



The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

Lehigh **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **C**lub - W3OI / KB3SYV
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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.

<p>* 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315) Automatic Mode Select. Analog * FM or YSF, Yaesu System Fusion),</p>

Many club announcements will be heard there!

The May LVARC meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2025 via ZOOM AND In-Person at 7:30p.

Program: May 6 -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

May 6 - "RF Density"

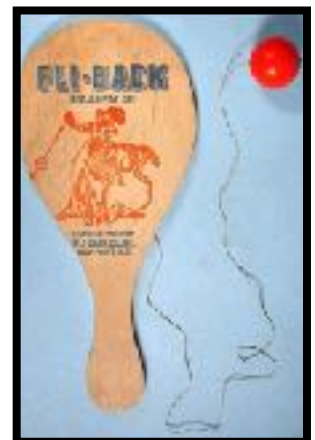
Do you remember

Paddle Ball ?

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 2025 Test Session Dates

April 18 2025 (TCFC)
June 20 2025 (TCFC)
August 15
October 17
December 19

Famous Ham

Arthur Godfrey

K4LIB

Arthur Morton Godfrey (August 31, 1903 – March 16, 1983) was an American radio and television broadcaster and entertainer.



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.

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

2025 LVARC ARES Schedule

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 14 —- Hanover Township 5K

October —- Women's 5K Classic

November 9 —- St. Luke's Marathon/RaceFest

An LVARC ID badge is very helpful for an ARES event.
If you need an LVARC ID badge, contact Mark (AK3M).



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.

This Month In Ham Radio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2025				1 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo LVARC Net N3XG 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	6 LVARC Meeting 7:30p	7 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	8 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 LVARC Net 7:30p KB3YOT 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	13 Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	14 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	15 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	16	17 LVARC POTA at Jacobsburg
18	19 LVARC Net 7:30p KB3UZE 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	20 LVARC Activity Night 7:00p	21 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	22 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day LVARC Net 7:30p KB3HWD 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	27 Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	28 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	29 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	30	31

March 2025 Net Results

Our nets are active! - de Rod N3XG

Monday Night ARES / ACS

03/03 - 42
03/19 - 44
03/17 - 46
03/25 - 44
03/31 - 45

Total Monday Night ARES / ACS Check-ins- 221 (5 weeks)

Monday Night 2m SSB

03/03 - 8
03/19 - 9
03/17 - 7
03/25 - 8
03/31 - 5

Total Monday Night SSB Check-ins: 37 (5 weeks)



Tesla Tuesday Net

03/11 - 8
03/25 - 7

Total Tesla Tuesday Check-ins: 15 (2 weeks)

Wednesday Digital Net

03/05 - 7
03/12 - 3
03/19 - 4
03/26 - 4

Total Digital Net Check-ins: 18 (4 weeks)

Thursday Night 2m FM Simplex

03/06 - 10
03/13 - 6
03/20 - 7
03/27 - 9

Total Thursday 2m Simplex Check-ins: 32 (4 weeks)

The LVARC 2025 Silent Auction a BIG Success!

The LVARC 2025 Silent Auction was held on Saturday March 29 2025 and was BIG success! The event was held in the LVARC meeting room of the Tri Clover Fire Company. Those who made this event possible included Scott-KB3YOT, John-AB3LZ, Rob-KB3QLF, Mike-KC3ZPU, Doug-N3WGH, Matt-N3VAN, Steve-KS3RO, Dan-KC3HWD, Paul-N0KIA, Rick-KC3EXO & Rod-N3XG. Below are pictures of the auction.



Photos courtesy
Matt (N3VAN)





Photos courtesy
Dough (N3WGH)



Who is Rol (K3RA)?

de Bob (WB3JSZ)



Roland is on the board of directors of the National Electronics Museum near DC. He runs very good classes for all license classes. I took the extra class from him and listened to several of the operating classes listed in his course description below. Everything he sponsors is top notch. He also sits on the committee that makes up the FCC questions which helps with the courses.

Mark Your Calendar

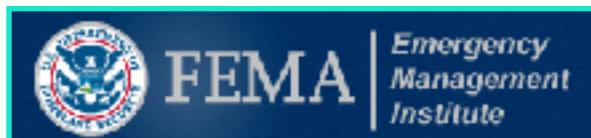
Field Day 2025 will be held on June 28-29. That event is to be held at the Brickyard site as in the past. Listen to the net, read the VOX or attend meetings for more details.



Pitch Com?



An MLB pitcher may make use of **pitch com** which consists of a radio receiver in his cap. This is a system where the manager can talk **one way** to the pitcher. The frequency for this RF communication is **918.23 MHz**.



Don't Forget

———— You need to have taken **ICS 100** and **ICS 700** courses to become an LC RACES member. You do not need to have these for ARES. To take these courses, go to: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>. I am keeping a list of those who have taken these courses. If you have them, send me a copy of your certificates. - de Mark (AK3M).

TNX to Phil (KB3HMK) for his April 1 program. He presented "Equipment Storage" after the April 1 2025 meeting.



New LVARC Members

At the April 1 2025 meeting, two new amateurs were voted in as new members. The LVARC welcomes **Collin Moore (KD3AWX)** and **Henry Adam (KD3AFL)**.

Welcome them to the club and the hobby when you hear them on the air or meet them at a meeting!

Order Your 2025 Field Day Gear!

https://home.arrl.org/action/Shop/Products#filter={'Facet':null,'SubFacet':null,'Category':{'Name':'Field+Day','Value':'FIELD_DAY'},'SubCategory':null}&searchTerm=&searchItemNameTerm=&searchDescriptionTerm=&productClass=



Club Clean Up! - de Rod (N3XG) ...On April 14, our normal activity night, a few of us gathered to clean up and set up the radio room. It was in need of a clean-out.

A huge thanks to Ken KE3M, who donated a monitor for the DX-710 (see photo, looks fantastic!), Bob KB3QLF who helped set up the MT-1000 and it's companion speaker, Mike KC3UCX who helped determine net worth of some of our items, Matt N3VAN, Doug N3WGH, and Paul N0KIA all of whom helped clean out the mess.



April 2025 LVARC Test Session Report

At the April 18 2025 test session, 7 testes and 6 passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Eric Trimmer - E (**AC3OR**)
Carmine Pellosie Jr. - T (**KD3BDQ**)
Angelo Nataka (KC3ZIX) - E

Robert Saul (KD3ARH) - G
Raymond Russo (KC3ZFV) - G
John Brandes (N3EMH) - G

VEs in attendance included, Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP), Rich (KC3VAX), Bob (WB3JSZ) and Brent (KC3YOE) as a VE observer. The next test session will be held on June 20, 2025.

Any LVARC VE is invited to attend a test session!



POTA

(Parks On The Air)



Several LVARC members participated in POTA on April 19. They were set up at Jacobsburg Environmental State Park.



Pictures courtesy Matt (N3VAN)

POTA Information - de Matt (N3VAN)

LVARC will be hosting POTA Adventures this **Spring and Summer**.

New to POTA? Stop by and we will gladly teach you about POTA and get you on the air! We will be doing primarily SSB but will also add some Digital and possibly CW contacts for those interested. I will be logging all contacts and will provide logs to those participating. And can assist setting up POTA.app account and help members get their POTA log(s) uploaded.

We will be setting up antenna(s), radio, etc. but if you have a radio and/or antenna you want to try, bring them and we will use it! Please contact me if interested and which ones. They are weather dependent.

May 17th 2025 @ 11:00 AM - US-4358 (Jacobsburg Environmental State Park)

GPS: 40.782600400756486, -75.29302596429993

Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ExYBqcmUuZdqLZfk7>

Notes: Meet in parking lot and short walk to picnic table on the trail. Will have HT on 94 Club frequency as well as 2M Simplex.

May 31st 2025 @ 11:00 AM - US-8914 (PA SGL 217)

GPS: 40.775336038506985, -75.62182427019303

Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8GTZ3q1dt43YAB9L7>

Notes: Meet and activate in parking lot noted above. Will have HT on 94 Club frequency as well as 2M Simplex.

More locations and dates coming soon. If you have a date and location you are interested in please send me an email and it can be added if scheduling permits!

If interested in attending please reach out to Matt N3VAN at either 484-357-8407 or mvanderhoff@vanderson.net.

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Month General Meeting DATE 4-1-2025

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

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

Secret Word is Yagi 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 **TOTAL** of 33 people in attendance with 7 remote members (as per the email method) and 24 members with 2 guests in person.

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:

Ed Hugele Jr. – KC3OLB

Kevin Forrest – W3KCF

1 Proceedings:

Paul noted that there were errors in the March meeting minutes. They are:

1. Under meeting attendance, the total people in attendance didn't add up to the broken down total.
2. Under # 8a, Steve Small's callsign is listed as KC3OZD, it should be KC3OZB.
3. Under # 9, Cedarbrook is one word, not two.

The following items will be corrected by the secretary

A motion was made to approve the March Meeting minutes (with corrections noted) as published in the April VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Chuck (W3CDY) and 2nd by John (AB3LZ)

Motion Passed = Y

Program for tonight:

Tonight's program will be Phil (KB3HMK) doing a presentation on Organization.

The May program will be Rod (N3XG) doing a presentation on RF Density

2 Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

Paul reviewed the finances for the month of March.

He also noted that he received a card in the mail stating any Domestic Non-Profit Organization in Pennsylvania needs to file yearly. Paul will let the members know how much it costs. It was asked if it is a legitimate request. Paul stated it is.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Chuck (W3CDY) and 2nd by Rick (KC3EXO).

Motion Passed = Y

3: ARES and VE Reports for the April Meeting

VE Report

The next test session will be held at the Tri Clover Fire Company on Friday April 18 at the same time, 6:00p. To test, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

At this time, we have 4 scheduled to test.

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/or attend meetings for specific information about this event.

4:Communications:

Website: The calendar for the website was outdated by two years. It has since been updated

Mail: No known issues

5:Repeater report: by Rod N3XG.

All repeaters are working normally.

6:Club Station / Trailer:

The club station is a little cleaner after the auction.

7:Old Business:

The auction was held on March 29. The club did very well. Thank you to Mike (KC3UCX) for coordinating it and everyone that helped out.

Joel Light from Lehigh County said the MOU looked good and is now in the hands of the solicitor. Rod will let the club know when it is approved.

Lehigh County also received some new amateur radio equipment. Mike (KC3BLF) will coordinate with them to get everything set up and working.

The By-Laws committee will be scheduling a meeting in April. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail Jeff (WA3PNY).

Even though we're three months from Field Day, South Whitehall Township has approved our request to use location for this year. This will be our 20th year at the site. The township also noted that they have not gotten any complaints from the surrounding residents.

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:

The club needs new tires and the bearings repacked. The club also wants to purchase tire covers for the trailer. A Motion was made by John (AB3LZ) and seconded by Scott (KB3YOT) not to exceed \$400. It was asked if the trailer had a spare tire, Rod stated it did. It was suggested to purchase an additional tire. Chuck (W3CDY) amended the motion to purchase a third tire and not to exceed \$500. Scott (KB3YOT) seconded the amended motion. The motion passed.

Kirkland Village Retirement Center contacted the club about doing a presentation on Amateur Radio. John (AB3LZ) contacted them and gave them four dates to do the presentation. There will be about 25 to 50 people attending. He would like at least 2 to 3 members to help out. The residents can then be spilt into 3 groups for a Q & A. It was suggested to do the April 9th date. John will contact to see if that one is good.

Scott (KB3YOT) noted that during Winter Field Day, the club used the N3FJP logging software. He suggested the club buy a copy of the software. It's a very good program and there are additional features to it. The members agreed. A motion was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and seconded by Doug (N3WGH) to purchase the N3FJP Logging Software. The motion passed.

8a:New Members:

Henry Adam – KD3AFL

Collin Moore – KD3AWX

A motion was made by Chuck (W3CDY) and seconded by Scotty (W3SGT) to approve the new members. The motion passed.

9: Sick Call: N / A

10: Good of the Order:

Mike (KC3UCX) stated that there are no hamfests for April.

Doug (N3WGH) stated that there will be a hamfest in April. It will be on April 26th in Georgetown, Delaware.

The DVHRC is having a show on May 9th & 10th at Renninger's.

Scott (KB3YOT) stated he will now be monitoring the 94 repeater the night of the digital net. There were some members who couldn't hit the 135 repeater. He will also be looking at doing a different mode so members can check in. Any questions, please contact Scott.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck (W3CDY) and 2nd by Matt (N3VAN)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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, 8 PM 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

St. Luke's Half Marathon



On a cool overcast day in April (April 27), 1,700 runner's ran through the streets of Allentown and the Lehigh Parkway to participate in the St. Luke's Half Marathon. There was no rain and the temperatures at start time was 53 degrees. The LVARC's ARES program provided 9 operators who provided the communications support for this event. A directed net was opened at 7:40 and closed at 11:46.

The following LVARC members participated: Larry (NR3R), Mark (AK3M), Don (N0VGA), Rob (K3LBI), Steve (KS3RO), Phil (KB3HNMK), Ruth (AC3NN), Bill (KC3WXH) and Chris (N3RPV).

Following are pictures of the event taken by and submitted by operators:





Photos above courtesy of Don (N0VGA)

Photo courtesy of Ruth (AC3NN)



Photos courtesy of
Mark (AK3M)



Photo courtesy of Steve (KS3RO)



Photos courtesy of
Bill (KC3WXH)

10 Highlights In This VOX

1. The **May 2025 LVARC meeting** will be held using ZOOM **AND** In Person on **Tuesday May 6 at 7:30p.**
2. ICS courses.
3. Pitch Com.
4. **The June 20 test sessions will be held in the meeting room at the fire company.**
5. LVARC ID badge.
6. Silent auction pictures.
7. Field day in June!
8. LVARC net control operators wanted.
9. New LVARC members.
10. Order your 2025 Field Day gear soon!



and more

