021 LVARC Programs**

November 2 - TBA

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



## This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LVARC Net 7:30p	LVARC Meeting 7:30p via ZOOM	D-Star Net 7:00p	4	5	Turn clocks BACK one hour after 2:00a
7	LVARC Net 7:30p	9	D-Star Net 7:00p	VETERANS DAY	12	13
14	LVARC Net 7:30p KB3UZE	LVARC "Hands On Night"	D-Star Net 7:00p	18	LVARC Test Session 6:00p	20
21	LVARC Net 7:30p	23	D-Star Net 7:00p	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 Hanukkah begins	LVARC Net 7:30p	30		Nove 20		•

### Lots Happening at the LVARC!



- 1. November 7 D&L Half Marathon
- 2. November Nominations for Pres Schuler Award
- 3. November Nominations for 2022 club officers
- 4. **December** 2022 elections for officers & BOG

The D&L Half Marathon will be held on November 7, 2021. The LVARC has provided communications support for many years and your help is again needed.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rod (N3XG at n3xg.radio@gmail.com.





Send your "Hands On Night" activity suggestion to Paul (N0KIA) at <a href="mailto:paul.f.ryan@gmail.com">paul.f.ryan@gmail.com</a>.



## What Ever Happened To ...? <a href="mailto:trading/green stamps">trading/green stamps?</a>

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





"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty, my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup." — Sam Lefkowitz



#### **LVARC License Test Session News**

The LVARC will hold an amateur radio test session on **Friday November 19** at the Hanover Elementary School at 6:00p. The school is located at 3890 Jacksonville Road in Bethlehem.

**NO walk-ins**. Deadline to register is Sunday November 14. To register, for the test, contact Mark (AK3M) at **AK3M@rcn.com** or call 610-428-4475.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with the November 19 2021 test session, LVARC test sessions will be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem.

#### 2021-2022 Test Session Dates

November 19 2021 May 20 2022 January 21 2022 August 19 2022 March 18 2022 October 21 2022



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





Americans prepare 46 million turkeys for Thanksgiving each year.



Nominations for LVARC 2022 officers, board and 2021 Pres Schuler award now being accepted.

Send your 2022 **officers**, **board** and 2021 **Pres Schuler** nominations to Myles (KB3ZMA) at **KB3ZMA@gmail.com**.

The Pres Schuler award is presented to an LVARC member for excellence to the club.

When nominating for the Pres Schuler award, please include the *reason* for you nomination.

## **2022 LVARC Dues**

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









Check your information on the club"s website and send any changes of your radio or personal information to Paul (N0KIA). These include changes in address, call, phone, license class etc.

# Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Meeting October 2021 10/05/21

Zoom Session-No Local

The Meeting was called to order by MB @ 23:30

<u>Point of order:</u> 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 18 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

Mark Miller

Rick Pearce Present

Matt Kriebel Present

Rod Wolfe Present

Motion to approve the minutes as published in the Vox

Motion:Scott KB3YOT 2nd Steve K2OPA

**Motion Passed** 

**Guests:** None Noted

**Program**: Rox N3XG Topic APRS

#### <u>Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)</u>

The report was presented by Paul N0KIA

Motion to accept made by: KB3YOT Seconded by: KC3EXO

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

Secret Word:rectifier

**Committee Reports:** 

#### ARES & VE Reports for the October 2021 5 Meeting

#### **ARES Report**

The D&L Half Marathon will be held on November 7, 2021. The LVARC has provided communications support for many years and your help is again needed. 10/6 is finalization meeting regarding D&L Marathon

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com.

#### VE Report

At the September 17 test session, three tested and three passed. They received their calls on September 23. CONGRATULATIONS to: Eric Sommers (KC3SUS), Joseph Cardamone (KC3SUT) and Mark Conopio (KC3SUU).

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (N0VGA).

Beginning with the November 19, 2021 test session, test sessions will now be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem. Test sessions will be held the third Friday of every other month starting with the November 19 session.

The next test session will be held on Friday November 19. NO walk-ins. Deadline to register is Sunday November 14. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

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

Please whitelist <a href="mailto:lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com">lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:paul.ryan@gmail.com">paul.ryan@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:kb3zma@gmail.com">kb3zma@gmail.com</a> if you have rcn or ptd for email address to allow yourself to receive the emails from the club

**Repeater:**Rod N3XG .94 Voters upgraded at big rock site. Sounds better. DStar stack is in need of a router replacement, N3RPV will be visiting site to install new router. .94 is noticeably better.

N3WGH questioned as to finances on repeater changes and upgrades. We operate based on the benevolence of the county.

**Club Station / Trailer**: Nothing significant to report, Myles will be at station on Thursday10/7 to wash the trailer.

<u>Old Business:</u> Dehumidifier was discussed, one was donated instead of purchasing one.

**Limerick Drill**: KC3BLF. Preliminary details just came in. EOC drill Nov 16th, Tuesday at EOC. Shelter Drill Nov 17th at Southern Lehigh HS. Digital coms will be the expectation.

ARES has been raised to a higher stat. WinLink is the standard and will be going forward for HF Digital comms.

October 16th W3OI will be participating with Boy Scouts, Jamboree on the Air.

Vanguard transfer is on hold at this time

No Picnic 2021

#### **New Business:**

Dues are soon approaching for 2022

In Person meetings will be moving to reality soon in a hybrid style

Christmas Party details will follow if it will be happening

1 new member: Richard L. Gallagher

KC3PTX

537 Old Philly Pike

Kempton, PA. 19529

484-637-7982

Motion to Accept: K2OPA 2nd: N3XG

Motion Passed (Y/N) Y

#### Motion to Open BOG Nominations by N3XG, 2nd by KC3EXO

Motion Passed: Y

Nominations are open:

Voice Nominations for BOG are:

DOUG N3WGH nominates Phil KB3HMK for BOG- Phil Accepted the nomination

N3XG brings point of order to list Officer positions then BOG

SCOTT KB3YOT: Scott motions to Re-Nominate existing board in its entirety

(existing BOG)

KB3UZE Matt has accepted

Rick KC3EXO has accepted

Rod N3XG has accepted

John Not Present

Mark Not Present

#### Nominations for Officers positions are:

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 suspend nominations till Nov

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

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.

Sick Call: None Noted

#### Good of the Order:

Doug N3WGH: Paul talked about 10 meter net after the Monday net.

Looking at maybe doing some other nets for member involvement.

Scott, KB3YOT shared that the Facebook outage may have been a hack, some content may already be on the darkweb. If you use facebook as a login it may be compromised. Change your Facebook password, especially if you use facebook as alternate logins to other sites

#### This weekend is PA QSO Party

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 20:21hrs. (EST)

Motion to accept made by: Doug N3WGh

Seconded by:Scott KB3YOT

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

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

**PRESENTATION:** Rod: N3XG

APRS: Intro to and how we use APRS during the D&L Marathon

www.aprs.org

https://aprs.fi

http://aprsisce.wikidot.com/

ATTENDANCE Confirmation VIA Secret word to <a href="mailto:KS3RO@ARRI.NET">KS3RO@ARRI.NET</a>

Word: Rectifier

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

**K2OPA Steve Levine** 

**KB3UZE Matt Kriebel** 

N0KIA Paul Ryan

KC3BLF Mike Mandell

KC3OVG Bob Krause

WW3TRG Tom Gyory (No Email but was seen)

AK3KA Andy Koslap

KC3EXO Rick Pearce

WA3PNY Jeff Bauer

KS3RO Steve Olock

KB3ZMA Myles Bodish KC3RZG Greg Glick

KB3HMK Phil Biggs KB3YOT Scott Leichssenring

N0VGA Don Hoppes N3WGH Doug McNair

NR3R Larry Miller KC3OYZ Mike Velders



The LVARC welcomed one new member at the October 5, 2021.

Welcome Richard L. Gallagher (KC3PTX) to the club when you hear him on the air!





## **Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)**

The Lehigh Valley Boy Scouts **Jamboree On The Air** (JOTA) event was held on Saturday October 16, 2021.

TNX to Dan (KC3HWD) who arranged this event.

The LVARC communications van was used. It was towed to King's Mansion in Bethlehem by Myles (KB3ZMA).



The goal of this national event, was to get Boy Scouts across the U.S. to contact each other. The local scouts received brief training prior to the 4:00p start on Saturday.

The communications were operated and supervised by Dan (**KC3HWD**) with Phil, (**KB3HMK**), Myles (**KB3ZMA**), Larry (**N3LRC**) and Mark (**AK3M**) in attendance. Phil (KB3HMK) took his own VHF/UHF station to the site for the scouts to use.

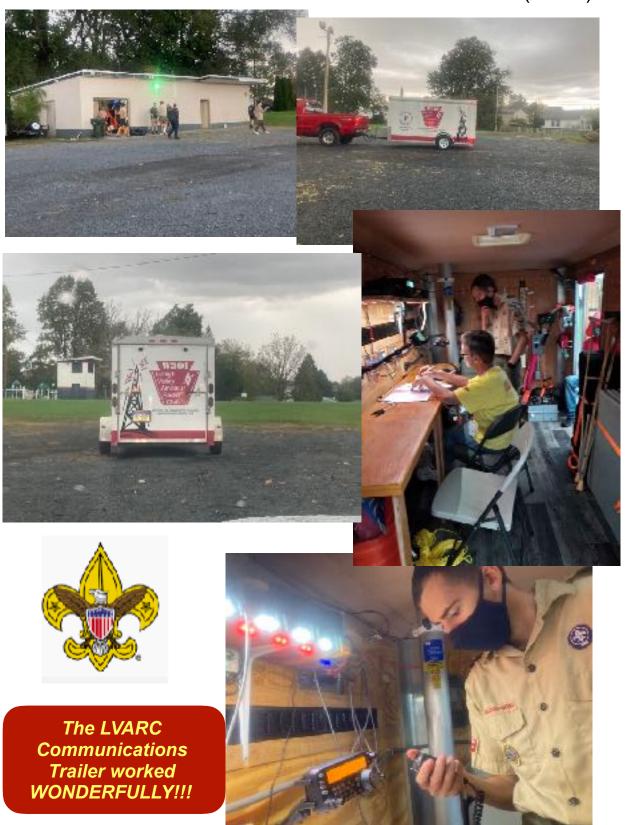
In addition to the LVARC support personnel, 8 scouts attended. The weather was raining but dry in the trailer and 8 contacts were made.

Thanks to Bill (KA3RBH) and Tom (WW3TRG) for monitoring the 94 repeater to talk to some scouts.

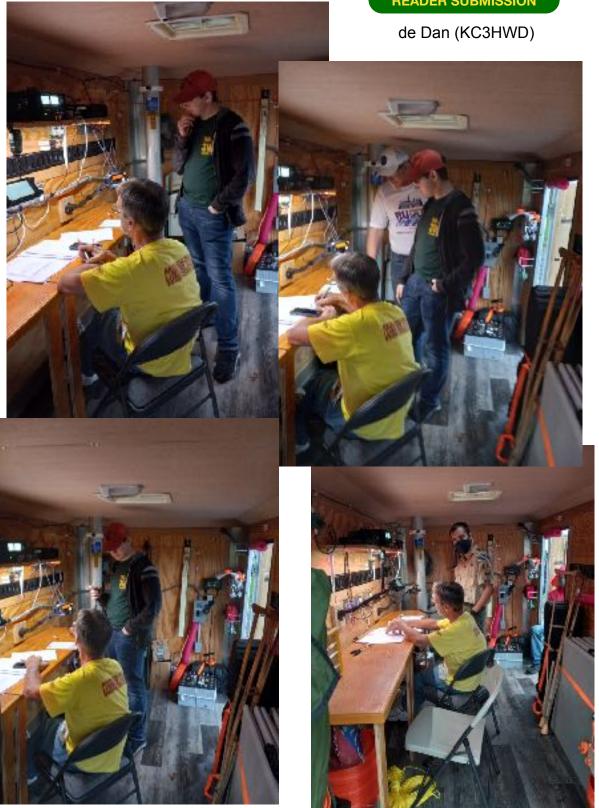
Look at <a href="https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/">https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/</a> for more information about this event.

See pages 14 and 15 for pictures of the local event

## Pictures from the BSA Jamboree On The Air Event (JOTA)



## **READER SUBMISSION**



#### **SERVPA**

From:

George W Miller
Section Manager
W3GWM w3gwm@arrl.org

**READER SUBMISSION** 



I recommend everyone interested in helping during an emergency register with **SERVPA**.

SERVPA is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's online registry for medical and non-medical volunteers.

If you would consider volunteering for emergency disaster response efforts, you've come to the right place!

**SERVPA** is your secure, confidential volunteer registry site. Registering through SERVPA simply tells us that you are open to the idea of volunteering in case of an emergency and provides a little about your background, preferences, and constraints. It does not guarantee that you will be called upon, nor does it mean that you must participate if called. If you are called to volunteer, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the specific event and the commitment required. You can then choose if volunteering for the specific event is right for you.

During the online registration process, you will be asked to enter information regarding the best way to contact you, any active licenses or certifications, and other relevant background data.

If you have already completed the registration process or wish to return to a registration you've started but not completed, you can log in and update your profile.

https://www.serv.pa.gov/



Four places in the country bear the name Turkey.



## **RF Exposure Calculator**

On page 70 of the October 2021 issue of QST, is a URL which links you to the ARRL RF exposure calculator.



This handy tool will do the calculations needed to determine the level of RF exposure to your shack and surrounding area.

Go to: http://arrl.org/rf-exposure-calculator



## 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 (NOKIA)

#### **Board of Governors (BOG)**

John Bartos (AB3LZ)

Matthew Kriebel (KB3UZE)

Mark Miller (AK3M)

Rick Pearce (KC3EXO)

Rod Wolfe (N3XG)

Phil Bigg (KB3HMK)

All sitting board members are nominated along with at least one other in October, and we still have nominations in November. So as it currently sits there will absolutely be an election. With the possibility of adding more names to the ballot in November.

Elections will be held at the December meeting.

## 10 Highlights from this VOX



- 1. The November LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM on Tuesday November 2 at 7:30p.
- 2. November test session news.
- 3. Send YOUR articles, pix., etc. for inclusion in the VOX.
- Nov. 7 D&L Half Marathon volunteers needed. Volunteers are needed.
- 5. 2021-2022 LVARC test session dates
- 6. Nominations for 2021 Pres Schuer award.
- 7. Nominations for 2022 officers and LVARC board.
- 8. Minutes of the October 2021 meeting.
- 9. A review of the Lehigh Valley **Scouts Jamboree On The Air** event.
- 10. **SERVPA** registration

## The officers and board of the LVARC wish all a

