



# The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

**L**ehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - W3OI / KB3SYV  
Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lehigh County) - USA

---

## 2024 Officers

President: **Rod Wolfe** - **N3XG** (n3xg.radio@gmail.com)  
Vice President: **Jeff Bauer** - **WA3PNY** - (BAUERJV@MAC.COM)  
Secretary: **Steve Olock** - **KS3RO** - (solock@gmail.com)  
Treasurer: **Paul Ryan** - **N0KIA** - (paul.f.ryan@gmail.com)

## 2024 Board of Governors

**John Bartos** - **AB3LZ** - e03145jab@gmail.com  
**Phil Bigg** - **KB3HMK** - philbert17@ptd.net  
**Scott Leichssenring** - **KB3YOT** - (scott\_leichssenring@hotmail.com)  
**Mark Miller** - **AK3M** - AK3M@rcn.com  
**Rick Pearce** - **KC3EXO** - (rickp.127@gmail.com)

**VOX Editor** - **Mark S. Miller (AK3M)** ---- (AK3M@rcn.com)  
**Net manager** - **Rod Wolfe (N3XG)** - (n3xg.radio@gmail.com)

---

## 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.**

- |  |
|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)<br/>Automatic Mode Select. Analog</li><li>* FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),</li></ul> |
|--|

**Many club announcements will be heard there**

The November LVARC meeting will be held on Tuesday November 5, 2024 via ZOOM AND In-Person at 7:30p.

Program: *TBA*

*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](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) for details.

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)

### **Up Coming 2024 LVARC Programs/events**

**November 10 - D&L Half Marathon**



**Do you remember ...**  
Military emergency TNXmitter - “Gibson Girl.”

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 - 144.255 MHz**
- 3. Tuesday Night 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**

**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
<h2>November 2024</h2>					1	 <p>Turn clocks BACK 1</p>
3	<div> <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>KB3UZE</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div> </div>	<div> <div>LVARC Meeting 7:30p</div> </div>	6	<div> <div>2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> </div>	8	9
 <p>St. Luke's marathon</p>	<div> <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>KC3HWD</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div> </div> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<div> <div>Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p</div> </div>	13	<div> <div>2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> </div>	15	16
17	<div> <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>N3RPV</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div> </div>	<div> <div>LVARC "Hands On Night"</div> </div>	20	<div> <div>2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> </div>	22	23
24	<div> <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>WW3TRG</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div> </div>	<div> <div>Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p</div> </div>	27	<div> <div>2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div> <div>  <p>TNXgiving</p> </div> </div>	29	30

## Pres Schuler Award

The Pres Schuler award is presented to an LVARC member each year. The recipient is nominated by the LVARC members and is given in recognition of excellence in ham radio to the club for the year.

Send your 2024 Pres Schuler nomination to Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

### Past Pres Schuler Award Recipients

Rod Wolfe (N3XG) — 2004  
Mark Miller (AK3M) — 2005  
Frank Unger (W3FTU) — 2006  
Phil Bigg (KB3HMK) — 2007  
Brian Klock (KW3K) — 2008  
Jeff Willett (KB3OCP) — 2009  
Paul Ryan (N0KIA) — 2010  
Charles Zimmerman (N3WXO) — 2011  
Gary Decker (W3GRD) — 2012  
Walt Snyder (KE3SP) — 2013  
Myles Bodish (KB3ZMA) — 2014  
Rex Mott (KC1WE) — 2015  
Don Hoppes (N0VGA) — 2016  
Kenny Bass (KC3BLE) — 2017  
Rick Pearce (KC3EXO) — 2018  
Steve Olock (KS3RO) — 2019  
Paul Ryan (N0KIA) — 2020  
John Bartos (AB3LZ) — 2021  
Doug McNair (N3GH) — 2022  
Jeff Bauer (WA3PNY) — 2023

### Dave Marsh (W3AMC)

Dave Marsh now has a new residence.

He is in Cedarbrook - D-7-716 .

To contact David, you may call the nurse's desk - 610-336-5670 and they will take the phone to him if he is awake.

David is on a dementia unit, sometimes he is lucid, but many times he is not. He still enjoys company and phone calls





## Women's 5K Classic

**The 32nd annual Women's 5K Classic** was held on Saturday October 5, 2024. The weather was fantastic, 73 degrees and sunny as almost 2,000 women ran or walked 5K (3.2 miles) to raise money for breast cancer research. Net control was parked beside an Allentown paramedics SUV to set up a radio link between LVARC operators and EMS services. A directed was initiated at 0930. and closed at 1132.

The following 12 LVARC members provided communications support for this event: the **Mark** (AK3M), **Andy** (AK3KA), **Don** (N0VGA), **Dan** (KC3HWD), **Bill** (KC3WXH), **Ruth** (KC3WXI), **Bob** (WB3JSZ), **Larry** (NR3R), **Mike** (KC3HOJ), **Eric** (N3EJH), **Phil** (KB3HMK) and **Rod** (N3GX).

Below are pictures submitted by LVARC members.



Photos above courtesy Mark (AK3M)





Photos above courtesy Larry (NR3R)





Photos above courtesy Dan (KC3HWD)

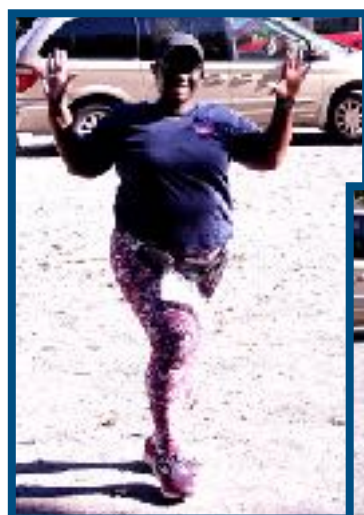




Photo courtesy Ruth (KC3WXI) and Bill (KC3WXH).

**A big TNX to all who volunteer for LVARC ARES events which continue to make our ARES program strong! - ed.**





Photos courtesy  
Don (NOVGA)

## September Net Report

### Monday ARES / ACS

09/02 - 37 (Labor Day)

09/09 - 49

09/16 - 39

09/23 - 46

09/30 - 42

Total Monday ARES / ACS Check-in's - 213 (5 weeks)

### Monday 2m SSB

09/02 - 6

09/09 - 8

09/16 - 5

09/23 - 7

09/30 - 8

Total Monday 2m SSB Check-in's - 34 (5 weeks)

### Tesla Tuesday 94 Net

09/10 - 11

09/24 - 5

Total Tesla Tuesday Check-in's - 16 (2 weeks)

### Thursday 2m FM Simplex

09/05 - 8

09/12 - 11

09/19 - 7 (Talk Like a Pirate Day)

09/26 - 10

Total Thursday Night Check-in's - 36 (4 weeks)



## FREE GENERAL CLASS!

Here is the information for our upcoming, **free, live General Class Licensing course on Zoom.**

A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio General Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, October 31, and will run through Thursday, January 9. 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. Please publicize this with anyone you know that you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should email Roland Anders, K3RA, at [roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net).

Thanks.

73,  
Rol Anders, K3RA



## LVARC October Test Session

At at the October 18 2024 LVARC test session, two tested and two passed. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael Tyniec (KC3ZPU) and Angelo Natale (KC3ZLX) who both upgraded from Technician to General!

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Don (N0VGA) and Rich (KC3VAX). The next test session will be held at Hanover Elementary School on Friday December 20 2024, just in time for Christmas!

**REGISTRATION for the test session is necessary.** To register, you simply need to contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).



I have an original Buddistick for sale.

I'm asking \$100 for it.

The following items are part of the antenna.

They are:

- Harbor Freight Cloth Tool Bag
- Counterpoise Wire w/ Holder
- Base w/ SO-239 Connector
- Adjustable Coil
- Mounting Knob
- Buddistick-to-Mast Adaptor
- Telescopic Whip
- 2 Aluminum Arms
- 3 Coil Clips w/ 5 Colored Knobs

**FOR SALE**

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Phillip W. Bigg – KB3HMK  
L.V.A.R.C. – W3OI  
**610-390-7565**  
[philbert17@ptd.net](mailto:philbert17@ptd.net)

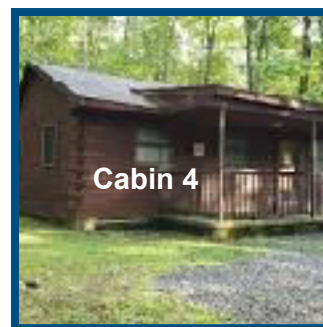


## Early Notice!

Mark your calendar early, The St. Luke's Half Marathon will be held on Sunday April 27, 2025. The LVARC will need your communications support.



## 2025 Winter Field Day



The LVARC will participate in the 2025 Winter Field Activities. The club has rented cabin #4 at Lake Nockamixon in January 2025. Read the VOX, listen to the nets and/or attend meetings for additional details.



**Thanksgiving Question:** According to the Guinness Book of World Records, how much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?

**Thanksgiving Answer:** 86 pounds

## 2025 Open LVARC Officers and Board Member Nominations

**Pres:** Rod (N3XG)  
**V.P.** Steve (KS3RO)  
**Sec:** Phil (KB3HMK)  
**Tres:** Paul (N0KIA)



### **Board of Governors** (Need 5)

Scott (KB3YOT)  
Scotty (W3SGT)  
Rick (KC3EXO)  
John (AB3LZ)  
Eric (N3EJH)

**Nominations for officers and board members ends on November 5.**

---

### **Don't Forget:**

1. Renew your license if necessary.
2. Renew your VE certificate if necessary.
3. Volunteer for an ARES event.
4. Volunteer at a VE at a test session.
5. Volunteer to be a Net Control operator.
6. Help out at Field Day.



**Send your VOX submission(s) to Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).**

## FREE

I would like to see my old radios find a good home.

The first 2 are my Novice rigs from the late 1960's. We were rockbound back then. So many good memories. Worked Antarctica on 15m with the DX-20!

The 3rd radio was my first SSB rig. It opened up a whole new exciting world.

The gear worked before I stored it away many years ago, but will probably need refurbishing - at least re-capping.

### Radio #1

Heathkit DX-20 Transmitter + assembly manual.

- with various FT243 crystals.

Mosley CM-1 Receiver + manual.

### Radio #2

Heathkit HW-16 CW Transceiver + assembly manual.

Heathkit HG-10B VFO (no manual).

### Radio #3

Heathkit SB-101 Transceiver + condensed manual.

Heathkit SB600, HP-23B Power Supply & Speaker + condensed manual.

Electro-Voice Mod 423A Mic (no manual).

If interested in one or all, please contact me at:

danandsue@rcn.com

Thanks and 73,  
Dan McGillis, WB3KBW



Both SSB nets on 144.250, to avoid interference, both clubs agreed to move 5Kc up or down, respectively. LVARC members are invited to their newsletter at:

<https://www.packratvhf.com>



October 5th, 2024

# Thank You

To: Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

On behalf of Scotty Redfield and in remembrance of his lovely wife Sue, the Jess Fin Foundation sincerely thanks you for your donation to our cause. My husband Erik and I met Sue and Scotty over 25 years ago at a marriage enrichment class at Bethany Church. For the last few years, Sue was an usher with Erik at our Barn church service.

When our 25-year-old daughter Jess was first diagnosed with brain cancer in 2018, one of my co-workers asked me if she could put Jess's name on the recipient list for her Book of Ruth club - this club is a group of individuals who pray for and send cards of encouragement to those in need. I had no idea for 2 years while Jess was battling her brain cancer that Sue was part of the Book of Ruth sending Jess prayers and cards weekly! Jess passed away in January 2021, and after that, I joined the Book of Ruth group to join Sue and others in sending encouragement and prayers to others.

In 2022, our family established the Jess Fin Foundation to raise money for brain tumor research and to provide monetary grants to individuals locally that have been diagnosed with brain cancer.

In January 2024, Sue was having issues walking and could no longer be an usher at church and soon after that she was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma, the same cancer that took our Jess. Our foundation gave Sue a grant to help with the expenses she quickly needed as her disease progressed so fast.

On September 18th, 2024, Sue joined our Heavenly Father. Scotty graciously has asked for donations to the Jess Fin Foundation in lieu of flowers for Sue's celebration of life. I know Scotty joins me in praying and hoping for a cure someday for the disease that has taken our loved ones. Your donation will go directly to brain cancer research or will help someone local in need, due to a brain cancer diagnosis.

~Jean Dalstad

Jess's Mom, Sue's friend, and founder of the JessFinFoundation.org

*The Jess Fin Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization - all donations are tax deductible*





## Three towers for sale!

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| Tower #1 | 30'<br>Needs bolts to assemble it<br>Asking \$50              |
| Tower #2 | 20'<br>Needs bolts to assemble it<br>Asking \$30              |
| Tower #3 | 30'<br>Needs brackets and bolts to assemble it<br>Asking \$20 |

Thanks

Phillip W. Bigg – KB3HMK  
L.V.A.R.C. – W3OI  
**610-390-7565**  
[philbert17@ptd.net](mailto:philbert17@ptd.net)



# Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

October General Meeting 10/01/2024

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rod Wolfe @ XXX

Secret Word is NOMINATE 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 27 members in attendance with 7 remote members (as per the email method) and 20 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:**

Nathan Hall, new to radio, exploring communications as a hobby

Mary Gail Smith

## **1 Proceedings:**

A motion was made to approve the September 2024 Meeting minutes as published in the October 2024 VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Scott KB3YOT and 2nd by Scotty W3SGT

Motion Passed = Y

**Program for tonight:** Summer Field Day discussion Dan KC3HWD

## **2 Treasurer's Report** (Paul - N0KIA)

Expenses noted were related to the picnic, and revenue was mostly neutral

Motion to accept was made by Dan KC3HWD and 2nd by Charlie W3QXI

Motion Passed = Y

## **3: VE and ARES Reports for the September 3 2024 LVARC Meeting**

### **VE Report**

At the August 16 test session, two tested and two passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph Fenner (KC3VII) who earned his Extra and Michael Tyniec (KC3ZPU who earned his Technician license.

Dante at Hanover, 5K Oct 12th request for help, hope for 12 volunteers

The next test session will be held at Hanover Elementary School on Friday October 18 at 6:00p. REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. To register, contact Mark at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

DEC 20th

### **ARES Report**

The next LVARC ARES event will be the Women's 5K Classic held on Saturday October 5. Volunteers are needed. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

The St. Luke's Marathon will be held on Sun, November 10. To volunteer for this ARES event, contact Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

## **4: Communications:**

No complaints or communications noted



### **5:Repeater report:** by Rod N3XG.

No issues are noted in the last month with either repeater

### **6:Club Station / Trailer:**

Charlie towed the tent to return it to storage, trailer performed mwell and was positively received at the LV Command post event

### **7:Old Business:**

1.A reminder to all that we have several on-air activities each week. Monday night is the official Club net at 7:30, followed by a 2 meter SSB net at 8:15, 144.255 (alt .260)is the new frequency. Non-club meeting Tuesday nights we have the Tesla Net at 8pm on the 94 repeater. Thursday nights at 8pm we have the 2m Simplex net. 147.420 Please stop by the various nets, and say hello!

1.Winter Field Day, Nockamixon, Cabin 4 larger cabin, 5 beds available friday, park, etc

Kenwood TS940S, Battery are dead, and need to be replaced

New banner for the club, proofs will be forth coming

Command Post Rally at Stabler , John AB3LZ, Jeff WA3PNY Scott KB3YOT and Charlie W3QXI attended the event.

12-18 organizations were there, FirstNet, Tmobile, Service electric PEMA HF, and VHF Winlink connections were utilized

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

### **8: New Business:**

Board Meeting, Update the repeater use policy to clarify the remote repeater policy, which is that we do not allow remote access to the repeater

Membership list was cleaned up at stands at 97 Paid members

This October meeting will be the opening of nominations for 2025 Officers and Board of Governors

A Motion was made by Dan KC3HWD, and 2nd by John AB3LZ to suspend the regular meeting and open nominations for 2025 Officers and BOG members

Scott KB3YOT, nominated Rod N3XG for the position of President, Rod accepted the nomination

Dan KC3HWD, nominated Steve KS3RO for the position of Vice President. Steve accepted the nomination

Scott, KB3YOT nominated Jeff WA3PNY for the position of Vice President. Jeff declined the nomination.

Steve KS3RO nominated Phil KB3HMK for the position of Secretary, Phil accepted the nomination

Scott KB3YOT nominated Paul N0KIA for the position of Treasurer, Paul accepted the nomination

Board of Governor, 5 positions

Dan KB3HWD Nominated Scott KB3YOT to a BOG position, Scott accepted

Scott KB3YOT Nominated Scotty W3SGT to a BOG position, Scotty accepted

Scott KB3YOT Nominated Rick KC3EXO to a BOG position, Rick accepted

Steve KS3RO nominated Doug N3WGH to a BOG position, Doug declined

Rod N3XG nominated Mark AK3M to a BOG position, Mark declined

Scott KB3YOT Nominated Eric N3EJH to a BOG position, Eric accepted

Rod N3XG nominated John AB3LZ to a BOG position, John accepted

Secretary's Note, Upon review of attendance all nominees that accepted the nominations are eligible to hold the offices they were nominated for as per Article III, Sec 2,A of the LVARC Bylaws and Constitution by being a member in good standing and having had attended a minimum of 1 meeting in each quarter of the preceding 12 months or 6 meetings in the preceding 12 months, and hold a valid amateur license in a class above novice.

A Motion to suspend nominations was made by Rick , KC3EXO, and 2nd by John AB3LZ

Nominations are suspended until the November 2024 meeting when they will be opened again.

Also nominations for the Pres Shuler award should be made directly to Rod Wolfe. Anyone is eligible and the award recognizes activity above and beyond and actions and commitments in service to the club and amateur radio in general

Scott, [KB3YOT@hotmail.com](mailto:KB3YOT@hotmail.com) is looking to judge interest in digital modes net. Primarily HF modes that dont require proprietary hardware modems and that most members could participate in. Reply to his email with your ideas and questions.

#### 9: Sick Call:

W3AMC Dave Marsh, Memory Unit at cedarbrook

Donations of radios and equipment was made to the club for the club's benefit.

#### 10: Good of the Order:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty W3SGT and 2nd Scott KB3YOT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM

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 144.255 (note new freq) casual round robin net following the monday night net

Tuesday, 8PM 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 November LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM AND In Person on **Tuesday November 5 at 7:30p.**
2. 2024 Pres Schuler award nominees now being accepted, Send you nominee to Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).
3. St. Luke's marathon - November
4. Nice Thank You letter.
5. Free equipment.
6. 2025 dues are being accepted (\$20.00).
7. Presentation of the Pres Schuler award. - December
8. LVARC holiday party - December
9. Women's 5K Classic review.
10. Turn clocks BACK one hour Saturday night on November 3.



**LVARC officers and board  
members wish all a**

