



# THE LED

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NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 8th, 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.

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## Jim's Jive ....

June has evaporated right before my eyes, probably due to the heat wave we've had at the start of the month! I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday, and I'm looking forward to hearing about your summer fun so far at the next LARK meeting.

We'll be kicking off our LARK Radio Raffle at this coming meeting. Your \$20 donation gets you one of only 100 tickets, and if yours is the lucky one drawn at the September meeting, you will win either an Icom ID-880 transceiver, or an IC-80 handheld. Both radios will work on conventional "analog" repeaters, as well as the newer DSTAR mode. If you want to buy (or even sell ) tickets, we can make that happen at the next meeting. The radio raffle allows us to do many things without asking members for more money.

Don't forget the LARK breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month! LARK members in good standing are entered into a quick raffle, where the winner gets a free breakfast! You can get free advice on any number of things, even more free opinions than you ever thought possible, and you get breakfast out with fellow hams. How can that be bad?

The circuit boards for the buffer amplifier to be used with the Digital Dial, and our Ten Tec receivers have arrived, and as soon as we get a prototype or two built to verify functionality, we'll schedule another build session. Look for this coming up in the fall.

Les, W8MSP, has an exciting presentation planned for the July meeting. You won't want to miss it!

See you at the meeting!

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Jim WB8AZP

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**Thought for the day ...**

*“We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

– The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

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**Finance Report ....**

**OPENING BALANCE OPERATIONS FUND**

June 30, 2010 ----- \$1696.12

**INCOME**

50/50 ----- \$ 70.00

Garage Sale ----- \$ 50.00

**ACCOUNT BALANCE** ----- \$1816.12

**EXPENSES**

Lunch for Technician Class Testes ----- (\$ 58.00)

**NEW ACCOUNT BALANCE** ----- \$1758.12

1000 CD ----- \$1390.59

500 CD ----- \$ 667.34

**TOTAL BALANCE July 8, 2010** ----- \$3816.05

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**BAL. FROM EMG FUND AS OF June 30, 2010**

BALANCE ----- \$3722.65

**INCOME**

ACCOUNT BALANCE ----- \$3722.65

EXPENSES ----- \$ 0

**TOTAL BALANCE as of July 8, 2010** ----- \$3722.65

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## LARK General Meeting Minutes 6-10-2010

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

## LARK Board Meeting Minutes 6-17-2010

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

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### Remember when ....

My name is Art Reis. My call sign is K9XI, but back in the early to mid-'70's I had been licensed with the call sign WA8AWJ for about 12 years. I was also one of the original founders of LARK. There were several of us involved, most of them now Silent Keys, but those folks were quite memorable. Walker Fausette, whose call, I THINK, was W8ESL, or something like that, was one; he'd been a Ham in Livingston County forever when I met him. Hans Haugard, W8QWN was another; Roy Bain, WB8JET was another. I think he was one of our first Amateur Radio Class members; Larry Ayres, WB8BHM, who apparently isn't a Silent Key, but who has been incapacitated by a stroke---I was in touch with him on the Internet for years until the point when his stroke prevented him from doing anything with a keyboard anymore. And there were others involved whom I cannot remember after 35 years, though I really wish I could.

One of our earliest activities as a club was our involvement with Operation Skywarn. And boy, were we active! We started a couple of repeaters back then, though not on the frequencies I see listed on the [W8LRK.org](http://W8LRK.org) web site. We even had a repeater on 220 MHz at the time. We had a lot of contact with the Livingston County Sheriff Department, they had just opened the new jail just a little west of Howell, and they included LARK as part of their communications center, for storm spotting. Everyone in the club, and some from the outside, took storm spotter classes. Just about everyone in the Amateur Radio Community in Livingston County was active, even if they weren't active in the club. Our value was that geographically, we were important to the Detroit metro area, since the worst thunderstorms seemed to form out in the Livingston area, from Milford on west.

While we did a lot of storm spotting back in those days, the incident most vivid in my mind came during a severe thunderstorm which spawned a tornado which hit down at Hell one Saturday afternoon in 1974. It killed several people in a trailer park. One of our spotters saw the tornado touch down in the road right in front of him, go over the hill to the east and then hit the trailer park. The folks in that park didn't know it was coming until it was on top of them. There were no sirens down there at the time! I was on net control during that one, and as I remember it, my only regret was that I was so pre-occupied in keeping things under some semblance of control that I didn't think to call WHMI-AM, where I worked at the time, and give them the heads up that all this was happening. You bet I got a big dressing down from then-station owner Annie Bignell about that!

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## Remember when (continued) ....

Back at the beginning, LARK participated in both Field Day and in the VHF Contests as a club. Probably in the HF sweepstakes as well. I trust that LARK still 'does' Field Day to this day. I may have a couple of pictures of that from way back when, but I'm not sure.

For my part, I left Howell, and Michigan, forever, in April of 1975, moved to Idaho where a new job awaited, and within one day of arrival there, I met my future wife Susie (though I didn't have a clue about it at the time---she was still married to her first husband!). Susie was working toward getting her Amateur Radio License (I forget her first call, but she became, ultimately, KA9ATS); together with several other hams and would-be hams, we re-started the old Pocatello Amateur Radio Klub, which had been moribund for over ten years, and she became editor, and I her biggest contributor of the Poky Ida Rag, then the name of the club newsletter. Susie divorced her husband during that summer (without my help!); I married her on the last day of 1975. In July 1976, Susie, her two sons and I left Pocatello in good hands, again forever, and moved to McHenry County, northwest of Chicago. There, Susie and I again worked with others to start yet a third Amateur Radio club, The McHenry County Wireless Association in Woodstock; for a time Susie was the MCWA's newsletter editor.

We left McHenry County for good in 1983 to live near Joliet, southwest of Chicago. This time we didn't start another Amateur Radio Club, since there were already two clubs active in the area. Instead, I took over editorship of the 220 Notes newsletter and did that for 14 years. I then took a hiatus from Amateur Radio, just recently returning to the air on 2 meters, 220 and 440 MHz.

Susie became a Silent Key just before Christmas in 2008, within two weeks of our 33rd anniversary. Maybe that's why I'm back on the air.

I've been back in the general area several times this past year or so, but not in Livingston County per se. I intend to correct that some time in the not-to-distant future. One reason: I'd like to attend a LARK meeting, see who's there. I don't expect to find anyone I know, but it would be good to see what became of something I helped start. That would be a good thing, at least for my peace of mind.

Thank you so much for reading this.

K9XI (ex-WA8AWJ)

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## Humor for the day

The Bootlegger

A bootlegger walks into a radio store and tells the salesman that he would like to buy the new HF rig over in the corner. The salesman says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers". He leaves, goes home, puts on a brown wig and sunglasses and goes back to the store and tells the salesman he wants to buy that new rig over in the corner. Sales guy says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers." Old boot asks, "How do you know I'm a bootlegger?" and the salesman replies, "Because that's not a rig, it's a microwave oven."

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## Can I Have Amateur Radio for \$1000, Alex?: Young Amateur Makes Her Mark on Jeopardy

For hams who are fans of the television quiz show *Jeopardy* -- where contestants have to answer in the form of a question -- the July 6 show was a real treat: Andrea Salt, KE7OPV, of Gilbert, Arizona, was a contestant. But what makes Andrea's time on Jeopardy even more special is that she is only 13.

All this week, *Jeopardy* is hosting their annual Kids' Week. To be eligible to participate in Kids' Week, all contestants must be between the ages of 10-13 and pass an online test consisting of 30 questions. The questions cover a variety of categories and the kids must answer each question within 20 seconds. And yes, spelling *does* count!

Andrea -- an ARRL member -- said she became interested in Amateur Radio in the summer of 2006. "We went to the Charlotte, North Carolina science center," she said. "My dad and I challenged each other to get our licenses. I got my Technician license in August 2007 when I was 10. Now I enjoy teaching people about Amateur Radio at the Arizona Science Center." Dad is Thomas Salt, AD7PM.

Andrea told KNXV, the Phoenix ABC-affiliate television station, that appearing on *Jeopardy* was "a dream come true. I've grown up watching Jeopardy." The day she found out she made it onto the show, she said her mom took the phone call from the *Jeopardy* producers while she was doing her math homework. But her parents held the news back a little: "They made me finish my homework and practicing my flute before they even told me," Andrea said, adding that she celebrated with a lot of jumping up and down and screaming.

This was her second attempt to get on *Jeopardy* and she said the test was not easy. "There was some stuff I knew, but I didn't get it written down in time, and some stuff I just didn't know," Andrea said. Her father says he knew if Andrea went after it, she would achieve her goal: "She just has a wealth of knowledge," he said. This future veterinarian said that her favorite *Jeopardy* category is "Rhyme Time."

When it came down to show time, Andrea said she wasn't even nervous. "All I did was focus!" But when asked what her favorite part about appearing on *Jeopardy* was -- the tough questions, being in front of the audience, maybe even achieving her goal -- she replied that she "really liked eating sodas and cupcakes for breakfast."

After the first set of commercials on Jeopardy, host Alex Trebek interviews each contestant. In her interview, Andrea mentioned that she is an Amateur Radio operator. Unfortunately, Andrea did not win her round, but her future is definitely a bright one. A well-rounded young lady who enjoys playing the flute, reading and teaching others about ham radio, we will be looking for great things from Andrea.

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## ARRL Field Day: It's a Wrap!

With more than 500 Field Day reports already received -- and more coming in every day -- it's safe to say that this year's ARRL Field Day was a smashing success!

Conditions, at least on the East Coast, were quite good. Operators at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, worked many stations during Field Day, including a few California stations on 6 and 10 meters, as well as North Dakota on 10 meters on Saturday. Don't forget to send in your Field Day dupe sheets, along with your summary sheet and proof of any bonus points you earned. These reports for 2010 ARRL Field Day must be postmarked, e-mailed to the ARRL, posted to the Field Day Web Submission Applet site or submitted by 2059 UTC Tuesday, July 27, 2010. Late entries cannot be accepted.

You can also post your Field Day stories and photos on the Field Day Soapbox. The 2011 ARRL Field Day will be June 25-26.

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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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## July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
4  <b>Happy 4th of July!!!</b>	5	6	7	8  <b>LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC  RAFFLE Info!</b>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  <b>LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference</b>	16	17  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
8	9	10	11	12  <b>LARK Meeting 7:30 pm Howell EOC</b>	13	14  <b>One day Tech Class 9 am Howell EOC \$15 fee</b>
15	16	17	18	19  <b>LARK Board Mtg 7:00 pm Teleconference</b>	20	21  <b>LARK Breakfast 8 am The Grand River Grill</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				