



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 October LVARC meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u> October 4, 2022 using ZOOM <u>AND</u> In-Person at <u>7:30p.</u>

The program: TBA *Plan to attend this Meeting!* 

The LVARC holds it's monthly meeting the FIRST TUESDAY of every month BOTH In Person <u>AND</u> 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 <u>AK3M@rcn.com</u> for details.

# **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at <u>AK3M@rcn.com</u>

UpComing 2022 LVARC Programs

October 4 - TBA

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



# 2022 LVARC Test Session Schedule



October 21 2022 December 16 2022



Registration is NECESSARY.

To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at <u>AK3M@rcn.com</u>.

# Do you remember ...? The Skotch Kooler

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



2022 LVARC ARES Events

Here is a the list of ARES events for 2022. Your help is needed.

Check your calendar and volunteer early!

## October 1 (Saturday) —- Women's 5K Classic

November 7 (Sunday) - Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon Run/Walk

If you are called an "Old Man, on the air, it is NOT an insult.

It means a male operator.





# This Month In Ham Radio



The LVARC will hold a test session on Friday October 21, 2022 at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem.

**REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.** Contact Mark (AK3M) to register. Email AK3M@rcn.com.

A Review of the LVARC Nets

1. Monday Night LVARC Net - 7:30p - 146.94 MHz



- 2. Monday Night SSB Simplex Net 8:15p 144.250 MHz
- 3. Wednesday Night D-Star Net 7:00p
- 4. Thursday Night 2m Simplex Net 8:00p 147.420 MHz

Check into one or all!

# **New LVARC Members** At the September 6, 2002 meeting, two new persons were voted in as new LVARC members. The LVARC welcomes Mark Davis (KC3TUS)

Welcome to the club Mark and Remy!





#### in the LVARC in 2022?

October 1 - Women's 5K Classic October 21 - LVARC Test session October - Nominations for Pres Schuler Award

**November 7** - D&L Half Marathon **November** - Nominations for 2003 officers and board begin **November** - Nominations for Pres Schuler Award

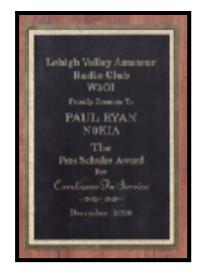
December 6 - Elections for officers & board 2023
December 6 - Holiday party
December 6 - Presentation of Pres Schuler Award 2022
December 16 - LVARC Test session

## **2022 Pres Schuler Award**

You can start planning your nomination for the Pres Schuler Award for 2022.

Send your nomination to Myles (KB3ZMA) at KB3ZMA@gmail.com.

The award will be presented to the recipient at the December 6 meeting.



This award is given to the LVARC member who has demonstrated excellence in service to the club during the 2022 year.

The Haunted Cave in Lewisburg, Ohio, is the longest haunted house. A whopping 3,564 feet long and located 80 feet underground!

#### Another ARES Event? de Mark (AK3M)

I am very proud of the LVARC ARES program as we have been able to successfully provide communications support for all promised agencies for the past many years. YOU are to be commended as this could not happen without your support. During 2022, the LVARC has served 5 events, thanks to your dedication to ARES!

I have been contacted by a ham who has asked us to provide communication support for a new event in 2023. I do not want to overwork LVARC volunteers which is the reason for this text. Below is all the information I have about this event. I would appreciate your input about us providing our service to a new event before I commit to doing this event.

Event: Gran Fondo Hincapie Lehigh Valley Date: June 3 2023 Place: Veledrome and surrounding areas (water stops and start/finish)9 Time: 0800- 1730 Number operators needed: 7 or more

**Coordinator:** Joe Coddigan (KK4QDC) You can go to **https://hincapie.com/granfondo/lehigh-valley/** to see about this event.

After looking Joe up on QRZ, I see he lives in North Carolina. He represents the orgainization and they apparently run this event in many places including the Lehigh Valley. Proceeds reportedly go to the local velodrome for youth cycling programs.

Again, before I commit LVARC operators and our resources, **IS THIS SOMETHING WANT TO SUPPORT?** Are we ready for a new ARES event?

I would like to hear from you to see if we could get 10 or so operators to support this event? You can simply respond to me via email YES/NO or you can send a narrative as to why or why not we should commit to this new event.

Email me at **AK3M@rcn.com** with your comment and/or if you would volunteer.



Its not to early to check your outside antennas and feed lines before the Winter weather arrives.

# How to Get a PA Ham Radio License Plate

Go to the following and get a PDF application.

https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/ BMV%20Forms/mv-904.pdf

# AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

• Radio and television stations may be issued personalized registration plates containing the station call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

• One registration plate will be issued with your FCC assigned call sign. If you desire a second Amateur Radio Operator registration plate, your FCC call sign plus a hyphen and the #2 will be issued. A copy of your Amateur Radio Station License must be attached. No other personalization is available.

• Fee is \$11.





"Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, 'Never take candy from strangers.' And then they dressed me up and said, 'Go beg for it.' —Rita Rudner

#### Lehigh University ARC Trustee Needed

Lehigh University is looking for a trustee for the university's amateur radio station. A connection to the university is preferred but not necessary. If you are interested in becoming the trustee of the club (W3AEQ), contact Paul (NOVGA) at paul.f.rvan@gmail.com.

# 2022 PA QSO Party

The 66th PA QSO party will be held on **October** 8 and 9, 2022.

https://pagso.org

#### AUGUST 2022 NET REPORT

de Rod (N3XG)

Monday night ARES / ACS Net: TOTAL(s) 35 42 33 179 29 40

#### Monday night 2m SSB

Total(s) 4 4 2 6 4 20

Thursday night 2m FM Total(s) 7 6 4 27 5 5

A huge thank you to all the net participants, relay stations and net control stations. You all make this wonderful hobby possible! 73, Rodney N3XG

Question: How many pounds of candy corn are produced each year?

Answer: A whopping 35 million pounds of candy corn is made every year-amounting to about 9 billion pieces.







#### W3OI Amateur Radio Club September 2022 Minutes

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by MB @ 1930

Secret Word, is heterodyne and needs to be emailed to <u>KS3RO@ARRL.NET</u> to show attendance for online participants

MB covered hybrid zoom meeting procedures, zoom will be an active participant in the meeting

Remotes to Raise hand to signify a nay vote

Online was interactive with full communications for both local and remotes

#### **ATTENDEES**

There were a total of 21 members in attendance 5 remote members (as per the email method) and 16 Local Attendees.

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 REMOTE

Matt KB3UZE ABSENT

**Rod N3XG PRESENT** 

Dan KC3HWD PRESENT

Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the May Meeting minutes as published in the July VOX newsletter Motion: by Dan KC3HWD and 2nd by Scott KB3YOT

Motion Passed -Yes

#### Guests: None Noted

#### Program:

Following the meeting there will be a presentation on the legend of the  $\frac{5}{8}$  wave antenna, by Rod N3XG

Treasurer's Report (Paul - NOKIA)

New memberships noted at \$120 incoming, only outgoing bill was the portajohn from field day

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Scott KB3YOT and 2nd by Rick KC3EXO

Motion Passed: Y

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

Committee Reports:

ARES/VE Report

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ARES and VE Reports for the September 6 2022 Meeting

#### VE Report

At the August 19, 2022 test session, one tested and one passed.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Stefan** (Steve) **Siegel** (**KC3UKE**) who upgraded to General!

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

The next test session will be held on Friday October 21, 2022. Registration is NECESSARY. To register for the October 21 test session, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com NO LATER than Sunday October 16.

#### <u>2022</u>

October 21 2022 December 16 2022

#### <u>2023</u>

February 17 2023 April 21 2023 August 18 2023 October 20 2023 December 15 2023

**Remember** - **REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY**. Contact Mark (AK3M) to register.

#### ARES Report

There are two more scheduled ARES events for 2022.

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November 7 (Sunday) - Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon Run/Walk. (Contact Rod - N3XG)

The LVARC has been asked to provide communications support for an event on June 3, 2023. It will be held in and around the Veledrome in Breinigsville. We will need at least 7 operators. Is this something we want to participate? As of 2022, the LVARC participates in 5 events during the year.

Communications:

Matt KB3UZE is responsible for the website and interacting with the board about it.

Some changes were made since the new website went live. Minor changes and progress continues to be made.

#### Repeater report:

.94 outbursts, and long keyups were noted, two way has been notified.

NJ 146.94 has been an issue with some users and is heterodyning with ours as noted by some people.

Rod will look into the issues that may have been caused by some changes on their end

Rod N3XG

#### Club Station / Trailer:

Needs to do:

October workday, General tidying up on roof and station and trailer

W3oi work party is planned for oct 15th

COI has been requested from The Tri Clover Fire Company

Trailer will likely needed for D&L half

#### Old Business:

Vent cover was ordered for the trailer

Scott KB3YOT has had no interest in winter field day at this time. If you are interested in participating in any way with a Winter Field Day operation, please let Scott know during the net on monday nights

#### New Business:

A discussion was had about a previously banned user of the repeater.Banned from the repeater Rod N3XG will handle the contact the issue.

**New Members:** 

KC3TUS Mark Davis Motion to approve by Scott KB3YOT 2nd by Rick KC3EXO

N3VKK Remy J Juskowiak Motion to approve by Scott KB3YOT 2nd by Rick KC3EXO

Total Members: in the neighborhood of ~100

Sick Call:

No none members on the sick call

#### Good of the Order:

Oct 1, Simulated Emergency Test, ARRL run Emergency Operator

Details on the Teams sight contact Mike Mandell KC3BLF for details

**KB3YOT SSB Net Participation** 

Week 1 4 check-ins

Week 2 4 check-ins

Week 3 2 check-ins

Week 4 6 check-ins

Week 5 4 check-ins

On The Air Nets for W3OI

Club Net Monday 730PM 146.94

Monday 815 2M SSB 144.250

Wed 7PM dstar / digital d-rats / 147.7125

Thursday 8PM FM Simplex 147.420

Sunday 10AM 10 Meters 28.420 SSB +- 10

The LVARC Monthly Business Meeting Closed at 2033

Motioned to approve closing by Scott KB3YOT 2nd by Walt KE3SP

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary



Hurricane Fiona has moved North and Ian is threatening 4 Land and there are more storms in the Atlantic that may become tropical storms or hurricanes.



You can listen to and/or check into the **Hurricane Watch Net** on 14.325 and/or 7.268.

# 10 Highlights in this VOX

1. The October LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM <u>AND</u> In Person on Tuesday October 4 at 7:30p.



- 2. Lehigh University trustee needed!
- 3. Send your articles, pix., etc. for inclusion in the VOX to Mark (AK3M).
- 4. Submit your "What Ever Happened To ..." / "Do you remember?"
- 5. How to get a PA Ham Radio license plate.
- 6. Women's 5K Classic on October 1.
- 7. Begin thinking about your 2002 Pres Schuler award nominee.
- 8. Begin thinking about your nominees for 2023 LVARC officers and board.
- 9. The D&L Half Marathon on November 7. Contact Rod (N3XG) to help.
- 10. PA QSO party Oct. 8 and 9.

