



# The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

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

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## 2025 Officers

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**VOX Editor** - **Mark S. Miller** (AK3M)  
**Net manager** - **Rod Wolfe** (N3XG)

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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 February LVARC meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4, 2025 via ZOOM AND In-Person at 7:30p.

**Program:** February 4 - FL Digi - Presented by Scott (KB3YOT)  
*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 2025 LVARC Programs/events**

**February 4 - FL Digi - Presented by Scott (KB3YOT)**



Do you remember ...  
“Can 2-way radios?”

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

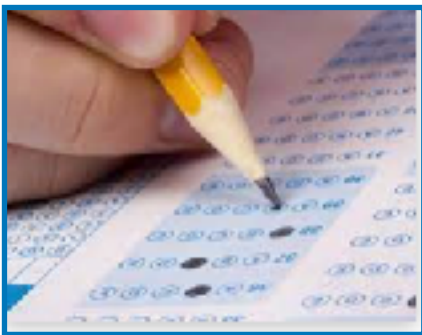


READER SUBMISSION

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

February 21 2025  
April 18 2025  
June 20 2025

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

## Famous Ham

Donnie Osmond

KA7EVD



Donald Clark Osmond is an American singer, dancer, actor, television host and former teen idol.

READER SUBMISSION

Submitted by Larry (NR3R)

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

*Any LVARC VE is welcome to attend any test session.*

**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](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).



**Question:** In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of whom?

**Answer:** Venus

***Check the expiration date of your VE certification.***

## December 2024 Net Report

### **Monday ARES / ACS Net:**

12/2 - 40  
12/9 - 50  
12/16 - 39  
12/23 - 35  
12/30 - 48

Total Dec Check-in's: 212 (5 weeks)

Total 2024 Check-in's: 2,281

### **Monday 2m SSB:**

12/2 - 6  
12/9 - 7  
12/16 - 8  
12/23 - 7  
12/30 - 5

Total Dec Check-in's - 33 (5 weeks)

Total 2024 Check-in's - 360



### **Tesla Tuesday (94):**

12/10 - 6  
12/24 - 2  
12/31 - 7

Total Dec Check-in's - 15 (3 weeks)

Total 2024 Check-in's - 177 (net started in April)

### **Thursday 2m FM Simplex:**

12/5 - 6  
12/12 - 8  
12/19 - 9  
12/26 - 4

Total Dec Check-in's - 27 (4 weeks)

Total 2024 Check-in's - 372

**GRAND TOTAL 2024 Individual Check-In's: 3,190**

## St. Luke's Half Marathon

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



**Remember:** When submitting time sensitive material for the VOX, remember that the VOX is distributed one week before the next meeting. That means, the VOX is always one month ahead of the current month.

### 2025 Dues are Due!

You can pay your 2025 dues:

1. **Pay at a meeting**
2. **Pay via Pay Pal** from the website
3. **Pay via U.S. mail** to Paul (N0KIA) at  
(5814 Lindbergh St., Odefield, PA. 18069

STUDENT	INDIVIDUAL	FAMILY
\$15	\$20	\$25

***Check the expiration date of your license.***

# This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## LVARC ID Badge

Your first name



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

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 attache it to a lanyard which is available from Staples, the ARRL or other sources.

## 2025 LVARC ARES Schedule

Activities for LVARC ARES events are below. Specific dates are to be announced. Listen to the Monday Night nets, attend LVARC meetings and read the VOX to get specific information.

**April 27— St. Luke's Half Marathon**

**June —- Hanover Township 5K**

**October —- Women's 5K Classic**

**November —- St. Luke's Marathon/RaceFest**

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## Lots happening at the LVARC in 2025!

Listen to the weekly nets, read the VOX and attend meetings to hear information about these 2025 activities! Volunteer to help when asked!

## LVARC/ W3OI 146.94 Repeater/Voter Locations

1. 146.940 Repeater & Voter @ Savercool  
Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania
2. Big Rock Voter  
Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania, 18034
3. Easton Voter  
Forks Township, Pennsylvania, 18040
4. Emmaus Voter  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania, 18049
5. Slatington Voter  
Washington Township, Pennsylvania

(From the W3OI Website)



**RADIO ELECTRONICS EXPO**

Georgetown Hamfest

**SATURDAY**  
**April 26, 2025**

Cheer Community Center  
20520 Sand Hill Rd.  
Georgetown, DE 19947

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**RadioElectronicsEXPO.com**

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AMATEUR RADIO  
ASSOCIATION OF DEL., MD., VA.

**ARRL**

### Sussex Amateur Radio Association - APRIL 26, 2025 - Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics EXPO

Centrally and conveniently located...within 2 to 3 hours of major cities:  
Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Washington DC, and Virginia Beach as well as Eastern PA and Southern NJ

**NO SALES TAX - MORE VALUE FOR VENDORS AND GUESTS - FREE PARKING**  
Bring The Family And Enjoy A Weekend At The Beach!

#### Past Vendors & Exhibitors

ARRL  
Beebe Hospital  
Fisher Cable  
Call Stuff  
Direct Tools  
GnG Electronics  
Satellite Sam  
Hamsource.com  
HRO (Ham Radio Outlet)  
Magnum Electronics  
Quicksilver Radio  
Redicall Communication  
The RF Connection  
Towaco Imaging  
Verizon

#### Events & Attractions

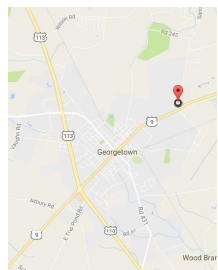
ARRL State Convention  
Tail Gating  
Great Food  
Blood Pressure Testing  
Chinese Auction  
Raffle...Big Prizes!  
License Testing  
Guest Speakers/Forums  
QSL Card Bureau/Card Checking  
Door Prizes!

**Guests Pay \$8 To Enter!**  
(Under 18 FREE!)

**Inside spaces \$15.00 - 1st Table**  
**Tailgaters : \$10.00 - First Space**

For Information  
Contact Jamie, W3UC  
**(410) 202-7690**  
hamfestdelaware@gmail.com

#### HAMFEST LOCATION:



Cheer Community Center  
20520 Sand Hill Rd.  
Georgetown, DE 19947

#### HOST HOTEL:

Tru Hotel by Hilton  
301 College Park Drive  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(302) 515-2100  
www.hilton.com

JOIN US IN TAX FREE DELAWARE!

**Gates open at 6:00 A.M.**  
**Expo begins at 8:00 A.M.**

#### Schedule

6:00 AM Gates Open  
7:30 AM Tailgating  
8:00 AM Indoor expo venue opens  
Restaurant available  
12:00 PM FCC testing -No test fee, pre-registration required  
Last test seating at 12:30 PM

#### Speakers Forums

ARRL Update  
Others

**TALK-IN: SARA Repeater**  
147.090 MHz PL 156.7

Schedule subject to change

The Delmarva Amateur Radio Electronics EXPO is sponsored by Sussex Amateur Radio Association



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# Vanishing Culture: Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications

de Rod (N3XG)



Amateur Radio has been a hobby for well over 100 years. For as long as there has been an understanding of electricity and radio waves, people have been experimenting with these technologies and advancing the state of the art. As a result, the world has moved from wired telegraphy to tube radios to telephones—fast forward a century—to GPS and high-speed digital communication devices that fit in your pocket.

Go to: <https://blog.archive.org/2025/01/14/vanishing-culture-digital-library-of-amateur-radio-and-communications/> to read the entire article.



## Have You Paid Your 2025 LVARC Dues?

Club Members,

It's easy to check on your Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club's membership status. Just log on to our website ([www.w3oi.org](http://www.w3oi.org)) and hover over the "**Members Area**". A dropdown will appear. Slide down to the "**Member Profile**" and click. You should see your membership expiration date a few lines down. If it says December 31, 2025 or greater, you're good to go. If not, click on the "**Renew Subscription**" link and proceed to renew. Any questions, just send me an email here.

FYI, most of you have already renewed. This is just a friendly "How To" reminder.

73,

~Paul, NØKIA

LVARC Treasurer

## How to Pay Your 2025 LVARC Dues

You may remit in:

- Cash at a club meeting
- Check, by mail or at a meeting
- PayPal
- Directly: remit to [lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com](mailto:lvarc.w3oi@gmail.com)
- Web page, Members Area => My Profile => Complete Payment

Rates for 2025 are:

- Individual: **\$20.00**
- Family: **\$25.00**
- Student or Limited Income: **\$15.00**

Make checks payable to LVARC and mail to:

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

~Paul, NØKIA  
LVARC Treasurer

**This free service is something every property owner in Lehigh County should be using**

### LEHIGH COUNTY

**de Chuck (W3CDY)**

New, free program offers protection from identity theft

The clerk of judicial records in Lehigh County has started a program, Record Alert, to protect residents from identity theft.

Record Alert is a free service for any resident in the county or anyone who has property in the county that send alerts via text or email when a document is recorded involving their property. The alert details the parcel number of the property, instrument number, document type and date recorded.

The county is offering this service to put residents at ease and let them ensure that no fraudulent documents are being filed, taking out a mortgage or taking possession of a property without their knowledge or consent.

The clerk's office found offering the service as a free program not only benefited the residents but allowed for their tax dollars to be used in an effective way.

To register for the service, go to [lehighcounty.org/Services/Deeds/Record](https://lehighcounty.org/Services/Deeds/Record) Alert. For information, call 610-782-3162 or email [recordalert@lehighcounty.org](mailto:recordalert@lehighcounty.org) — Morning Call staff

# Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Month General Meeting 1/7/2025

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rod Wolfe @ \_7:30\_PM\_\_

**Secret Word is \_\_\_\_Tundra\_\_\_\_ and needs to be emailed to Phil @ [PHILBERT17@ptd.net](mailto: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 were a total of **TOTAL 26** members in attendance with 10 **REMOTE** members (as per the email method) and 16 **LOCAL** Attendees.

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 Biggs KB3HMK \_\_Present**

## **Board of Governors:**

**Rick Pearce KC3EXO \_\_Present**

**Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT \_\_Present**

**John Bartos AB3LZ \_\_Remote**

**Scotty Scott Redfield W3SGT \_\_Remote**

**Matthew Vanderhoff N3VAN \_\_Absent**

## **Guests and Attendees of Note:**

**Carmine Pelosi – KB3AJJ**

### **1 Proceedings:**

A motion was made to approve the December Meeting minutes as published in the January VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Scott – KB3YOT and 2nd by Mike – KC3UCX

Motion Passed = Y

**Program for tonight:** Tonight's program will be prepping for Winter Field Day

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

Paul discussed clubs finances for the month of December

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Rick – KC3EXO and 2nd by Mike – KC3UCX

Motion Passed = Y

### **3:**

## **ARES and VE Reports for the January Meeting**

### **VE Report**

The next test session will be held at Hanover Elementary School on Friday February 21 2025.

All LVARC VEs are invited to attend.

### **ARES Report**

The first ARES event of 2025 will be the St. Luke's Half Marathon on April 27 2025. Listen to the Monday Night Net, read the VOX and attend meetings for a specific date for this event.

### **4:Communications:**

Website: No issues to report

Mail: No issues to report

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

Only minor interference during the month, there are no other issues

The D-Star repeater is working well. If you need to register with D-Star, you need to go to the Regist website to do this. This way if our D-Star server goes down, the main site will still have you registered. Any questions, please contact Rod – N3XG.

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

No new updates.

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

Winter Field Day is the last weekend of January.

We will be at Nockamixon State Park in Cabin #4.

The club will be there from Friday night to Sunday morning. Friday night the club will be a P.O.T.A. activation and then on Saturday we will do Winter Field Day. Winter Field Day starts at 10 AM on Saturday and goes till 2 PM on Sunday. We need to out of the cabin by 10 AM.

All are welcome. If you are planning on staying overnight, you need to contact Scott (KB3YOT) and let him know. You must be a club member to stay the night.

Brent (KB3YOE) purchased the clubs Kenwood HF radio.

The club banner is here, It looks great. It will be used for events the club does.

The club will be looking at the by-laws this year. A committee has been formed with Jeff (WA3PNY) leading it. They will review it and make suggestions for any changes. If there is something you believe should be changed, please let Jeff know.

There will be another auction sometime in March. More info to follow via the nets, VOX and meetings.

The club has been getting a lot of inquiries about donations from fellow hams looking to get rid of their equipment or from families of hams that passed away. Unfortunately the club doesn't have the space to store everything. Mike (KC3UCX) has been gracious enough to take a look at the

stuff and see what's good. He then will take everything to as hamfest and make money for the club.

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:**

It was discussed about how much to spend for Winter Field Day. A motion was made by Dan – KC3HWD and seconded by Sam – KD3AGL not to exceed \$100.

The motion passed - Y

#### **8a:New Members:**

The following four people were voted together at the January meeting. They are:

Dave Schaffer – AE3DS

Carmine Pellosie – KD3AJJ

Randall Miller – KZ3O

Robert Worrall – KB2GGS

A motion was made to approve the four applicants by Mike - KC2UCX and seconded by Dan – KC3HWD

The motion passed - Y

#### **9: Sick Call:**

Nothing to Report

#### **10: Good of the Order:**

Scott (KB3YOT) stated that the digital net will be returning sometime in March. It will be either a Wednesday or Friday night starting at 7 PM. More info to follow.

Mike (KC3UCX) stated that there will be a hamfest on Saturday January 11 at the Vietnam Veterans of America #542. It is hosted by the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club and starts at 7 AM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott – KB3YOT and 2nd by Rick – KC3EXO

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

**Respectfully Submitted Phillip Biggs KB3HMK, 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

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## 2025 Winter Field Day



If you attended the LVARC 2025 Winter Field Day in January 2025 and would like to share your experience with the members, send your review and pictures to Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) to be included in the VOX.

# 2025 LVARC Winter Field Day Pictures



Pictures  
courtesy of  
Dan  
(KC3HWD)



Pictures  
courtesy of  
Steve  
(KS3RO)



# 10 Highlights In This VOX

1. The January **2025 LVARC meeting** will be held using ZOOM **AND** In Person on **Tuesday February 4 at 7:30p.**
2. **Test session - Friday February 21.**
3. 2025 ARES events.
4. LVARC repeater and voter locations.
5. LVARC ID badge.
6. 2025 dues are due accepted (\$20.00 individual).
7. April 2025 Hamfest
8. LVARC net control operators wanted.
9. January 2025 LVARC meeting minutes.
10. Send your 2025 Winter Field Day experience to Mark (AK3M) for the VOX.

