



# The VOX



The Official Newsletter of the

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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 **May** LVARC meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 4** , 2024 via **ZOOM AND In-Person** at **7:30p.**

**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 [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 2024 LVARC Programs/events**

**June 4 - Field Day preparation**

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Do you remember ...  
“Wheel-Lo?”

Send your “What Ever Happened To/ Do you Remember...,” to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in a future issue of the VOX).

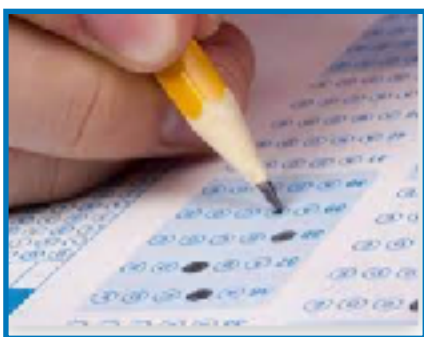
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Larry (NR3R)



### 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**

**June 21** (at the TCFC)




**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   |
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| 9   | 10<br><div style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>LVARC Net</b><br/>                     7:30p<br/> <b>KB3UZE</b><br/>                     2m AM/SSB<br/>                     Net - 8:15p                 </div> | 11<br><div style="background-color: #00b0f0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Tuesday Night Net</b><br/>                     146.94<br/>                     8:00p                 </div> | 12<br><div style="background-color: #800080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>D-Star Net</b><br/>                     7:00p                 </div> | 13<br><div style="background-color: #ffa500; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     2m FM<br/> <b>SIMPLEX net</b><br/>                     147.420<br/>                     8:00                 </div> | 14   | 15   |
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| 30  | <h1>2024</h1>  |   |  |  |  |  |

## 2024 LVARC EVENTS

**June 4 - LVARC meeting**

**June 8 - Hanover Township 5K**

**June 21 - LVARC Test Session**

**June 22-23 - Field Day**

**August 15 - 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.*

### Mark your calendar!

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



### “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.

**Field Day 2024 will be held on June 22 & 23!**



## Famous Ham

Burl Ives (KA6HVA)

American musician, singer and actor with a career that spanned more than six decades.



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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](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

## 2024 ARES Events

**June 8** — Hanover Township Spring 5K

**October** — Women's 5K Classic

**November** — St. Luke's Marathon/Race Fest



*Specific dates to be announced.*



## New Extra Class Test Questions

There will be a NEW Extra Class Question Pool 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:

1. **Monday Night Net control operators.**  
Contact Rod (N3XG).
2. **ARES Volunteers** - Contact Mark (AK3M).
3. **Elmers** - Contact Rod (N3XG)



## Your Amateur Radio Journey!

**NEW FEATURE**

**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 [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com) 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.**

**The June 21 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**



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 June 21 test session, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).



**Elmers wanted** to mentor new hams and/or participate in the Tuesday Night Net!

The Tuesday Night Net meets on Tuesdays when there is no meeting or Hands On Night. The net starts at 8:00p on the 146.94 repeater.

If you want to help a new ham, contact Rod (N3XG) at [n3xg.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n3xg.radio@gmail.com).

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## What IS Field Day?

de Mark (AK3M)

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**Field Day** is perhaps the biggest event in an amateur radio operator's year but what exactly IS Field Day?

Some say it is an **emergency preparedness event** as operators are encouraged to operate under emergency conditions where generators, coolers, portable antennas and grills are used.

Others say it is a **contest** as operators and clubs are encouraged to log their contacts and submit their scores to the ARRL, hopeful for recognition.

Field Day is also an event that challenges and sharpens the operator's skills during often difficult HF operation (phone and CW)!

I personally think Field Day is **ALL** of these as well as a great time to be outdoors on a Summer weekend with friends while participating in the the best event of the year!

However you decide to describe Field Day, don't forget to enjoy the outdoors, weather and companionship of the event!





## Why Should I Attend the LVARC Field Day Activities?

Field Day is the biggest event in the amateur's year. It is both a contest and an emergency exercise. Attending the LVARC Field Day activities will allow you to:

1. Experience HF if you are a Technician.
2. Attach a face to those you have talked to on the nets.
3. Enjoy a nice Summer day outside in your folding chair.
4. Enjoy some good food!
5. Practice both your VHF/UHF and HF skills.
6. Exchange operating tips with your fellow hams.
7. Enjoy the companionship of your fellow LVARC members.

### A Nice TNX from Dr. Mike Martinez

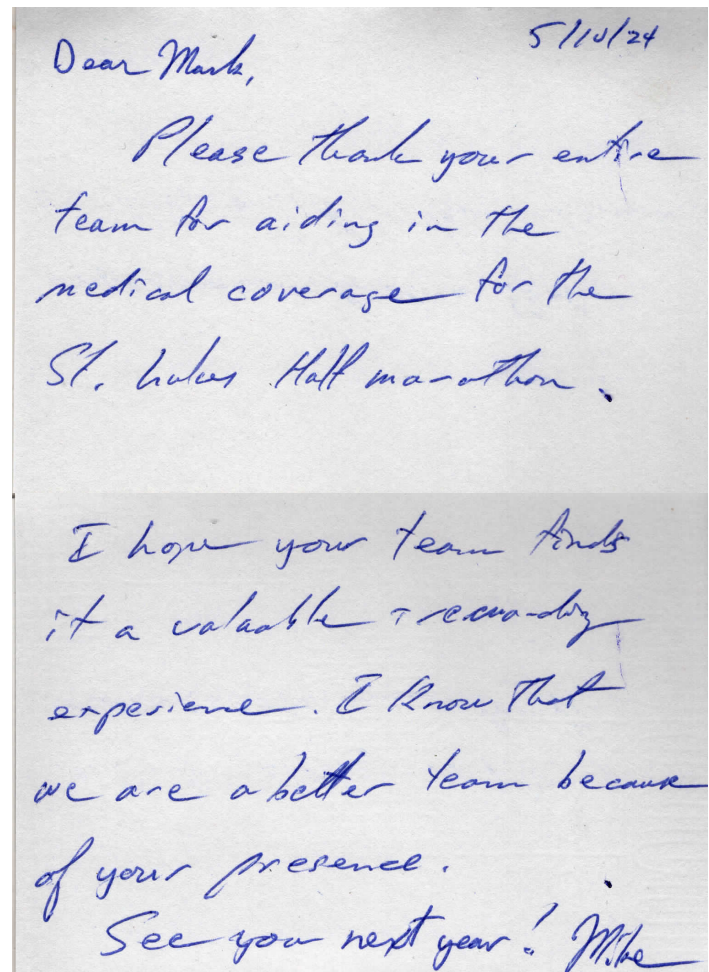
"Dear Mark,

*Please thank your entire team for aiding in the medical coverage for the St. Luke's Half Marathon. I hope your team finds it a valuable experience.*

*I know that we are a better team because of your presence.*

See you next year.

Mike."



The LVARC Field Day activity will be held as an “In Person” event! The Field Day site will be held at:

1900 Brickyard Rd. Allentown, PA



**Directions to the Field Day site from Allentown:**

- (1) From 22, exit at Rt 309 North to Huckleberry Rd.
- (2) Right onto Huckleberry Rd
- (3) Right onto Brickyard Road
- (4) Go to the end of Brickyard Rd.

Please remember that the railroad tracks are active and unguarded, so Stop, Look, and Listen.

Also, observe the speed limit on Brickyard Road. The houses on that road are occupied and just experience the most traffic on Field Day. We want to be good temporary neighbors. ***Come out to enjoy the weekend!***

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**S**hare your Field Day experience with the members. If you attend 2024 FD, whether your first or one of many Field Day events, send your experience to Mark (AK3M) for inclusion in the VOX.



# FOR SALE

I am retiring after over 4 decades working in electronics and the past decade working from my home. I have a lab in my home and a large collection of electronic stuff including but not limited to SMD components, RF connectors, taps, attenuators and cables (mostly 75 ohm F, BNC), fiber optic Tx and Rx, fiber nodes/RF amps, fiber cables, splitters, test equipment, older PCs, industrial rack mount PCs, network switches, GPIB cables, RS-232 cables, video cables, RCA cables, an environmental test chamber, variable power supplies, wall wort and brick power supplies, etc. I am currently trying to figure out what I have but there are many things that I hate to just toss because it has no value and may be "priceless" a person that likes to play. I have a large collection of SMD passives (R,L,C) and a few actives in small contains that I hate to toss as well as the fiber stuff and RF connectors. My plan is to sell stuff of real value, possibly a a ham flea market or E-bay but like I said there is a lot of stuff not worth selling but may be of value to an experimenter. Anyway I will be out of town for a month or so then I have to face the task of getting rid of all this stuff. Including a storage facility of stuff . If there is any interest please let me know and maybe I can attend a meeting or jump on during a net to hook up with anybody who is interested.

Thanks,

**William Helvig (AB3QD) — [whelvig@gmail.com](mailto:whelvig@gmail.com)**

Bill AB3QD



## When Was the First ARRL Field Day?

1. 1928
2. 1933
3. 1946
4. 1953



***Answer on page 13***

## Great month!

### April 2024 Net Statistics

de Rod (N3XG)

#### Monday LC ARES / ACS

4/1 - 44  
4/8 - 41  
4/15 - 46  
4/22 - 47  
4/28 - 48

Total Monday night ARES / ACS Check-in's - 226 (5 weeks)

#### Monday 2m SSB

4/1 - 8  
4/8 - 6  
4/15 - 8  
4/22 - 7  
4/28 - 8

Total Monday night 2m SSB Check-in's - 37 (5 weeks)

#### Tesla Tuesday 2m Roundtable

4/9 - 13  
4/23 - 11  
4/30 - 0 (severe storms)

Total Tesla Tuesday Check-in's - 24 (2 weeks)

#### Thursday night 2m FM Simplex Net

4/4 - 10  
4/11 - 5  
4/18 - 7  
4/25 - 5

Total Thursday night Check-in's - 27 (4 weeks)



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The LVARC will start setting up for Field Day on Saturday June 22 at 10:00a.





## When Was the First ARRL Field Day?



1. 1928
2. **1933**
3. 1946
4. 1953

Answer

That means this year, we will celebrate Field Day's **91st year!**



Don't forget that MP Outfitters in Allentown has the LVARC logo on file and will put it on shirts or other gear.

MP outfitters can be found on 2733 W. Emmaus Ave, Allentown. You can call **610-797-6900** or visit their website at PD PM <https://www.mpoutfitters.com/index> . Just in time for Field Day!

## What happened first?



1. The LVARC was founded
2. First ARRL Field Day

Answer on page 15



### New LVARC Members

At the May 7 2024 LVARC meeting, the following were accepted as new members.

#### Welcome to the club:

**Rob Eustice (KB3QLF)**  
**Richard Klinman (W3RJ)**

## Suggested Field Day Gear

If you plan to attend the LVARC Field Day activities, you may find the list below helpful for deciding what to pack for an extended and enjoyable stay.

### Amateur Radio Gear

- \_\_\_\_\_ HF radio
- \_\_\_\_\_ AC Outlet strip(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ spare fuses
- \_\_\_\_\_ power supply
- \_\_\_\_\_ key (telegraph)
- \_\_\_\_\_ headphones
- \_\_\_\_\_ antenna(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ appropriate RF connectors
- \_\_\_\_\_ tools
- \_\_\_\_\_ HT
- \_\_\_\_\_ spare batteries
- \_\_\_\_\_ AC extension cord(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ antenna tuner

### Personal Gear

- \_\_\_\_\_ folding chair
- \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ pillow
- \_\_\_\_\_ sunglasses
- \_\_\_\_\_ appropriate clothing
- \_\_\_\_\_ snacks
- \_\_\_\_\_ personal toilet items
- \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone
- \_\_\_\_\_ eating utensils/cup

- \_\_\_\_\_ tent
- \_\_\_\_\_ duct tape
- \_\_\_\_\_ bug spray
- \_\_\_\_\_ flashlight/lantern
- \_\_\_\_\_ paper (pads)/logs
- \_\_\_\_\_ clock/watch
- \_\_\_\_\_ pencils/pens





Answer

### Which happened first?

1. The LVARC was founded (1928)
2. First ARRL Field Day (1933)

*The LVARC was already 5 years old when the first Field Day was held!*

**EVERYONE is invited to attend the LVARC Field Day event whether licensed or not!**  
**Come and experience the event of the year!**

*You are invited*



The theme for 2024 ARRL Field Day is **"Be Radio Active."**



### Field Day Events Review

1. Field Day will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 22 & 23.
2. Field Day will be held at 1900 Brickyard Rd, Allentown.
3. Field Day setup will begin at 10:00a on Saturday June 22.
4. Field Day will begin at 2:00p Saturday June 22.
5. Field Day events will go throughout Saturday night.
6. The LVARC Field Day will end Sunday morning June 23.
7. There will be food, drinks, VHF and HF operations and ham radio companionship!



***Everyone is invited to attend Field Day whether licensed or not!***

## Winlink Follow-up

Since we had our Winlink sessions back in winter, I'm wondering how many have set up Winlink; and how many previous users decided to dust it off, update and start using it again?

Ok, so you set it up, or became reacquainted. But what do you do with this tool? Maybe send one message to the Red Cross because there was an event. Ok, that means I need to fiddle with "forms" and all that. Is that all there is to Winlink? NO!

There are "nets" that exist weekly so that you can keep your skills sharp and explore other functions of the program. One of the most widely known is "Winlink Wednesday". It started as a Virginia EMCOMM exercise and slowly spread out to a weekly event that has world-wide participation. Not bad for a little Commonwealth just South of Pennsylvania (another commonwealth??). What started as 2970 messages in one year has blossomed out to 33,537 messages last year, and this year looks like it will top that number as well. (see chart).

Winlink Wednesday is just one net that exists, and it's pretty easy to participate, especially here in the Lehigh Valley. Did you know that the Lehigh Valley is fortunate to have THREE Winlink nodes here in the valley. There is a 40-meter HF node, and two on VHF. Many people had trouble reaching the Macungie node W3PLG-5 on VHF. Now there is a node at Savercool. Most everyone should be able to get into W3PLG-6 (144.970).

So what do you have to do? Check in to Winlink Wednesday by sending a Winlink message to the Net Control Station during a Wednesday (Eastern Standard Time). Once you start, you'll get a reminder from the NCS each Tuesday that provides information about the upcoming net. Some weeks you simply send the standard report (Call Sign, Name, Town, County, State, and mode). Other weeks a weather report, or an ICS-213. All of this information is available on the Winlink Wednesday website along with weekly check-in statistics, historical check-in statistics and all sorts of net information. There's even a PDF that you can download that walks you through opening, completing and attaching the ICS-213.



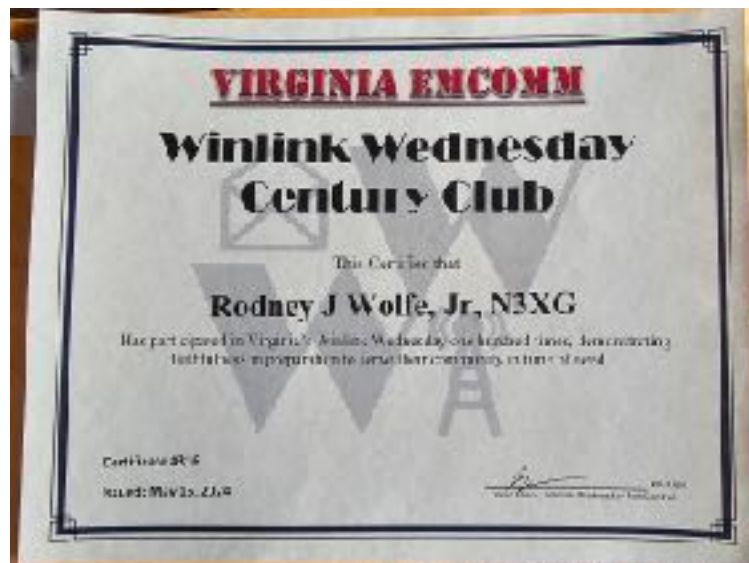
I know you are asking yourself, "what good is historical tracking, unless there's some cool prize attached". You would be correct in that assumption. And, there is a super cool recognition attached to your historical check-in record. After 100 valid check-in's you will have achieved the Winlink Wednesday Century Award. If you check in 100 weeks in a row, you can earn that certificate in 1.9 years, or 23 months. But, don't worry, if you miss a week or two, you don't start over at the beginning. Add another 23 months of check-in's and you'll get a 200 endorsement. Yes, there are many stations that have hit that milestone. How many participants have earned the Century Club Recognition? At the time of this article, 317!

If you have questions, comments, or need some assistance getting on Winlink, and sending and receiving messages, please reach out. We have an active group of Winlink users in the club that use Winlink to communicate about ham radio and ham radio events weekly.

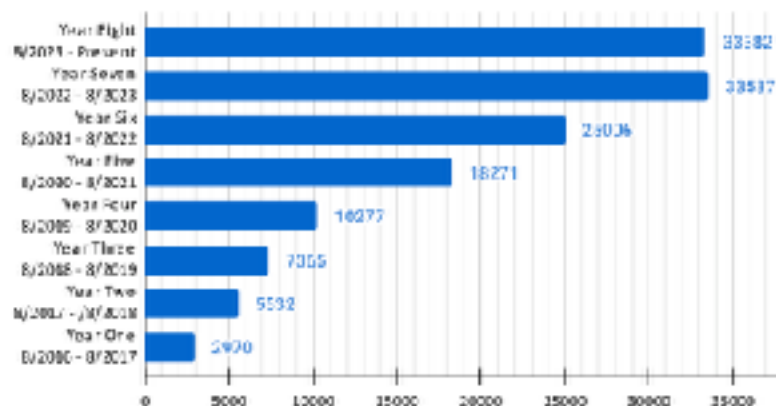
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de N3XG

**READER SUBMISSION**

**Rod (N3XG)**



**Total Winlink Wednesday Messages Received by Year (through May 15, 2024)**



I have purchased Redodo batteries and inverters and have found them to be a reliable source for high quality batteries.

[redodopower.com](http://redodopower.com)

Use this code for a 6% discount

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Chuck (W3CDY)

## NEW FEATURE

### *What are these New Features?*

In order to encourage LVARC members to send input to the VOX, I have included a few **New Features**. They include:

1. Share your journey to getting your ham license with readers. How did you get interested, how did you study, where and when did you take your test, etc.
2. Share your first amateur radio with the readers. Tell us about when you got your first radio, your antenna etc. You may also want to send a picture of that radio.

## 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 [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

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.***

## LVARC May 2024 Activity Night

Rob (KB3QLF)

At the May 21 LVARC activity night, the topic included a “Dipole Build.”

The activity was held at the Tri Clover fire company and was lead by Scott (KB3YOT). Below are pictures of the build submitted by Rob (KB3QLF).



## Summer Field Day Antenna Tuning

**Matt Vanderhoff (N3VAN) and Scott Leichssenring (KB3YOT) will be doing an antenna tuning session at Summer Field Day June 22nd from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**

If you attended one of the antenna build nights and didn't get a chance to get it tuned, bring it to Summer Field Day and we'll help you get it tuned up.

If you have another antenna you would like help tuning, feel free to bring it along as well and we'll do our best to assist you.

If you need wire, please contact Matt Vanderhoff for all your wire needs at [mvanderhoff@vanderson.net](mailto:mvanderhoff@vanderson.net).



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## Field Day 2024

Rod (N3XG)

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**The 4th weekend in June is always Summer field day. This year, June 22-23.**

As a club we normally meet around 10am Saturday to start setting up, and then we are ready to get on the air by 2pm (local) time for the start of the event.

We will need folks to help set up and folks to help with packing up on Sunday morning. Please make time that weekend to come enjoy ham radio fellowship and the biggest best "it's not a contest" contest there is in North America.

*Want to learn HF? We got it. Want to understand antennas? Right here. What to experience digital modes? Yup, that too. Just hungry and need a hastily prepared limburger cheese sandwich with some garlic soup? Nope, but we will have plenty to eat and snacks galore.*

# Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting

May General Meeting 05/07/2024

Combo Local and Remote via Zoom

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

Secret Word is dipole and needs to be emailed to [KS3RO@arrl.net](mailto: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 30 members in attendance with 8 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 REMOTE

Scott Leichssenring KB3YOT PRESENT John Bartos AB3LZ PRESENT  
Phil Bigg KB3HMK PRESENT

Guests:

Steve Hurst, Rob Eustis, Michael Anthony, Tyler Spurman

Communications : No website issues noted

No other communications

Proceedings:

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

Motion Passed = Y

Program for tonight: Dipole Antennas, Scott KB3YOT

Treasurer's Report (Paul - N0KIA)

April: Primarily membership income, and prepaying for the winter field day cabin and picnic pavilion fee

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as read was made Mike KC3UCX and 2nd by Chuck (W3CDY).

Motion Passed = Y

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **VE Report**

At the April 19 2024 test session, six tested and six passed. They received their calls on April 24, 2024. VE's inn attendance included Mark (AK3M), Walt (KE3SP) Bob (WB3JSZ) and Ralph (KC3VII).

The next test session will be held on June 21 2024 at the Tri-Clover Fire Company. Registration is necessary. To register, contact Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com).

#### **ARES Report**

The first ARES event of 2024 was held on Sunday April 28, 2024. The weather was beautiful which led to no EMS events. A directed net for the St. Luke's Half Marathon was opened at 0747 and was closed at 1135.

Eleven LVAR% operators provided communications support for this event. They included Mark (AK3M), Larry (NR3R), Chris (N3RPV), Andy (AK3KA), Mike (KC3PPB), Phil (KB3HMK), Don (N0VGA), Ruth (KC3WXI), Bill (KC3WXH), Mike (KC3UCX) and Richard (KC3FEZ,

The next ARES event will be the Hanover Township (Northampton County) 5K. That will be held on Saturday June 8, 2024. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer for this event, contact

Mark (AK3M) at [AK3M@rcn.com](mailto:AK3M@rcn.com). This is a short event but volunteers are needed to provide communications support.

**Repeater report:** by Rod N3XG.

Interference on 94, it went away, unknown source or solution.

Voter interference potentially affecting noise at the slatington voter link may be an issue

**Club Station / Trailer:**

Work Party, May 18th:

Feedthroughs, Mast Seals and other work as necessary

**Old Business:**

Tuesday Night Net on .94 repeater, 2nd/4th/5th for a round table net. That is it will be held on the Tuesday nights that aren't meeting nights or Hands On Nights. Now known as the Tesla Tuesday Net

May hands on night is a dipole build. Build and Tune hopefully at this event.

Summer Field Day will be the weekend of June 22nd and June 23rd. Details to follow, Dan, KC3HWD will be coordinating the volunteers for the weekend and a meeting topic will be forthcoming.

Motion by Scott KB3YOT to approve payment for a portapotty for summer field day, end by Chuck W3CDY, Approved and will be ordered by Myles KB3ZMA

Picnic, Upper Macungie Park Pavilion, 9/21 at Noon  
At Hamvention discount season , an FT-710 Field Uniy has been approved to purchase.

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:**

New Members: W3RJ, Richard Klinman and KC3QLF Motion to approve by Scott KB3YOT and 2nd by Dan KC3HWD

### **Sick Call:**

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

Chuck W3CDY has two IC-V80 HT's available for purchase \$30, and a Wouxun Battery for purchase. If interested please contact Chuck

Hamfest, Kutztown Radio Antiques show is upcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 815 , Motioned to approve by:John AB3LZ and 2nd by Scott KB3YOT

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





## Summer HF Trip

Don (N3HVL)

We have two trips set up this summer, in the Jeep. The first will be to Green Bay, WI, to a family wedding ~6/29/24. The second will be to a Masonic Gathering in NC in mid July. I have my HF in the Jeep and am hoping to connect with club members during the drives. I'll have 10m & 20m, and I may venture into 40m.

I have found a few frequencies listed as "calling frequencies" for HF but nothing consistent or definitive. It could be fun to have a call-in here and there, maybe even by texting some guys first, whenever we're mobile.

- Don (N3VHL)



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## LVARC and General Ham Information

1. Check your amateur radio license for its expiration.
2. Check your VE certificate for expiration.
3. Send your VOX submission(s) to Mark (AK3M).
4. Listen to the weekly nets and attend meeting for LVARC events.
5. Check into the many weekly nets.
6. Volunteer your services for ARES and LVARC events.
7. Volunteer as a Monday night net control operator.
8. Help out at Field Day 2024.
9. Get your VE certification and attend an LVARC VE test session(s).

## Its A Girl!

**Abigail Hope Fisher**, daughter of Chuck (KB3RBW) and Samantha Fisher was born on May 8, 2024. She entered the world at 4 lbs 15 oz and 17 inches long.



Mom and baby have been healthy and little Abigail is turning out to be a ferocious eater with one heck of a set of lungs!

She is also looking forward to getting her ticket! She even has “HF” in her initials!

Abigail also can't wait to get her first radio and has even vowed to get an Icom before she gets her first iPhone!

Mom and Dad are very proud and are thrilled to welcome her into their home... and eventually the hobby!



*Welcome to the hobby, er, the world, Abigail! - ed.*

**READER SUBMISSION**

**Chuck (KB3RBW)**

## 10 Highlights In this VOX

1. The May LVARC meeting will be held using ZOOM AND In Person on **Tuesday June 4 at 7:30p.**
2. 2024 LVARC Field Day information.
3. Your ham radio journey. **NEW FEATURE**
4. Monday Night Net Net Control operators wanted.
5. New LVARC members
6. Elmers wanted!
7. Your first amateur radio. **NEW FEATURE**
8. Half Marathon TNX.
9. Hanover Township 5K - June 8.
10. Antenna tuning available on Field Day.



and more



June 22 & 23 2024