



The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

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

2025 Officers

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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 4, 2025 via ZOOM AND In-Person at 7:30p.

Program: October 7 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 for details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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

Up Coming 2025 LVARC Programs/events



December 4 2025 - LVARC meeting



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 Digital Net - 7:00p - 145.550**
- 5. Thursday Night - 2m Simplex Net - 8:00p - 147.420 MHz**

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>AK3MKB</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div>	<div>2</div> <div>LVARC Meeting 7:30p</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>
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<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>LVARC Net 7:30p</div> <div>WW3TRG</div> <div>2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>2025</div>		

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Month General Meeting DATE November 4, 2025

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rod Wolfe @ 7:30 PM

Secret Word is Capacitor and needs to be emailed to Phil @ philbert17@ptd.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 was a total of 33 members in attendance with 9 remote members (as per the email method) and 24 local attendees. Two guests were also in attendance.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Rodney Wolfe N3XG Present

Vice President –Steve Olock KS3RO Present

Treasurer - Paul Ryan N0KIA Present

Secretary - Phil Bigg KB3HMK Present

Board of Governors:

Rick Pearce KC3EXO Present

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT Present

John Bartos AB3LZ Present

Scotty Scott Redfield Present

Matthew Vanderhoff Present

Guests and Attendees of Note:

Steve Schneider – WB3ILA

Scott McClellan – W3WT

1 - Proceedings:

A motion was made to approve the October 2025 Meeting minutes as published in the November 2025 VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and 2nd by Dan (KC3HWD).

Motion Passed = Y

Program for tonight:

No program scheduled for tonight.

Next month's program will be on SWL (Short Wave Listening)

2 - Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Paul presented the monthly financial report for the month of October 2025

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bill (KA3NRJ) and 2nd by Scotty (W3SGT)

Motion Passed = Y

3 - ARES & VE Report

VE Report: Due to certain circumstances, Mark (AK3M) has relinquished his position as VE Coordinator. There not be any testing until a new coordinator can be found. The club would like to thank Mark his years of service as the coordinator.

ARES Report: The D & L Marathon is November 9th. All positions are covered.

The Limerick drill went well. There were four members in attendance. We demonstrated sending e-mail via the radio. FEMA had a new crew this year. They were impressed with our capabilities. Thank you to Charlie (W3QXI) for towing the trailer to and from the drill.

4 - Communications:

Website: Nothing to report

5 - Repeater report: by Rod N3XG.

Rod sent the board an email regarding a licensed pilot that was on the 94 repeater illegally. Rod let him know that he needs an amateur radio license to operate on the frequency. He only heard once. Have not heard of him after that.

The 135 repeater is working well. The club now has a legitimate log-in to the US trust server to be able to update any information.

6 - Club Station / Trailer: Rick (KC3EXO) and John (AB3LZ). It was suggested that one of the batteries be replaced soon. Steve (KS3RO) stated that he has batteries which he is willing to donate one. The 6m antenna needs to get to club member who let the club use it for Field Day.

7 - Old Business:

Rod asked for motion to reopen 2026 nominations. The motion was made by Rick (KC3EXO) and seconded by Matt N3VAN. The motion passed.

Rod asked for additional nominations for the officer positions and board positions. There were no more nominations.

Rod asked for a motion to close the 2026 nominations. The motion was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and seconded by John (AB3LZ). The motion passed.

Rod asked for a motion to elect all unopposed officer positions. The motion was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and seconded by Steve (KS3RO). The motion passed.

Rod asked Scott (KB3YOT) for any updates for the upcoming Winter Field Day in January. Scott said there were no changes. The club will be doing QRP at 10 watts using two radios. Will look at doing a POTA activation Friday night and one at a different park on Saturday. If you will be staying the night, please let Scott know.

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.

8 - New Business:

There was discussion about purchasing a DigiRig and cables for the ID5100 in the trailer. A motion was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and seconded by Rick (KC3EXO) to purchase a DigiRig and cables. The motion passed.

8a - New Members:

Steve Schneider – WB3ILA

Todd Fisher – KD3BZM

Jesse Bhagat – KC3YVW

Scott McClellan – W3WT

John – Schwartz – KD3BXX

A motion was made by Mike (KC3UCX) and seconded Ken (KE3M) to accept the new members.

Motion Passed: Y

9 - Sick Call

Nothing to report

10 - Good of the Order:

Paul has light bulbs for free.

Mike (KC3UCX) gave the treasurer \$80 for club equipment sold.

He also reports that there are no more hamfests for the year. The next hamfest will be in January.

Next month's raffle will have some great prizes to be given away.

The question was raised about amateur radio license renewals during the government shutdown. It was suggested to contact the ARRL for more info and help.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty (W3SGT) and 2nd by Ed (KC3OLB)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted Phillip Bigg KB3HMK, Secretary

On The Air Nets for Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

- Monday 730 PM 146.94 Club Net, Formal Alphabetical (suffix) Check In,
- Monday 815 PM 2M **SSB** Simplex 144.255 (note new freq.) casual round robin net following the Monday night net
- Tuesday, 8 PM 146.94 repeater casual round robin net on **Non-Meeting Tuesday Nights**
- Wed 7 PM Digital
- Thursday 8 PM FM Simplex 147.420
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October NET Report

Monday Night ARES / ACS

09/01 - 4

September 2025 Net Report

09/08 - 50

09/15 - 55

09/22 - 53

09/29 - 56

Total Monday Night ARES / ACS Check-ins- 255

Monday Night SSB Net

09/01 - 7

09/08 - 7

09/15 - 8

09/22 - 6

09/29 - 4



Total Monday Night SSB Check-ins - 32

Tesla Net (no report this month due to net manager error)

Wednesday Night Digital Net

09/03 - 5

09/10 - 3

09/17 - 4

09/24 - 0 (no net)

Total Wednesday Night Digital Net Check-ins - 12

Thursday Night 2m FM Simplex Net

09/04 - 6

09/11 - 6

09/18 - 4

LVARC UpComing 2025 Events

December - Elections for 2026

December - Holiday party

December - Presentation of Pres Schuler Award 2022

December 19 - LVARC Test session

Resignations - As you may have noticed, my presence at meetings and ARES activities has been sparse. I am experiencing orthopedic issues which has been effecting by mobility. It is for this reason, I have decided to resign from coordinating ARES activities as well as the VE program.

I would like LVARC member(s) to volunteer to take over these positions. -- I will be able to help them get started. - Mark (AK3M).

I would also like some one o volunteer to take over production and distribution the XOX. -- Mark



May your Christmas be as fat and jolly as Santa after eating too many cookies!s

A Ham Radio Operator's Night Before Christmas

*T'was the night before Christmas,
And all through two-meters,
Not a signal was keying up
Any repeaters.*

*The antennas reached up
From the tower, quite high,
To catch the weak signals
That bounced from the sky.*

*The children, Tech-Pluses,
Took their HTs to bed,
And dreamed of the day
They'd be Extras, instead.*

*Mom put on her headphones,
I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters
For that rare ZK3.*

*When the meter was pegged
by a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode,
and, I swear, shook the tower.*

*Mom yanked off her phones,
And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal
On the DX Packet Cluster,*

*While I ran to the window
And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate
RF that high.*

*It was way in the distance,
But the moon made it gleam—
A flying sleigh, with an
Eight element beam,*

*And a little old driver
who looked slightly mean.
So I thought for a moment,
That it might be Wayne Green.*

*But no, it was Santa
The Santa of Hams.
On a mission, this Christmas
To clean up the bands.*

*He circled the tower,
Then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax
Right into the shack.*

*While Mom and I hid
Behind stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming
Knew just what to do.*

*He cleared off the shack desk
Of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs
For a start.*

*He ran copper braid,
Took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till
The station was grounded.*

*He tightened loose fittings,
Re-soldered connections,
Cranked down modulation,
Installed lightning protection.*

*He neutralized tubes
In my linear amp...
(Never worked right before—
Now it works like a champ).*

*A new, low-pass filter
Cleaned up the TV,
He corrected the settings*

In my TNC.

*He repaired the computer
That would not compute,
And he backed up the hard drive
And got it to boot.*

*Then, he reached really deep
In the bag that he brought,
And he pulled out a big box,
“A new rig?” I thought!*

*“A new Kenwood? An Icom?
A Yaesu, for me?!”
(If he thought I’d been bad
it might be QRP!)*

*Yes! The Ultimate Station!
How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours
that I worked Public Service?*

*He hooked it all up
And in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries,
All down on 160.*

*I should have been happy,
It was my call he sent,*

*But the cards and the postage
Will cost two month's rent!*

*He made final adjustments,
And left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.
Seventy-Three."*

*Then he grabbed his HT,
Looked me straight in the eye,
Punched a code on the pad,
And was gone—no good bye.*

*I ran back to the station,
And the pile-up was big,
But a card from St. Nick
ould be worth my new rig.*

*Oh, too late, for his final
came over the air.
It was copied all over.
It was heard everywhere.*

*The Ham's Santa exclaimed
What a ham might expect,
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all, good DX."*

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10 Highlights In This VOX

1. The **November 4, 2025 LVARC meeting** will be held using ZOOM **AND** In Person on **Tuesday October 7 at 7:30p.**
2. LVARC Holiday party,
- 3.
- 4 December meeting
5. Christmas trivia.
5. October Net report
6. November LVARC Meeting minutes.
7. Plan your need 2026 calendar
7. **ARES resignation.**
8. **VE resignation.**
- 9.
10. HOLIDAYS

