



# THE LED

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NET 146.680  
SUNDAY 9PM

CLUB CALL IS: W8LRK

**NEXT KLUB MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 11th, at 7:30PM**  
**EOC, 300 S. Highlander Way**  
**Howell, MI**



## BOARD MEMBERS

|                        |                |               |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>President</b>       | <b>Jim</b>     | <b>WB8AZP</b> |
| <b>Vice-President</b>  | <b>Van</b>     | <b>N8GVD</b>  |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>Mary</b>    | <b>KC8SER</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | <b>Patrick</b> | <b>W8LNO</b>  |
| <b>Program Manager</b> | <b>Jon</b>     | <b>KC8VAB</b> |
| <b>Tech Director</b>   | <b>Les</b>     | <b>W8MSP</b>  |
| <b>Director</b>        | <b>John</b>    | <b>KD8CCR</b> |

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S

|                         |                 |               |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Repeater Trustee</b> | <b>Jim</b>      | <b>WB8AZP</b> |
| <b>LED Editor</b>       | <b>Michelle</b> | <b>KD8GWX</b> |
| <b>VE Coordinador</b>   | <b>Jim</b>      | <b>WB8AZP</b> |
| <b>PIO Officer</b>      | <b>Brandon</b>  | <b>KC8YHE</b> |
| <b>PIO Officer</b>      | <b>Jim</b>      | <b>N8ENX</b>  |
| <b>Web Site</b>         | <b>Les</b>      | <b>W8MSP</b>  |

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 ....

The nights are getting longer, and the daylight hours are getting shorter, which often indicates the approach of winter. It's probably time to make any last minute repairs to the outdoor antenna systems, to get ready for the snowy days ahead. The LARK will be pretty active as we approach the holiday season, and you won't want to miss any of it!

First, let's catch up on what happened last month. We completed assembly of the buffer amplifier required to make our frequency counter display properly when connected to our Ten-Tec receiver modules!

A special thanks to Ray, N8CPO, for producing the printed circuit board that made this project a success! All members who participated now have a working 40 meter receiver and digital display! We're open for project suggestions for the next round of building with the LARK! Additionally, thanks to all the advance testers who served as assembly mentors during our build night!

### Holiday Dinner

I know it hardly seems like it, but the holiday season will be here before we can blink. The LARK holiday dinner is already in the planning stages. We think that everyone will enjoy the friendly, low cost location we've picked out. Watch for details here, listen on the 146.68 repeater, or better yet, come to the next meeting!

### Membership Drive

A healthy club needs new members, and what better advertisement for new members can we have than referrals from our club members! To that end, we're announcing an added incentive to encourage others to join. Beginning now, and following through March of 2011, every new full paid member to LARK will receive a ticket for a drawing to potentially win one of 2 new Wouxun dual band handheld radios! (A new member is one that has not been a full member during the last 2 years, according to our records). For every 2 new members an existing full member brings into LARK, they will also receive a ticket for the same drawing! (***New members are paid FULL members, not family, or other special consideration memberships***). For details, come to the next meeting!

### Picnic Replacement?

The LARK Board has been kicking around the idea of doing a mini picnic in the spring or summer at the EOC. The thought is we'd grill up some burgers and dogs before the meeting, and ask everyone to bring a dish to pass. That way, we're all there for the meeting, and we can also invite our friends working in the EOC that night to join us. We're interested in your thoughts.

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## Jim's Jive (continued) ....

### Renaming the Klub?

There has been talk of renaming the Livingston Amateur Radio Klub, to something that more clearly represents what we do, and how we operate. Again, we'd love to hear from you.

### 2011 Program Suggestions?

If you have suggestions, we'd like them. Otherwise, you'll probably have to listen to topics that interest those on the LARK Board.

See you all at the meeting! I need to get outside and work on a dipole that is not behaving correctly!

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Jim WB8AZP

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### Thoughts for the day ...

*“In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.”*

~José Narosky

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*“I think there is one higher office than president and I would call that patriot.”*

~Gary Hart

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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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## **Finance Report ....**

Report distributed at the meeting.

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## **LARK General Meeting Minutes 10-14-2010**

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

## **LARK Board Meeting Minutes 10-21-2010**

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

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Happy Veteran's Day!!!  
Thank you for all you have given  
and all you continue to give.



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“We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.”

~Cynthia Ozick

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”How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!”

~Maya Angelou

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## **Indonesian Hams Continue to Support Communications as Volcano Stays Active ...**

As the dual natural disasters of an erupting volcano and the aftermath of a tsunami continue in Indonesia, the Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia (ORARI) -- that country’s IARU Member-Society -- continues to provide communication support to relief and government agencies. According to ORARI International Affairs Coordinator Wisnu Widjaja, YB0AZ, said, ORARI members are still working in the field at the site of the Mount Merapi eruption and the Mentawai tsunami: “We are working on the 2 meter band and on HF at 7.065MHz.” He asked that the 40 meter frequency and the IARU Region 3 Emergency Center of Activity Frequencies be kept clear from regular use. These frequencies are 3.600, 7.110, 14.300, 18.160 and 21.360 MHz. Mount Merapi -- located in the Indonesian province of Yogyakarta -- has had a series of eruptions in the past few weeks and has claimed 138 lives. According to IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee Chairman Jim Linton, VK3PC, volcanic ash air pollution is also disrupting international flights and hampering local aircraft deliveries of much needed medical and other supplies. Thousands have fled the immediate area as the volcano continues to erupt.

“We are supporting communications for rescue, first aid, medic, food and logistics,” Widjaja said. “We are embedded with the local government, the Ministry of Communications and the Information Technology Rescue Team.”

The tsunami -- triggered by a 7.2 magnitude quake that hit the Mentawai Islands -- washed away coastal villages, claiming an estimated 400 lives. Linton said that aid has yet to reach all of the remote and sparsely populated areas in the region. Widjaja said that hams are providing communications support to the Indonesian Red Cross in the islands affected by the tsunami.

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“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die. “

~G.K. Chesterton

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## Humor for the day

### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE A HAM OPERATOR IF:**

- - you buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
- - you've stripped wire with your teeth.
- - you've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
- - you'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
- - you've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.
- - you start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone.
- - the propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
- - the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
- - you tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, "Why, that has been there for years."
- - your watch is set only to UTC.
- - at night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).
- - you ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.
- - Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.
- - you ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.
- - you and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.
- - you ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.
- - you ever had an antenna fall down.
- - your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
- - you know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.
- - you go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks YOU where something is.

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# AMATEUR RADIO/COMPUTER SWAP

L'ANSE CREUSE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
38th ANNUAL SWAP & SHOP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010



## L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL

Mount Clemens, Michigan

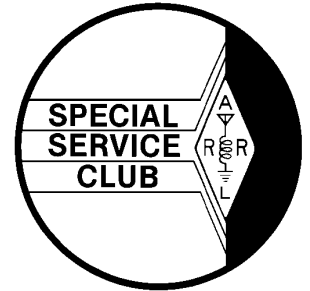
38495 L'Anse Creuse St.

GPS N42 34.922 W82 51.234

**8 am - Noon**

**TICKETS: \$5.00**

(Kids under 12 Free)



### NEW & USED EQUIPMENT:

- **RADIOS** – Amateur, Commercial, CB
- **ELECTRONICS & COMPONENTS**
- **COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE**
- **ACCESSORIES**

### FCC EXAM SESSION:

- **9:00 AM (WALK-INS WELCOME)**
- **CONTACT: Joe – N8OZ**
- **e-mail: n8oz@arrl.net**

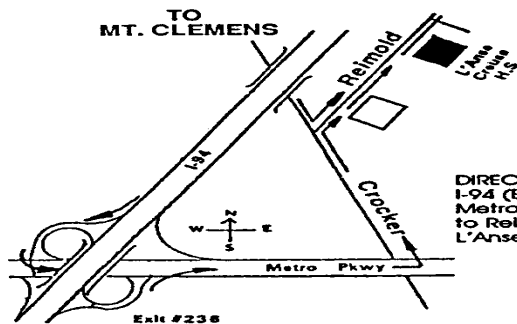
### PRIZES:

- **1<sup>st</sup> \$ 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25**
- **ARRL Books**
  - Handbook, Operation Manual, etc.

### SWAP FEATURES:

- **FREE PARKING**
- **FOOD & DRINKS**
- **Talk-In: ECHO Repeater: 147.08+ 100hz**

L'Anse Creuse High School – 38495 L'Anse Creuse St., Harrison Township, MI 48045



**DIRECTIONS...**  
I-94 (Exit #236) Exit Metro Beach.  
Metro Pkwy to Crocker. Left on Crocker  
to Reimold. Right on Reimold to last school.  
L'Anse Creuse High School.

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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                           | 2       | 3         | 4  | 5                              | 6<br><br>LARK<br>Breakfast<br>8 am<br>The Grand<br>River Grill                            |
| 7                              | 8                           | 9       | 10        | 11<br><br>LARK Meeting<br>7:30 pm<br>Howell EOC<br><br>Veteran's Day!                  | 12                             | 13  |
| 14                             | 15                          | 16      | 17        | 18<br><br>LARK Board<br>Mtg<br>7:00 pm<br>Teleconference<br><br><i>Michelle mobile</i> | 19<br><br><i>from Wyoming!</i> | 20<br><br>LARK<br>Breakfast<br>8 am<br>The Grand<br>River Grill<br><br><i>Look for me</i> |
| 21<br><br><i>on 10 meters!</i> | 22<br><br><i>Back home!</i> | 23      | 24        | 25<br><br>Thanksgiving   | 26                             | 27  |
| 28                             | 29                          | 30      |           |  |                                |   |

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| 19     | 20     | 21      | 22        | 23   | 24                                  | 25<br><br><b>Christmas</b>  |
| 26     | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30   | 31<br><br><b>New<br/>Year's Eve</b> |   |