



The VOX

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Newsletter of the



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LVARC Repeaters

146.34 / 146.94 (PL 71.9)

147.735/147.135 (DCS - 315)

Club Simplex Freq. - 147.420

LVARC/RACES/ARES Net

Every Monday at 7:30 (ET)
146.940 (PL 71.9)

Check-Ins welcome!

W3OI Home Page: <http://www.w3oi.org>

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The current Extra class test question pool expired at the end of June, 2016. When studying for the Extra test, be sure you are reading the CURRENT extra question pool.



LVARC TEST SESSIONS



The LVARC test sessions are held the third Friday of every month (except June and July). **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**, no later than the Sunday before the test session.

Test sessions are held at the Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem, PA (**3890 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017**) beginning at 6:30 pm. To REGISTER, contact Mark (AK3M) at 610-865-9183.



Newsletter submissions can be sent to Mark (AK3M) at
AK3M@rcn.com
Your submissions can be text and/or graphics.



The August, 2016 LVARC meeting will be held on
August 2, 2016 at the Tri-Clover Fire Company at 7:30

LVARC / RACES NET

Don't forget to check into the Monday Night LC/LVARC/RACES Net on 146.94 (PL 71.9) with an alternate frequency of 147.735/147.135 (DCS 315)
The Net begins at 7:30 pm local time (ET).

**Many club announcements
will be heard there !**

Monday Night RACES/ARES Check-In Summary - 2016

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Check-In's</u>	<u>Number of Nets/Mondays</u>
January	132	4
February	128	4
March	153	5
April	51	4
May	167	5
June	144	4



YOUR VOX input is needed! Send any VOX submissions to John (WB3DX) at johnahilderbrand@gmail.com. The VOX is your newsletter. Feel free to submit pictures and/or articles for inclusion of the VOX.



Minutes of the July, 2016 LVARC Meeting

de - Mike (KC3BLE)



Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:32PM on July 5 by President Bartos.

There were a total of 15 members in attendance, and the club was joined by 1 guest.

Guest: Richard Weddigen, KC3FEZ

The following Board Members were present at the meeting: John Bartos, Chuck Ballard, Brian Snyder, Mike Mandell, Mark Miller, Scott Leichssenring

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY

Second: Walt S, KE3SP

Carried

Treasurer's Report (Brian-KB3QHA) Treasurer's report was read. Motion to approve: Rick KC3EXO

Second: Don, N0VGA . Motion carried

Committee Reports

Repeater: John talked to Chris Kelly about the voters for the 94 repeater which are still in the works but no firm date yet. There may be an adjustment needed to the repeater time out. The 135 repeater has the firmware updated by Rod, N3XG. Scott, KB3YOT said he has heard from some members that they do not have DCS on their radio and can't use the 135 machine. The 2m DStar repeater appears to have a blown final and is going back to Icom .

Program: We will see a presentation by John, AB3LZ on NTS tonight. Next month is APRS.

Volunteer Examiners:

At the June 25 2016 test session (LVARC Field Day site), one tested and one passed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chuck Ballard (WB6CDY) who upgraded to Extra.

The next LVARC test session will be held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem on Friday September 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Registration is required. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

The following ARES events are scheduled for 2016.

1. VIA / LVHN Marathon - September 11
2. Women's 5K Classic - October 1
3. Hanover Township "Fall 5K" - November 6

4. D&L Rail Trail Half Marathon - November 6

To volunteer for time for any or all of these events, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com.

Communications:

Chuck, WB6CDY reported we are still working on updating the database. Going forward Brian, KB3QHA will maintain the member database on the website. We do not have email for everyone, and we will attempt to contact those we don't have by other means to get this updated.

Club Station:

We held a work night in June and installed a long wire antenna on the roof. It appears to need some more rigid support poles as it seems to be dropping a little low off the roof presently. There has been some feedback from the fire department on installing the Butternut vertical, and they would like us to use a professional installer put the mount up. We are going to look into this further.

Old Business:

Field Day was a success with great weather. The county bus was in use as well as the EPA tent. We think we made more contacts than last year. Last month we discussed the Boscov fundraiser and we got no volunteers to run this. Mark is requesting a replacement for editing the newsletter. Scott KB3YOT asked about new net control operators signing up for the regular rotation.

New Business:

Club picnic is coming up July 23. Don will send out a survey asking who is coming and what they are bringing. Scott, KB3YOT asked members to consider running for the Board of Governors next year.

Good of the Order:

Jeff, WA3PNY Is running a Fusion node in Macungie in analog mode on 145.675 and tone of 131.8 normally connected to America Link on Wires X. Being in analog mode, this is available to any radio within range of the simplex node, not just Fusion radios.

Sick Report:

John W3AMD has some health issues and is still helping to maintain the site through his difficulties. No additional help is needed at this time.

New Member Applicants:

Richard Weddigen, KC3FEZ Michael Stanton, N3OUC

Motion to accept: Chuck, WB6CDY Second: Kenny, KC3BLE
Carried

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM Moved: Chuck, WB6CDY Seconded: Steve, K2OPA
Carried

Minutes submitted by: Mike, KC3BLF

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ARES RACES Net 7:30	2 LVARC Meeting Tri-Clover 7:30	3 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	4	5	6
7	8 ARES RACES Net 7:30	9	10 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	11	12	13
14	15 ARES RACES Net 7:30	16 LVARC Activity Night Tri-Clover 7:30	17 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	18	19	20
21	22 ARES RACES Net 7:30	23	24 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	25	26	27
28	29 ARES RACES Net 7:30	30	31 Dist. 2 RACES Net - 7:30 147.255	AUGUST 2016		

LVARC meeting - August 2 — 7:30 pm at Tri-Clover

No test session in August



The VOX has found a new editor. TNX to John (WB3DX), who volunteered to be the new creator of the LVARC newsletter. I have been in contact with John and he is excited about his new responsibility! John will start with the September, 2016 issue of the VOX. All VOX submissions should now go to: johnahilderbrand@gmail.com. I have enjoyed the 15 years of being the VOX editor but feel it is time to have a fresh creator of the newsletter. -- de Mark (AK3M).

LVARC Activities/Events

Mark your Calendar

PRINT, CLIP and POST



Monday August 1 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday August 2 --- LVARC Meeting (7:30 - Tri Clover FC)

Monday August 8 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Monday August 15 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Tuesday August 16 --- LVARC Activity Night (7:30 pm - Tri Clover FC)

Monday August 22 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

Monday August 29 --- LC RACES/ARES Net - 7:30 pm (146.94)

LVARC
VE
Report

de Mark (AK3M)

LVARC
VE
Program



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VE's in attendance included:
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July --- NO test session in July

August --- NO test session in August

September 16 --- Hanover Elementary School



Have an article, diagram or an opinion you would like to share with the LVARC members in this newsletter? Send it to Mark (AK3M). You can submit VOX material in any form. Send it via email (AK3M@rcn.com) or US mail (5508 Hale Ave - Bethlehem, PA 18017). You can send pictures, diagrams or text. **The newsletter needs YOUR material to continue!**

2016 LVARC ARES Events

Below, is a list of anticipated 2016 ARES events. Specific dates will be published in the VOX, and announced on Monday Night Nets and at meetings. ***Mark your calendar and volunteer your help for one or more of these events.***

- (1) **VIA / LVHN Marathon** - September 11
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Its that time of year. The LVARC provides communication support for many community events (ARES) during the Spring, Summer and Fall. See page 8 for list of these events. If you are interested in participating in any or all of these activities, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com. If you are a new ham or a veteran, your help is needed. TNX in advance for your help!



The 2016 LVARC Field Day Was Another Huge Success!



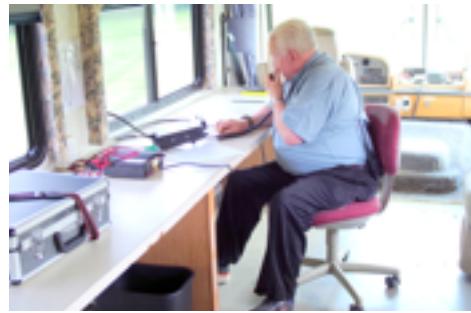
The weather was perfect for a Field Day, the food was plentiful and the camaraderie was unbeatable!

A **BIG TNX to Rod (N3XG)** who chaired the FD activities and to all those who came out to set up, eat, talk operate and more and tear down.

On the following pages are pictures of the 2016 LVARC Field Day.



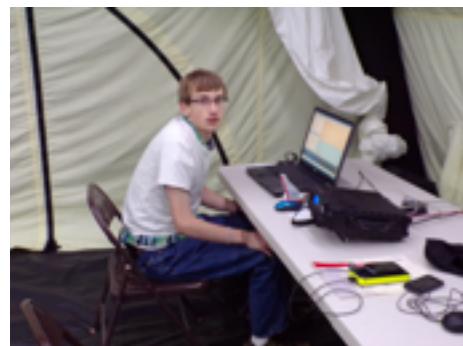
Photos courtesy of Don (N0VGA)



Photos above courtesy of Don (N0VGA)



Photos courtesy of John (AB3LZ)



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Photos courtesy of Mike (KC3BLF)

Keep the LVARC Updated

KEEP UPDATED

If you have changed your call, license class, address, phone number etc., let the LVARC know. Since the new website has been launched, the LVARC is trying to update information. That includes any personal member changes. Send any changed information to Brian (KB3QHA) at brian@teamsnyder.net.

Another Fusion Repeater In the Lehigh Valley



Jeff (KA3PNY) has a fusion repeater on the air in Macungie. Presently, it is in the analog mode but can be changed. All are welcome to use this repeater. The output frequency is 145.675 with a standard 600 kHz split and uses a PL of 131.8.

LVARC Picnic this Month



The annual LVARC picnic will be held on Saturday July 23 in Macungie in the upper pavilion at the Upper Macungie Park off route 100. The picnic will start about 11:30 am. Talk in will be available on 146.94.

All are welcome but please contact Don (N0VGA) with the number attending and what to take NO LATER THAN JULY 21 . Don can be contacted at dbhoppes@gmail.com.

2016 Field Day In Haiti



As you may know, LVARC member Myles (KB3ZMA) and his family are presently engaged in mission work in Haiti. Myles operated 2016 Field Day from his house in Haiti and offers the following. TNX Myles!

My Field Day set up.

I had a great time with Field Day this year. My current QTH is the small island of Lagonave in Haiti. I was able to work up and down the East cost of the U.S., Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria and, France.

My Buddipole set up as an L on 20m.





I have a humble station set up in the corner of our front room. I have an Icom 706 running through a MFJ 949E tuner. I was able to make 27 contacts in the 2.5 hours I was operating.

I made the contact in France with the antenna set up as a rotatable dipole.

73's KB3ZMA



*There is no such thing as a modest station.
You made some good contacts!!!*

TNX for sharing your Field Day experience with us! — ed.



It is with mixed feelings that I am resigning as the VOX editor after 15 years. I originally took over the creation of the LVARC newsletter the first year I was president (2001), on a temporary basis. That temporary basis has expired.

After approximately 180 issues (15 years x 12 months), I am retiring from creating, editing, publishing and distributing the VOX. I have enjoyed the job and would have abdicated years ago, had I not had fun. I feel that a new editor will add a new look to the VOX. It is time for a change.

John Hildebrand (WB3DX) has stepped up and volunteered to be the new editor of the VOX. This is effective immediately. This is my final issue of the VOX as John will begin the creation of the September, 2016 issue.

I will continue to manage the LVARC VE/Testing program as well as the ARES events.

From this date on (July 9, 2016) all VOX submissions should NOW be sent to John (WB3DX) at johnahilderbrand@gmail.com .

I thank the LVARC for allowing me to serve in this capacity for these many years. — Mark (AK3M)