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Thursday, May 13th, at 7:30PM
EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way
Howell, MI



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The Livingston Amateur Radio Klub maintains the 146.680 (Negative Offset, 162.2 CTCSS) and also the 444.525 (Positive Offset, 100.0 CTCSS) repeaters in Livingston County.

Jim's Jive

Most likely by the time you read this, it will be “Hamvention eve”. The Dayton Hamvention is considered to be one of the largest amateur radio events in the world, attracting hams from all corners of the globe. If you have never attended, you owe it to yourself to make it there, if only for one day. I'll be there this year, making it my 42nd year attending Hamvention! Through this annual event, I have witnessed technologies change, stayed in touch with old friends, and watched the world shrink a little more each year. Make your plans to attend next year!

Supporting Your Klub

I think I've heard or seen every objection and attempted logical argument for not being involved with a local amateur radio club. The bottom line is that there aren't any good reasons to NOT support your Klub. LARK does many things for the benefit of all radio amateurs; for example, the repeaters we maintain, the public service events we support, and the exposure to new technologies, just to name a few. If you're reading this, and you're not a LARK member, please join us. If you are a LARK member, encourage those who aren't to join us. Remember, Together Each Achieves More (TEAM).

LARK Breakfast

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Grand River Grill, near the Woodland Medical Center for the LARK Breakfast. The fun starts around 8 AM. We look forward to seeing you there. As an added incentive, we often hold a little raffle during breakfast, and the winner gets their meal for free! I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

LARK Radio Raffle

The LARK will again be sponsoring a radio raffle. You'll be seeing details soon!

Managing Change

As long as we're still breathing, we are surrounded by a changing world. If it seems to you that things are changing more quickly than ever before, you're right! The folks who study this stuff claim that the numbers of “change events” happening around us every day have accelerated to 4 times the level we experienced less than 10 years ago.

You need to know that humans don't really like change; it's actually in our DNA to resist it. The challenge is that we are all better off if we learn to embrace some of the changes around us. It makes us more resilient, and probably more fun to be with.

The experts tell us there are 4 stages everyone goes through in dealing with any change going on around us. They are:

- DENIAL (This is not happening)
- RESISTANCE (I don't care, I am not going to change)
- EXPLORATION (I'm not going to change, but if I did, what are my options?)
- COMMITMENT (That wasn't so bad, what's all the fuss about?)

People always go through these 4 steps, the scientists tell us, but sometimes it doesn't appear that they do. The reality is often that for many reasons, they've already internalized the first 2 or 3 steps, and appear to make the leap from DENIAL to COMMITMENT, without stopping on the other 2. Some of us live in the DENIAL RESISTANCE phases, and never leave them. I think you get the picture.

As I mentioned earlier, the trick is to stay resilient to the changes going on around you. There are 5 things that researchers have discovered about highly resilient people. If we try to model these characteristics, would that be such a bad thing? They are:

- BE POSITIVE (about yourself, and the world that we all live in)
- BE PROACTIVE (it's much easier to be prepared than to scramble at the end)
- BE FOCUSED (I only wish I could be)
- BE FLEXIBLE (In your own thoughts, and letting the world have their thoughts)
- BE ORGANIZED (I only wish I could be more organized!)

I can hear some of you right now saying "I'm not going to change". That's good, because you've already made it to step 2!

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Jim WB8AZP

Thought for the day ...

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

~ Henry Ford

Finance Report ...

OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND

March 31, 2010 ----- \$1346.12

INCOME

50/50 ----- \$ 90.00

Dues ----- \$ 51.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1487.12

EXPENSES

Food Bank Donation ----- (\$ 300.00)

NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$1187.12

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$ 667.34

TOTAL BALANCE March 31, 2010 ----- \$3245.05

BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF February 28, 2010

BALANCE ----- \$3722.65

INCOME ----- \$ 0

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$3722.65

EXPENSES ----- \$ 0

TOTAL BALANCE as of March 31, 2010 ----- \$3722.65

No minutes submitted at this time for the Arpil LED Newsletter.

LARK Board Meeting Minutes 4-15-2010

No minutes submitted at this time for the April LED Newsletter.

HAMvention Updates ...

In recent days the follow pages have been updated to reflect the LATEST information for this year's show:

Forums - Final Forum Schedules Have Been Posted!

<http://hamvention.org/forums.php>

Events - Multiple updates for the evening events!

<http://hamvention.org/events.php>

ALERT!!! If your organization would like an amateur radio-related event listed on the events page, send the required information in a word document with minimal formatting (including what, where, when, whom to contact, a daytime phone number) and your e-mail and web address, if available to:

E-mail: program@hamvention.org

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Richard Rieben
Hamvention.org Webmaster

note from Dan Romanchik, KB6NU ...

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A couple of weeks ago, the MI QRP Club (www.miqrp.org) met for breakfast in Ann Arbor at the Olde Country Buffet. Several ARROW members showed up, including Dave, N8SBE; Jack, WT8N; yours truly; and a fourth who I'm blanking on (sorry about that!). Well, the breakfast was such a success that they are going to make it a monthly event on every THIRD Saturday of the month. That makes the next one on Saturday, June 19th, at 9:30 am.

You don't have to be a member to attend, but dues are cheap, and they're a fun group. I joined last week. See my blog (<http://kb6nu.com/the-michigan-qrp-club-is-what-the-hobby-is-all-about/>) for more info about the club.

73!

Dan KB6NU

HAM Radio Growing in the Age of Twitter ...

Only a few years ago, blogs listed ham radio alongside 35 mm film and VHS tape as technologies slated to disappear.

They were wrong.

Nearly 700,000 Americans have ham radio licenses — up 60 percent from 1981, a generation ago. And the number is growing.

Ham radio will never have the sex appeal of the iPhone, but it does have a certain nerd appeal, says Allen Weiner, an analyst at the technology research firm Gartner.

"If it creates its own experience, that's really what's key here," he says. "If it just emulates an experience that you can get online, it's not going to grow."

Newcomers to ham radio include Helen Schlarman, 89, who has a compact, two-way radio in her home in suburban St. Louis. She looks up a friend across town by pushing the talk button, announcing the letters and numbers of his call sign (W-0-S-J-S), and then announcing her own (W-0-A-K-I).

Steve Schmitz's voice crackles through Schlarman's radio.

HAM Radio Growing in the Age of Twitter (continued) ...

"Hi Helen, how you doing, W-0-S-J-S?" he says, ending his response with his own call letters.

Many "hams," as they're known, hang postcards from global contacts on their walls, the way hunters show off deer antlers, but Schlarman's chats are mostly local. She says this hobby is perfect for an outgoing person who spends a lot of time inside.

"It's a different community," she says. "There [are] no stereotypes of age; it's just talking and sharing and enjoying."

Until recently, ham radio was declining as older operators died. Then the Federal Communications Commission phased out the Morse code test that many saw as a stumbling block to getting a license. Last year more than 30,000 new applicants signed up to become ham radio operators, according to Maria Somma, an official with the American Radio Relay League.

At a ham radio convention near St. Louis, the crowd swapping antenna parts and other equipment is mostly male, and over 50. But 15-year-old Jonathan Dunn is attending along with his father. He says Facebook and texting are fun, but making friends using a \$200 radio that doesn't come with monthly fees is more rewarding.

"With ham radio you can talk to new people, all kinds of ages, races, and it's just amazing what a little radio can do. Because no matter where you're at, if you have the right stuff and the right power you can talk to anyone," he says.

Jonathan's dad, Steve Dunn, says the polite chitchat between ham radio operators is good for teenagers. "If young people have the opportunity to communicate with a wide range of people, that instills a certain amount of confidence in their ability to carry on the lost art of small talk," he says.

Even the most die-hard hams concede that amateur radio will never be a mainstream hobby. With smart phones and other devices, people are more plugged in to the Internet than before. But people are still discovering the joy of communicating with a technology that's existed for nearly a century.

ARRL Field Day Overview ...



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs, friends or simply by themselves to operate.

ARRL Field Day is not a fully adjudicated contest, which explains much of its popularity. It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, most groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to local elected community leaders, key individuals with the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

A

note of thanks

I just wanted to thank all those who made my week long stay up at Livingston Hospital a little less scary for me. To those who called, stopped by and kept me in their thoughts and prayers, your generosity and caring was unexpected and overwhelming. Thank you so much.

Thanks to John for knowing that I needed more help and more immediately than I realized. When I asked if he had a blood pressure cuff to check my vitals, he did me one better. He not only got his cuff, he requested a crew as well, although he was smart enough to have them wait outside until the reality set in and he could reluctantly guide me to the right answer of, "Are you kidding me?" and "Ok."

Thanks to Jim LARK President and Bruce, ARROW President and visitor, who spent until the wee hours of the morning in the ER with me, keeping me from panicking when they told me they though I had a blood clot go to my lung and suffered through my drug induced stupor on pain medications ... don't believe a word they say about me here!

And a very special thanks to Mack and his family for hanging out with me at the EOC until they knew for sure I was going to be taken care of. Your thoughtfulness will remain with me always.

As it turns out, it was not a blood clot that caught me off guard at the last meeting, it was just pneumonia! I am out of the hospital of course (hopefully never to return!), slowly recovering and on the mend. I'm trying really hard not to do too much, but unfortunately for me, I don't know what that is until it's too late. But, to quote a famous amateur radio operator ... "I'm workin' on it!"

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Please bring any articles you'd like to have in the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, have a friend bring the information to the meeting for you, email it to me at the above address or feel free to fax it to my work at the above number.

Thanks to everyone for the articles submitted to make the LED a success!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC	14	15 LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
16	17	18	19	20 LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

June 2010

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Happy Father's Day!!!						
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