

# The VOX



The Official 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),

Many club announcements will be heard there.

The March LVARC meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u> <u>March 1</u>, 2022 using **ZOOM** <u>AND</u> In-Person at <u>7:30p.</u>

The scheduled program: TBD

Plan to attend this Meeting

The LVARC holds it's monthly meeting the FIRST TUESDAY of every month BOTH In Person AND using ZOOM at 7:30p Eastern time. 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 <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 2022 LVARC Programs**

March 1 - "Grounding" - de Myles (KB3ZMA)

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



## **This Month In Ham Radio**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March		LVARC Meeting 7:30p	D-Star Net 7:00p	3	4	International DX Phone Contest
International DX Phone Contest	LVARC Net 7:30p	8	D-Star Net 7:00p	10	11	Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour at 2:00a
13	LVARC Net 7:30p	LVARC Activity Night 7:30p	D-Star Net 7:00p	17 St. Patrick's Day	LVARC Test Session 6:00p	19
20 First Day of Spring	LVARC Net 7:30p	22	D-Star Net 7:00p	24	25	26
27	LVARC Net 7:30p	29	D-Star Net 7:00p	31	20	22

### **CHECK YOUR EMAIL - LISTEN TO THE NET**

Check your email and listen to the Monday Night Net for any changes in the LVARC meeting schedule.

There **MAY** be a change to the LVARC meeting format and the only way you will know is to check your email and/or listen to the Monday Night Net.

The VOX and website may not be up to date if the LVARC meeting changes from in-person and ZOOM to ZOOM only.

### 2022 LVARC Test Session Schedule

March 18 2022 May 20 2022 August 19 2022 October 21 2022

Registration is NECESSARY.

To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at **AK3M@rcn.com**.



### **ARRL Test Information Update**

New Technician Question Pool questions to take effect July1, 2022.







The first day of Spring is Sunday March 20, 2022!

## What Ever Happened To ...?

### hood ornaments?

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

## **March LVARC Test Session**

The LVARC will hold a license test session on **Friday March 18**, **2022** at Hanover Elementary School at 6:00p.



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

### 2022 LVARC Dues are Due THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH

March 1 is the final day to pay your LVARC 2022 dues or your name will be removed from the membership list.

Dues can be paid 3 ways:

- Send your dues via U.S. mail to Paul (N0KIA) at: Paul Ryan (N0KIA), 5814 Lindbergh, St., Orefield, PA. 18069
- 2. Pay via Pay Pal from the LVARC website (<u>w3oi.org</u>)
- 3. Pay Paul at an in Person meeting at the Tri Clover Fire Company.

\$20.00 - Individual membership \$25.00 - Family membership \$15.00 - Student membership \$500.00 - Special club program donation

## **New Hams in the Lehigh Valley!**

New hams who tested at the January 21, 2022 test session, received their calls on Friday January 28. **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

# John Gilda - KC3TKW Andre Arquer - KC3TKX



Welcome them to the hobby if you hear them on the air.



# Another Nice Tribute to an LVARC SK



Hi Mark,

Very nice article about Harry Buchin [W3TEB, in the February 2022 issue]. Working in Macungie for 27 years, I got to know Harry, had visited his hardware store very often before he retired.

And on occasion we would talk radio.

and Richard, from visiting the store.

I would see Harry and Margret at the DLARC meetings when I used to attend them on occasion.

Nice about Harry printing the VOX. I wonder if any of the older members have them archived, it would be neat to do a reprint of one or more them.

Best Regards,

Doug

If anyone has any old copies of the VOX that Harry printed, please send them to me via US mail (Mark - AK3M) or scan them and send to me for inclusion in future issues of the VOX. - (ed).

## Proud of your shack?

Are you proud of your radio shack and want to share it with the group? Send a picture(s) of your shack along



with a narrative describing it to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in the VOX.



## **Ten Tech Jupiter**

Kenny (KC3BLE has a Ten Tech Jupiter and keyed for sale.

Kenny (KC3BLE has a **Ten Tech Jupiter** for sale. Included in the sale is a microphone, power supply and Bencher keyer.

If interested or for more information, contact Kenny (KC3BLE) <a href="mailto:kc3ble@gmail.com">kc3ble@gmail.com</a> or Rod (N3XG) at <a href="mailto:n3xq.radio@gmail.com">n3xq.radio@gmail.com</a>.





Pictures may not representative of actual items - contact for details



READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)

# The 2022 ARES Schedule is Returning!

(de Mark - AK3M)

## The first 2022 ARES event is on!



I have been in contact with the Hanover Township recreation coordinator who reports that the 2022 Hanover Township Spring 5K **WILL** be held this year! I will be soliciting LVARC members to provide communications support for this event.

If you are new to ARES or if you are a veteran, this is a great way to start the ARES season! Listen for details on the Monday Night Net and read the VOX for more details.



If you are new to ARES and want to volunteer but don't know what to do or expect, feel free to contact Mark (AK3M) or any LVARC member who has had ARES experience.

The Hanover Township Spring 5K will be held on **Saturday June 11**, **2002 starting at 9:00a**.

Contact Mark (AK3M) for more information or to volunteer at <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a>.

## Your your help is needed!





"Blossom by blossom the spring begins".



Algernon Charles Swinburne



## Short Wave Radio Broadcasts Website de Doug (N3WGH)

**READER SUBMISSION** 

For those who like listen to Short Wave Radio Broadcasts and/or decoding messages/images from the bands, I recently came across a web site: <a href="https://swradiogram.net/">https://swradiogram.net/</a>.

Shortwave Radiogram transmits digital text and images on an analog shortwave broadcast transmitters from various locations at various times.

The program is produced and presented by Dr. Kim Andrew Elliott.

It is new to me, and I'm looking forward to decode some of the messages/images using FLDIGI.

The web site also has some information about the New York and Pennsylvania NBEMS nets (Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Software, for example - FLDIGI),

The nets meet weekly on the HF bands and all check-ins are welcome. (If you do check in be sure your Amateur Radio License authorizes you to transmit in the band and mode they operate on). Following the check ins, a few messages are sent out.





If you are a VE and wish to attend an LVARC test session, feel free to contact Mark (AK3M). **You are always welcome!** 





There are some who still kerchunk the repeater before the Monday Night Nets. If you must test your radio, please identify with your call.



## February Minutes of the W3OI Amateur Radio Club Meeting

#### Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

Zoom Session only, No Local content

The Meeting was called to order by MB @ 17:33

Point of order: full 10 members necessary for a quorum was present

MB covered full zoom meeting procedures

18 members in total were local and online

#### ATTENDEES

There were a total of 20 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:** 

Mark AK3M PRESENT

Phil KC3HMK PRESENT

Matt KB3UZE PRESENT

**Rod N3XG PRESENT** 

Dan KC3HWD PRESENT

#### AGENDA

Motion to approve the minutes as published in the Vox

Motion: Dan Longo KC3HWD by 2nd by Tom WW3TRG

Motion Passed Y

Guests: None noted

Program: No presentation will be had this month, next month will be a grounding presentation by Myles

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

Was presented as an online document

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Tom WW3TRG 2nd by Dan KC3HWD

**Committee Reports:** 

Mark AK3M

## ARES and VE Reports for the February 1, 2022 Meeting

## **ARES Report**

Normally, in June, the LVARC provides communications support to the Hanover Township (Northampton County) Spring 5K. That has not happened for two years.

I have sent an email to the new township coordinator explaining our past service. I have not yet heard from him about LVARC participation in the June event.

### **VE Report**

At the January 21, 2022 test session, 5 tested and 5 passed. Those testing for Technician (new license) received their calls on January 28, 2022.

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) and Don (N0VGA). The next test session is scheduled for Friday March 18, 2022. As of this writing, we have one to test in March.

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

Today's secret work is SMITHCHART, email to KS3RO@arrl.net Communications: No changes/progress regarding website issues.

Tom WW3TRG will chair a committee to investigate new website, Steve KS3RO, Chuck W3CDY, Richard KC3FEZ with Paul N0KIA advising. Services will be quoted by Matt Vanderhoff who has done professional work with Tom previously.

. Contact Chuck (W3CDY@arrl.net) with any issues not currently noted

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, DStar Gateway is alive and well, but it is not on the air at this time. Its data has been saved and will be operational in the next month.

It is on and linked to the web, but 12 feb is target date to be connected at the server side

Club Station / Trailer: Nothing New

Old Business: Website member access is still down

2: Dues are Due, please remit to N0KIA at the address is noted on website

(PAUL RYAN, NOKIA 5814 LINDBERGH ST OREFIELD, PA 18069)

### **New Business:**

KE3RC Carlos

KD3AR Jeffrey

Motion to the accept the new members by DanKC3HWD and 2nd by Rod N3XG seconded

Approved

Sick Call: Vox covered a silent key No others noted, but Covid has started to peak again so be extra vigilant

Good of the Order:

Charles KC3TDQ suggests a hand raise online counted as a vote as alternative to the unanimous consent variant that we are currently using.

Taken under advisement

Elmer program needs to be established, an audit of talents and needs need to be performed to help establish a starting point

Kenny KC3BLE has the following available for sale

Tentec Jupiter, 1235M, a Mic and A key

Reach out to Kenny KC3BLE or Rod N3XG for Details

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at (EST)2010

Motion to accept made by:Doug N3WGH 2nd by W3TNT

Passed

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

ATTENDANCE Confirmation VIA Secret word SMITHCHART to <a href="mailto:ks3ro@arri.net">ks3ro@arri.net</a>

## 10 Highlights from this VOX

1. The March LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM <u>AND</u> In Person on Tuesday March 1 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. Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour on Sunday (2:00 a) on March 12.
- 7. New hams!
- 8. For Sale
- 9. Submit pix of your shack.
- 10. Hanover Township Spring 5K for 2022 is on!