



The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

Lehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - 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.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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 **December** LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday December 5, 2023** via **ZOOM AND In-Person** at **7:30p.**

Program: Award Presentation

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 AK3M@rcn.com for details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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

Up Coming 2023 LVARC Programs

December 5 - Award presentation

December 19 - LVARC holiday party



Do you remember ... “Stereo console units”?

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

READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)

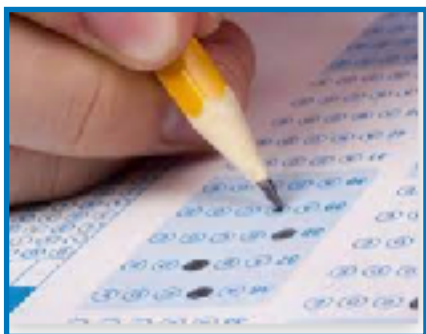


LVARC Nets

1. **Monday Night LVARC/ARRS/RACES/ACS Net - 7:30p - 146.94 MHz**
2. **Monday Night USB Simplex Net - 8:15p - 144.250 MHz**
3. **Wednesday Night D-Star Net - 7:00p** - The Net starts out on the W3PLG B DSTAR Repeater - frequency **447.7125 MHz**.
4. **Thursday Night - 2m Simplex Net - 8:00p - 147.420 MHz**

Check into one or all!


LVARC 2023 - 2024 Test Session Dates



December 15 2023
February 16 2024
April 19 2024
June 21 2024
August 16 2024
October 18 2024
December 20 2024

Remember: Any LVARC VE is welcome to attend an LVARC test session. If you need VE sessions to renew your VE certification, we can help.

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December					1 ARRL 160m contest	2 ARRL 160m contest
3 ARRL 160m contest	4 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">LVARC Net 7:30p</div> KC3HWD <small>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</small>	5 <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">LVARC Meeting 7:30p</div> LVARC Award Presentation	6 <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">D-Star Net 7:00p</div>	7 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> Hannukah	8 Hannukah	9 ARRL 10m contest Hannukah
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17	18 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">LVARC Net 7:30p</div> WW3TRG <small>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</small>	19 LVARC Annual Holiday Party - 7:30p	20 <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">D-Star Net 7:00p</div>	21 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> First day of Winter	22	23
24  Christmas Eve	25 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">LVARC Net 7:30p</div> N3XG <small>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</small>	26	27 <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">D-Star Net 7:00p</div>	28 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div>	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	2023					

2023 LVARC December EVENTS

December 5 - LVARC meeting & Award presentation

December 15 - LVARC test session

December 19 - LVARC holiday party



Listen to the Monday Night Net, attend LVARC meetings and read the VOX for specific dates and times.



2024 LVARC Dues Now Available Pay \$20 2024 dues:

1. Pay Paul (N0KIA) at a meeting
2. Pay via the LVARC website
3. Pay via U.S. mail to Paul (N0KIA)

Holiday Meeting

December 5

1. Election of 2024 Board.
2. Presentation of Pres Schuler award.
3. 2024 dues being accepted.

Monday Night Net Control operators are being sought. If you are interested in becoming a Net Control operator for the LVARC Monday Night Net, contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com.

LVARC New Members



Two new members were welcomed to the LVARC membership at the November 7 2023 meeting.

The LVARC welcomes **Bill Lodder (KC3WXH)** and **Ruth Lodder (KC3WXI)**.



W3OI 2024 WINTER FIELD DAY

The LVARC/W3OI Winter Field day will take place on January 27 and 28 2024 at Lake Nockamixon. The club has secured a cabin at the lake with heat, running water and all the comforts of home. To learn more about this event, attend the November Hands On Night at the fire company on Tuesday November 20 at 7:30p.



New LVARC VE!

The LVARC welcomes a new VE to the team.

Rich Taylor (KC3VAX) joins the LVARC Volunteer Examiner team!



The LVARC is looking for additional Monday Night Net control operators.

To volunteer, contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com. Your help is needed!

Keep your call, class and address current with the LVARC, ARRL and FCC.

STAY
UPDATED

The VOX and other LVARC notifications are sent using the email addresses from the LVARC website. In order to receive this information, your email must be current.

2024 LVARC Elections Information

IMPORTANT
2024 VOTING
INFORMATION

Elections for Board of Governors will take place at the December 5 2023 meeting.

The current slate of officer was not opposed and will continue to serve for 2024. Congratulations to the following 2024 officers:

Pres: Rod Wolfe (N3XG) Sec: Steve Olock (KS3RO)
V.P. Jeff Bauer (WA3PNY) Treas: Paul Ryan (N0KIA)

Elections will be needed to select 5 board members. Those board candidates include:

1. Rick Pearce (KC3EXO)
2. Phil Bigg (KB3HMK)
3. John Bartos (AB3LZ)
4. Mark Miller (AK3M)
5. Matthew Kriebel (KB3UZE)
6. Scott Leichssenring (KB3YOT)

Vote for 5

Voting for 5 board members can be done:

1. at the December 5 meeting **OR**
2. via U.S.mail. (Use ballot on page 22).

If voting by U.S. mail, send your votes to:

Paul Ryan
5814 Lindbergh St.
Orefield, PA 18069-2250

*Your ballots **MUST** reach Paul by December 4 2023 to count.*

Eggnog comes from England





What did the stamp say to
the Christmas card?

(Answer on page 9)



*“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”
– Roy L. Smith*



VOX Correction

Rick Pearce’s last name and call (KC3EXO) were listed incorrectly as a nominee for a 2024 board position. His personal information was printed incorrectly on page 6 of the November 2023 issue of the VOX. Please note that Rick’s correct information is **Rick Pearce (KC3EXO)**.

Very sorry about that Rick (ed.)



Lots happening at the LVARC! Listen to the Monday Night Net, attend meetings and read the VOX to stay informed about LVARC activities.



See 2024 Voting Instructions on page 7

See 2024 Voting Ballot on page 22

LVARC Silent Auction Review

READER SUBMISSION

de Rod N3XG

On Saturday November 4, 2023, the LVARC held its first silent auction at the Tri Clover Fire Company starting at 0930. The auction ended at 1100.

Following is a review by Rod (N3XG).

"We had a successful auction. There was only one item left after the auction, and that was a speaker mic that was moved into the 50/50 offerings.

The club made a total of \$1,020.00. That money has been forwarded to Paul.

I've CC'd. both Mike (KC3UCX) and Doug (N3WGH). Mike, Doug and Scott were on the auction committee and were huge in getting the items evaluated, listed and brining this together. Mike provided guidance from the very start, and his experience with similar events was invaluable. A huge thanks to the three of these gentlemen are in order.

Besides the auction, there was much fellowship, and it makes me proud to be a member of this fine organization."



Answer

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?

"Stick with me and we'll go places!"



"Christmas is like candy; it slowly melts in your mouth sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever."



The LVARC holiday party will be held at the December 19 Hands On Night. Please take something to share with the group. Your contribution can be cold or hot. Please remember to include forks, knives, napkins etc.

*Track Santa on
Christmas Eve!*

<https://www.noradsanta.org/en/>



The emblem of NORAD Tracks Santa

Contact information

Status Operational December 1–24

Phone 877-446-6723

Website <https://www.noradsanta.org/>



There are three blessings said on the first night of Hanukkah.

2024 LVARC Dues are Now Due

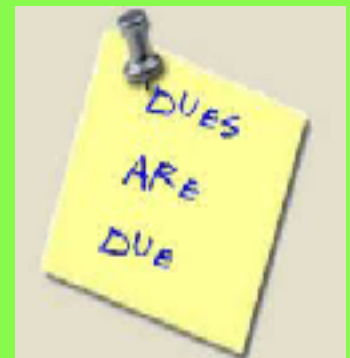
2024 LVARC dues are now being accepted. Send your 2024 dues to Paul (N0KIA) via U.S. mail, pay from the LVARC website or pay Paul at a meeting.

\$20.00 - Individual membership

\$25.00 - Family membership

\$15.00 - Student membership

\$500.00 - Special club program donation



October Net report de Rod (N3XG)

Monday ARES Net

10/2 - 44

10/9 - 44

10/16 - 46

10/23 - 41

10/30 - 43

Total Monday night check-ins - 218 (5 weeks)

Monday night 2m SSB

10/2 - 5

10/9 - 7

10/16 - 8

10/23 - 7

10/30 - 5

Total Monday night check-ins - 32 (5 weeks)

Thursday night 2m FM

10/5 - 9

10/12 - 7

10/19 - 8

10/26 - 9

Total Thursday night check-ins - 33 (4 weeks)



Respectfully submitted,
Rodney N3XG



“Christmas magic is silent. You don’t hear it — you feel it, you know it, you believe it.” – Kevin Alan Milne

St. Luke's RaceFest Review!

Sunday November 12th marked the return of a marathon event in the Lehigh Valley! The D&L 1/2 marathon has now become the D&L Racefest, an event inclusive of a full marathon, relay, 1/2 marathon and walking event right here in the Lehigh Valley. As in years past, the marathon portion of this event is a qualifying event for both the New York Marathon and the Boston Marathon. This will bring many athletes to the Lehigh Valley and our services as ARES volunteers are again indispensable as we set up a communications network for the safety of the athletes and other volunteers on the course.

A huge thanks to all those that made this possible and of course (in order of appearance from West to East) Rob AB3RC, Myles KB3ZMA, Leslie KC3ONE, Fred KC3TUO, Don N0VGA, Richard KC3FEZ, Mike KC3PPB, Andrew KC3TPQ, Mike KC3BLF, Mike KC3UCX, Steve KS3RO, Jared N3GMP, and Phil KB3HMK

We are already planning for next year's event and have forwarded all of the great observations to the race planners and coordinators. Thanks to all who made this a great event for the 995 participants! — de Rodney N3XG

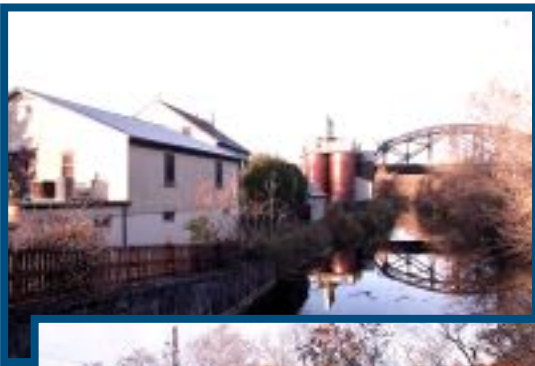


Photos courtesy of
Rod (N3XG)

St Luke's
D&L RaceFest
Pictures



Photos courtesy of
Leslie (KC3ONE)



Photos courtesy of Don (NOVGA)



Photos courtesy of Mike (KC3PPB)

KUDOS to the ARES Program and LVARC ARES Operators!

de Mark (AK3M) ed.



During 2023, the LVARC ARES operators provided communications support for four events. They included the St. Luke's Half Marathon (April), Hanover Township 5K (June), Women's 5K Classic (October) and the St. Luke's RaceFest Marathon (November).

Our operators take a personal approach to LVARC ARES events. Although our job is to provide communications support for events, you will find operators helping to hand out water to event participants, giving directions and other means of event support! Its that personal involvement that makes the LVARC shine!



A big TNX to all who participated in ARES events during the 2023 season. Keep watching for 2024 ARES events and volunteer when asked. We are asked back each year to provide communications support for events because of our communications expertise as well as the personal interest of our dedicated operators!

LVARC ARES operators go above and beyond!



December 2023 LVARC Events

December 5 - LVARC December meeting (Tri Clover F.C.)

December 5 - Pres Schuler award presentation (Tri Clover F.C.)

December 15 - Test session (Hanover Elementary School)

December 19 - LVARC holiday party (Tri Clover F.C.)



W3OI Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 2023 11/07/2023

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rodney Wolfe (RW) @ 730PM

Secret Word is Auction and needs to be emailed to KS3RO@ARRL.NET to show attendance for online participants.

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

Remotes will raise hand to signify a nay vote otherwise no indication will be considered a yes vote

Online was interactive with full communications for both local and remotes

ATTENDEES

There were a total of 29 members in attendance with 7 remote members (as per the email method) and 22 Local Attendees.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Rodney Wolfe N3XG PRESENT

Vice President – Jeff Bauer WA3PNY ABSENT

Treasurer - Paul Ryan N0KIA REMOTE

Secretary - Steve Olock KS3RO PRESENT

Board of Governors:

Rick Pearce KC3EXO PRESENT

Mark Miller AK3M PRESENT

Matt Kriebel KB3UZE PRESENT

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT ABSENT

Myles Bodisch KB3ZMA ABSENT

Guests: KC3VAX Rich

Bill and Ruth Lodder

Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the October 2023 Meeting minutes as published in the November 2023 VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Dan KC3HWD 2nd by Scotty W3SGT Passed = Y

Program for tonight: Future meeting topics and educational content

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Income was noted from memberships as its that time of year, and 50/50 drawings

Expenses were for a dehumidifier for the club station

Sale of an older repeater was only unusual income

No sizable income or expenses noted

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as read was made by Rick KC3EXO 2nd by Jophn AB3LZ

Passed = Y

Committee Reports:

November VOX Correction

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ARES Report

On a rainy October 7 day, the 31st Women's 5K Classic event was held and once again the LVARC was there to provide communications support for this event.

The sky opened and poured at about 0930 and slowed enough by the 1000 start time to get the 5K walk and run began. Net instructions were announced at 0830 and eleven LVARC operators were on site.

NCS terminated the net at 1107.

The next and last ARES event of 2023 will be the St. Luke's RaceFest to be held on Sunday November 12. To participate in that event, contact Rod (N3XG) at n3xg.radio@gmail.com.

250 full, 200 relay, 1500 total participants anticipated
Total end time and closing of the course at 14:30

Limerick Drill was held at Emmaus High School and Eyer Middle School
The Club Trailer was at the HS, and a simplex net ran at the highschool

VE Report

At the October 20 2023 LVARC test session, three tested and three passed.

They received their calls on Tuesday October 24, 2023.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Bill Lodder - Technician - KC3WXH
Ruth Lodder - General - KC3WXI
Alex Scott - General - KC3WXJ

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP), Don (N0VGA). and new VE, Tammy (KC3VAY).

Dec 15th is the final test session for 2023

Communications:

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

Some issues were noted on the calendar system that may need upgrading the plug that the calendar is using. Details to follow after it is investigated.

Repeater report: by Rod N3XG

Up until 704 everything was good, but now .94 clipping

And .135 cannot connect to back end

IP reassignment occurred, so some onsite work may be needed.

Club Station / Trailer:

Towing help is necessary for the single axle trailer,

Mast tuneup plan is developing, 2 mast seals are issues, discussed a full rebuild

Station work was completed , Doug N3WGH and Rick KC3EXO worked on the roof antennas,

Old Business:

Silent auction update

Silent auction went well, all equipment that was donated or was given to the club via bequeathments or otherwise transferred to the club for our benefit was placed up for silent auction.

19 people attended , and all items but baofeng mic were sold.

Club made \$1020 proceeds from the sale of the items

Special thanks to Don Jacobs, N3HVL for his assistance with the fire company, and Mike KC3UCX, Scott KB3YOT and Doug N3WGH for all their work in preparing for the auction and their work the day of the auction.

Net control operators are needed for monday night net, please contact Rod, N3XG if you're willing to learn and help out the running of the net.

Pres Shuler nominations will close NOV 15th

Nov Hands On Night , Nov 21st will be a winter field day planning session 7PM at Tri Clover

Winter Field Day will be Jan 27, 28th and we will be at Noxamixon State Park in a climate controlled cabin.

New Business:

2 new members. We welcomed Ruth and Bill Lodder, KC3WXH and KC3WXI

Motion to approve membership by Doug N3WGH and Matt N3VAN, motion passed

Previous Officer and BOG Nominations from last month were as follows for officers:

Rodney Wolfe, N3XG, President

Jeff Bauer, WA3PNY, Vice President

Paul Ryan, N0KIA, Treasurer

Steven Olock, KS3RO, Secretary

Previous Nominations for Board of Governors positions (5) are:

Rick Pearce KC3EXO

John Bartos AB3LZ

Mark Miller AK3M

Matt Kriebel KB3UZE No acceptance yet

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT

Myles Bodisch KB3ZMA No acceptance yet

A motion was made to suspend the monthly meeting and to open Nominations for officers for 2024 by Doug N3WGH and was 2nd'd by Rick KC3EXO

No further nominations were made for the Officer positions

Board of Governor Nominations:

Mark AK3M Accepted nomination

Rick KC3EXO Accepted nomination

Matt Kriebel KB3UZE Accepted the nomination from last month

Myles KB3ZMA declined his nomination to the BOG

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT- accepted nomination

John AB3LZ accepted nomination

Phil Bigg KB3HMK was nominated by Mark, AK3M, Phil Accepted

Motion to close nominations was made by Dan KC3HWD , 2nd by Scotty W3SGT

Nominations are closed and a vote will be had at the December Meeting.

Pres Shuler nominations deadline is Nov 15th, forward your nomination to Rod by then for consideration.

A motion was brought to declare all unopposed officers as elected by John AB3LZ and 2nd by Rick KC3EXO. Motion Passed

Sick Call: Paul, NOKIA is under the weather.

Good of the Order:

Hamfest, Auction on Black Friday Nov 25th. Fairlawn Amateur FLARC,

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick KC3EXO 2nd by Mike KC3UCX . Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 820 PM

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

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 5-8



2024 LVARC Board Ballot

Select up to 5(five)
This list is in alphabetic (suffix) order

Your Name		Call	Choose 5 (five)
Rick	Pearce	KC3EXO	
Phil	Bigg	KB3HMK	
John	Bartos	AB3LZ	
Mark	Miller	AK3M	
Matt	Kriebel	KB3UZE	
Scott	Leichssenring	KB3YOT	

10 Highlights In This VOX



and more

1. The December LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM AND In Person on **Tuesday December 5** at **7:30p**.
2. **Award presentation - Dec. 5.**
3. Send your articles, pix., etc. for inclusion in the VOX to Mark (AK3M).
4. Submit your "What Ever Happened To ..." / "Do you remember?" to Mark.
5. **2024 dues are due.**
6. **LVARC test session - Dec. 15.**
7. **2024 LVARC Board voting information - page 7.**
8. 2024 RaceFest review.
9. First day of Winter - December 21.
10. **2024 Board ballot - page 22.**



*The officers and board of the
Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio
Club wish all Happy Holidays!*