



# 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

President: **Rod Wolfe** - N3XG  
Vice President: **Steve Olock**  
Secretary: **Phillip Bigg** - KB3HMK  
Treasurer: **Paul Ryan** - N0KIA

## 2025 Board of Governors

**John Bartos** - AB3LZ  
**Scott Leichssenring** - KB3YOT  
**Rick Pearce** - KC3EXO  
**Scotty Redfield** - W3SGT  
**Matthew Vanderhoff** - N3VAN

**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.**

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| <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> |
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**Many club announcements will be heard there!**

The September LVARC meeting will be held on Tuesday October 7, 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](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**

October 7 - "J Pole Antenna Build" - (Scott - KB3YOT)



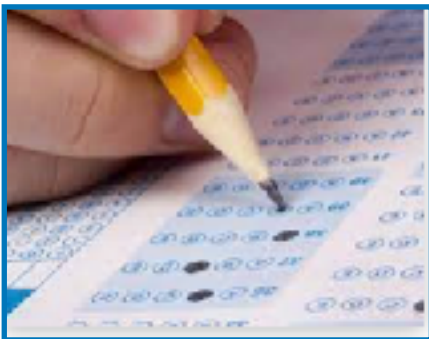


## Do You Know This Man?

Do you know this man? He is more famous than you think. Answer on page 4.

## 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**



## LVARC Test Session Schedule

**October 17**  
**December 19**

# 2025 LVARC ARES SCHEDULE

Listen to the Monday Night nets, attend LVARC meetings and read the VOX to get specific information.

**October 4 —- Women's 5K Classic**

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



## Do You Know This Man?



From page 3.

He is **Tom Burgoyne** and is the Phillie Phanatic and has been for more than 36 years!



**Happy Fall  
Happy Halloween**

# THIS MONTH IN HAM RADIO

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>			1 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	2 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	3	4
5	6 LVARC Net 7:30p  <b>N3RPV</b>  2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	7 LVARC Meeting 7:30p	8 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	9 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	10	11
12	13 LVARC Net 7:30p  <b>WW3TRG</b>  2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	14 <b>Tuesday Night Net</b> 146.94 8:00p	15 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	16 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	17 <b>Test session</b> 	18
19	20 LVARC Net 7:30p  <b>AK3M</b>  2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	21 <b>LVARC Activity Night</b> 7:00p	22 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	23 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	24	25
26	27 LVARC Net 7:30p  <b>N3XG</b>  2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	28 <b>Tuesday Night Net</b> 146.94 8:00p	29 Digital Net 7:00-8:00p 145.550 FM Packet	30 2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	31   <b>Halloween</b>	

# AUGUST NET REPORT

## Monday ARES / ACS Net

08/04 - 49

08/11 - 42

08/18 - 52

08/25 - 38

Total Check-in's 181

## Monday SSB Net

08/04 - 4

08/11 - 6

08/18 - 7

08/25 - 6

Total Check-in's 23

## Tesla Tuesday

08/12 - 6

08/26 - 10

Total Check-in's 16

## Wednesday Digital Net

08/06 - 3

08/13 - 5

08/20 - 5

08/27 - 4

Total Check-in's 17

## Thursday 2m Simplex

08/07 - 5

08/14 - 5

08/21 - 8

08/28 - 5

Total Check-in's 23



## LVARC NEW MEMBER

At the August 5, 2025 meeting , the following member was voted in to the LVARC membership. CONGRATULATIONS to **John Dowbachuk (N2XCO)**. Welcome to the club!

*Welcome John to the club if you meet him on the air or see him at a meeting!*



### St. Luke's Race Fest

The St. Luke's RaceFest will be held on Sunday November 9 2025. To volunteer, contact Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

## LVARC UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

**October 5** - Women's 5K Classic

**October 17** - LVARC Test session

**October** - Nominations for Pres Schuler Award

**November 4** - D&L Half Marathon

**November** - Nominations for 2003 officers and board begin

**November** - Nominations for Pres Schuler Award

**December** - Elections for 2026

**December** - Holiday party

**December** - Presentation of Pres Schuler Award 2022

**December 19** - LVARC Test session





## September LVARC Picnic







A couple times a year, the Eastern PA ARES group conducts a SET (Simulated Emergency Test). This is, more or less, a readiness check and practice session for emcomm. Our EPA Emergency Coordinator, Jay King, has Red Cross background and since Red Cross is often an agency we are asked to work with, these drills tend to have Red Cross features. This time is somewhat different. The emphasis is on interoperability—between our group and similar groups in other counties/ areas and between other agencies.

There are 4 key targets for this drill:

1. Alert and Readiness
2. Interconnectivity
3. Outreach
4. TPRFN messaging

Quick explanation is Alert is same as prior drills, I'll send out an "alert" message. This will be via email. We will start up a net on Saturday Oct 4 at noon.

You should be prepared during this net to list a few items under 3 and 4 above. Regarding item 3, interconnectivity, have you ever checked in to an ARES net in a county other than Lehigh? Do you check into MARS nets, NTS nets, or any other message traffic net? We'll make a list of these and forward to our EC post-exercise. I'll need the repeater you used or the HF frequency. Something like "Carbon County Repeater" I can look up. No need to knock yourself out.

Second, do you belong to any groups or organizations related to emergency communications? Examples are Skywarn, NTS, TPRFN, ARDEN, WinLink, RACES, ACS, ServePA, REACT, CERT, etc.

The last part I'll just tell you about. A group is trying to revive a big packet relay network. There are some VHF packet nodes around (none around here I can see) and interestingly an HF link (via packet) into this whole store-forward net. You need to be setup for packet messaging. The system can also use VARA modem. However, the operators seem to assume everyone knows how to set up a terminal program for ham radio on a computer (largely a skill lost decades ago) and exactly how to get VARA to work connecting to an HF BBS station. So—just FYI. We're not doing this.

I asked our EC for some help and he has no idea, either. I'll send in our reports via regular email (this was requested by our EC) although I could use WinLink, too.

So that's it for the Fall ARES SET.

Are you an ARES member? Well, here's your chance. Membership requirements are a license and willingness to be in ARES. Period.

Don't even know what ARES is? (Amateur Radio Emergency Services).

It's an ARRL program that is essentially the same thing as ACS is in PA (Aux Communication Services). Our club serves, officially, Lehigh County via ACS (although they always call it RACES which is something somewhat different but its pretty much semantics). For everyday life ACS and RACES are the same. Unless there is a big war and US Government invokes RACES (incredibly unlikely)---so we won't worry about it.

So, make a list of all your various memberships and try to think of any nets other than ours you have checked in to. (no, not Rooster Net, Lumbago Net, etc.) Maritime Net—maybe. ECARS---yep (these are HF).

Thanks. Hope to talk on the radio on 94 repeater noon to maybe 2PM on Sat October 4.

"Operators are standing by for your call"--😊 .

73

Mike Mandell, KC3BLF

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## Silent Key Memorial

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*My chair is sitting empty,  
My call's no longer heard,  
My radio rests quietly,  
From it comes no words.  
On my shack door is a message,  
That reads "From Me to Thee.  
My Frequency's much higher now,  
I've become a Silent Key.*





Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

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

**Secret Word is FALL 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 34 members in attendance with 10 remote members (as per the email method) and 24 local attendees. There were 5 guests 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 Remote**

**Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT Present**

**John Bartos AB3LZ Present**

**Scotty Scott Redfield Present**

**Matthew Vanderhoff Present**

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

Pete Varounis (NL7XM)

Tyler Olmstead

Davis Gardner

Alex Dorris

Alex Murgylies

## **1 - Proceedings:**

A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes as published in the September VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and 2nd by Scotty (W3SGT)

Motion Passed = Y

## **Program for tonight:**

Tonight's program will be on the Nano VNA by Matt (N3VAN).  
October's program will be on a roll up J-Pole antenna by Scott (KB3YOT). The October hands on night will be a J-POLE build.

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

Paul presented the monthly financial report for the month of

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by John (AB3LZ) and 2nd by Dan (KC3HWD)

Motion Passed = Y

Pete (NL7XM) presented the club with a check for \$1300 on behalf of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA).

## **3 - ARES & VE Report**

VE Report: There was no one scheduled to test at the August 15 test session. No test session was held.

The next test session will be held on October 17, 2025, and will be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem. **Registration is necessary.** To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)

ARES Report: The next ARES event scheduled is the Women's 5K Classic held in the Parkway. **Your help is needed!** If you can volunteer your time and expertise, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com)

## **4 - Communications:**

Website: The website was updated to reflect current and upcoming information by Matt (KB3UZE)



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

Nothing to report

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

A work party is needed to remove the antenna from the roof of the fire company. This needs to be done sooner than later. More info to follow.

The tent has been returned to its storage area. The trailer was taking to be serviced. It was determined that there was one 14" tire rim and one 15" tire rim. The rims were made the same size, and the trailer was serviced and good to go.

## **7 - Old Business:**

The MOU Lehigh County requested has been returned to us. Everything looks good. Once the board approves it, it will be sent back to LC for finalization.

Tri-Clover Fire Company is seeking bids to have the roof fixed. Once they have a winning bid, they will move forward with the work.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the club picnic. This year it's being held at the Emmaus Community Park in pavilion #1. Dogs are allowed if they are kept in the area of the pavilion. Contact Doug (N3WGH) if you will be attending.

January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is Winter Field Day. We will be doing QRP operations. The club has rented a cabin for the weekend. If you will be staying the night, please let Scott (KB3YOT) know. It will be potluck for food.

The club recently held a POTA event. The next possible activations will be September 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The club will also do an activation on the weekend of Winter Field Day.

The October hands on night will be a J-Pole antenna build by Scott (KB3YOT) and Matt (N3VAN). There is no cost to build one. The materials are being donated. Please let Scott know if you will be attending so he has enough supplies.

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:**

Mike (KC3BLF) reports that the Limerick Drill will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Lehigh High School parking lot. The EOC Drill will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mike for more info.

Paul (N0KIA) received info from Bob Famiglio (K3RF) asking clubs to support the HOA Bill. He also received a promotional ad for ham radio club related merchandise. If anyone is interested in spearheading this effort, the information will be up front.

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

Wally Turzyn (K1WT)

Arnaldo Gomez (KD3BEV)

A motion was made by Mike (KC3UCX) and seconded by Steve (KS3RO) to accept the new members.

Motion Passed: Y

### **9 - Sick Call**

Nothing to report

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

The PA QSO Party is the second full weekend in October.

Mike (KC3UCX) reported the following upcoming hamfests:

Gloucester County ARC – September 7<sup>th</sup>

Kutztown Antique Radio & Vintage Electronics Meet – September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Red Rose Repeater Assc. – October 4<sup>th</sup>

RF Hill ARC – October 19<sup>th</sup>

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club – October 25<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott (KB3YOT) and 2nd by Matt (N3VAN)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

**Respectfully Submitted Phillip Bigg KB3HMK, Secretar**

# 10 HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS VOX

*Did you read them?*

1. The **October 7, 2025 LVARC meeting** will be held using ZOOM **AND** In Person on **Tuesday October 7 at 7:30p.**
2. LVARC picnic - September 13
3. New LVARC member!
4. St. Luke's RaceFest - November 9.
5. Winter Field Day 2026.
6. LVARC test sessions are back at Hanover Elementary School.
7. July net report.
8. Women's 5K Classic. - Oct 4.
9. Next scheduled test session - Oct. 17.
10. FREE Technician license course.



**and more**

