



The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

Lehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - 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!

Up Coming 2025 LVARC Programs/events

July 1 - TBA

The July LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 1, 2025** via **ZOOM AND** In-Person at **7:30p.**

Program: June 3 - Preparation for Field Day
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



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



READER SUBMISSION

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.



Don't forget to check the expiration date of your license.

You can renew 3 months before it expires.



LVARC Test Session Schedule

Contact Mark (AK3M at AK3M@rcn.com to register.

August 15
October 17
December 19

2025 ARES Events



October 4 — Women's 5K Classic

November 9 — St. Luke's Marathon/RaceFest




If you attended Field Day 2025 and would like to share your experience with the members. Whether you are a first timer or veteran, send your narrative and /or pictures to Mark for inclusion in the VOX.



For many many months, there has been an article in the VOX asking for Monday Night Net control operators. I keep putting this in the VOX as there has been no response. We have been getting record number of check ins which means there is an interest in listening to the net. Take the next step and help out with the net and become a Net Control Operator! It is not that hard and training consists of reading the preamble and the roll call and keeping track of those checking in. Help out your club and volunteer as a net control operator. Contact Rod (N3XG) to volunteer.

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY		1 LVARC Meeting 7:30p	2 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	3 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	4  4th of July holiday	5
6	7 LVARC Net 7:30p KB3UZE 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	8 Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	9 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	10 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	11	12
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Thanks to everyone for coming out yesterday (June 1) on such a beautiful Sunday. Even though the band conditions were challenging we had a blast! And we even had a new club members show up.

de Matt (N3VAN)



May - Monday ARES / ACS Net - de Rod (N3XG)

05/05 - 53

05/12 - 40

05/19 - 46

05/26 - 29

Total ARES / ACS Check-ins - 168

Monday 2m SSB

05/05 - 6

05/12 - 5

05/19 - 5

05/26 - 5

Total 2m SSB Check-ins - 21

Tesla Tuesday

05/13 - 8

05/27 - 7

Total Tesla Tuesday Check-ins - 15

Wednesday Digital

05/07 - 4

05/14 - 5

05/21 - 5

05/28 - 6

Total Digital Check-ins: 20

Thursday 2m FM Simplex

05/01 - 9

05/08 - 8

05/15 - 6

05/22 - 7

05/29 - 7

Total 2m FM Simplex Check-ins: 37



How many radios should a normal ham have?

- Oh, about five.

That sounds like a ham "enthusiast" to me...

- No, an enthusiast has around 20

That sounds like someone obsessed with ham radio.

- No, someone obsessed with ham radio may have dozens.

That sounds a bit like a psycho.

- No, psychos seldom own ham radios, or they might only have or

But that sounds like a normal person.

- We've already covered this, a normal person has around five.

de Rod (N3XG)



The LVARC picnic, is scheduled to be held on September 13.

The tentative place is Macungie Park on Emmaus. Listen to the

net, Monday Night Net and/or attend meetings for more information.



The LVARC welcomed the following new members at the June meeting:

John Gallagher(KC3TUR), CarmiPellosie (KD3BDQ), Harold Barber (KD3BFU) and Jim Reed (KC3ZZ).

Submit your VOX entry to Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.
Your submission can be text and or graphics.



At the July 20 2025 test session, 2 tested and 2 passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Paul Hartley** (T-G-E) and **Ryan Vance (KC3RZI)** who passed his General!

The next test session will be held on August 15, 2025 and will be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem. **Registration is necessary.** To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

VEs in attendance included Mark (AK3M), Rich (NC3RT), Bob (WB3JSZ) and Dough (N3WGH). TNX to Paul (N0KIA for opening the building. Remember, any and all LVARC VE's are welcome to attend any test session.

Paul received his call on June 24, 2025. **CONGRATULATIONS** on his call **AC3PG**. Welcome him to the hobby if you hear him on the air or meet him at a meeting.



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.

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.

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Month General Meeting

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

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

Secret Word is “FIELD DAY” 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 were a total of **TOTAL 30** members in attendance with **8** remote members (as per the email method) and **22** local members with 5 guests.

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 Preent

John Bartos AB3LZ Present

Scotty Scott Redfield Present

Matthew Vanderhoff Present

Guests and Attendees of Note:

Jack Longo

Ethan Johnson

Kevin – W3KCF

Pete – KB3YKJ

Ed – KC3OLB

1 Proceedings:

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

Motion Passed = Y

Program for tonight:

Field Day Prep

2 Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Paul presented the report for the month of May

Paul stated that with the recommended increase to our liability insurance, the club's policy will be rewritten. This should lead to a possible lower rate. This is due to Lehigh County asking the club to increase the liability insurance to \$1 million.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Rick (KC3EXO) and 2nd by John (AB3LZ)

Motion Passed = Y

3: ARES and VE Reports for the June Meeting

VE Report

The next LVARC VE test session will be held on Friday June 20 at 6:00p at the Tri-Clover Fire Company.

To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

All LVARC VEs are invited to attend.

ARES Report

The LVARC will not be providing communications support for the Hannover Township 5K this year. The township has not yet made a commitment to providing an ambulance for the event.

4:Communications:

Website: The board member e-mail addresses have been removed from the website and the VOX. This is due to recent bogus e-mails being sent out. The presentations have been moved to the members' area.

5:Repeater report: by Rod N3XG.

The issue with the keying up on the 94 repeater could possibly be coming from the Slatington voter. Rod contacted Chris Kelly about the issue. The other repeaters are working fine.

6:Club Station / Trailer:

The trailer will be taken to get serviced after Field Day. One issue is finding someone to tow it. If you have a vehicle that can handle a small trailer that doesn't have brakes and has towing experience, please contact Rod (N3XG).

The fire company has some concerns with the antennas on the roof. Rod will attend a fire company meeting to discuss the concerns

7: Old Business:

The MOU that Lehigh County is requesting is in the hands of the solicitor. The club agreed to increase the liability insurance. The club declined to get workmans comp for the members. Rod will follow up with more info when it becomes available.

The proposed by-law changes were sent out via e-mail and posted in the June VOX.

Rod read the changes for the second time. Rod asked for a motion to accept the proposed by-law changes. A motion was made by Steve (KS3RO) and seconded by John (AB3LZ). The motion passed. The secretary will make the necessary changes.

The N3FJP logging software is on the club computers. They just need the club info added. Final touches will be done at the hands-on night. They will be ready for Field Day.

We are less than a month from Field Day. The portalet and the hand washing station has been reserved. The company quoted a price of \$285. Rod wasn't sure if that was for one day or both. The company will send him an invoice. Paul looked at last year's price and it is close to this years. Rod will ask for a motion undern new business.

John stated that Kirkland Village has not gotten back to him. Right now, it's a done deal unless they contact John.

The board had it's quarterly meeting. One of the topics was the Flex Radio. A lot was discussed. It's a great asset to the club. It gives the opportunity to members who do not have HF capabilities at home. As things progress, Rod will let us know.

Matt (N3VNA) has been doing POTA activations. Three have been done so far. It's been a great turnout. Possibly some in July. Listen to the nets and the VOX for more info.

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:

Pennsylvania passed a “Hands Free While Driving Law”. Licensed amateur radio operators are exempt from this law. Make sure you have a copy of your license in your vehicle in case you are pulled over.

This years club picnic is tentatively set for September 13 at the Macungie Park in Emmaus. Scott will contact the borough to get more info. More info will follow.

There was discussion on how much to spend on food and other necessities. It was suggested not to exceed \$350. Rod asked motion to approve no more than \$350 for food and other necessities for Field Day. A motion was made by Scott (Kb3YOT) and seconded by Matt (N3VAN). The motion passed.

Rod also asked for motion not to exceed \$300 for porta-toilet and wash station. A motion was made by Dan (KC3HWD) and seconded by Scott (W3SGT). The motion passed.

8a:New Members:

John Gallagher – KC3TUR

Carmine Pellosie – KD3BDQ

Harold Barber – KD3BFU

Jim Reed – KC3ZZ

Rod asked for a motion to accept the new members. Mike (KC3UCX) made the motion and seconded by Scott (W3SGT). The motion passed.

9: Sick Call:

A sympathy card was sent to Steve (KS3RO) for the passing of a family member

10: Good of the Order:

Mike (KC3UCX) was able to sell some equipment at hamfests and made some money for the club.

Mike (KC3UCX) reports that the following are upcoming hamfests:

Technology Swap Meet – June 7

Raritan Valley ARC – June 21

Bloomsburg Hamfest – June 21

Harrisburg ARC – July 5

Murgas ARC – July 6

Sussex County ARC – July 13

Eastern Pa. ARC – September 14

Jeff (WA3PNY) showed the members his new radio. It's the Radtel RT880. It averages around \$105.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan (KC3HWD) and 2nd by Scott (KB3YOT)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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) Check in,

Monday 815 2M **SSB** Simplex 144.255 (note new freq) casual round robin net following the Monday night net

Tuesday 8PM 146.94 repeater casual round robin net on **Non Meeting Tuesday Nights**

Wed 7PM Digital Net 145.550 FM Packet

Thursday 8PM FM Simplex 147.420

10 Highlights In This VOX

1. The **July 2025 LVARC meeting** will be held using ZOOM **AND** In Person on **Tuesday July 1 at 7:30p.**
2. 2025 LVARC picnic.
3. May 2025 Net results.
4. POTA activities.
5. 2025 ARES events.
6. 2025 test session dates.
7. New members.
8. *Monday Night Net control operators needed.*
9. June 20 test session results.
10. LVARC ID badge.

