



The VOX



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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 **April** LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 2** , 2024 via **ZOOM AND In-Person** at **7:30p.**

Program: "Generators"

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 2024 LVARC Programs/events

April 2 - LVARC meeting - Program: "Generators" - AB3LZ

April 28 - St. Luke's Half Marathon

May 7 --- LVARC meeting - Program: "Dipoles"



Do you remember ...
“A Pet Momkey?”

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



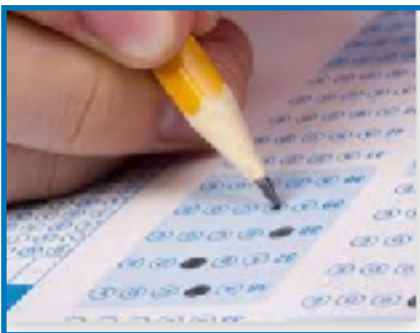
READER SUBMISSION

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. **Tech Net - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - - 8:00p - 146.94 MHz**
4. **Wednesday Night D-Star Net - 7:00p - The Net starts out on the W3PLG B DSTAR Repeater - frequency 447.7125 MHz.**
5. **Thursday Night - 2m Simplex Net - 8:00p - 147.420 MHz**

LVARC 2024 Test Session Dates



2024

April 19
June 21
August 16
October 18
December 20

Check the expiration date of your VE certificate. If you need to renew, feel free to attend any LVARC test session.

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LVARC Net 7:30p</div> N3XG <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div>	2 <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LVARC Meeting 7:30p</div>	3 <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">D-Star Net 7:00p</div>	4 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div>	5	6
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21	22 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LVARC Net 7:30p</div> KB3UZE <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div>	23 <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p</div>	24 <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">D-Star Net 7:00p</div>	25 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div>	26	27
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LVARC ID Badge



If you need a new or replacement LVARC ID badge, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

I will:

1. print your card on card stock and send via U.S. mail to you or
2. make your card and save it as a pdf, email it to you and you can print it yourself.

I do not have a laminator but you can get it laminated at Staples or somewhere similar.

If you want it U.S. mailed to you, please include your call, name and an address where you want it to be sent.

You can also decide how you want it displayed. Many attach it to a lanyard which is available from Staples, the ARRL or other sources. You may want to put it in a card holder, also available at Staples.

Famous Ham

Priscilla Presley N6YOS

(Some may be SK's and the calls may have been expired or given to new hams).

READER SUBMISSION

Submitted by Larry (NR3R)



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.

2024 LVARC EVENTS

April 2 - LVARC meeting
April 19 - LVARC Test Session
April 28 - St. Luke's Half Marathon
May 7 - LVARC meeting
June 21 - LVARC Test Session
June 22-23 - Field Day
August 15 - LVARC Test Session



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

2024 ARES Scheduled Events

April 28 — St. Luke's Half Marathon
June 8 — Hanover Township Spring 5K
October — Women's 5K Classic
November — St. Luke's Marathon/Race Fest



Specific dates to be announced.

Mark Your Calendar!

The St. Luke's Half Marathon will be held on **Sunday April 28**. ARES volunteers are needed. Check your calendar and volunteer early.

To volunteer your communication expertise, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.





PA County's Radio Frequencies

If you want to monitor or search for PA county's public service (and ham) frequencies, go to:

<https://www.radioreference.com/db/browse/ctid/2279> .

How Many Hams?

If used right, the FCC ULS will reveal the following:



There are the following number of hams in:

Allentown - 514
Bethlehem - 453
Easton - 337

<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchAmateur.jsp>

Slinky Antenna?

Can a slinky toy successfully be used as a ham antenna? — You decide.

Before building a slinky antenna, check out the following URL AND do your own research.



https://www.nonstopsystems.com/radio/frank_radio_antenna.htm



New LVARC Members!

At the March 5, 2024 meeting, the following were accepted as new LVARC members!

Brent Jones (KC3YOE)
Mike Zientara (KC3YNS)
Ken Keefer (KE3M)

Scott Tyson (N3ATQ)
Wayne Westfield (N3FQ)

Welcome them to the club if you hear them on the air or see them at a meeting!



ARRL EPA Newsletter



The Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the ARRL website can be viewed at:

<https://epa-arrrl.org/signals-mar-2024/>

You can send your stories, photos and announcements to Bob at W3BIG@arrrl.org.

You don't have to write a lengthy article, although that's okay also. Just a paragraph or two describing the event or activity with a good photo or two. Be sure to furnish names, call signs and places for captions.

Are You Proud of Your Shack?

Picture submitted by Steve (KC3UKE)



I'm mostly into vintage stuff, with the exception of the Icom 7300 and laptop (not in photo) for RTTY and PSK31. Mostly HF stuff, including a Kenwood TS-530 hybrid, a Kenwood TS-130, and a number of restored vintage microphones. Being in an HOA situation, antennas are two EFHW dipoles, one running under roof and the other stretched across back yard.

NEW FEATURE

(Send a picture of your shack to share with the readers to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.)



Bob Heil (K9EID)



(October 5, 1940 – February 28, 2024)

Bob was an American sound and radio engineer most well known for creating the template for modern rock sound systems. He founded the company Heil Sound in 1966, which went on to create unique touring sound systems for bands such as The Grateful Dead and The Who.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReRZsbEYt8s&t=35s>

I personally own a Heil headset that I use on HF with great performance and audio reports! (ed).



New Extra Class Test Questions

There will be a NEW Extra Class Question Pool effective July 1 2024. If you are planning to test AFTER July 1. Current Extra questions stay in effect until then.

Your Club Needs Your Help!

Your club needs your help with the following:

1. **Monday Night Net control operators wanted.** Contact Rod (N3XG).
2. **ARES events.** Contact Mark (AK3M).
3. Field Day setup/tear down volunteers.





A New Net In Town!



The LVARC will hold a **new 2 meter net on Tuesdays** when there is no meeting or activity scheduled (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). **This net will be held at 8:00p on the 146.94 repeater beginning Tuesday April 9.**

The purpose of this net is to allow new and experienced hams the opportunity to discuss what they need to know or can share in the world of amateur radio. This may include good operating procedures, technical tips, rules/regulations, club events and more. The topics will be check in driven. Check into this net with your questions or be prepared to offer answers or tips for those seeking advice.

Join the group and help a new ham and share your experiences!

The first Tuesday Night Net will be held on Tuesday April 9 at 8:00p using the 146.94 repeater.

Your Amateur Radio Journey!

NEW FEATURE

How did you become interested in ham radio? Why, where, when, how, did you get your license? Where are you now in your journey? Share your ham radio journey with the members. Send to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com for inclusion in a future issue of the VOX.



Don't forget: MP Outfitters in Allentown has the LVARC logo on file. You can order something from them with the LVARC logo on it in time for the 2024 ARES season.

MP Outfitter is located at - 2733 W. Emmaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103.

<https://www.mpoutfitters.com/index0>

February 2024 Net Report

de Rod (N3XG)

Monday Night ARES ACS Net

02/05 - 47

02/12 - 41

02/19 - 44

02/26 - 59

Total Check-in's (4 weeks) - 191

Monday night 2m SSB Net

02/05 - 8

02/12 - 8

02/19 - 6

02/26 - 7

Total Check-in's (4 weeks) - 29

Thursday night 2m FM Simplex Net

02/01 - 9

02/08 - 7

02/15 - 9

02/22 - 8

02/29 - 9 (leap year)

Total Check-in's (5 weeks) - 42



Keep your license, VE and ARRL certificates, along with your home address, current with the LVARC, FCC and ARRL.

"When one flower blooms, Spring awakens everywhere."

- John O'Donohue

FREE ON-LINE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS

READER SUBMISSION

de Bob (WB3JSZ)

A free, weekly, 3-hour Amateur Radio Operating Class on Zoom will begin on Thursday April 4 and run through June 20 at 6:30 PM Eastern time. The presenters will be various experienced folks in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. **To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.**

Subjects will include:

- **All About Operating** — A general Introduction
- **Amateur Radio Organizations** — Local to International
- **Ham Radio Awards**
- **DXing** - History and Tips from the Experts
- **QSLing** - How to get that needed card for DXCC or WAS
- **VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work** and “**Roving**”
- **Image Operating** — Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
- **Remote Station control over internet**
- **Learning CW** in the no-code era
- **Digital Modes** — From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
- **Contesting** — How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediated contester
- **Logging Software** — What’s available, how to use
- **Propagation** — A general intro to HF Propagation
- **Amateur Satellites** — How to get started
- **Portable (backpacking) operation** — Tips from an expert
- **Setting Up a Modern** (or not so modern) HF Station
- **Lightning Protection and Grounding**
- **Traffic Handling PI**
- **Public Service, Emergency Communications**

Thanks,
Rol, K3RA

LVARC 2024 Winter Field Day Certificate of Participation



READER SUBMISSION

de Scott (KB3YOT)

2024 Field Day

Look for LVARC Field Day information in the June issue of the VOX. **Field Day 2024 will be held on June 22 & 23.** <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



"Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons. Its a rebirth of the spirit."
- Toni Sorenson

FOR SALE

KN3DZY will be liquidating his boat anchor transmitters and receivers and testing equipment. **All items will be offered for sale at the Kutztown Antique Radio Show and Sale, table 129, May 10&11 at Renningers Farmers Market, 740 Noble St., Kutztown, Pa.** All items are from my fully functioning ham shack. Items included:

Hallicrafters SX-99	Instek 100MHz digital dual trace storage 'scope
Johnson Viking Valiant	Instek 5 MHz arbitrary wave form sig gen,
Collins R390-A in case	Lodestar RF sig gen 100 KHz to 150 MHz
Collins 390 w/dust covers	DC variable reg pwr sup 0-15 V 3A
Hallicrafters HT-32 xmtr	DC variable reg pwr sup 0-30 V 3. non-reg 13.8 Vdc pwr sup.(2)
Hallicrafters SX-101 Mk3	PACO B-10 battery eliminator/charger
Collins 32V-2, Collins 75A-4	0-20 volt-20 amp., in-line capacitor tester, out of circuit cap checker
National HRO 50-R(rack) w/coils	40 K volt probe
Collins "Gold Dust Twins" KWS-1 kilowatt xmtr	Box of FT-243 xtals, some in ham bands
74A-4 rcvr	5% carbon comp resistors sorted in cabinet
D104 mic(4)	10 ohm to 9 Meg.
J-38 key(4)	large quantity of carbon comp resistors, not sorted
Vibroplex "bug"	several Weller Jr solder gun, some in case
MFJ-989C 3Kw tuner(2)	misc switches, connectors, pots, fuse holders, panel meters, isolation xfmrs(2), Variac(2)
frequency counters(3)	Shoe box of "ice cube" relays
Cantenna dummy load(2)	Unbuilt kit: RF probe
1 Kw dry dummy load	unbuilt kit: signal injector/tracer
DowKey ant relay(3), antenna switches	
Simpson 260 VOM(2)	
digital VOM(2)	
military Signal generators	
military AN USM-116 VTVM	
RCA VTVM(2)	
EICO 666 tube tester	
EICO square wave generator	
Unisource bench style digital VOM	

I have manuals for most of the equipment plus many Heathkit and other manuals for sale, DX-40, DX-100, etc. Ask. All must go. All in very good condition REASONABLE offers will be discussed.

Questions: Contact Jim at 610-285-4027 or email KN3DZY@ptd.net .

All items will be offered for sale at the Kutztown Antique Radio Show and Sale, table 129, May 10 & 11 at Renningers Farmers Market, 740 Noble St., Kutztown, Pa.



Changes to the FCC CORES System

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced an upcoming change to the Commission Registration System (CORES) that licensees use to pay any application or regulatory fees, manage or reset a password on an existing FRN, or request a new FRN. **Beginning March 29, 2024, multifactor authentication will be implemented. Users will be prompted to request a six-digit secondary verification code, which will be sent to the email address(es) associated with each username. The user will then need to enter the code into CORES before they can continue.**

In a public notice, the FCC said **this change will make the system more secure.** "This additional layer of security will further safeguard against unauthorized access, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of information contained within the CORES system and improving the security of user data," it read.

The Public Notice can be found in PDF format at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-24-219A1.pdf> .

The FCC recommends that users confirm they have access to their username account email and to add a secondary email address, if need be.

Resources are available for those who need assistance with the system. For inquiries or assistance regarding the implementation of multifactor authentication on CORES, submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp>, or call the FCC at 877-480-3201 (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM ET).

READER SUBMISSION

de Bob (WB3JSZ)

A Terrific Journey Into Amateur Radio!

My maternal grandfather, W3ZZCD (yes you read that correctly) was Dr. Donald Riddle Buxton, Sr. He was born on a farm that is now known as the Valley Forge National Park, on January 5, 1909. A few years later, that farm and a few near-by farms were confiscated by the Commonwealth of PA and then turned over to the federal government to eventually become the park.

My grandfather ("Pap") had one sibling, William Wallace "Wallace" Buxton, who was born February 1, 1911. Those two were remarkably close. Fast forward to 1932 to when my grandfather was in medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and Uncle Wallace was studying engineering at Brown. Included, you'll see that my grandfather was awarded an amateur radio station license and his operator's license. As the images show, they were issued as separate documents, on different dates. Pap's call sign was W3ZZCD. That was clearly a predecessor to the way the FCC (then the Federal Radio Commission) constructs our licenses now. The numbering standard (where we are in the three region) seems to be the same. Pap was issued an Amateur First Class license. Notice that his ARRL Membership Certificate has ARRL President Hiram Percy Maxim's original signature!

Pap was really smart but Uncle Wallace was a super genius. He moved his family to California and did some crazy stuff in the space program, becoming friends with Wernher Von Braun, Gov. Reagan, etc., etc. They all used to come over for dinner routinely! More importantly, of course, Uncle Wallace also had an amateur radio operator's license from way back in college. For years, those two tapped out morse code back and forth between UPenn in Philly and Brown University, in Providence, RI, on a nightly basis.

Before I moved back to PA, I lived in NJ where I was a member of the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club. At one of the SCARC meetings, I mentioned that I found a picture of Pap's radio setup at school and had his license and ARRL membership certificate. Everyone thought I had the call sign mixed up. Then Bob Morris, W2LV (originally 2CQZ) chimed in. Bob was 90+ years old and, in his career, had worked with Armstrong to develop what we know as FM radio. Armstrong, another man, and Bob were employed by RCA and assigned to develop an AM signal that was not susceptible to lightning crashes. In doing

so, they invented FM. (Yeah, I got to meet the guy who helped invent FM radio! Here's Bob's story: www.oldqslcards.com/w2lv.pdf) So, when Bob talked, EVERYONE listened. Bob opined that the construct of my grandfather's license suggested that he may have been granted permission to operate mobile. Can you imagine that? Picture a Ford Model A on a picnic down on the Schuylkill River and for fun, you start tapping out code on a spark gap, from the back seat. Think that would dim the headlights? I believe at some point Pap and Uncle Wallace added voice / phone, but I have no definitive record of that.

When I was old enough to start catching on to all of the cool things my grandfather was doing, such as building a massive twelve room, and doctor's office intercom system for their house in Elizabethville, PA, my grandfather was long since out of amateur radio. But he kept some of his stuff including a Zenith Trans-Oceanic H500 Radio (man, do I want that thing back!) on which we would listen to European news and to amateurs worldwide. He gave me the bug.

To that was my maternal grandfather. Fast forward again to my junior year in college. My biological father (Steven E. Swab) reaches out to find me. He had not seen me since I was less than one year old, and now we are meeting for (my) first time. We had way too many things in common! He was a former professional concert keyboardist and pipe organist. In school, I played the jazz keyboard and still fiddle around with the pipe organ. He was really into technology, computers, and building electronic things. At the time, I was completing my first undergraduate in computer science and have always been enthralled with electronics. In his second career, he was a fire investigator for insurance companies. I was already an FF/EMT when we met and since 2003 I have been a fire marshal investigating fires. Unfortunately, he contracted and died from pancreatic cancer in 1996. In 2013, I was diagnosed with stage-4 colorectal cancer, finishing surgeries and treatments in 2015 and officially beating it in 2020. But the biggest similarity of them all, I was studying for my first amateur radio license and my father was amateur radio operator, WA3SGX! So, amateur radio is in the DNA for our family.

Every moment is a learning opportunity and a sharing opportunity. You never know when something you say or do will resurface in someone's life later. I

encourage everyone to share and give of your lives, with joy. The fun you generate and transmit will be well received.

Peace and Love,

Don

File No. _____ License No. 3-D-3420

F R C - 651
(Revised 8-28-32)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION

AMATEUR RADIO STATION LICENSE

Subject to the provisions of the Radio Act of 1927, as amended, subsequent acts and treaties, and all regulations heretofore or hereafter made by this Commission, the Licensee:

Donald R. Buxton
907 Church Lane
Lansdowne, Pa.
Portable in Districts
1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9

W 3 Z Z C D

is hereby authorized to use and operate the radio transmitting apparatus at the location and under the call letters stated herein, for the term beginning October 16, 1932 and ending October 16, 1933 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

The Licensee shall use and operate said apparatus only in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Amateur Regulations.

This license shall not vest in the licensee any right to operate the station nor any right to the use of the frequencies authorized in the license beyond the term hereof, nor in any other manner than authorized herein. Neither the license nor the right granted hereunder shall be assigned or otherwise transferred in violation of the Radio Act of 1927, as amended. This license is subject to the right of use or control by the Government of the United States conferred by Section 6 of the Radio Act of 1927.

Dated October 16, 1932

By direction of THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION
James W. Baldwin
James W. Baldwin
Secretary

The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
Headquarters, West Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

This Certifies that DONALD R. BUXTON is a member of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., and that he is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership, particularly the relaying of free messages over the League traffic routes, and including a subscription to the official organ, QST, for the duration of membership.

Dues paid up to and including JANUARY 31, 1933.

The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

JANUARY 8, 1932. *Hiram Percy Maxwell* President
James W. Baldwin Secretary

(This is not an acknowledgment as Official Relay Station. Such acknowledgments are made direct by Section Communications Managers in charge.)

READER SUBMISSION

de Don (N3HVL)



Helpful Net Operations

A nice review of good net participation habits on YouTube.

In time for LVARC ARES events.

https://youtu.be/HHxNOMGSwAI?si=oRFi0jnMdCMF_kY2

READER SUBMISSION

de Larry (NR3R)



Lots happening at the LVARC! Upcoming ARES events, a new Tuesday Night Net, Field Day, test session dates, activity nights and more.

Listen to the Monday Night Net, read the VOX and attend meetings to stay informed of LVARC events.

“New Features”

The “**New Features**” were added to the VOX to encourage members to submit their articles to the VOX.

Send your “**New Features**” submissions to Mark (AK3M). “New Features” include:

1. Pictures / description of your radio shack.
2. Your ham radio journey.
3. Pictures / description first amateur radio radio.

NEW FEATURE

March 2024 Meeting Minutes

March 2024 03/5/2024

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rodney Wolfe (RW) @ 732

Secret Word is EFHW and needs to be emailed to KS3RO@arri.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 11 remote members (as per the email method) and 18 Local Attendees.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Rodney Wolfe N3XG **PRESENT**

Vice President – Jeff Bauer WA3PNY **PRESENT**

Treasurer - Paul Ryan N0KIA **PRESENT**

Secretary - Steve Olock KS3RO **PRESENT**

Board of Governors:

Rick Pearce KC3EXO PRESENT

Mark Miller AK3M PRESENT

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT PRESENT

John Bartos AB3LZ PRESENT

Phil Bigg KB3HMK PRESENT

Guests:

Wayne N3FQ

Steve K2OPA!

Ken KE3M

Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the February 2024 Meeting minutes as published in the March 2024 VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by W3CDY and 2nd by Dan, KC3HWD Motion Passed = Y

Program for tonight: Antenna

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

No unusual expenditures, 2023 IRS filing has been made

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

Motion Passed = Y

Committee Reports:

VE and ARES Reports for the March 5 2024 Meeting

VE Report

The February 2024 LVARC test session was moved from February 16 to February 23 as the school was closed for President's Day holiday.

At that session, three tested and three passed. Two took Technician AND General and passed and one passed Technician.

The applicants received their calls on Tuesday February 27, 2024.

CONGTARULATIONS to:

Timothy R Mikels - (KC3YNN) - Technician
Mike Zientara - (KC3YNS) - General
Brent Jones - (KC3YOE) - General

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP), rich (KC3VAX) and Bob (WB3JSZ).

The next scheduled test session will be held on Friday April 19, 2024. At this report, there are 2 scheduled to test on that date.

ARES Report

The first ARES event of 2024 is the St. Luke's Half Marathon. That event will be held on Sunday April 28. Volunteers are needed. Contact Mark (AK3M) to volunteer.

Following the April 28 event the next ARES event is the Hanover Township 5K to be held on Saturday June 8. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, contact Mark (AK3M).

Communications:

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

Nothing Noted

Repeater report: by Rod N3XG.

All seem to be working properly, Nothing Unusual.

Club Station / Trailer:

A Work Party will be planned for Late April for trailer work and mast work. Details forthcoming by John AB3LZ

Old Business:

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.

Looking for members for Elmer List, Note your area of expertise or experience or particular enjoyment in sharing and help those with needs in these categories to further their learning and enjoyment in the Hobby, Share your talents with members. Let Rod N3XG Know of how you would be willing to help

Tuesday Night Net on .94 repeater, 2nd/4th/5th for a round table net. That is it will be held on the Tuesday nights that aren't meeting nights or Hands On Nights.

TechNet Planned on April 9 8PM

BeastFeast 8 people or so attended, we had a good time and hopefully attendance will grow.

Field Day planning has begun, Dan KC3HWD is coordinator and expect him to reach out for requests for assistance to make Summer Field Day a success.

06/22~06/23 are the dates.

New Business:

New Members:

Brent Jones KC3YOE Allentown (G)

Ken Keefer KE3M Macungie (E)

Scott Tyson N3ATQ Allentown (E)

Wayne Westfield N3FQ Easton (E)

Michael Zientara KC3YNS Emmaus (G)

Motion to Accept, by Scott KB3YOT, 2nd by Chuck W3CDY

Motion Passed Y

Motion to continue Winter Field Day by reserving the Cabin at Lake Nockamixon as we did this year with QRP and Battery being the power and source By Scott KB3YOT, 2nd by Doug, N3WGH. Passed

Sick Call: None Noted

Good of the Order:

Matt N3VAN, who will be talking this evening about EFHW antennas will lead a building session with March 19th being Build a Balun Hands on night

CDY has 2 IC-V80 Sports radios , \$35 each and a WOUXUN battery for \$20

Meeting adjourned at Mike PM, Motioned to approve by: Scott KB3YOT and 2nd by at 805PM

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

On The Air Nets for Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

Monday 730PM 146.94 Club Net, Formal Alphabetical (suffix) Checkin,

Monday 815 2M **SSB** Simplex 144.250 casual round robin net following the monday night net

Tuesday, Time Starting April 9th 146.94 repeater casual round robin net on Non Meeting Tuesday Nights

Wed 7PM Dstar / digital d-rats / 147.7125

Thursday 8PM FM Simplex 147.420 5-8

10 Highlights In This VOX

1. The April LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM AND In Person on **Tuesday April 2** at **7:30p**.
2. **FREE** On Line amateur radio operating class.
3. **Your ham radio journey.** **NEW FEATURE**
4. **Monday Night Net Net Control operators wanted.**
5. **April 28 St. Luke's Half Marathon.**
6. New extra questions effective July 1, 2024.
7. **New LVARC Net!**
8. New LVARC members!
9. Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the ARRL website.
10. **Radio shack picture submission.** **NEW FEATURE**



and more



Volunteer your time and communication expertise to help with any or all of the LVARC ARES events!