

About the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

The Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was started in 1956 making it one of the oldest ham radio clubs in the area. The W3OI (LVARC) club has regular club meetings and monthly activities. They have a web site and a monthly newsletter (The VOX) which can be read directly from the web site. Hams and non-hams are invited to visit the site and spend as much time as they need to view the newsletters, meeting dates and activities as well as links to other ham radio related sites!

The web address of the LVARC web page is

<http://www.w3oi.org>

The LVARC has close ties to and works closely with the Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency.

Meetings of the LVARC

The LVARC meets the **FIRST TUESDAY** of **EVERY MONTH** usually at the Red Cross Building in the Industrial Park across from the L.V. Airport at 7:30 pm. Occasionally, the meetings are held in other places.

The LVARC also has a different kind of meeting too. That is, members meet "on the air" every Monday Night at 7:30 for the Lehigh County RACES/ARES Net. The public can listen to these nets on 146.940 Mhz.

Activities of the LVARC

Ham radio activities include "Fox" or Transmitter Hunts, personal contesting and "DXing," and the annual nation-wide event, Field Day. This is a contest which involves contacting as many other amateur stations as possible running under emergency conditions. That means no commercial power, just generators or battery power and erecting temporary antennas. The contest is held the last weekend in June and runs for 24 hours.

Members of the LVARC also serve the public by providing communications support for many community events.

As well as being a club related to ham radio, the LVARC is also a social club. Members meet for picnics, dinners and sporting events.

How to Contact the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

If interested in joining the LVARC or if you want to learn more about amateur radio or if you would like to attend a meeting, you can contact:

- * Mark Miller (WA3KIF): wa3kif@rcn.com (610-865-9183)
- * Paul Ryan (N0KIA): paul.ryan@arrl.net (610-530-9021)

or you can visit the club's web site for contact information and download a membership form.



For more information about Amateur Radio in General, visit the *American Radio Relay League's* (ARRL) web site at:

<http://www.arrl.org>

The ARRL is the national amateur radio organization of which many hams are members. "QST" is the publication of the ARRL.



<http://www.arrl.org/>

Amateur radio is an exciting hobby for both personal reasons as well as a hobby which serves the community. A ham radio license is necessary but obtainable with some studying.

There are many aspects to the hobby of amateur radio including contacting stations around the world, participating in community service events, operating in emergency situations and building their own equipment and much more.

Contact the LVARC today for more information !