

# The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club - 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

The May LVARC meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday</u> <u>July 2</u>, 2024 via **ZOOM** <u>AND</u> In-Person at <u>7:30p.</u>

Program: Field Day Preparation

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 <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a> for details.

## **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

If you have questions, contact Mark (AK3M) at AK3M@rcn.com

## **Up Coming 2024 LVARC Programs/events**

July 2 2024 — LVARC meeting 7:30p

August 6 2024 — LVARC meeting 7:30p

August 16 — LVARC test session 6:00p at the fire company



# Do you remember ... "Table side juke box?"

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 Nets

- 1. Monday Night LVARC/ARRS/RACES/ACS Net 7:30p 146.94 MHz
- 2. Monday Night USB Simplex Net 8:15p 144.250 MHz
- 3. Tuesday Night Net 2nd & 4th Tuesdays -— 8:00p 146.94 MHz
- **4. Wednesday Night D-Star Net 7:00p -** The Net starts out on the W3PLG B DSTAR Repeater frequency **447.7125** MHz.
- 5. Thursday Night 2m Simplex Net 8:00p 147.420 MHz



#### **LVARC 2024 Test Session Dates**

2024

August 16 (at the TCFC)

October 18

December 20

Check the expiration date of your VE certificate. If you need to renew, feel free to attend any LVARC test session.

# **This Month In Ham Radio**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	LVARC Net 7:30p WW3TRG 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	LVARC Meeting 7:30p	3	2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	5	6
7	LVARC Net 7:30p AK3M 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	10	2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	12	13
14	LVARC Net 7:30p N3XG 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	LVARC "Hands On Night"	17	2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	19	20
21	LVARC Net 7:30p  KB3YOT  2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	24	2m FM SIMPLEX net 147.420 8:00	26	27
28	LVARC Net 7:30p KB3UZE 2m AM/SSB Net - 8:15p	Tuesday Night Net 146.94 8:00p	31		July 2024	

## **LVARC May 2024 Net Report**

Monday Night ARES / ACS Net:

5/6 - 49

5/13 - 44

5/20 - 45

5/27 - 27 (Memorial Day)

May Total - 165 (4 weeks)

### Monday Night 2m SSB Net:

5/6 - 7

5/13 - 8

5/20 - 7

5/27 - 5

May Total - 27 (4 weeks)



#### Tesla Tuesday / 94 Roundtable:

\*Reminder, this net meets on non-club meeting Tuesday Nights. 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday of the month.

5/14 - 8

5/28 - 11

May Total - 19 (2 weeks)

## Thursday Night 2m FM Simplex:

5/2 - 6

5/9 - 6

5/16 - 6

5/23 - 7

5/30 - 6

May Total - 31 (5 weeks)

Thank you all for attending and making the on-air activities a continued success! Rodney N3XG

## **2024 LVARC EVENTS**

July 4 - LVARC meeting (7:30p)
August 6 - LVARC meeting (7:30p)
August 16 - LVARC test session
September 21 - LVARC picnic



Listen to the Monday Night Net, attend LVARC meetings and read the VOX for specific dates and times.

## **Famous Ham**

## Walter Cronkite KB3GSD

American broadcast journalist who served as anchorman for the CBS Evening News.



**READER SUBMISSION** 

Submitted by Larry (NR3R)



## Mark your calendar!

Rod has reserved the Hawk pavilion for September 21, 2024 picnic.





## "Tesla" Net



Don't forget to check into the new Tuesday Night Net on 146.94 at 8:00p.

This net meets when there is no meeting or Hands On Night. The topics will depend on information wanted by new hams. Experienced hams are invited to check in to offer their wisdom. 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.

## 2024 ARES Events

October — Women's 5K Classic

November — St. Luke's Marathon/Race Fest



Specific dates to be announced.



## **New Extra Class Test Questions**

A NEW Extra Class Question Pool was in effective July 1 2024. If you are planning to test AFTER July 1. Current Extra questions stay in effect until then.

## Your Club Needs Your Help!

Your club needs your help with the following:

- Monday Night Net control operators. Contact Rod (N3XG).
- 2. ARES Volunteers Contact Mark (AK3M Your Amateur Radio Journey!



How did you become interested in ham radio? Why, where, when, how, did you get your license? Share your ham radio journey with the members. Send to Mark (AK3M) at <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a> for inclusion in a future issue of the VOX.

Keep your license, VE and ARRL certificates, along with your home address, current with the LVARC, FCC and ARRL.

## Field Day 2024



If you attended Field Day 2024 and would like to submit your narrative and/or pictures of your experience, send your experience to Mark (AK3M) at **AK3M@rcn.com**.

The August 16 2024 LVARC test session will be held at the Tri Clover Fire Company in Orefield in the LVARC meeting room and NOT Hanover Elementary School this June session. The address of the fire company is: 4801 Kernsville Rd, Orefield, PA 18069. This change is because the school is closed for the Summer and we do not have access to the building in June.



The time of the test will be 6:00p as usual but arrive a bit earlier to begin the paperwork. Registration is necessary. To register for the August 16 test session, contact Mark (AK3M) at <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a>.

The bracelet below was put on my arm when I entered the hospital. I was wondering if there was one for Winter, Spring and/or Summer falls as well.



## The Hanover Township Spring 5K

The Hanover Township Spring 5K was held on Saturday June 8, 2024. Due to my absence, Andy (AK3KA) took over as the net control station and did an outstanding job! Kudos to Andy for acting as net control operator at the last minute!

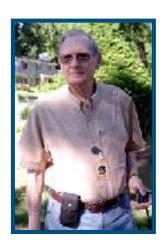


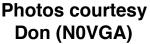
The event was held on a beautiful Spring day as 10 LVARC operators came out to provide communications support for this event. TNX to Andy (AK3KA), Paul (KA3MTY), Charles (KC3TDQ), Jack (KC9DQV), Phil (KB3HMK), Don (N0VGA), Bill (KC3WXH), Ruth (KC3WXI), Eric (N3EJH) and Matt (KC3VNK).





## Photos above courtesy Ruth (KC3WXI)









Photos courtesy Don (N0VGA)





Photo left courtesy Matt (KC3VNK)









Each of the colors on the flag has a meaning:

Red: valor and bravery

White: purity and innocence

• Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice

## Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

June General Meeting 06/04/2024

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

The Meeting was called to order by Rodney Wolfe (RW) @ 730

Secret Word is field day and needs to be emailed to KS3RO@arrl.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 29 members in attendance with 7 remote members (as per the email method) and 22 Local Attendees.

The following Board Members were present at the meeting:

President – Rodney Wolfe N3XG PRESENT

Vice President – Jeff Bauer WA3PNY **PRESENT** 

Treasurer - Paul Ryan N0KIA PRESENT

Secretary - Steve Olock KS3RO PRESENT

#### **Board of Governors:**

Rick Pearce KC3EXO PRESENT

Mark Miller AK3M ABSENT

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT PRESENT

John Bartos AB3LZ ABSENT

Phil Bigg KB3HMK PRESENT

#### **Guests:**

**Nick Puccio** 

#### **Proceedings**:

A motion was made to approve the May 2024 Meeting minutes as published in the June 2024 VOX newsletter. Motion to approve was made by Dan KC3HWD and 2nd by Rick KC3EXO

Motion Passed = Y

<u>Program for tonight:</u> Summer Field Day Presentation and Planning, Dan Longo, KC3HWD

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

Primarily membership and 5050 income, and purchased a Yaesu FT-710 Radio for the clubs use

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as read was made Chuck W3CDY amd 2nd by Bill KC3WXH

Motion Passed = Y

#### **Committee Reports:**

No ares or ve report, Mark is under the weather.

June 21st test session scheduled for Triclover Fire Company Hanover 5K, and Full marathon in November

Communications: None

Repeater report: by Rod N3XG.

All are operational going into field day, dstar and fusion are running at this time

#### Club Station / Trailer:

John, AB3LZ:

Mast pulled, internal damage was noted, After the part is welded the mast will be repaired

#### **Old Business:**

Tuesday Tesla Net, on non meeting tuesdays

Hands On Night will be Prep for Field Day, 6/18 7pm

Picnic, Upper Macungie Park Hawk Pavilion, 9/21 at 11

HF Radio, FT-710, was purchased for club use and the club's TS-940SAT will be for sale

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.

Looking for members for Elmer List, Note your area of expertise or experience or particular enjoyment in sharing and help those with needs in these categories to further their learning and enjoyment in the Hobby, Share your talents with members. Let Rod N3XG Know of how you would be willing to help

#### **New Business:**

#### **None Noted**

#### Sick Call:

Mark, AK3M had a spill, followed by hip surgery, due to be home on 6/7

Please keep W3SGT Scottys wife in your thought and prayers

#### **Good of the Order:**

# Rod, July training session will be on fox hunting, Hands On Night will be a real fox hunt

#### Sussex Hamfest 2024

- •Date: July 14, 2024.
- •Location: Sussex County Fair Grounds, 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822.

#### Raritan Valley ARC HAMFEST 6/29

#### 7/6 Firecracker hamfest Harrisburg PA

There will be an antenna tuning session at Field Day if you built antennas at either of the build sessions you can get your antenna tuned with the help of club members who will be onsite at Field Day from 12-2

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck, W3CDY, 2nd by Myles KB3ZMA. Meeting adjourned at 7:59

Respectfully Submitted Steve Olock KS3RO, Secretary

#### On The Air Nets for Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club

Monday 730PM 146.94 Club Net, Formal Alphabetical (suffix) Checkin,

Monday 815 2M **SSB** Simplex 144.250 casual round robin net following the monday night net

Tuesday, 8PM 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





## **LVARC ID Badges**

If you are a new member or if you need a new or replacement LVARC ID badge, contact me (Mark - AK3M) at <a href="mailto:AK3M@rcn.com">AK3M@rcn.com</a>.

Send me your name and call and I can email you a badge that you can print or I can U.S. mail one to you on card stock. If you want it U.S. mailed, send a current address.

I do not have a laminator but you can get it laminated at Staples or similar place. You can also get a lanyard if you want to display it in that format at a store like Staples.



ID badges are recommended for ARES events.





## **Happy July 4 Holiday!**





## 10 Highlights In this VOX

- 1. The July LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM AND In Person on **Tuesday July 2** at **7:30p.**
- 2. Monday Night Net control operators wanted.
- 3. Tuesday Night Net control operators wanted.
- 4. Monday Night Net Net Control operators wanted.
- 5. New LVARC members.
- 6. Elmers wanted!
- 7. Submit your Field Day experience.
- 8. LVARC ID badges.
- 9. Hanover Township 5K June 8 review.
- 10. Join LVARC activities and weekly nets!



