

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 November LVARC meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u> <u>November 7</u>, 2023 via **ZOOM** <u>AND</u> In-Person at <u>7:30p</u>.

The program: 2024 Officer nominations re-open

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 AK3M@rcn.com for details. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com

Up Coming 2023 LVARC Programs

November 7 - 2024 LVARC officers nominations re-opened



Do you remember ... "Newspaper subscription payment punch cards"?

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

READER SUBMISSION

de Doug (N3WGH)

LVARC Nets

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1. Monday Night LVARC/ARRS/RACES/ACS Net - 7:30p - 146.94 MHz

- 2. Monday Night USB Simplex Net 8:15p 144.250 MHz
- 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



LVARC 2023 Test Session Dates

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The Topeka Baily Capital

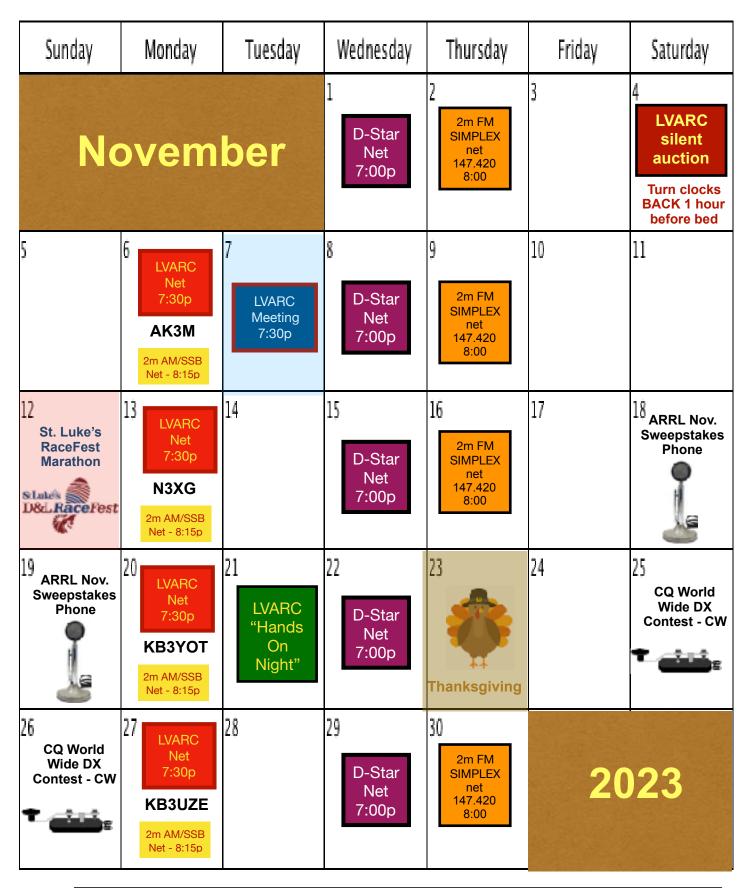
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<u>2023</u>

December 15

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



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2023 LVARC EVENTS

November 4 - LVARC Silent Auction (0930)

November 7 - LVARC meeting

November 12 - St. Luke's RaceFest Marathon

December 5 - LVARC meeting

December 15 - LVARC test session



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

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.

Mark Your Calendar for the Final 2023 ARES Event!

D&L St. Luke's RaceFest Marathon November 12 (Sunday)



To volunteer for the St. Luke's D&L **RaceFest**, contact **Rod** (N3XG) at <u>n3xg.radio@gmail.com</u>.

LVARC Fall Events

- 1. Send your 2023 LVARC Pres Schuler award nominee to Rod (N3XG).
- 2. 2024 LVARC dues are due.
- 3. 2023 LVARC awards presentations at the December 5 meeting.
- 4. LVARC officer nominations re-open.

The LVARC is accepting dues for 2024. Dues are \$20.00 for the year.

(1) Send your dues to Paul (N0KIA) at:5814 Lindbergh St,Orefield, PA.,18069 or

(2) Pay via the LVARC website or(3) pay Paul at a meeting.



LVARC 2024 Officers and Board Nominations

Nominations for officers and board members opened at the October 3 meeting. Nominations include:

President: Rod Wolfe (N3XG). Vice President: Jeff Bauer (WA3PNY) Recording Secretary: Steve Olock (KS3RO) Treasurer: Paul Ryan (N0KIA)

Board: (Vote for 5) Matthew Kriebel (KB3UZE Mark Miller (AK3M) Rick Pierce (KB3EXO) Scott Leichssenring (KB3YOT) John Bartos (AB3LZ) Myles Bodish (KB3ZMA)

Nominations were suspended at the October 3 meeting and will be reopened at the November 7 meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted on that date. **Voting is held at the December meeting.**



Nominations for the 2023 Pres Schuler Award are Being Accepted

This award is given for "Excellence In Service to the LVARC."

Send your nomination via email to Rod (N3XG) at **n3xg.radio@gmail.com**. Please include your reason(s) for nominating your candidate. The award will be presented at the December 5 meeting/ holiday party.



In 1960, the total cost of a Thanksgiving meal for 10 people cost an average of \$11.65.

Today, the cost of a 10-person celebratory feast has increased by over 565%, costing the average host \$77.52. an average of \$11.65.

Your LVARC officers and board members are always listed on the first page of the VOX. They are always there for your assistance. Do not hesitate to contact any of them for help.

Your Club Needs You!

The LVARC Monday Night Net is looking for Net Control Operators! To volunteer or more information, contact Rod (N3XG) at <u>n3xg.radio@gmail.com</u>.



Review of the 2023 Women's 5K Classic

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 of 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 begun. Net instructions were announced at 0830 and eleven LVARC operators were on site.

NCS was parked beside the Allentown ambulance and their EMS gator and bikes. Although there were only two reported EMS cases during the 5K that required medical support, LVARC operators were "Eyes on the Course" and performed in a professional manor. The fact that few pieces of traffic were handled is a tribute to the event coordinators and the event participants. LVARC operators were there and needed. This is evidenced as we are asked back every year to help keep these participants safe.

LVARC operators who participated in this year's event included Mark (AK3M), Andy (AK3KA), Don (N0VGA), Larry (NR3R), Mike (KC3UCX), Bob (WB3JSZ), Rob (AB3RC), Lou (KB2VCI), Mike (KC3HOJ), Eric (N3EJH), and Scotty (W3SGT). Without volunteers like them, LVARC ARES would not be possible.

NCS terminated the net at 1107.

A big TNX to all LVARC ARES members who participated and made this event possible!

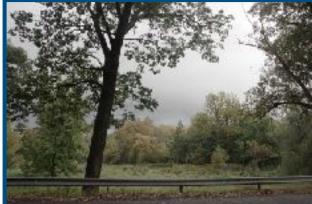


Photos from the W5K submitted by Mike (KC3UCX)













Photos from the W5K submitted by Don (N0VGA)

September Net Report

Monday Night ARES / ACS Net: 9/4 - 35 9/11 - 45 9/18 - 43 9/25 - 40 **Total September Check-in's - 163** (4 weeks)

Monday Night 2m SSB Net: 9/4 - 6 9/11 - 8 9/18 - 4 9/25 - 6 **Total September Check-in's - 24** (4 weeks)



Thursday Night 2m FM Simplex Net:

9/7 - 8 9/14 - 6 9/21 - 6 9/28 - 11

Get More From Your Baofeng

de Mark (AK3M)

I wanted an extra battery for my Baofeng UV5-R and found this "extended battery," from Amazon. It is model **BL-5L** 3800mAh. It makes the HT a bit larger but it extends the usefulness of it's operating time. It is available from Amazon for **\$15.99**.

BaoFeng, BTECH BL 5L 3800mAh Li-Ion battery, large capacity battery, **suitable for UV 5X3, BF F8HP and UV 5R radios**.



Lots Happening With the LVARC!

Keep in contact with all of the LVARC happenings by reading the VOX, listening to the Monday Night Nets and attending meetings.



- 1. RaceFest Nov. 12. Contact Rod (N3XG).
- 2. Additional Net Control operators wanted.
- **3.** 2024 dues are being accepted.
- 4. Pres Schuler award nominations (Oct. & Nov).
- 5. 2024 officer nominations (November).
- **6.** 2024 Board nominees (November).
- 7. LVARC holiday party (December).
- 8. LVARC awards presentations (December).
- 9. 2024 Officers and Board voting (December)



Thanksgiving Quiz

Question: How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?

Answer on page 11

Free ZOOM On Line General Class

A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio General Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, Nov 2, and will run through Thursday, January 11. The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time.

These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Prerequisite is to have or be studying for the Technician Class License. Those wishing to sign up should email Roland Anders, K3RA, at <u>roland.anders@comcast.net</u>.

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de Bob (WB3JSZ)



Question: How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?

Answer: 4,500

For Your Next ARES Deployment?



Available at Harbor Freight Cost: \$29.99

Foldable Camping Table

- The 30 in. diameter canvas table top is made of durable 600 denier polyester
- Assembles and packs down in seconds.
- Convenient lower shelf for additional storage
- Lightweight, only 5.4 lbs.
- Includes carry bag for easy transport and storage

Now Available in Blue and Green





New Hams in the Lehigh Valley

At the October 20 2023 LVARC test session, three tested and three passed. **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

Ruth Lodder - General Bill Lodder - Technician Alex Scott - General

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

The next LVARC test session will be held on Friday December 15 2023.

New Hams Receive their Calls!

Those who tested at the October 20 2023 test session, received their calls on October 24, 2023.



CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Lodder (**KC3WXH - Tech**), Ruth Lodder (**KC3WXI - General**) and Alex Scott (**KC3WXJ - General**).

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

Send your 2023 Pres Schuler Award nomination to Rod (N3XG) **BEFORE November 17**! This award is presented to the LVARC member who has shown "Excellence In Service to the Club" Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

Silent Auction Announcement

WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 DOORS OPEN 0930

WHERE: TRI-CLOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 4801 Kernsville Road Orefield, PA 18069



DETAILS:

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club is hosting a silent auction on Saturday, November 4th from 0930-1100. We have been fortunate to be the recipient of many quality ham radio items that can become YOURS! Club members get in free, non-members have an entrance fee of \$10.00. The starting bid for all items is \$10.00. That's right, for only \$10.00 you could be the winning bid on a Yaesu FT-817, or one of many other great items. Our auction team has reviewed all items for serviceability and has made some comments, such as if it might need a new battery, or if the operating condition is untested such as the Yaesu ATAS-100 antenna. Please see the complete list of available items with comments below. This is a fundraising event for the LVARC and a great way to get some awesome equipment for very little investment.

For additional information please contact Rodney N3XG at n3xg.radio@gmail.com

Items available for silent auction:

(All items opening bid = \$10.00)

(Minimum bid increase = \$5.00)

This promises to be a terrific event for both the sellers and buyers! See you all there!

Silent Auction items are listed on page 15

LVARC Silent Auction Items

Auction Item / Bid Item	Assessment Comments
Astron Power Supply	Needs power cord / works
SignaLink TGL-SL-USB	New
Arrow Portable Satellite Antenna	Like new, with case
Yaesu Power Gain Antenna ATAS 100	With jaw clamp, untested
Yaesu Microphone 1518 MH-85a11u Camera Microphone	New
Ed Fong DBJ2 Roll up	New
WorkMan KS3 Triband UHF/VHF	New
Comet SMA503 UHF/VHF	New
Pryme RD-78	New
Kenwood TM-D700	Requires head interface cable
Yaesu VX2R	Box and manual included, need to source aftermarket battery
Yaesu VX-5R	No Box, Desk charger and manual included
RT Systems ADMS-FT2D-USB	
SHURE Microphone	Used
Yaesu FT-817	No Charging cable and missing Clarifier Button. Comes with hard case
BaoFeng UV9R+	Desktop charger and microphones (comes with speaker mic)
Canon Printer MG2520	New in box
Bearcat Uniden TrunkTracker-V Handheld Scanner	Missing belt clip BCD436HP Like New
Bearcat Uniden TrunkTracker-V Mobile scanner	BCD536HP with GPS Like New
BTECH UV-50X2 Dual Band Mobile	Like new
Pyramid PS-9KX Power Supply	Like new

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de Rod (N3XG)

Great Morse Code Story!



Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet.

They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified. With-in a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours." None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his.

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de Larry (NR3R)

There are 300 pounds of glitter sprinkled on Macy's Thanksgiving Parade floats and costumes!



W3OI Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 2023 10/03/2023

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom The Meeting was called to order by Rodney Wolfe (RW) @ 730PM Secret Word is election 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 23 members in attendance with 6 remote members (as per the email method) and 17 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 PRESENT Secretary - Steve Olock KS3RO PRESENT Board of Governors: Rick Pearce KC3EXO PRESENT Mark Miller AK3M PRESENT Mark Miller AK3M PRESENT Matt Kriebel KB3UZE ABSENT Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT PRESENT Myles Bodisch KB3ZMA ABSENT

Guests:

Bill and Ruth Lodder

Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the September 2023 Meeting minutes as published in the September 2023 VOX newsletter.

Motion to approve was made by Scott KB3YOT, 2nd by John AB3LZ Passed = Y

Program for tonight: PA QSO Party presented by Rod, N3XG

Treasurer's Report (Paul - NOKIA)

All income was a few memberships arrived, 50/50 proceeds, and ancillary expenses.

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 dan rick by 2nd by Passed = Y

Committee Reports: ARES REPORT

The women's 5K Classic will be held on Saturday October 7, 2023. The final ARES event of 2023 will be the St. Luke's RaceFest held on November 12. To volunteer,

contact Rod (N3XG).

Expected participants are

225 for full marathon, 1400-1500 for half marathon, 2-3x as many water stops And 2 sag wagons

AED will be at waterstops, and nursing assists at waterstops as well Oct 19th Limerick Drill, Emmaus high school, Eyer middle school Winlink, DStar will be expected to be used

VE Report

The next LVARC test session will be held on October 20. This test session will be held at Hanover Elementary School at 6:00p (local time). REGISTRATION is necessary. To register, contact Mark (AK3M).

The last test session of 2023 will be held on Friday December 15 2023.

Communications:

Website: Matt KB3UZE is responsible for the website and interacting with the board about it. No Reports

Repeater report: by Rod N3XG

One of the voters, translator road, went rogue amd N3RPV took that voter offline until it can be corrected.

.135 has been fine, and lots of traffic on both digital repeaters was noted. Great to see our assets getting usage and being appreciated by our members and guests

Club Station / Trailer:

Dehumidifier had been purchased, will be setup in the club station to protect equipment.

Hands on night last month noted that the vertical antenna worked well, but the horizontal didn't do well with the RF noise that is happening in the firehouse. A POTA station was activated during the HON.

The club trailer has some needs and is awaiting info on mast service. A work party will be called in the coming weeks to address a few things around the station and trailer.

Old Business:

Our planned Silent auction is moving forward with a tentative date of Nov 4th, 8AM to Noon. Details to

follow

Net control operators are needed for monday night net, please contact Rod, N3XG if your willing to learn

and help out the running of the net.

New Business: No new members this month

Our annual award recognizing a notable member that has contributed to the club, its operations and or events is presented at our December meeting. The award is known as the Pres Shuler Award, and we are asking for your nominations at this time. Please share your thoughts on who you feel deserves this award

and with Rod at N3XG.radio@gmail.com

A motion was made to suspend the monthly meeting and to open Nominations for officers for 2024 by Dan KC3HWD and was 2nd'd by Scott KB3YOT

Nominations for Officers for 2024:

Dan KC3HWD nominated Rod N3XG for president, Rod accepted Rick KC3EXO nominated Jeff WA3PNY for Vice President, Jeff accepted Scott KB3YOT nominated Steve KS3RO for Secretary, Steve accepted Dan N3WGH nominated Paul N0KIA for treasurer, Paul accepted Nominations for the Board of Governors Scott KB3YOT made a blanket nomination for the existing BOG members (existing BOG members) Rick Pearce KC3EXO Mark Miller AK3M Matt Kriebel KB3UZE Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT Myles Bodisch KB3ZMA Eric N3EJH Nominated Mark Miller AK3M Scott W3SGT Nominated Matt KB3UZE KB3YOT Nominated Rick KC3EXO Rick KC3EXO Nominated Scott KB3YOT Doug N3WGH Nominated John AB3LZ Steve KS3RO Nominated Myles KB3ZMA and Rick KC3EXO nominated Doug N3WGH, Doug declined the nomination Motion to suspend nominations was made by John, AB3LZ, 2nd by Mike KC3UCX

Nominations are suspended, and will be reopened at the regular November meeting.

Sick Call:

Jeff, WA3PNY had eye surgery and is recovering Phil KB3HMK had foot surgery and is recovering Chuck W3CDY fought the covid and is recovering

Good of the Order:

Just an awareness that RT 309 will be undergoing a long and painful roadwork program for the next year

or more and travel issues affect travel to the firehouse. Road widening, intersection rebuilding and turn

lanes will be added both south and north of the RT 309/Kernsville road intersection. The long and easy way around avoiding smaller back roads would be to travel Rt 100 to eastbound Kernsville Rd to come to the meetings. More details as they arrive.

Winlink event simulated emergency

Mike KC3UCX shared the following upcoming hamfests Red Rose,Saturday Oct 7 Splitrock Hamfest Oct 15th RF hill hamfest, Oct 22nd Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty W3SGT and 2nd by Rick KC3EXO. 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

The LVARC is a busy club with lots to offer local hams!

Stay up to date with club activities by reading the VOX, attending meetings and listening to the Monday Night Nets.



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- 1. The November LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOI **AND** In Person on **Tuesday November 7** at **7:30p**.
- 2. St. Luke's RaceFest Marathon on November 12.
- 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. 2024 dues are due.
- 6. Thanksgiving quiz.
- 7. Pres Schuler Award nominations.
- 8. 2023 Fall LVARC events.
- 9. On line General class.
- 10. November 4 LVARC Silent Auction!



